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NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

The first day of the New Year is a good day for new resolutions, simply because every day in the year is good for them. Besides, the new year brings a refreshing sense of newness and the question comes naturally to the conscience: "Why not turn over a new leaf in some things?"

Let us outline a set of resolutions for all the readers of the Advocate which has begun the year under such auspicious circumstances.

THE READERS OF THE "OLD RALEIGH"

I will live more constantly in the presence of God. I will talk to Him more frequently. I will read His Word oftener and strive to obey its precepts more implicitly. I will make a sacrifice if necessary to attend if possible every church service. I will not lose sight of the fact that the Sunday-school is one of the great agencies God is using for the salvation of the world, and that I cannot neglect the Sunday-school without helping to imperil the church. I will not leave personal work for the salvation of souls in the hands of the preacher. I will never neglect an opportunity to speak to an ungodly man or woman on the subject of salvation, and I will try to be instrumental in the salvation of at least one sinner during this year. I will erect a family altar in my home. I will be a better member of that home, a kinder friend, a truer citizen and a more Christly Christian. It will be my effort to resent all injuries by heaping coals of fire on the head of the offender, and I will not let the sun go down on my wrath. I will pray every day for my preacher and the Raleigh Christian Advocate.

THE PREACHER

I will fill, if possible, every appointment during the year, not allowing weather or even the prospect of our empty church to keep me away. I will not feed the people on sermons that have been moulding in the "barrell." If I should be compelled to feed them on such food, I will try to compensate by not keeping them too long at the table. I will make every sermon evangelical and will not wait for the protracted meeting to call sinners to repentance. I will know all my members. I will wear a smile and never be discontented. I will visit my people as much as possible, realizing the fact that in order to preach successfully to any people I must know them, and that in order to know them, I must see them often—especially in their homes. I will begin each day by drawing largely on the heavenly storehouse through prayer and the reading of God's Word. I will be an example to my people in Christian Charity. I will not speak slightingly or unkindly of any man or woman. My highest object during this year will be to win sinners to Christ and comfort and strengthen those who are already His. I will be loyal to the church in believing and practicing her doctrines and in supporting her institutions. I appreciate the fact that the church organ is the "Junior Preacher," and for the sake of my own success as well as the intellectual and spiritual welfare of my people, I will see that all the homes in my charge be supplied with the Raleigh Christian Advocate. I will try to secure at least twenty-five new subscribers during the year.

"THE OLD RALEIGH."

I will try to be more of a spiritual blessing to my readers during this year. I will try to avoid having in my columns anything that will not have a tendency to make one better intellectually and morally. I will try to enlarge the reading space for the Family and Children's page, feeling that these departments are the most important in the whole paper. I will try to make a minimum of mistakes in the mailing department relying on those who send us subscribers and renewals to write plainly with pen and ink, giving the full name of the party and the post-office. I will try to write my editorials on my knees, having before me a vision of the over 30,000 readers to whom I am responsible. I will be a paper for the whole church—for the humblest member as well as for the most prominent and influential.

L' ENVOI.

We know not what awaits us this year as a Conference, as a people, as a nation. We know, however, that the God who has watched over us in the past will be with us in the future. By His help we can make 1904 the most successful year we have lived. Let us forget the things that are behind and look forward to the things that are before. No darkness need affright us. No ill omens need swerve us from the path of rectitude and faith. Let us go on.

"Behind him lay the gray Azores,
Behind, the Gates of Hercules;
Before him not the ghost of shores,
Before him only shoreless seas.
The good mate said: "Now must we pray.
For lo! the very stars are gone;
Brave admiral, speak, 'What shall I say?'
Why say, 'Sail on! sail on! and on!'"

THE DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST.

The proper divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ is the very soul of the Christian system. It cannot be denied without tearing out the vitals of a living Christianity. Its roots are struck far back in the teaching of the Old Testament. It is inextricably interwoven with the entire fabric of the New. It is at this hour the strength of Christendom. Were it universally ignored or questioned, all the great churches might as well cease their operations, tear down their steeples, and auction their temples for warehouses or shambles.

When, therefore, a Toronto pulpit impugns our Lord's divinity, and a popular paper publishes the specious reasoning with seeming approbation, it surely is not inopportune to call attention to this supremely important doctrine. The difference between ourselves and those who reject it is as the difference between light and darkness, life and death. He who worships Christ as God, and he who represents him as a fallible man, cannot be partakers of the same religion. Both, it is true, believe there is a God; but they are essentially at issue as to who and what God is. If we be right, the Unitarian is a blasphemer; if we be wrong, we are idolaters. There is no alternative. There can be no alternative.

That in the worship of the Lord Jesus Christ we do not give God's glory "to another," is manifest both from Scripture and experience. St. John, who survived the rest of the apostles, lived long enough to see certain speculative errors creep into the Christian church. Some insisted on speaking of Christ as "the Word"— philosophical term which implied inferiority to God, the creator and supporter of the universe. His gospel is nothing more or less than a polemical treatise written to counteract this ruinous teaching. Jealous for his Master's honor, he seized the term in question from the enemy, fixed its sense by applying it to the Saviour, and said: "In the beginning was the Word . . . . and the Word was God. All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made." How triumphantly he demonstrates his thesis the careful student may readily discern.

It would be necessary to transcribe practically the whole of the New Testament writings in order to further illustrate their bearing upon the matter in hand. But we turn to Christian experience, which has its own scientific and evidential value. Myriads of men have called Christ their "Lord and God," and, through confidence in his wondrous atonement have passed from sin to holiness, from unrest and bitterness to joy and peace. Is it to be believed that the lives and deaths of men dishonoring God in the most gross manner, should be thus peaceful, heavenly, triumphant? Can it for an instant be supposed that the great body of the church, so-called, is allowed to fall into deadly heresy? and that multitudes, countless multitudes, die, not only without repentance, but triumphing above everything else in their most deadly error? And yet this is the conclusion to which we must come, if we reject the divinity of Christ.

If Jesus Christ is not God, then in much that he said he could not even have been sincere. This is a conclusion which cannot be resisted. As Liddon once wrote: "Eternal Jesus! it is thyself who has bidden us either despise thee or worship thee. Thou wouldst have us despise thee as our fellowman, if we will not worship thee as our God. . . . . But convinced of these thy moral glories, and by thy majestic exercise of creative and healing power, we believe and are sure that thou hast the words of eternal life. Of a truth, thou art the King of Glory, O Christ; thou art the Everlasting Son of the Father."—Christian Guardian.

The only commendable "confidence man" that we know of is the preacher or private Christian who has a faculty of entering the confidence of the sinful to steal the heart and hand it over to God for cleansing.

Contributions.

The New Year.

BY W. H. MOORE.

The Babe is born. Out of the womb of Time
He comes with rosy cheeks, and scarce a cry,
Smiling, and cooing, in beauty sublime—
May he never have cause to heave a sigh.

But who can tell what the future holds,
For the Urchin so auspiciously born;
Some tears there will be, as the scroll unfolds,
And the days and nights go merrily on.

We wish thee well. May peace attend thy way.
And when thou diest, as thou must, and will,
May those whom thou hast blest, rise up to say,
May we, as he, our destiny fulfill.

A Great Mistake.

REV. J. V. WILLIAMS.

I met a brother preacher some time ago who was talking of transferring. He was above 60 years of age (I think), but yet was thinking about taking his place in a new Conference.

I saw him first 28 years ago at a camp meeting. He was young and good looking. He had recently married a daughter of a wealthy man, and they were both at the camp meeting. She was pretty and he of course was in love with her. He preached for the camp meeting one day, and did it well.

I thought there was a bright future for that brother, and I think, now that I was right, provided he had stuck to his one work, preaching the gospel. But soon I noticed that he was on the supernumerary list—his throat was sore. How is it that rich wives do make preacher's throats sore?

He has been in business of some sort for many years, but has not been prosperous. Now he is back in the regular work, but he is no longer in his prime, and the places that he could have easily taken twenty years ago he can't get now. He's a stranger to the work. By falling out he has lost of course, and he can't understand now why it is he is assigned to such poor work.

He has recently been appointed to a $350 Circuit, and is debating whether or not to take it. I advised him to go to his work at once and trust God and trust the church.

I've noticed this thing of preachers going into business for years. Somehow it don't work.

"Be thou faithful unto death."

If a man is called to preach he ought to preach and trust God for the rest.

Down in Alabama some time ago I met a drummer who told me a good story. He said that his father was a rich farmer who owned several hundred negroes and many farms. He had seven daughters and one son. It was the custom of his father to give each daughter, when she married, a farm and several negroes. One of the daughters married a young Methodist preacher. The morning after the marriage the young preacher found under his plate at breakfast, a check for $5,000, and a deed for negroes and a farm. After breakfast the father said to the groom and bride, 'Come into the parlor, I wan't a word with you.' He said to the young preacher, 'What are your plans?' The young fellow was embarrassed and, blushing, said, 'I have no plans, except to go up to Conference and take the work that they give me.' What did you get last year?' the father said. 'One hundred and fifty dollars,' he answered. 'Do you think that will pay?' said the father of the bride. 'Oh,' said the young preacher, 'I had not thought of that, I believe it will always pay to do your duty, and I'm going to do my duty and trust God."

The beautiful young wife came to his rescue, and said laughingly, "Father you don't understand; Will is going to be a bishop."

The good old Methodist father joined in the laugh, and said, "God bless you my son, always do your duty."

The war left the old father bankrupt. The only one of the family who had anything left was the preacher, who had invested his $5,000 in a college. His money kept on growing until he was a very rich man. Sure enough, to the surprise of many, he was elected bishop."

Since this story was told me by his brother-in-law, the wife of his youth has gone to heaven, and the good bishop has again married a very rich woman. He is today a millionaire. "Does it pay?"

"Whatsoever is right that will I give you." My doubting brother, be sure that it will always pay to do your duty.

Memoir of Rev Bernice B. Culbreth

(The memoir of Rev. B. B. Culbreth has not hitherto been published in the Advocate, and is now published by request.—Ed.)

Bernice B. Culbreth, a servant of Jesus Christ, separated unto the Gospel of God, and a faithful soldier in Methodism's itinerant hosts, died at his home in Cary, N. C., May 12, 1903.

He was born near Owensville, Sampson County, November 6, 1835. He failed to measure the allotted span of life, yet in his life there was a rich fulness, which cannot be expressed in terms of days and months and years.

The following is the record of his labors. It tells only of a humble Methodist preacher whose highest ambition it was to work wisely and faithfully for the salvation of human souls. It recounts the labors which, in fulness, rarely belong to lives of even three-score years and ten:

Entered Conference in 1859; 1860, served New Bern Circuit; 1861-2, served Columbia Circuit; 1863, served Stokes Circuit; 1864, served Contentnea Circuit; 1865, served Wilson Circuit; 1866-7, served Duplin Circuit; 1868, served Magnolia Circuit; 1869, served Cape Fear Circuit; 1870-1, served Jonesboro Circuit; 1872, served Williamston Circuit; 1873-4, acted as agent of Trinity College; 1875, served Wadesboro Circuit; 1876-7, served Washington Station; 1878, served Lenoir Circuit; 1879, served LaGrange Circuit; 1880-1-2-3, served Cary Circuit; 1884, served Smithfield Circuit; 1885, served Laurinburg Circuit; 1886-7, served South Edgecombe Circuit; 1888, served Weldon and Halifax Station; 1889, served Rocky Mount and Battleboro; 1890-1, served Warren Circuit; 1892-3, served Tar River Circuit; 1894, served Lumberton Circuit; 1895, served Sampson Circuit; 1896, served Kenly Circuit; 1897-8, served Bethel Station; 1899, served Bladen Street, Wilmington; 1900, served Cape Fear Circuit; 1901, served Deep River Circuit; 1902, served Wilson Circuit; 1903, served Durham City Mission and Buckhorn Circuit.

It is thus seen that as an itinerant preacher, he traversed the whole State, from the Blue Ridge to the Atlantic Ocean. He had, perhaps, a wider acquaintance than any other preacher in North Carolina of like age.

While the mental endowments of Bernice Culbreth were not striking, yet they were not less than strong. He was an educated man. He graduated at Trinity (then Normal) College in 1858, and was thereafter deeply interested in the cause of Christian education.

No one was able to be long in the company of Bernice Culbreth without becoming conscious of the fact that his chief endowment was of a spiritual kind. He loved to talk of God and His Son, Jesus Christ. His presence exhaled a spiritual aroma. His soul carried the glow caught from a shining face on the mountain top. It is not strange that he had unusual aspirations for the very highest life attainable in the economy of grace. He made no professions which lacked a foundation in the white virtues of a consecrated life. His spiritual temperament was that of the mystic with martial longings. He would have made a beau-ideal of a soldier in the hosts of the Crusaders.

There were several circumstances which rendered spiritual his whole trend and cast. He had a spiritual ancestry. He was the son of Love Culbreth and Martha Owen. The former was a faithful preacher of the gospel. The latter was one of Solomon's wise women. He had three uncles who were preachers of usefulness and influence, Blackman, Gray, and Daniel Culbreth. He was converted at an early age, and the evening glow of his religious experience carried the beauty of the dawn. The mellowness of the harvest retained the freshness of the planting. The faith born in childhood carried childhood's simplicity and trust into the very shadows of life's twilight. He was converted in a meeting held in old Union Church, a log meeting house, when religious experience was perhaps more greatly magnified than at the present time. The new birth was an emphatic reality in his life. All these circumstances helped to make Bernice Culbreth an intensely spiritual man—an intensely happy man. He rioted in the very joy of existence. He was a royal companion. His bursts of quaint humor, his original sayings, and his sunny, stingless repartee made him a conspicuous and popular figure in every circle and body. How we miss his exuberant humor and tonic companionship at this Conference!

As a preacher, he was plain and evangelical. He was not uniformly impressive, yet he was always earnest. At times he rose to grand heights of effectiveness. He loved to call sinners to repentance and was strictly a revival preacher. Thousands of his spiritual children remain to speak in loving tones of B. B. Culbreth.

He was twice married—in 1862 to Miss Ada Moore, who lived only a short while, and in 1866 to Miss Dora McGee who years ago entered into rest. She left two children to him—Ada Moore and J. Marvin. The latter is following in the ministerial succession as a member of the North Carolina Conference. The deceased loved his family with a deep, tender love.

At the last Conference, he was assigned to the Durham City Mission. He went bravely to his post of duty. His field was somewhat limited. I saw him frequently during the earlier part of the year. He made no complaint, but I thought that I could see symptoms of unrest in his heart. As I looked into his eyes, I saw what I took to be longings for the old scenes—longings for the freedom of the fields and the forests where the battle cry could ring clear and strong, longings for the hungry congregations in the old church around which the birds sing and the breezes sweep—longings for the prayer around the country firesides where simple faith in the old eternal doctrines hallow the hearthstone—longings, in fact, for that rest which the home-bound sailor craves when he sights the distant harbor.

God gave the old man the desires of his heart. For a short while he was the pastor of the flock on Buckhorn Circuit. He heard the birds sing again and preached to loving hearts the precious doctrine of redeeming grace. Then came the real rest.

"The calm of Heaven was in his eye,
And joy and peace were in his breast:
He found amid confusion rest,
In which all strife and clamor die.
His Psalm was keyed to one deep note:
In him we saw the reverence dwell,
The mind and soul according well,
Of which the greatest Laureate wrote."

And so in another life we see an illustration of the truth of the Psalmist: "Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His saints."

T. N. IVEY.

Christianity.

BY BISHOP O. P. FITZGERALD.

1. Christ could not reveal the way of salvation, except he were a prophet.

2. He could not work out that salvation, except he were a priest.

3. He could not confer that salvation upon us, except he were a King.

That is, He could not be prophet, priest and King, except He were the Christ.

This is Christianity.

Nashville, Tenn.

The Great Alternative.

C. H. WETHERBE.

All through the Bible runs the thought that all people are given a choice between two great conditions, or two courses of procedure, one of which is a continuance in the attitude of disobedience and rebellion against God, with all of its dire consequences; and the other is personal submission to and fellowship with God, with a train of imperishable blessings. God has set before people the great ideas of life and death, asking them to choose one or the other. All people, in their natural state, are sinners, and the question for each one to consider is, shall I continue in this dead and damning condition, or shall I accept God's insistent offer of deliverance from it, with an assurance of eternal blessedness? This is the great alternative, and it is the greatest that a human mind can conceive of.

And then there is a similar alternative, which has reference to those who are in a spiritually backslidden state. They are called upon to choose between continuing in that condition, with its spiritual unrest, its moral barrenness, its experiences of divine chastisement, and its harrowing memories, on the one hand, and a return to God in confession and penitence, receiving a fervent welcome from God and an abundance of his spiritual riches, on the other hand. Why should a backslidden one hesitate a moment in making a right choice? In Nehemiah's fervent prayer, at the time of the return of the Israelites from their Babylonian captivity, we may see a great alternative presented, as follows: "If ye trespass I will scatter you abroad among the peoples; but if ye return unto me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts were in the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to cause my name to dwell there." Here was a momentous choice placed before that people. Would any sane man hesitate in making a right choice? To choose to keep on God's side, obeying him with free fidelity, was not only a very great advantage to those people, but it is such to all people now.

A Word About Henderson.

In my life I have passed through many sad partings and separations, but none sadder to me than my departure from Henderson. For two years I had served those people as their pastor, and no pleasanter have I ever spent elsewhere. All impressions to the contrary notwithstanding. I have found them no harder to please than any other people I have served. An interest in them and attention to them by the pastor solve the problem of how to influence and lead them, two essentials to success with any church or people. After an endeavor to convince them of my desire to help them, I preached the whole truth to them, and they kindly received and appreciated it. In the church are some as true, devout Christians, and loyal, devoted Methodists, and warmhearted friends and supporters of the attentive pastor as can be found anywhere. In the future I shall delight to think of their manifested appreciation and willing support of me in all good words and works. Indeed, the memory of them shall be kept green in my heart even when the shadows of life's evening lengthen about my feet.

So after two years association and experience with those people, I give as my honest, candid opinion that there isn't a more promising or desirable church to serve in our entire Conference. The church has mostly turned her face to the future, to which she looks with hope and ambition. The progress she has made these two years of my pastorate is prophetic of still greater progress to come. They wrought with me and I with them. We wrought together and the result was not my success but our success to the praise of God, our Heavenly Father. Hence I congratulate my successor, Dr. L. L. Nash, on his good fortune in falling into the hands of a people who were so kind to us. I am so glad to bear publicly this testimony to the merit of our Henderson church and people. That God may graciously bless and give pastor and people their best year is my prayer.

Very truly,

J. D. BUNDY.

December 24, 1903.

Rockingham District for 1904.

Rockingham Station. — Bishops, $26; Foreign Missions, $162; Domestic Missions, $133; Conference Claimants, $73; Church Extension, $65; Education, $86; Paine and Lane Institute, $6; General Conference, $11. Total, $562.

Richmond Circuit.—Bishops, $13; Foreign Missions, $81; Domestic Missions, $63; Conference Claimants, $36; Church Extension, $32; Education, $13; Paine and Lane, $3; General Conference, $5. Total, $279.

Roberdel Circuit.—Bishops, $11; Foreign Missions, $67; Domestic Missions, $55; Conference Claimants, $31; Church Extension, $27; Education, $35; Paine and Lane, $3; General Conference, $5. Total, $234.

Mt. Gilead Circuit.—Bishops, $18; Foreign Missions, $112; Domestic Missions, $90; Conference Claimants, $50; Church Extension, $45; Education, $59; Paine and Lane, $4; General Conference, $8. Total, $386.

Pekin Circuit.—Bishops, $11; Foreign Missions, $67; Domestic Missions, $55; Conference Claimants, $31; Church Extension, $27; Education, $35; Paine and Lane, $3; General Conference, $5. Total, $234.

Montgomery Circuit. — Bishops, $7; Foreign Missions, $41; Domestic Missions, $33; Conference Claimants, $18; Church Extension, $15; Education, $22; Paine and Lane, $2; General Conference, $4. Total, $142.

Aberdeen Circuit.—Bishops, $17; Foreign Missions, $108; Domestic Missions, $89; Conference Claimants, $49; Church Extension, $44; Education, $57; Paine and Lane, $4; General Conference, $7. Total, $375.

Hamlet Circuit.—Bishops, $13; Foreign Missions, $81; Domestic Missions, $66; Conference Claimants, $36; Church Extension, $32; Education $43; Paine and Lane, $3; General Conference, $5. Total, $279.

St. John and Gibson Circuit.—Bishops, $17; Foreign Missions, $108; Domestic Missions, $89; Conference Claimants, $49; Church Extension, $44; Education, $57; Paine and Lane, $4; General Conference, $7. Total, $375.

Laurinburg.—Bishops, $17; Foreign Missions, $108; Domestic Missions, $89; Conference Claimants, $49; Church Extension, $44; Education, $57; Paine and Lane, $4; General Conference, $7. Total, $375.

Maxton and Caledonia.—Bishops, $17; Foreign Missions, $108; Domestic Missions, $89; Conference Claimants, $49; Church Extension, $44; Education, $57; Paine and Lane, $4; General Conference, $7. Total, $375.

Red Springs.—Bishops, $15; Foreign Missions, $95; Domestic Missions, $78; Conference Claimants, $44; Church Extension, $39; Education, $50; Paine and Lane, $4; General Conference, $6. Total, $331.

Roland.—Bishops, $11; Foreign Missions, $67; Domestic Missions, $55; Conference Claimants, $31; Church Extension, $27; Education, $35; Paine and Lane, $3; General Conference, $5. Total, $234.

Lumberton.—Bishops, $14; Foreign Missions, $84; Domestic Missions, $70; Conference Claimants, $38; Church Extension, $34; Education, $45; Paine and Lane, $3; General Conference, $6. Total, $294.

Robeson.—Bishops, $15; Foreign Missions, $95; Domestic Missions, $78; Conference Claimants, $44; Church Extension, $39; Education, $50; Paine and Lane, $4; General Conference, $7. Total, $332.

Grand Totals.—Bishops, $222; Foreign Missions, $1,384; Domestic Missions, $1,135; Conference Claimants, $628; Church Extension, $558; Education, $731; Paine and Lane, $54; General Conference, $95.

Carthage Circuit.

Rev. J. W. Jenkins, who spent the second Sunday in December, 1903, with us in Carthage, "talked Orphanage" at 11 p. m., and "preached Orphanage" at 7 p. m. His messages made a profound impression upon our people, and the Sunday-school will cheerfully support an orphan.

Christmas came and went without disorder; and appropriate exercises, affording the children much good cheer, were held by the Carthage, High Falls, and Ingram Branch Sunday-schools.

On the 23rd of December, 1903, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Jesse Fry, Carthage, N. C., Mr. John Phillips and Miss Glennie Fry, in the presence of a large company of relatives, were happily married, this writer officiating.

One full round, including eight appointments and many pastoral visits, has been made; and I am most thankful to say that my return to a charge has never been met with more cordial greetings and more helpful assurances. More hearty co-operation and more practical systems will greatly aid in maintaining the hundred per cent basis reached last year.

This is written from Monroe, N. C., where I am on a visit to my venerable father. Here I spent my "teens" in the academic schools. No longer a town, but now a throbbing, thriving city, largely filled with strangers seeking health and wealth, the place of my youth is scarcely recognizable. Instead of the old wooden church, at whose altar I found peace, the Methodists are now worshiping in a $25,000 building of magnificent proportions and exquisite embellishments. The $7,000 debt is to be fully liquidated on January 1, 1904; certainly a joyful new year awaits Rev. J. C. Rowe, D. D., the most highly esteemed pastor, and his very heroic flock.

R. H. BROOM, Pastor.

December 30, 1903.

Pounded.

Fremont, N. C., Dec. 24, 1903.

Dear Advocate:—Please say for me that I have been pounded.

Methodists, Missionary Baptists, Primitive Baptists, Methodist Protestants, Disciples and outsiders, all participated.

Such a crowd! Some got left, but it didn't look like it. It is astonishing how many different things people can think of when they start out on an errand of this kind. Turkeys and toothpicks and everything between. I am glad I am in Fremont. I am getting fat—not financially, but otherwise.

If I dig my grave with my teeth it will be no surprise. But I will try to be temperate and serve this people the better because of their kindness to me and mine. God bless them every one.

D. L. EARNHARDT.

Bertie Circuit Notice!

Dear Brethren:—Our first Quarterly Conference will be held January 23rd and 24th, at Windsor. Our new Presiding Elder—and he is one of the biggest men in Conference—will be with us. At this season of the year, of course roads are bad, but I trust that in spite of bad roads, a good number from all our churches will meet him and greet him here. Trustees, Sunday-school Superintendents, class leaders, secretaries of church conferences and presidents of Epworth Leagues are members of our Quarterly Conferences as well as stewards and the preacher; and the law of the church, as regards their attendance on Quarterly Conference, is the same. Brethren, let us have a large attendance of officials on Saturday. This will help to make a good impression on our Presiding Elder. Most of our homes get the Advocate. If you are not a subscriber and this copy finds its way to your home it is because your pastor has requested a sample copy sent there. When you have read it send me or hand me $1.50 that I may have your name placed on their list of subscribers. Just a few of our subscribers now are due their subscriptions and others will be in January. I'll be glad to receive your subscriptions.

Our pastoral letter will be placed in your hands in January, showing what Birtie Circuit did in 1903 and what we hope to do in 1904. Read it thoughtfully and prayerfully.

Affectionately your pastor,

R. L. DAVIS.

Letter from West Durham

Dear Advocate:—I have only a few lines for you to-day. I have tried West Durham one year and am more than pleased with its treatment and advantages given me. We have a very heroic band of Methodists here. They are very true and faithful to their pastor, and loyal to their church. I do not mean to say that all on the roll are models, but that ours is a good average with county or city churches.

All our financial obligations were met in full, as the minutes will show. And we have had a reasonable number of accessions during the year, notwithstanding we had a net loss in membership.

I wish just here to acknowledge several pounding during the year, and once since Conference. But just imagine my surprise and the breadth of my smiles when my Epworth League, through Rev. E. M. Hoyle, presented me, for a Christmas gift, with a set of the Expositor's Bible (25 volumes). I am now, if not heretofore, a firm believer in Epworth Leagues; and especially West Durham League. May God bless us all this year.

C. P. JEROME.

West Durham, N. C., Dec. 30, 1903.

Florida Winter Bible Courses, Gainsville, Florida, January 31 to February 15, 1904.

Great preparations are now being made by the citizens of Gainesville, Fla., for the establishment there of an Annual Winter Bible Conference, on the order of Northfield, Winonah Lake and Mt. Lake Park summer conferences. All the churches of the little city are enthusiastically interested, and the citizens have erected a splendid auditorium for the Conference, seating three thousand.

Among the speakers who will take part in the Conference are many well-known and able men:

Dr. Len G. Broughton, pastor Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. W. E. Blackstone, Missionary Evangelist, of Chicago, Ill.; Mr. S. H. Hadley, of the McAuley Mission, New York; Rev. Dr. D. V. Gwilym, eloquent Episcopal rector, New York; Dr. E. I. D. Pepper, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Prof. J. R. C. Browne, Presbyterian, of Virginia; Mrs. Margaret Bottome, president of the Order of King's Daughters; Dr. Clarence B. Strouse, Methodist evangelist, and editor of the "Consecrated Life," of Philadelphia, Pa.; and many others.

Gainesville is the finest town in Florida, and is located in the centre of the State; very high and well drained; pure water from a magnificent spring; wide streets, shaded by beautiful oak trees; a lovely climate, which is a balm and cure for weak lungs; it is surrounded by a number of the finest truck and vegetable farms in Florida; a number of beautiful lakes, full of fine fish, and game in abundance. Its population is five thousand.

It is an ideal place to spend the winter. The hotels and boarding-houses are as reasonable in their charges as any Northern town; private board from $5 to $8 per week, hotels from $8 to $15 per week. A specialist tourist rate is given Gainesville from all points; tickets good to return as late as May. One can attend the Conference and spend a month and return, from any point east of the Mississippi River for less than one hundred dollars expense.

It is a great opportunity to visit Florida and attend the Conference. Date is January 31 to February 15, followed by the Christian Workers' Institute, February 15 to 28.

The Florida Winter Chautauqua, presenting a splendid programme, opens in Gainesville February 29 to March 15.

If you are interested, and wish entertainment, write stating what you would like, to

SEC. BIBLE CONFERENCE,
Gainesville, Fla.

A Faithful Steward Cared.

One of the most enjoyable occasions it has been my pleasure to attend, was the Christmas exercises in our Sunday-school at Pittsboro.

It has been the custom in this school for some years to present the smaller scholars with a nice book at Christmas. This year the school had a more elaborate program, which consisted of songs, recitations and some handsome presents to the officers of the school. But best of all was the presentation of a handsome gold-headed cane to Bro. A. G. Headen. The secret had been so perfectly kept that Brother Headen was taken completely by surprise. He has been the leader of the church here for more than thirty years, as steward, Sunday-school superintendent, trustee. The cane was but a small token of the love and esteem of those he has served so faithfully all these years.

His response was such as cannot be put on paper. It was a glad, good time.

JAS. H. FRIZELLE.

At His Post.

On November 12 the Associated Press dispatches contained the news of the death from yellow fever of Dr. U. H. Nixon, surgeon in charge of Hospital Monterey, Monterey, Mex. This grievous news was sudden and unexpected. It was known that Mrs. Nixon had the fever, though she has been reported improving, and for a time it was suspected that, by a mistake of the press, her husband's death was announced in place of hers.

The doubt was not for long. A few lines, written some days earlier by the Doctor himself, came in by mail, admitting that he too had the fever. The terrible news was confirmed. Dr. Nixon, who in hourly peril of his life had for weeks past been nursing others through the dread disease, was himself gone. It was hard at first to grasp the meaning of the facts. So full of energy, of hope, of keen interest in the work to which he brought so much skill, had the Doctor been, and so vigorous and active had his spirit showed through his letters, that it seemed impossible he should have passed so quickly out of the world. Yet so it was.

Born in Campbell County, Ga., November 21, 1865; converted and united with the Southern Methodist Church in 1879; graduated from the Barnes Medical College in 1893; sent as medical missionary to Monterey, Mex., in 1901; died November 11, 1903. The facts are not many nor striking, yet they are parts of a hero's life. No missionary has more earnestly thrown himself into his work, nor more successfully wrung victory and progress out of adverse circumstances. From their inception his efforts were wise, incisive, prompt, and vigorous.

For some time the desire for missionary service grew upon him. In 1900 he applied to the Board of Missions from Killeen, Tex. Here he had a practice which brought him in some $3,000 a year, together with an interest in a thriving drug store. His standing in his community, both as a physician and a citizen (and every true Christian must be true citizen too), may be adequately indicated by the fact that he was assistant surgeon to the Gulf, Colorado and Sante Fe Railroad, the medical examiner for eight old-line insurance companies, president of the Bell County Association of Physicians and Surgeons, member of the Central Texas Medical Association, and chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee for the county. Through correspondence with Rev. J. L. Hendry he had been interested in China, then under the cloud of the Boxer trouble, and, anticipating new opportunities after the disturbances were over, such as would offer large possibilities to the active Church, he desired to find work for himself in that field.

Just at this time a great hue and cry was sounding over the country: "Why send missionaries to the cruel Chinese?" Everywhere there were queries and shiverings: "Is it safe? Is it safe?" Safe? Why should it be safe? There was no manly thing ever done because it was safe. A manly thing was only done, since the world began, because it needed to be done and a man was there to do it. This man saw a thing to do. He stopped not to count the cost, but made up his mind to do it.

It was impossible to send reinforcements to China at that time; but on a visit from Dr. C. F. Reid and a presentation of the needs of Korea, Dr. Nixon applied for work in that field. Owing to financial difficulties of the Board, a long delay ensued. At the last, while possibilities in Korea still seemed remote, the Doctor was offered work in Mexico. The disappointment at not being able to go to the East, in which he had become deeply interested, was a bitter one, yet without one word of dissatisfaction he promptly responded to this new call. In July, 1901, he reached Monterey and began work, having sold his interests at home, left his practice, and given up everything to put his whole life into an heroic effort to save the souls and bodies of men.

Under his management the work enlarged wonderfully. Citizens of the town—Mexicans, Germans, and Americans—were interested. Patronage and donations began to come in. Medical services for the railroad and for local companies were arranged for to help defray expenses. The activity and skill of the Doctor and his financial and business ability commended him to all.

Opposition is never very far off. The Catholics became alarmed. By threats and cajoleries they set to work to scare away the patrons of the Protestant hospital. The support of many, and donations half promised, were lost; but the work forged steadily ahead. A magnificent success in an unprecedented time was achieved. For the last year, the second in its history, the hospital has been self-supporting. The surgical operations—for Dr. Nixon was a surgeon among the very best—and the nursing have proved uniformly successful. The results of the medical work were such as any man might be proud of. Neither were souls forgotten in the ministry to bodies.

All this while the Doctor was working to the very limit of his strength. Until nurses could be secured, he had nursing and operating and all to do almost alone. Then, as the number and efficiency of the nurses rose, he undertook more work. They were in cramped quarters; the equipment was inadequate; private rooms were too few; the night nurse's rest was broken because she had only the room of the day nurses' to sleep in; and in and outdoor calls and all the business of the institution fell upon the Doctor's shoulders. Yet no word came from him, save of further enlargement to meet growing needs and of more perfect appliances while the burden was becoming more onerous every day.

Time after time he was written to take more rest and better care of himself. But what could he do? There was work to be done, much work—the life and death of men and women dependent on him—and no one else to do it. There was but one possible conclusion.

In November, 1902, Dr. Nixon, in one of his letters, wrote:

"My work is exceedingly trying. I am beginning to feel the effect of the strain upon my nervous system. May the Lord give me physical strength to meet all the demands upon me!

Again, in March, 1903, he wrote: "The Lord has wonderfully blessed my efforts in my work here, and I hope to continue to press the battle more and more.

In June, 1903, he writes:

"I feel very thankful that the people here appreciate the work we are doing, and hope that our work here will meet the expectations of all long after my poor, weak arms have ceased to labor. I have put forth my very best efforts in trying to build up a work that will be not only an honor to the Church, but one that will be fruitful in results, both temporal and spiritual; and I feel that it is coming up to our expectations on this line. Am not very well at this time. The warm weather is very trying.

The Family.

A New Year's Vow.

Come, let us use the grace divine,
And all, with one accord,
In a perpetual covenant join
Ourselves to Christ the Lord.

Give up ourselves, through Jesus' power,
His name to glorify;
And promise, in this sacred hour,
For God to live and die.

The covenant we this moment make
Be ever kept in mind;
We will no more our God forsake,
Or cast His words behind.

To each the covenant blood apply,
Which takes our sins away;
And register our names on high,
And keep us to that day.

—Charles Wesley.

Something Each Day.

Something each day—a smile,
It is not much to give,
And the little gifts of life
Make sweet the days we live.
The world has weary hearts
That we can bless and cheer,
And a smile for every day
Makes sunshine all the year.

Something each day—a word.
We cannot know its power,
It grows in fruitfulness,
As grows the gentle flower.
What comfort it may bring,
Where all is dark and drear!
For a kind word every day
Makes pleasant all the year.

Something each day—a thought
Unselfish, good and true,
That aids another's need,
While we our way pursue;
That seeks to lighten hearts,
That leads to pathways clear;
For a helpful thought each day
Makes happy all the year.

Something each day—a deed,
Of kindness and of good,
To link in closer bonds
All human brotherhood.
O, thus the heavenly will
We all may do while here;
For a good deed every day
Makes blessed all the year.

The Curtain Falls.

Over the sorrow and over the bliss,
Over the teardrop, over the kiss,
Over the crimes that blotted and blurred,
Over the wound of the angry word,
Over the deeds in weakness done,
Over the battles lost and won,
Now at the end of the flying year,
Year that to-morrow will not be here,
Over our freedom, over our thralls,
In the dark and the midnight, the curtain falls.

Over our gain and over our loss,
Over our crown and over our cross,
Over the fret of our discontent,
Over the ill that we never meant,
Over the scars of our self-denial,
Over the strength that conquered trial,
Now in the end of the flying year,
Year that to-morrow will not be here,
Quietly final, the prompter calls:
Over it swiftly the curtain falls.

Over the crowds and the solitudes,
Over our shifting, hurrying moods,
Over the hearths where bright flames leap,
Over the cribs where the babies sleep,
Over the clamor, over the strife,
Over the pageantry of life,
Now in the end of the flying year,
Year that to-morrow will not be here,
Swiftly and surely, from starry walls,
Silently downward the curtain falls.

—Harper's Bazar.

From the Past Into the Future.

Almighty God, we worship thee this day in gratitude and love for thy past goodness. Thou hast written thy name over all our past. Every hour is jeweled with thy mercy, and every breath is the witness of thy strength. If we have been healed of our self-despisings, it is by the encouragements of thy heart. We bless thee for the ministry of thy love and for the healing of thy mercy. And we beseech thee that as we stand upon the frontier of the unknown, and strain our wistful eyes to read its secret, that thou wilt give quietness to our spirit. Say to us to-day that thou wilt go with us. That every step of ours shall be guided by thy wisdom, and in every way we shall be supported by thy strength. Assure us of thy continual presence and love. Let thy light and thy truth be our perpetual guide, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

"By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land."—Hebrews xi, 29.

This is the most dramatic incident in the history of the children of Israel. It is the one event which they never forgot. It is written deep in the nation's mind. The awful stillness of the midnight silence, and flaming pillar casting its lurid glare, the gradual encroachment of the pursuers, the silent majesty of the jeweled sky, and in front of the people, barring their way, the long sweep of the black and fearful waters. And then, the path made through the trackless waters, and the mobile sea fashioning itself into walls of crystal, and the transit of the hosts of God from the known to the unknown, guided and guarded by the kindly hand of the Lord. That was an incident to mortise the national life in God; and to be the bulwark of the people's faith in many a time of trial and discipline. They trusted in him, and he, in time of trial and discipline. They trusted in him, and he, in whom no spirit ever trusted in vain, made a way through the waters and led them into the land of his promise. "By faith they passed through the Red Sea."

And, to-day, our position is not unlike theirs. Behind us there lies the future, infinite, unknown, bodeful. To-morrow is trackless. There are no sounds of familiar voices haunting its silence. Its quietness is disturbed by no familiar presences. Veils are hung between us and the days which are to be, veils which it is unwisdom for us to attempt to lift, and ignorance which it is our peace to leave undisturbed. However glorious our past, it is now only a memory, and can be no refuge for the spirit, no home for the heart. Whatever splendors may hang about the present their luster is perishable, and here we can not stay. Forward we must go. Out of the known and the familiar into the unknown and the unfamiliar. This only do we know (and it is enough!), that all that unknowness is known to God, and is covered by his infinite sympathy and love. He leadeth us to the land that is covered even to its furthest inch, by his all-embracing promise. A thousand mysteries close in our little life.

"We only know we can not drift
Beyond his love and care."

It is said of the children of Israel that they made this passage from the known to the unknown in the power of a faith that trampled fear beneath its feet, and held on its way, trusting in the Lord. They ventured themselves on God. Faith is not a principle of passive acquiescence, but the energetic apprehension by the will of the will of God. It is that act of the spirit by which the whole life puts itself in harmony with God's purposes, and quietly but remorselessly follows him to its splendid achievement. Outwardly, in this hour, there may seem to be fear, misgiving, doubt; but the keen eye of the writer of the Hebrews saw the secret spirit of it all. He saw the heart following hard after God, the clinging of the soul with both its hands to the outstretched hand of the Lord; the fine venturesomeness of the life, even where it can not see the way, upon the promised guidance of God, and he declares in a passage which is alive with the man's best life, "By faith they passed through the Red Sea." Faith the ground of man's conquest; the method of his highest victory. Not "a lath painted to look like iron," but, however frail it may look, that which trambles another glories under its feet and conducts the spirit through ever-threatening menace to the land which has been promised by the mouth of the Lord.

And this, to-day, is the supremest need of us all. We have to go forth into a future quite unknown. A future which, if we can read it in the light of our past, will have in it sunlight and darkness, rapture and despair. All our sorrows are not behind us, and all our gladness is not in front. The web of the future will be woven out of joy and sorrow. Love will have its agony as well as its rapture. There will be nights that are full of dark, as well as days that are brimful of light. And the whole future lies in the dim haze of unpenetrated uncertainty. November may bring our brightest days, and June our darkest. There is but one power in the strength of which we can make a dry path through the wet waters, and that is the power of faith. We need to rediscover God—his active and his invincible defense. We need to lay hold of this God with a faith which is active, venturous, and invincible. Neither the church nor the individual has a greater need to-day than to learn the living meaning of the first great article of its masterful Creed, "I believe in God."—Methodist Recorder.

The capacity of our sorrows belongs to our grandeur; and the loftiest of our race are those who have had the profoundest sympathies, because they have had the profoundest sorrows.—Henry Giles.

Today is mine; I hold it fast,
Hold it and use it as I may,
Unmindful of the shadow cast
By that dim thing called yesterday.

—Susan Coolidge.

The Years.

O, hark, my friend, I hear them
slowly going,
Not to return;
Short is each year of life's
Sojourn.

Each year should be a type of what
each life is—
The old and new;
Ring out the false, ring in
The true.

Ring out the old infirmities—the
worry—
Let them pass by;
The time is coming when
We die.

But no; the hour that takes us,
brings us comfort.
'Tis only flying
From "old" and "new." We call it
Dying.

But new life's eve it is—a New-
Year's Morning,
And gladness;
Heaven's bells shall ring away
All sadness.

—Robert Atherton, the Plowman
Poet.

Greeting the New Year.

"The Old and New Year meet;
And one goes back to God again
And one stays on for joy or pain.

And no one else can come as near
To face as he, the Stranger Year.

Be not afraid to give thyself
Into his guiding hands. . . . .
For God is in the year;

O, love him, for he comes to bless
Thy life with good and happiness."

We read a story not long ago wherein a man who meant to do right, and wanted to do right, grew much disgusted with making resolves, and so instead of framing fresh determination in his mind as to what he would try to do during another year, he entered in his memorandum-book: "Have resolved to make no more resolves." That seemed to settle the matter, so far as fresh resolves were concerned. Yet it really did not settle it at all. For, as often as that entry confronted the man, he felt a sense of shame, which in time appeared like a form of moral defeat. And so it was not very long before he tore the unworthy words out and in their place put resolutions so sincerely entered that they proved more abiding and helpful than any formed for years before. It is sometimes discouraging work making resolves and re-resolves, yet we see it can be still more discouraging not to make them. The old proverb tells us that in the face of repeated resolutions man "dies the same." Yet the validity of the old proverb can be very warrantably questioned. Many the high promise and resolute determination made at the beginning of a new year which holds good to the close.

The verse reminds us that the old year has gone back to God, and that the new one has come for either good or ill. We scarcely need reminding that time comes very near holding us all in its close embrace. The counsel is timely that bids us not to be afraid to trust ourselves into the guiding hands of the year because God is in it. And it is reassuring to be told that time comes to bless our lives with "good and happiness."—The Christian Work.

Our Boys and Girls.

Around the Globe.

I started out around the world.
('Twas half-past five o'clock;
My hair was nicely brushed and curled;
I wore my Sunday frock.)
And cast I went from Illinois
As straight as I could go
Until I thought I'd got to Troy,
Where lives my Uncle Joe.

But here of course I didn't stay—
I had so much ahead;
I took a ship at Boston Bay
And o'er the ocean sped.
I wasn't sick a single speck,
And sailed with might and main,
And didn't stop for storm or wreck,
And landed right in Spain.

I went through Spain and Italy.
And Turkey, Turkestan.
And China too; and next, dear me,
I found I'd reached Japan:
And here the ocean was again
Which I must cross once more;
So in a boat I stepped, and then
Set out and sailed for shore.

Now, this was our America;
I had no time to waste,
But went from California
To Illinois in haste,
Because I'd heard the tea-bell sound.
And mamma call and call;
And left the world so smooth and round,
On papa's desk. That's all.
—Churchman.

Lottie's Christmas Secrets.

When a little girl has five times as many pennies to spend for Christmas as she is years old, she ought to be very happy. This it was that made Lottie Pringle so happy. She was five years old and she had twenty-five cents to buy Christmas presents for her father, mother, brother Joe and four sisters.

"Now, mamma," said Lottie, "let's talk about what I'll get, 'cause you'll have to help me think; only sister Mary did tell me what to get for you, but I'm not going to tell. I mean, I don't think I'm going to tell."

"No," said mamma, "I can wait till Christmas. But what will you get for papa?"

"I did buy his present, mamma, when I went out with Sister Mary and bought your darning—"Oh!" and Lottie's hand was pressed tightly over her mouth. "Did you hear, mamma?"

"I only heard one word, dear."

"Well, it takes two words to tell it, so I guess you don't know."

"I think we would better talk about what to buy for Mary," said mamma. "How would a lead-pencil do for Mary and one for Brother Joe, too?"

"I know they'd like that, mamma. They're always saying: 'Where's my pencil?' when they're going to study and I won't tell."

"No, you mustn't tell."

"Mamma, I can tell you what I've got for you, 'cause of course I'll tell you all the things; but I won't show it to you."

"Maybe you'll be sorry if you tell me now; you'd better keep it for a Christmas secret."

"Oh, no," pleaded Lottie, "I'll just have to tell. It's a darning-needle, it's a darning needle; but you musn't see it till Christmas." And then Lottie had to give her mother a hug and a kiss. "You like it, don't you, mamma?"

"Indeed, I do, dear; and I shall know just what to do with it."

Lottie was delighted. The next day she went out with her mother and bought the pencils for Mary and Joe. When Mary came from school, they had just been carefully hidden away; but the eager little girl whispered to her mother that she could show Mary the one she had for Joe, "and you know, mamma, she won't know about the one I've got for her."

"Now be careful," whispered mamma. "Don't bring but one."

"Lottie flew to bring the pencil and came running back. "See, Mary, what I've got for Joe; and don't you tell him."

"Not I," said Mary, as she took the pencil. "How very nice! He'll be so pleased."

"Yes, and I got—" But, seeing mamma's warning finger, she caught the pencil from Mary and ran out of the room. The door shut behind her with a decided slam and mamma was thinking the secret was safe, when, lo! it opened just a crack and a little voice called back, "There's one for you, Mary, just like it."

Nothing would do but Joe must see Mary's pencil; and when he praised it and said it was a nice pencil for Mary to lend him sometimes, what did Lottie do, in spite of warning looks and coughs from Mary and mamma, but tell him, while she jumped up and down with delight, that he was to have one for his very own.

When Alice and Margie asked mamma one morning for money to buy a paper pad to carry to school, Lottie shut her lips very tightly, clapped her hands over her mouth, then laughed and, pointing to mamma's bureau, said mysteriously, "You can't guess what's in there this minute, that I bought with my own money?"

Another time mamma overheard her saying to Sarah, in the next room, "When Christmas comes, you won't have to use that old penholder any more and I know why."

Whenever papa used a postage-stamp, Lottie was always at his elbow to ask "if his stamps would last him till Christmas," or if he thought "postage-stamps made good Christmas presents."

Indeed, Lottie found so many times and ways to tell her Christmas secrets that the family finally gave up trying to prevent it.

But, after all, what do you think she said when Christmas day really came?

"Oh, I'm so glad it's come, because now I shan't have to keep my Christmas secrets any longer."—Helen Ames Walker.

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"Our residue of days and hours,
Thine, wholly thine, shall be;
And all our consecrated powers
A sacrifice to thee;
Till Jesus in the clouds appear
To saints on earth forgiven,
And bring the grand sabbatic year,
The jubilee of heaven."

New Year's day! The time for a calm review of our lives during the past year; a close self-examination; a careful adjustment of the balances to see if there is danger of the fatal "wanting" being found against us.

God help us to be honest with ourselves—there is much to be considered, and a vital issue confronts us. Have we been faithful and true in all the relations of our lives—have we loved our neighbor as ourselves—have we exemplified in our lives the basic principle of "pure and undefiled religion:" and have we seasoned all the other good words, thoughts and deeds, by a conscientious obedience to the last great command of our risen Lord: "Go (or send) ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?"

Have we, amid the domestic and social pleasures of the season, forgotten our duty—our high privilege—to plan for a liberal Christmas offering to our missionary work?

If every member of the W. F. M. Society of the N. C. Conference has "laid by her in store as God hath prospered her," a commensurate offering for this joyous season, there wil be an evident impetus to missionary plans and projects.

How many responses have been made to "Aunt Lizzie's" suggestion to her Bright Jewels, that they make a special Christmas offering for the work among heathen children?

An occasional communication from our Lady Managers to this column would be of interest to its many readers—keep us thoroughly informed about what our children are doing, and how they are being trained.

In our Missionary Advocate of December, we find the following item: "The first money given for foreign mission work in modern times was given by Sir Walter Raleigh. The sum was five hundred dollars, and it was used in converting the heathen Indians of America."

There is a great difference between reading a sermon and preaching it. Fluttering and flying are not the same thing, though they may look like it for a moment.—Joseph Parker.

It has been estimated that there are 8,700 ways in which half-a-crown may be changed. How many ways are there in which a life may be lived?—Joseph Parker.

W. H. M. S. Department.

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. R. O. BURTON, Raleigh, N. C.

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Greeting.

A happy new year to every Home Mission worker, as well as every reader of the Raleigh Advocate! May each one of us strive as never before to make it the best year in Home Mission history; without a doubt, then, it will be one of many blessings and much happiness. And can there be any reason why each one should not do her best? Sisters, let none of us quiet our disturbed consciences by humbly confessing that we are unable to help; rather, let us realize that we must give account of the time allowed for this life, and bravely and usefully and joyfully bear our responsibility. The wealthy may lighten the burden of poverty and bring gladness to the despairing; the intellectual may use their talents for the upbuilding of the work, consecrating their gifts of tongue and pen; the strong and healthy may help and cheer the weak and oppressed; the sorrowing may carry sympathy and hope to others in distress; the sick and the poor may pray continually for God's blessing on all efforts. Everyone is endowed with the ability to make some return to the One who has given the great opportunity for eternal life, and it is generally in the form of aid to others.

Our Mountain School.

How many Auxiliaries have raised the amounts pledged during Miss Bennett's canvass among us? I think the larger number promised to remit in January, and I urge you to do so as early as possible. The expenses are heavy and there is need for ready money. Send to our Conference Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Speight, Whiteville, N. C. It is necessary for all Methodists to bestir themselves and send quickly every dollar that has been pledged—that there may be further opportunity to work. The Board of Home Missions will convene in Kansas City on the 15th of April, and it is our cherished desire to present it then free of debt—you know it cannot be accepted until entirely unencumbered. I am loth to believe that our North Carolina Methodists will even run the risk of disappointment.

The Brevard Teachers.

You will be glad to hear the latest news from the schools. Up to this time 80 pupils have been enrolled, and the number would have been larger if the Boarding Department were fully equipped. It has been necessary to add another teacher to the overworked Faculty, and a most fortunate selection has been made in Miss Ruth Campbell, a daughter of a Methodist minister of the Louisville Conference; she has taught two terms at the Sue Bennett Memorial School, and has recently taken a course at the Peabody Normal in Nashville, Tenn. The Principal, Prof. E. E. Bishop, is also a Kentuckian, a ripe Christian, and a man of fine and successful experience. From a personal letter written by one of the teachers, I find that both he and his wife are deeply spiritual and truly consecrated. The "hand of the Lord" seems to be guiding in a peculiar manner the affairs concerning this school. The other teachers are Miss Florence Kern, of Mississippi, Mrs. David Ray, of Tennessee, and Miss Mattie Stansel, of our own State,—all competent, faithful, brave, ready to suffer, if need be, for Christ's sake. A Young Woman's Christian Association has been organized, which will, doubtless, be very helpful, as many of the girls seem hungry for such work.

City Missions.

In December Miss Bennett organized a good, strong city mission in Mobile, Ala. The ladies of Montgomery, Ala., also, have recently organized one. These swell the number of City Mission Boards, under the auspices of the Home Mission Society, to fifteen, seven of which are conducted on the settlement plan. The work is advancing wonderfully, especially this branch of it. I have heard that a missionary in a Northern city offered the gospel to 15 nationalities in one week. What a hand we may have in helping to bring all nations to Christ!

Miss Bennett's Message.

In a late letter from our beloved President she gave me this message, which I deliver with faith and trust: "Please ask your auxiliaries to pray the Lord of the vineyard to thrust forth more laborers into the harvest."

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Editorial.

THE SITUATION.

We feel sure that it is a matter of deep regret to many of our readers that the old-time controversy over Trinity College and its affairs is again on. It has raged for several weeks. It was at its hottest during the Christmas holidays when "peace on earth, good will to men" is supposed to be the ruling motto.

Pardon us at this point for going back a few years when, as one of the editors of the church organ, we represented our Conference within the bounds of another Conference. A newspaper controversy, more heated if possible than the one just referred to, arose. The President and Trustees of Trinity College had been unjustly attacked. We went to the rescue. For nearly two years our columns were filled with explanations, defences, and denunciations—with what force we will leave others to say. We felt when the fight was over that the church could hardly stand the strain of another such warfare. The people were tired of controversy. Thousands beside our Carolina firesides longed for a church paper that, free from the stain of strife, might bring to them the messages of the Prince of Peace. The succeeding years have been teaching us that, as a rule, the church has little to gain in a newspaper controversy. As a rule, the best defence that can be made is a majestic silence born in the deep consciousness of eternal rectitude. While, of course, there are exceptions to this rule, it is still a fact that when the church through its journals combats the world in its own arena, she loses more than she gains. Factions are created in spite of all that can be done. Strong temptations are offered to other parties to settle questions of their own. The influence of the church is lessened with many outsiders. Attention to souls that are waiting for the bread of life is painfully and often disastrously diverted. Never before in the history of our church in North Carolina have our people been so tired of controversy as now. No one comes so painfully in contact with this fact as the editor of the church paper.

So it is not strange that when the Bassett trouble began, we had as little to say about it as possible. We did not publish the offending article or any part of it. We felt that the least publicity given to the article was best for Dr. Bassett and the people at large. We wished and hoped and prayed that the matter might be settled quietly, and that the church might be spared the strain of another heated excitement. We used our powers of persuasion to keep the matter out of Conference.

The Trustees met. Our readers know how we felt and how we voted. The majority was against us. Together with six other Trustees we bowed to the will of that majority, feeling that, while it had made a mistake, it was incumbent upon us as loyal sons to render to our college in the future a richer compensating tribute of love and loyalty. That tribute is being rendered now. There cannot be in our own heart any doubt of this.

After and before the meeting of the Board of Trustees, the News and Observer and other papers went beyond their journalistic prerogatives in bitterly attacking not only Dr. Bassett, but the President of the College, and the Trustees who voted to retain Dr. Bassett, and in keeping up the attack day by day. Their conduct was highly censurable and invited only the merited rebuke of every Methodist no matter what his views might be on the subject at issue. In our issue of December 16, we expressed our indignation, defended the attacked parties, and, in the name of justice and a great church, called for fair dealing. There is no use of rehearsing what we wrote.

We may be allowed here to say that never for one moment have we felt that the sacred rights of the Methodist people of North Carolina have been in the slightest danger of being stolen by an offending press. To base any course of action on such a fear would be to discredit the intelligence and independence of 140,000 Methodists and pay to the hostile papers the compliment of their lives. Our confidence in our Methodist people is still unshaken and we are far from being panic stricken. Reading the history of a Methodism which, unabashed and unafraid, has carved her own course through the centuries, we have no fear that ten thousand newspapers can rob her, if they would, of her independence or deflect her course. Methodists will never cease to do what seems best in the light of her own mind and conscience.

So in all deference to those who think otherwise, we will say that we have sounded no tocsin of war. We have burned no red fire. We have thrown no ephithets. We have threatened no boycotts. We have done what we will continue to do—pursue that course which is most conducive to the defence and development of Methodism and her institutions and most consistent with the healthy quietude of a people who have been sorely harassed and who are longing for rest.

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There is one other matter we wish to discuss briefly, and then we are through.

A few days ago there appeared in the Boston Transcript a letter sent from Durham, and evidently written by a scholar, well acquainted with the affairs of Trinity College. We know enough of the authorship of this letter to state that it was not written by any one connected with the college itself. This letter contained a cruel attack on Trinity College antecedent to its removal from Durham on the seven Trustees who voted for the resignation of Dr. Bassett, and on the Methodist preachers in North Carolina.

Here is the reference to old Trinity:

"Trinity College was a backwoods institution—a pretty good high school—belonging to the Methodist Church until ten or twelve years ago. . . . Moving was a mere matter of three or four professors making a journey of seventy-five or eighty miles."

Here is a reference to the Methodist preachers of North Carolina and to the seven who voted for the resignation of Dr. Bassett: "The Methodist preachers are the preservers of every old idea. Timid to the point of cowardice, they can be driven to any cruel action, if they are made to think that the pillars of society are about to be pulled down. There are a number of these men on the Board of Trustees. The preachers were simply scared into submission. . . . . The other fact of far reaching consequence is the clear light that the incident threw on the character of the clergy. They are 'good' men. But they stand and have long stood in the way of all progress in thought in the South. They have been used by the politicians and they use the churches to stifle real freedom."

If such cruel abuse had been written in a North Carolina paper, there would have been no necessity for special attention. Trinity College under Braxton Craven, the minority members of the Board, and the Methodist preachers of North Carolina are too well known here to suffer from abuse. But this letter was published in a New England paper and the caricature has been placed before the eyes of an alien people who will carry the picture in their minds to their very graves. It is almost inconceivable that, while so many "defences" have been made lately, there has been no defence of the Methodist preacher of North Carolina, with the exception of that contained in the News and Observer, which reproduced the article. We take this our first opportunity of rebuking the cruel misrepresentations of the anonymous correspondent. Surely, since we have defended the eighteen Trustees who voted for the retention of Dr. Bassett, we cannot do less than defend the seven who voted for his resignation. They are men of such character as to render them safe from any attack where they are known. They make no pretensions to bravery, but they are not timid and cowardly enough to refuse to sign their names to any article they may write. They make no pretensions to being overly "good," but they are never cruel enough to caricature good men in a land where no defence can be made.

And the Methodist preacher of North Carolina. Typically he is a man, who, claiming no social prestige and turning aside from the allurements of wealth, finds his highest joy in telling the "old, old story of Jesus and His love." We know him. We ought to know him. We have seen his struggles. We have watched his heroic sacrifices blooming through strenuous days and years into glorious achievement. We have sat with him in the little parsonage when the doorway was thronged by Poverty's ravening wolves. We have ridden with him through swamps and over mountain when his heart sang the melodies of Heaven and his eye flashed with heroic fire more exultant than that which flashed in the eyes of the knights of the Golden Horseshoe "who followed Spottswood round the land." We have helped him to raise the shout of victory in the old country meeting house when Jehovah was present in soul-purging fire. We have seen him lay the battered armor on the wall to enter that rest where no sound of reville or clash of arms is ever heard.

It was through his prayer and labors that our great college was builded. To see him abused and caricatured before an alien people by one who, for aught we know, has partaken of the hospitality of the institution into which the Methodist preacher has placed his very blood arouses our indignation. For one we will salute the Methodist preacher when living and, ever ready to defend his memory, we will drop one flower on the mound that heaves above his sleeping ashes.

But enough. Another bright new year has dawned upon us. We regret that there has been any necessity for inserting in this the first issue of 1904 anything which even approaches the controversial. For weeks we have been holding off two sides which wished to publish their views in the Advocate. We trust that we will be able to continue this course. It will not do to make the columns of the Advocate an Aceldama. We repeat, our people are sick of controversy. Thousands upon thousands in our old commonwealth are waiting to touch the hem of Christ's garment and be healed. This may be the year, and the only year, of their opportunity. Shall we not make a way for the approach of the Healer?

THE ADVOCATE FOR 1904.

The Advocate has had the best December in its history. We trust that January will be still better. Subscriber, do not wait, but send on your renewal at once. Preacher, begin your work at once. Money is easy now with the people. We are preparing for the biggest year yet for the "Old Raleigh."

The Raleigh Christian Advocate has the following in its "General Notes" column: "It will not do for Methodist editors to feed too much with fictional literature. One of the brethren ventured to refer to the 'Mill on the Floss,' and the linotype man, with practical views, made it 'The Mule on the Hoss.'"

We venture to suggest the retirement of any Methodist editor that doesn't know a "mule" from a "mill."—Alabama Christian Advocate.

We copy the above from the Alabama Advocate for a purpose; we have been trying for a week—at intervals—to analyze this last clause so as to eliminate the joke—for we suppose it must be a joke—but as yet without success. Surely we must have more of the English in our blood than we supposed. Anyway we feel much like the Cockney who wished to know distinctly, "What was the matter with the pie."—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

Do you know, Brother Woods, that the paragraph to which you refer has caused us a bothersment second only to that occasioned by "How old was Ann?" There must be in the paragraph some point too subtle and delicate for our gross perceptions. Let us hear from the Alabama.

Personals.

Bishop Morrison's address is 3915 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans.

Rev. George A. Cook, of the New England Conference, has charged Dr. Borden P. Bowne, of Boston University, with heresy.

The Thomasville Church, Georgia, will assume the support of Dr. J. C. C. Newton, upon his return to the Japan Mission.

Rev. B. C. Thompson and family, who spent several weeks in Alamance County after Conference, returned to their home last week, stopping part of a day in Raleigh.

Rev. M. C. Thomas, who, with the exuberance of youth, disclaims the title, "Conference Patriarch," made us happy by a visit to our office last week.

Rev. G. G. Ragan, father of Rev. J. S. Ragan, of the Hot Springs Circuit, Western North Carolina Conference, died at his home in Kentucky November 29.

We deeply sympathize with Prof. and Mrs. O. W. Carr in the death of their youngest daughter Lucy, who died a few days ago at Old Trinity. She was a most estimable Christian young lady.

Miss Eva Booth, Canadian Commissioner, will succeed her sister, the late Mrs. Booth Tucker, in command of the Salvation Army in the United States.

Dr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Brooks will make their home in Louisburg during the winter. We are glad to know that the health of both is considerably improved.

Rev. W. B. Rankin, D. D., the efficient Superintendent of the American Bible Society in Texas, died at Washington College, East Tennessee, on December 15.

The St. Louis Christian Advocate, so ably edited by that ex-North Carolinian and alumnus of Trinity College, Dr. C. C. Woods, has entered upon its fifty-fourth year.

Mr. G. A. Dobbin, who had been so long the efficient District Passenger Agent of the Santa Fe Railroad, has become a member of the Massengale Advertising Agency.

Dr. C. W. Byrd, who had been on a visit to his mother in Harnett County, passed through Raleigh on last Monday en route to his home in Atlanta. He is doing fine work in one of the largest churches in Atlanta.

Rev. J. C. Ley has succeded Rev. L. W. Moore as editor of the Florida Christian Advocate. The paper will hereafter be published in Tallahassee. Our best wishes go with the retiring editor, and we extend the glad hand to Brother Ley.

We are requested by Bro. W. B. Cooper to announce that the Sunday-School Board will expect all applications to go in to him as Secretary before March 1st, as the distribution of the funds are to be made on that day. Let all interested heed this urgent request of Brother Cooper.

Dr. W. H. Moore preached at Edenton Street on last Sunday morning and at Central Church in the evening. He had just come from a family reunion, which must have been very enjoyable. We are sure that his poem in this week's issue of the Advocate will be very enjoyable to our readers.

HANDBOOK NOTICE.

By the time this meets the eye of the reader, the Handbook for 1904 will be ready for delivery unless something untoward happens. We weigh well our words when we say that the Handbook for 1904 will be the best we have yet issued. We feel that we have a right to feel a special pride in this issue and to expect that every Methodist who feels an interest in his church will order at once. Price 25 cents per copy. This notice will explain to the large number who have already ordered the Handbook why they have not received it.

T. N. IVEY.

North Carolina Methodism.

The post-office address of Rev. L. E. Sawyer is Farmville, N. C.

We have been cordially received here, salary raised, and tokens of appreciation. Send me a copy of the Handbook as soon as issued.—R. C. Craven.

We desire to have the post-office address of the following: Rev. J. C. Crisp, Rev. W. O. Davis, Rev. F. F. Eure, Rev. J. M. Marlowe, and Rev. C. O. Du Rant.

Rev. J. V. Williams announces that he will be ready after January 1st to engage in revival work in North Carolina. All brethren wishing to secure his help will write to him.

We had a fine reception here at Jonesboro last night. Many of the leading men and women came to welcome us, and had everything in readiness. Hope to have a good year here.—E. Pope.

We have begun our third year here with bright prospects for a good year. Our people have been exceedingly thoughtful of us during the holidays. My stewards are earnest men, and are planning for the success of the work more wisely than ever before.—G. B. Webster.

J. W. Jenkins, Superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage, at Raleigh, preached in the Methodist Church here Sunday. Rev. Mr. Jenkins is doing a good work for the Orphanage, and his visits here are always well pleasing to Weldon people. His sermons Sunday were excellent, and no one could have heard them without feeling that they had been benefited thereby.—Weldon News.

We are glad to say that a large number took advantage of our Christmas Gift Offer. A large number of beautifully engraved cards went out from this office a few days before Christmas, apprising certain ones that the "Old Raleigh" had been sent to them for one year by certain ones (names given). No more helpful, appropriate gift has been rendered by any one.

An interesting feature of the quarterly meeting at Lumberton Methodist Church last Monday was the discussion of the proposition to reduce Lumberton to a station and place another preacher as supply for the country churches. The question was submitted to the representatives from the country churches for them to decide for both sides, and after some discussion, which was of the most kindly nature, they decided not to make any change for the present. The people have already such appreciation of Rev. Z. Paris, the new preacher, that they do not want to consider any proposition that means for them to be deprived of his services among them. Our people are delighted with Presiding Elder Cole.—Lumberton Argus.

This morning at 8.30 o'clock, at the District parsonage on West Main Street, Rev. G. T. Adams, of New Bern, and Miss Mary Gibbs, daughter of Rev. J. T. Gibbs, of this city, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Gibbs, father of the bride, assisted by Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates, and took place in the parlor of the parsonage. Mr. C. B. Adams, brother of the groom, was best man, while Miss Eunice Gibbs, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Miss Stella McCall presided at the piano and rendered several very appropriate selections. Mrs. J. E. Lea, of Atlanta, then sang a solo, which was followed by Miss McCall, who played the wedding march in a very impressive manner. The newly married couple left on the 10.25 S. A. L. train for Washington, and other prominent places, where they will spend some time before going to their home at New Bern. The groom is a young minister, who holds a charge at New Bern, and is greatly beloved by all who know him, while the bride is the daughter of Rev. Dr. J. T. Gibbs, Presiding Elder of the Durham District. She is a very charming young lady, and holds the confidence and esteem of all whom she comes in contact with.—Durham Sun.

General Notes.

The Salvation Army made preparations to feed 250,000 poor people in the United States on Christmas day.

On Sunday night a disastrous fire occurred in the North Carolina Texas Female College at Sherman, and the "Annie Nugent Hall," and the building known as "The Brick" are in ruins.

It is estimated that the Methodist Church property of the world amounts to $300,000,000. The followers of John Wesley now number over 28,000,000 ,of whom over 22,000,000 are in America.

Nashville, Tenn., is certainly a city of Southern Methodist preachers. In all, there are seventy-seven now living there, according to recent register published in the Midland Methodist.—Exchange.

There are twelve different Protestant denominations operating in Cuba, among which the Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian churches are leaders. The membership of all the churches is now reported to be 2,500.

Rev. Geo. D. Snyder, of Hagerstown, Md., financial agent of Catawba College, recently turned over to the Rev. J. L. Murphy, chairman of the board of trustees, $15,000,000 secured for the endowment of a chair of theology.

Rev. C. C. Thompson received a letter from Rev. J. Robt. Moose stating that Mrs. R. A. Hardie, wife of Dr. Hardie, one of the missionaries of the Methodist Church in Korea, was on her way to Lenoir to enter her daughters in Davenport College.—N. C. Christian Advocate.

The mayor and city attorney of Augusta, Ga., have been asked by the city council to decide whether raffling at a church fair is a violation of the State statutes against gambling. Raffling is a bad business, whether carried on by the church or State. It is nothing but the alphabet of gambling. We are surprised that we have in any of our churches people who conduct it in any form.

Rev. R. M. Hoyle, Presiding Elder of the Waynesville District, has resigned his charge on account of the health of himself and wife. Mr. Hoyle was formerly pastor of Forest Hill Methodist Church. Rev. C. F. Sherrill, pastor of the Shelby Church, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Hoyle, and Mr. Hoyle will be pastor of the Shelby Church.—Shelby Aurora.

The Progressive Farmer has been sold to a new company just organized, of which Mr. C. H. Poe is the largest stockholder. The Farmer will be enlarged and otherwise improved. Mr. Poe is editor and manager. Profs. B. W. Kilgore and C. W. Burkett are the agricultural editors. The Farmer, under the new regime, will be a great paper.

The Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate announces that the stock of Rev. Herbert M. Hope has been sold to Rev. James Cannon, of Blackstone, and J. Sidney Peters, of Hampton. By this purchase these gentlemen gain control of the paper and will assume management at once. Mr. Hope will retire, but Rev. Dr. Lafferty will remain as one of the editorial writers. The Methodist Recorder, which has been published at Blackstone by Mr. Cannon, will be combined with the Advocate. Mr. Hope is a trained newspaper man, and he did fine work for the Advocate. Mr. Cannon has also had valuable experience as editor, and he and Dr. Lafferty and Mr. Peters will doubtless keep the Advocate up to its former standard of excellence.—Richmond Dispatch.

The Southern Methodist Book Depository of Staunton, Va., advertises in this issue. The Depository was endorsed by the North Carolina Conference at its late session at Goldsboro, and is in every way worthy of the patronage of our people. We trust that our readers will look up the ad and remember the Depository when they want books.

Epworth League.

Topic for January 3, 1904.

The Lordship of Christ.

(Ps. ii. 6-12.)

Reference word, Lord. (Luke vi. 46; Acts x. 36; Rom. xiv. 9.)

The second Psalm doubtless was composed by David after he had taken Jerusalem from the Jebusites and made it the capital of his kingdom; whereupon the people of Syria, Phoenicia, and other countries, joining with the Philistines, sought to destroy David. The kings "took counsel together," and heathen peoples "raged" against David as the Lord's "anointed" and the representative of the worship of Jehovah. War was to be waged not only between opposing kings but also between opposing religions, between God and Baal. Trusting in the Lord, David overthrew all his enemies. (2 Sam. v. 7-9, 17, 19.)

The Psalm, however, has a higher meaning than as a song of triumph for victory in battle. David was a type of the Messiah, and he here prophetically sets forth the conflict between good and evil, right and wrong, Christ and Belial, and the final complete triumph of Christ.

A CONSPIRACY OF EVIL.

The rage of the heathen and the confederation of kings against David typify the enmity of wicked angels and men against Christ and his Church. Satan and his hosts, evil men, heathenism, our own sinful hearts and ways, are always in battle array against Christ and Christianity. The National Association of Liquor Dealers meets annually to devise shrewd and aggressive plans against the temperance movement. Gamblers and saloon keepers would destroy the Bible and turn churches into whisky shops if they dared. The conflict is fierce, but the result is sure, if all Christians are faithful: for our King shall finally destroy all who oppose his universal reign.

ENTHRONEMENT OF THE KING.

"I have set my King upon my holy hill of Zion." The Father issues a royal decree, announcing the enthronement of Christ. He states his purpose to make him King over all.

Nothing can permanently withstand the constantly increasing supremacy of Jesus. The Babylonian, Grecian, and Roman governments were called world empires, but the expression applies only to Christ's kingdom. He is the only King of kings and Lord of lords. How foolish to rebel against his sovereign and overwhelming authority!

THE ROYAL PROCLAMATION.

Christ, being enthroned, issues his inaugural address. He quotes from the imperial rescript of his Father: "I will declare the decree."

1. Authentication of sonship. "Thou art my Son: this day have I begotten thee." (Matt. iii. 17; Luke ix. 35; Heb. i. 2.)

2. Promise of world conquest. "I shall give thee the heathen . . . and the uttermost parts of the earth."

3. Destruction of all enemies. "Thou shalt break them, . . . dash them in pieces." Words cannot be stronger. God intends to make His Son king over all. Omnipotence is back of Christ. This decree invests him with universal supremacy which none can withstand. To oppose him is like an infant in the path of a locomotive, like a scientific observer pushing back an eruption of Vesuvius, like a sailor trying to hold the ocean in a storm. The destruction of those who resist the lordship of Christ shall be certain, complete, irreparable, as a potter's vessel dashed in pieces by an iron rod in Samsonian hands. (Luke xx. 18.)

ALLEGIANCE TO THE KING.

In view of Christ's lordship, and the unreasonableness, futility, and ruin of opposition, we are exhorted to make a loyal and loving surrender to his claims upon us.

1. This is the part of wisdom. "Be wise, . . . be instructed." Irreligion is folly. "The fool hath said . . . no God." (Ps. liii. 1.) It is no excuse to say that we did not know our duty to Christ as King. The Bible will make us "wise unto salvation," if we will only open our eyes to read. (2 Tim. iii. 15.)

2. Knowing duty, we should do it. "Serve the Lord." Knowledge leads to service. The sin of most is that, although they know God's will, they do it not, and shall receive sorer punishment, like the servant beaten with many stripes. (Luke xii. 47.)

3. Love should be the motive. "Kiss the Son." To kiss the Son means to render him loving homage, adoring allegiance. No earthly attachment should take the place of Christ in our hearts. We should lavish on him an inexhaustible wealth of affection. The grand passion of our hearts should be for Jesus, Lover of our souls.

"Thy only love do I require,
Nothing in earth beneath desire,
Nothing in heaven above;
Let earth, and heaven, and all things go,
Give me thy only love to know,
Give me thy only love."

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"The great cause of social crime is drink. The great cause of poverty is drink. When I hear of a family broken up, I ask the cause—drink. If I go to the gallows, I ask its victim the cause, the answer—drink. Then I ask myself in perfect wonderment, why do not men put an end to this thing?"—Archbishop Ireland.

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Lesson for January 10, 1904.

The Preaching of John the Baptist.

Matthew 3:1-12.

Golden Text. Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matt. 3:2.

This lesson brings us face to face with the man who by a rhetorical figure peculiarly appropriate to an Oriental land was known as the forerunner of Jesus. In Eastern lands, where the streets are narrow and tortuous, it is imperative for some one to run in advance of the governor or other high official who desires to make rapid progress in his carriage through the city. So it was needful that some one should precede the Messiah, preparing the hearts of the people for his reception.

The Elements of John's Preaching.—First and foremost in John's preaching was the call to repentance. Wherever there is sin, there is always need for repentance, and John the Baptist found sin abounding in all classes and grades of society in his day, as he would also find, if he were to return to the world today.

In immediate connection with the call to repentance John preached the immanence of the kingdom of heaven. This he urged as a pressing reason for repentance; for into that kingdom there is no admission except for those who have truly repented of their sins.

The kingdom of heaven as preached by John signified the Messianic kingdom introduced by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It was the kingdom which Jesus came to establish and of which he is the divine head.

John's preaching contained a note of warning, which made itself especially heard when the Pharisees and Sadducees came to hear him speak. Hypocrisy was utterly abhorrent to him and he did not fear to rebuke those in high places for their pride and self-righteousness.

John's preaching was wholesome and convincing. Multitudes were converted by his instrumentality, and yet he remained ever humble in spirit, declaring that he was not even worthy to bear the shoes of the Messiah who should follow him.

The Kind of Preaching Needed Today.—The question is often asked, what kind of preaching is needed today. By studying the preaching of John the Baptist we may find the answer to this question. We need the same kind of preaching now, as was exemplified in this servant of God, who will be ever remembered as a great preacher of righteousness.

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"Well," said the farmer, "I will give you a sheep in the fall if you will do without rum."

"Agreed."

"Father, will you give me a sheep, too, if I do without rum?" then asked the elder son.

"Yes, you shall have a sheep if you do without."

The youngest son then said: "Father, will you give me a sheep if I will do without?"

"Yes, Chandler, you shall have a sheep also."

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A. M.	P. M.	Lv. Raleigh Ar.	A. M.	P. M.
7 00	4 15	..... Raleigh	9 30	5 30
7 15	4 26	..... †Capital Mills ...	9 20	5 15
7 25	4 40	..... *Sykes	9 15	5 07
7 35	4 40	F. ..... † Barnes	9 05	5 00
7 40	4 45	F. ..... Hobby	9 00	4 55
7 55	4 50	M. ..... Mac Ulleys	8 55	4 50
8 00	4 55	F. ..... Bucks	8 45	4 30
8 05	4 57	..... Austins	8 40	4 26
8 25	5 05	M. ..... † Willow Springs ...	8 35	4 20
8 30	5 15	M. ..... † JOHNSONS MILL	8 30	4 02
8 50	5 30	F. ..... † Carters	8 21	3 57
9 03	5 25	S. ..... C. F. & N. Junction	8 17	3 54
9 15	5 30	S. ..... † Hinsdale Springs	8 15	3 50
9 20	5 35	F. ..... Buckhorn	8 05	3 35
9 25	5 40	F. ..... Rands	8 00	3 25
9 40	5 50	S. ..... † Coal Bluffs	7 55	3 16
9 50	5 55	S. ..... Bradley	7 45	3 00
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Secular News.

STATE.

When the Senate convenes Monday, the President will send in the nomination of Mrs. Russell, wife of ex-Governor Daniel L. Russell, as postmaster at Wilmington, to succeed Miss Darby, whose term of office has expired.

It is understood that the penitentiary will furnish perhaps one hundred convicts to Guilford County for the construction of public roads. Later on Durham County will take another gang of State convicts for the same purpose.

Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner gives out the following interesting figures: The total number of counties benefited by the loan fund for the building and improvement of school houses, 60. Total amount lent those counties, $80,000. Total value of the property secured to the State by the loan fund, $190,000.

New Bern Journal: The vagrant hunt is progressing finely. One or more of the leisure ones are forced to do the quick step to the station house every day. Many of the familiar figures that have been seen heretofore hanging out at the saloon doors are now seen there no more. It is said that they are in hiding waiting for the wave of industry to roll by.

Col. Olds: There was only one lynching in North Carolina last year. During the years 1901 and 1902 there were no less than eight lynchings, of which three were for murder, three for rape, one for assault with intent to rape, and one for poisoning. These lynchings occurred in the counties of Martin, Northampton, Wayne, Moore, Anson, Buncombe and Rowan, two being in the latter county.

The Board of Trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College has bought the land on which the agricultural building is to stand, south of the State Fair grounds. The trustees had been given by the Legislature the power to condemn the property.

GENERAL.

Great Britain has formally recognized the republic of Panama.

Admiral Schley, in Cincinnati, received a letter warning him of a supposed plot to kill him.

The situation in the Far East gives great concern; Japan is making preparations for the worst.

Jamestown Exposition managers have secured $760,000 subscriptions of the $1,000,000 stock required.

Cotton reached the highest price in twenty years in the New York and New Orleans exchanges.

Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Argentine warships, and war with Russia seems imminent.

Strong influences were reported to be behind the defense of Senator C. H. Dietrich, charged with bribery in Nebraska.

The supporters of Joseph Chamberlain won the election for the House of Commons in the Ludlow division of Shropshire.

Diplomatic pressure will be brought to bear by several European powers to prevent war between Colombia and the United States.

A dispatch from Tokio to the Daily Mail says that the Japanese government will introduce in the Diet next month a bill creating a tobacco monopoly somewhat similar to the government monopoly in France.

The summing up of the results of the terrible wreck on the B. & O. Railroad shows a total dead list of sixty-four and nine injured.

The reduction in wages at the mills of the Pennsylvania Steel Company at Steelton, Pa., it was stated, would average 20 per cent.

The Democratic National Committee will meet in Washington on January 12, to fix the time and place of holding the National Convention next year.

It is said some of the younger members of the Mormon church are interesting themselves in behalf of the opponents of Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah.

War between Japan and Russia is regarded as almost certain, but no developments are expected until Russia's reply to Japan's request for reconsideration is received.

General Reyes will return to Colombia and assume personal command of the army; he has cabled his government that war on Panama means war with the United States.

The Colombian representatives in Washington have not received a reply from Secretary Hay, but are making all arrangements to close the legation in Washington and return home. Uncle Sam does not expect serious trouble.

At a meeting of the directors of the Seaboard Air Line, J. Skelton Williams resigned the office of President of the company, and Vice-President Barr was elected President and General Manager. Mr. Williams was elected chairman of the board of directors.

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Weldon.

The third Sunday in December was spent in Weldon. We were among our friends. But the rain-compelling clouds were against us. It is proposed that we go in a dry spell the next time, as we seem to carry rain with us. We talked three times to small but appreciative audiences. It was really a treat to lodge where so many weary itinerants have lodged—at Sister Wilkin's boarding-house.

Weldon is a glorious little town. Bro. W. W. Rose is doing a good work there.

Christmas at the Orphanage.

Christmas is growing on us at the Orphanage. The last was a protracted one. Sister Proctor and her helping class opened it Thursday evening with a Christmas tree. There was mutual enjoyment. They were happy in giving and the children were happy in receiving.

Santa Claus came Thursday night and filled thirty-one stockings hung on thirty-one nails in a frame made by the boys for that purpose. Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Josephus Daniels came out with the little boys and played Santa Claus by distributing little sacks of good things to us all in the name of the boys.

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WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Wilson, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Wilson Circuit, Jan 9 10
Wilson Station Jan. 11
Bethel, Hope Chapel, Jan. 16, 17
Nashville Circuit (night) Jan. 17, 18
South Rocky Mount and Martin, Jan. 23, 24
Rocky Mount Station (night), Jan 24, 25
Battleboro Jan 30 31
Washington Station (night) Jan. 31
Aurora Circuit, Feb. 1
Bayboro Circuit, Feb. 7, 8
Matthews Chapel, Feb. 13, 14
Fairfield Station, Feb. 17
Ocracoke and Portsmouth Feb. 20, 21
Swan Quarter Circuit, Feb. 20 21
Belhaven Circuit Feb. 27, 8
Vandemere Station (night), Feb. 28
Farmville Circuit, March 5 6
Greenville (night), Mar h 6

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Waynesville Jan. 9, 10
Whiteville, Whiteville Jan. 10 11
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown, Jan 15
Carver's Creek, Carver's Creek, Jan. 16, 17
Magnolia, Magnolia Jan 29, 24
Kenansville, Jan 25
Gumtown, Gumtown, Jan. 30, 31
Creek, Feb. 7
Burgaw, Maxwell's Feb 13, 14
New Bern, Polkstone, Feb. 15
Richlands, Feb 16
Beaufort, N. C., Feb 17
District Stewards will please meet at Grace Church, Wednesday, December 30 at 11 a. m.
District Missionary Institutes will be held at same place February 9 and 10.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Camden, at Weeksville Jan. 9 10
Moyock at Harris Jan. 16 17
North Gates, at Kittrell's Jan. 23, 24
Gatesville, at Gatesville Jan 30, 31
Edenton at Hall, Feb. 1, 7
Kitty Hawk, Feb 8
Manteo, Feb. 9
Hatteras, Feb. 11
Dare Mission, Feb. 12
Washington, at Belhaven, Feb. 13, 14
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Roper at Roper, Feb 27, 28
Plymouth, Feb 28 29
Currituck, at Asbury, March 5 6
Columbia, March 12 13
The District Stewards of Elizabeth City District will please meet in the Sunday school room of the First Methodist Church, in Elizabeth City, on Wednesday, January 6, at 3 p. m.

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C

FIRST ROUND.

Craven Circuit, Speer's, Jan. 9, 10
Pamlico, Stonewall, Jan. 16, 17
Oriental Circuit, Jan. 17, 18
Jones, Trenton, Jan. 23, 24
Mt. Olive, Falling Creek Jan. 30, 31
Dover, Kinston, Feb. 5
Jefferson, Edwards Feb 6 7
Snow Hill, Snow Hill, Feb 12-14
Hookerton, Hall's Feb. 13 14
La Grange, La Grange, Feb. 20, 21
Pender, Feb. 27, 28
Morehead, Feb 28 29
Carteret, Newport March 5, 6
Atlantic, Atlantic Mar h 11 12
Straits, Sunnieland, Mar h 12, 13

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

West Durham and Cunninggim, at Cunninggim, Jan. 3 at night
Chapel Hill, Jan. 9, 10
Durham, Main Street, Jan. 17, 18
Mt. Tirzah, Brooks's Jan 23, 24
Main Street, Jan. 31 Feb. 1
Roxboro Circuit, at Roxboro Feb. 6, 7
Burlington Circuit, Beth l Feb. 13 14
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at East Burlington, Feb. 14, at night.
Alamance Circuit, Pleasant Haw, Feb 20, 21
District Stewards' meeting at Trinity Church, Durham, Tuesday, December 15, at 11 a. m.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Central, Jan. 3, 4
Louisburg, Jan. 10, 11
Franklinton, Franklinton, Jan. 16, 17
Clayton, Clayton Jan. 23 24
Oxford Circuit, at Shiloh Jan 30, 31
Oxford Station, Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Milbrook, Mill Rock, Feb 6, 7
Brooklyn and Macedonia Feb. 7 8
Youngsville, Youngsville, Feb. 13, 14
Granville Circuit, Feb 20 21
Caney Garner, Feb. 27, 28
Epworth, Feb 28 29
Knightdale, Knightdale's born March 5, 6
Wakefield, Feb 6
Tar River, Kittrell, March 12, 13

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Rich Square, Rich Square, Jan 9, 10
Conway, Bethany, Jan. 6, 17
Murfreesboro, Jan. 17, 18
Harrellsville, Aholeskie, Jan. 21
Bertie, Windsor, Jan. 23, 24
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, Jan. 30, 31
Weldon and Whitaker's Littleboro, Feb. 7, 8
Weldon Roanoke Rapids, Feb. 14, 15
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Secular News.

STATE.

When the Senate convenes Monday, the President will send in the nomination of Mrs. Russell, wife of ex-Governor Daniel L. Russell, as postmaster at Wilmington, to succeed Miss Darby, whose term of office has expired.

It is understood that the penitentiary will furnish perhaps one hundred convicts to Guilford County for the construction of public roads. Later on Durham County will take another gang of State convicts for the same purpose.

Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner gives out the following interesting figures: The total number of counties benefited by the loan fund for the building and improvement of school houses, 60. Total amount lent those counties, $80,000. Total value of the property secured to the State by the loan fund, $190,000.

New Bern Journal: The vagrant hunt is progressing finely. One or more of the leisure ones are forced to do the quick step to the station house every day. Many of the familiar figures that have been seen heretofore hanging out at the saloon doors are now seen there no more. It is said that they are in hiding waiting for the wave of industry to roll by.

Col. Olds: There was only one lynching in North Carolina last year. During the years 1901 and 1902 there were no less than eight lynchings, of which three were for murder, three for rape, one for assault with intent to rape, and one for poisoning. These lynchings occurred in the counties of Martin, Northampton, Wayne, Moore, Anson, Buncombe and Rowan, two being in the latter county.

The Board of Trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College has bought the land on which the agricultural building is to stand, south of the State Fair grounds. The trustees had been given by the Legislature the power to condemn the property.

GENERAL.

Great Britain has formally recognized the republic of Panama.

Admiral Schley, in Cincinnati, received a letter warning him of a supposed plot to kill him.

The situation in the Far East gives great concern: Japan is making preparations for the worst.

Jamestown Exposition managers have secured $760,000 subscriptions of the $1,000,000 stock required.

Cotton reached the highest price in twenty years in the New York and New Orleans exchanges.

Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Argentine warships, and war with Russia seems imminent.

Strong influences were reported to be behind the defense of Senator C. H. Dietrich, charged with bribery in Nebraska.

The supporters of Joseph Chamberlain won the election for the House of Commons in the Ludlow division of Shropshire.

Diplomatic pressure will be brought to bear by several European powers to prevent war between Colombia and the United States.

A dispatch from Tokio to the Daily Mail says that the Japanese government will introduce in the Diet next month a bill creating a tobacco monopoly somewhat similar to the government monopoly in France.

The summing up of the results of the terrible wreck on the B. & O. Railroad shows a total dead list of sixty-four and nine injured.

The reduction in wages at the mills of the Pennsylvania Steel Company at Steelton, Pa., it was stated, would average 20 per cent.

The Democratic National Committee will meet in Washington on January 12, to fix the time and place of holding the National Convention next year.

It is said some of the younger members of the Mormon church are interesting themselves in behalf of the opponents of Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah.

War between Japan and Russia is regarded as almost certain, but no developments are expected until Russia's reply to Japan's request for reconsideration is received.

General Reyes will return to Colombia and assume personal command of the army; he has cabled his government that war on Panama means war with the United States.

The Colombian representatives in Washington have not received a reply from Secretary Hay, but are making all arrangements to close the legation in Washington and return home. Uncle Sam does not expect serious trouble.

At a meeting of the directors of the Seaboard Air Line, J. Skelton Williams resigned the office of President of the company, and Vice-President Barr was elected President and General Manager. Mr. Williams was elected chairman of the board of directors.

The tallest building on earth is to be erected in lower Broadway, if the present plans are carried out. With five stories below the street level, forty stories high from the entrance to the top floor, and surmounted by a sixty-foot tower, the gigantic new building will have a total height of 615 feet.

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Weldon.

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Christmas at the Orphanage.

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Montgomery Circuit, at Shiloh, Jan. 23, 24
Mt. Shiloh Circuit, at Mt. Gilead, Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Perkin Circuit, at Sardis, Feb. 2

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Wilson, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Wilson Circuit, Jan 9 10
Wilson Station Jan. 11
Bethel Hope Circuit, Jan. 16, 17
Nashville Circuit (night) Jan. 17, 18
South Rocky Mount and Marvin, Jan 23, 24
Rocky Mount Station (night), Jan 24, 25
Bath Circuit Jan 30, 31
Washington Station (night) Jan. 31
Aurora Circuit, Feb. 1
Belhaven Circuit, Feb. 7, 8
Matthews Lake Circuit, Feb. 13, 14
Fairfield Station, Feb. 17
Ocracoke and Portsmouth Feb. 20, 21
Swan Quarter Circuit, Feb. 20 21
Bethel Circuit Feb. 27, 8
Vanceboro Station (night), Feb 28
Farmville Circuit, March 5 6
Greenville (night), Mar h 6

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Waccamaw Lumberton, Jan 9, 10
Whiteville, Whiteville Jan. 10 11
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown, Jan. 15
Carver's Creek, Carver's Creek, Jan. 16, 17
Fayetteville, Main St Jan 23, 24
Kenansville, Jan. 25
Clinton Clinton, Jan. 30, 31
Grace, Feb. 7
Gunnow, Magnolia Feb 13, 14
New Bethel, Folkstone, Feb. 15
Richlands, etc 16
Pender Hill S. C., Feb. 17
District Stewards will please meet at Grace Church, Wednesday, December 30 at 1 p. m.
District Missionary Institutes will be held at same place February 9 and 10.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N C

FIRST ROUND.

Camden, Pt Meeting Jan. 9 10
Moyock at Baxters Jan. 16 17
North Gates Knotts Island, Jan. 23, 24
Gatesville, Gatesville Jan 30, 31
Edenton at Bethel, Feb. 1, 7
Kitty Hawk, Feb 8
Manteo Feb. 6
Nags Head, Feb. 11
Dare Mission, Manteo, Feb. 13, 14
Pasquotank Belhaven at Pantego, Feb, 20, 21
Roper at Roper, Feb. 27, 28
Plymouth, Feb 28 29
Creswell at Asbury, March 5 6
Columbia, March 12 13
The District Stewards of Elizabeth City District will please meet in Conference at the First Methodist Church, in Elizabeth City, on Wednesday, January 6, at 3 p. m.

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E. Goldsboro, N. C

FIRST ROUND.

Craven Circuit, Epworth, Jan. 9, 10
Pamlico, Stonewall, Jan. 16, 17
Oriental Circuit Jan. 17, 18
Pones, Trenton, Jan. 23, 24
Mt. Olive Falling Creek Jan. 30, 31
Dover, Kinston, Feb. 5
Jefferson Edwards Feb 6 7
Snow Hill Snow Hill, Feb 12-14
Hookerton, Hookerton Feb. 13 14
La Grange Institute, Feb. 20, 21
Beaufort, Feb 27, 28
Maryhead, Feb 28 29
Carteret, Newport March 5, 6
Atlantic, Atlantic Mar h 12
Straits, Summerfield, Mar h 12, 13

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

West Durham and Cunninggim, at Cunninggim, Jan. 8 at night
Chapel Hill, Jan. 10, 11
Durham, Main Street, Jan. 17, 18
Mt. Tirzah, Brooks ale Jan 23, 24
Main street, Jan. 31 Feb. 1
Roxboro Circuit, at Roxboro Feb 6, 7
Rushing on Circuit, Beth l Feb. 13 14
East Carrington, Grassam and Haw River, at East Carrington, Feb 14, at night.
Alamance Circuit, Saxapahaw, Feb 20, 21
District Stewards meeting at Trinity Church, Durham, Tuesday, December 15, at 11 a. m.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Central, Jan. 3, 4
Louisburg, Jan. 10, 11
Franklinton, Franklinton, Jan. 16, 17
Clayton Clayton Jan. 23 24
Oxford Circuit, at Shiloh Jan 30, 31
Oxford Station, Jan 31, Feb 1
Milbrook, Mill ro k, Feb 6, 7
Brooklyn and Macedonia Feb. 7 8
Youngsville, Youngsville, Feb. 13, 14
Granville Station, Feb 15, 21
Caney Garner, Feb. 27, 28
Epworth, Feb 28 29
Knightdale Knightdale, March 5, 6
Wakefield, March 6
Tar River, Kittrell, March 12, 13

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Rich Square, Rich Square, Jan 9, 10
Conway, Bethany, Jan. 6, 17
Murfreesboro, Jan. 17, 18
Harrellsville, Askewville, Jan. 21
Bertie, Windsor, Jan. 23, 24
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, Jan. 30, 31
Pactolus and Whitaker's Bridgeboro, Feb. 7, 8
Weldon Roanoke Rapids, Feb. 14, 15
Roanoke Circuit, Feb. 17
Hobgood Hobgood, Feb. 20, 21
Scotland Neck, Feb. 21, 22
Garysburg, Garysburg Feb. 27, 28
Henrietta, March 5, 7
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 19, 20

Marriages.

BELANGIA—BRIGGS.—In Oak Grove Church, December 16, 1903, Mr. L. D. Belangia to Miss Estelle Briggs, J. H. M. Giles officiating.

HARDISON—JONES.—By Rev. E. Pope, November 25th, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. W. Hardison and Miss Lillie Jones. All of Green County.

QUIM—SUTTON.—On December 23, 1903, by Rev. H. B. Anderson, at the residence of Mr. Jas. E. May, the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. Ashan Quim and Miss Sadie Sutton.

ELEY—MUIR.—In the Methodist Church, Belhaven, N. C., at 9 o'clock p. m., on the 23rd of December, 1903, Mr. Stephen L. Eley to Miss Beulah Muir. H. M. Jackson officiating.

DORSETT — JOHNSON. — By Rev. F. A. Bishop, December 25, 1903, at residence of R. L. Heflin, father of the bride, W. R. Dorsett to Mrs. Kate Johnson, all of Raleigh, N. C.

BARROW—CREDLE.— At 9.30 o'clock p. m., December 23, 1903, Mr. David Barrow to Miss Annie J. Credle, in the Methodist Church, Belhaven, N. C. H. M. Jackson officiating.

LOVEL—MAY. — In Tabernacle M. E. Church, South, Speight's Bridge, N. C., November 24, Mr. Edwin L. Lovel, Jr., of Savannah, Ga., and Miss Pattie May, Rev. E. Pope officiating.

WOODBURN—ELLIS.—On December 20, 1903, at the residence of the bride's father, near Yorick, Mr. J. T. Woodburn and Miss Mattie Ellis, all of Bladen County. A. J. Groves officiating.

HARDEE—PATRICK.—By Rev. E. Pope, December 16, 1903, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. D. W. Patrick, Snow Hill, N. C., Mr. J. W. Hardee and Miss Lillie Patrick. All of Green County.

MANN—STROUD.—Mr. Joseph W. Mann and Miss Annie O. Stroud, both of Chatham County, N. C., were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, Thursday, December 24, 1903, Rev. R. W. Bailey officiating.

ADAMS—PATE.—At the home of the bride's father, W. F. Adams, Purvis, N. C., Miss Lizzie Adams to Mr. John T. Pate, of Buie, N. C., on Thanksgiving Day (November 26, 1903), her pastor, Rev. J. W. Bradley, officiating.

Obituaries.

Obituaries containng not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

JOHNSON.—The subject of this sketch, William Burgess Johnson, son of Geo. W., and Alice A. Johnson, was born near Margarettsville, N. C., March 10, 1884, and died September 16, 1903, and was, therefore, 19 years, 6 months, and 6 days of age. He joined the Methodist Church, at Sharon, under the ministry of Rev. Phillip Greening, in August, 1896, and remained faithful to the end.

Willie, as he was familiarly called, was a noble young man. His devotion to his parents, and all the loved ones at home, was beautiful. His father and mother had hoped for him a devoted service in the church they loved so well, and he was just beginning to encourage them that they had not hoped in vain; but the work so well begun must cease ere they could realize that God wanted him in heaven. Only a few years ago a sister and a brother, both nearly grown, were taken from this home within a few days of each other. It was hard for the parents to give them up; they could not understand then; they cannot understand now, but they are satisfied that they "shall know hereafter." That they may all meet as a united family in the great family above, is the prayer of the pastor.

W. C. MERRITT.

HINSLEY.—Joseph Alfred Hinsley, little son of C. F. and Cara A. Hinsley, was born April 19, 1898, and died, after a short illness of two days, December 11, 1903, aged 5 years, 7 months and 22 days.

He was a bright, obedient and an affectionate child. Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." We sorrow not as those that have no hope, but know in heaven we will soon meet little Joseph in our Father's house, for Jesus says, "I go to prepare a place for you." Let me say to the bereaved ones, grieve not, but lean on the everlasting arms of Jesus and quietly listen while He speaks words of comfort and cheer to your troubled hearts.

"Oh! there at last, life's trials past,
We'll meet our loved ones more,
Whose feet have trod the path of God—
Not lost but gone before."

B. COLE.

BALDWIN.—Lucian Fisk Baldwin was born in Chatham County, N. C., January 22, 1840, and died September 19, 1903. He was converted in his boyhood and joined Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, where he remained a devoted member until his death. He was prepared for college under the instruction of William Bingham and afterwards attended the State University. He was a member of Company D, Orange Light Infantry, First Regiment N. C. Volunteers, and was in the first regular engagement of the war between the States, known as Big Bethel, near Yorktown, Va., June 10, 1861. For a number of years he held the position of public administrator of Chatham County, having resigned the same when his health began to fail. He was married to Miss Julia F. Bynum, September 2, 1863. Six children, three sons and three daughters, with their mother, survive him.

He possessed a naturally bright mind, and was fond of reading. Scott being one of his favorite authors. A superb type of common sense blended with sparkling wit and humor and with a generous and kind spirit. Ever scorning the mean and ignoble, his life was an exponent of frank, liberal and honest principles. The name of "Doc" Baldwin will thus be ever associated with the patriotic citizen, the humble Christian, the true friend and neighbor, and the affectionate husband and father.

As in the years of manly vigor he had bravely fought life's battles, so in the closing period of physical infirmity his Christian courage was shown in the grace of enduring affliction; and his faith, in patiently waiting for the crowning day. He said that all was well with him, and prayed: "Not my will but Thine be done." He talked much of those things that are above, as the scenes of earth receded and as the scenes of heaven opened and brightened before his vision. He talked of soon seeing his departed loved ones, and of meeting bye and bye those left behind. During the closing hours he called by name his sainted and departed father, and also one of his little children who had preceded him to heaven; and spoke of each of the living children, adding that he wanted them to be good. Like a veteran soldier, he said the separation was not to be long, and that the family reunion in heaven would be so sweet. To his devoted companion he said: "I can't come to you but you can come to me." Having thus bidden farewell to his loved ones on the shore of time, he steered out upon the open sea where he "crossed the bar," and joyfully "met his Pilot face to face."

In the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends, his body was peacefully laid to rest in the cemetery of Mount Pleasant Church to await the resurrection morn. Hail, noble brother and friend. We expect to greet thee amid yon hills of glorious light!

S. B. TURRENTINE.

POWELL.—Caroline G. Powell, widow of the late John B. Powell, of Warren County, N. C., was born April 8, 1827, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jere Draper, in Warrenton, N. C., November 12, 1903, aged 76 years, 7 months, and 4 days.

She professed faith in Christ in the morning of life and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in which church she was a faithful member for more than fifty years. In December, 1846, she was happily married to John B. Powell, and this union was blessed with 9 children, one of whom with the husband and father passed to their reward a few years ago. Sister Powell was a kind and considerate companion, a devoted and tender mother, a true and hepful friend and a faithful Christian.

This is a brief outline of her long and beautiful life, which closed in peace. She was faithful unto death, and the promised crown is hers. Her last years were spent under the hand of affliction, which she bore with patience and resignation. She possessed a well balanced mind; her individuality was expressed in ways peculiar to herself. Her life was one of beautiful service. She was not willing to enjoy alone the blessings with which God had blessed her. She helped others by sharing with them those things with which God had blessed her, by words fitly spoken, by deeds of love and mercy when she saw a soul in need, and by a womanly tenderness in the presence of a heart that was sick and sore.

Sister Powell was unassuming and retiring in disposition, it is yet, however, of her kind that the rank and file of the Lord's hosts are made up.

Be it enough that her name is written in the book of life and not heralded far and wide on earth. They are silent influences that are so potential in making the best life of our country and church. The tender mother with this purity of the snowflake and righteousness of heart toward God never really dies in influence in this world. The children's heritage is rich. She was carried to her last resting place in a quiet country graveyard followed by a long train of sorrowing relatives and friends where the funeral services were conducted by the writer, after which she was quietly laid away in the silent grave to rest until God shall call her hence. May the benedictions of heaven rest upon the sorrowing ones.

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Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, God in His unerring providence, has severed from our midst, by death, our dear sister, Maggie Cahoon, and feeling sensibly her loss as a member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; therefore, be it

Resolved 1. That in the death of Maggie we realize that our Society has lost a faithful member and constant attendant.

2. That we deeply deplore our loss because she was ever ready and willing to extend efficient aid to promote the interest of the Society.

3. That while our hearts are wrung with anguish because of the void which her vacant chair leaves in our circle, yet, we rejoice that she occupies a glorious seat in the Celestial City, where she rests from her labors.

4. That this beautiful light, which only set to rise upon a fairer, left behind it a glow which will continue to shine in the heart of our Union forever.

5. That the "vanished hand" and "still voice" will beckon and call us to a more valiant fight and a closer walk with God.

6. That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well. And while we indulge our sorrow and labor under a burden of loss, we can still look beyond the veil and realize afresh our assurance in the realities of heaven.

7. That the portal to the Celestial City is very near, and the entering in is only a step and the possessions abundant.

And while her life was not without its beauties, having accepted the atonement at an early age, she sought a home in the church and walked consistently therein until death.

8. That we extend to the heart-broken family our sincere sympathy in this sad bereavement, and commend to him who has said, "My grace shall be sufficient for you."

9. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased sister, and one to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

MRS. IANTHA BURRUS,
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The Southern Railway announces effective November 29th, the present Greensboro and Goldsboro sleeping car line will be shortened and made a Raleigh and Greensboro line; these cars will be handled as at present, on trains Nos. 111 and 112.

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TRAINS LEAVE RALEIGH, N. C.

12:50 a. m. No. 111 daily for Greensboro and local points. Carries Pullman sleeper Raleigh to Greensboro, open for occupancy at 9 p. m., connecting at Greensboro with train No. 36, "Florida Express," for Charlotte, Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville, No. 38, "Washington and Southwestern Limited," solid Pullman train, drawing-room sleepers, New York to New Orleans and Memphis; connection is also made for Winston-Salem, Wilkesboro, Danville and local Goldsboro and local stations; connecting at Goldsboro with Atlantic Coast Line for stations, 6.30 a. m., No. 112, daily for Wilmington, N. C., Wilson, N. C., Tarboro, N. C., Norfolk, Va., and intermediate stations; also, at Goldsboro with Atlantic and North Carolina Railway for Kinston, N. C., New Bern, N. C., and intermediate stations.

8:40 a. m. No. 107, daily for Greensboro and local stations; connects at Durham for Oxford, Henderson, Keyesville and Richmond. At University Station for Chapel Hill, daily except Sunday. At Greensboro with train No. 36, "U. S. Fast Mail," for Washington and all points North; Pullman drawing-room sleepers to New York and Richmond. Close connection for Winston-Salem, Mocksville, and local stations, with train No. 7 for High Point, Salisbury, Charlotte and local stations.

10:20 a. m. No. 126, daily for Goldsboro and all local points; connects at Selma for Wilson, Rocky Mount and all Eastern North Carolina points. At Goldsboro for Wilmington, Kinston, New Bern, N. C., and Norfolk, Va., where close connection is made with Chesapeake Line for Baltimore and all other outgoing steamers.

3:25 p. m. No. 135, daily for Greensboro and intermediate stations; connects at Durham for Oxford, Clarksville, Keyesville, daily except Sunday. At University Station for Chapel Hill, daily except Sunday. At Greensboro with train No. 29 for Columbia, Augusta, Savannah, Charleston. Pullman sleeper and first-class coaches Washington to Jacksonville, Fla. No. 35, "U. S. Fast Mail," for Atlanta and all points South and Southwest. Pullman drawing-room sleepers to Birmingham and New Orleans; day coaches Washington to New Orleans, also with north-bound trains Nos. 34 and 38 for Washington, and all points North. Pullman drawing-room sleepers and observation car to New York; connection is also made at Greensboro for Winston-Salem and at Salisbury for Memphis.

4:50 p. m. No. 136, daily for Goldsboro and local stations.

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General Manager.
W. A. TURK,
Pass. Traf. Manager.
S. H. HARDWICK,
G. P. A., Washington, D. C.
R. L. VERNON,
T. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.
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A Notice to the Brethren.

Lenoir, N. C., Dec. 21, 1903.
Dear Brother Ivey:

I had the pleasure of being with and assisting Brothers Snipes and Bradshaw last year in their protracted meetings and enjoyed it very much. I shall be glad to assist any brother in the North Carolina Conference during the year, receiving as compensation, a voluntary contribution by the people attending. May this year of toil among you witness marvelous displays of God's saving and sanctifying power!

Yours in His service,
D. H. COMANN.

The Mid-Year Meeting of the Board of Missions is to be held in Rocky Mount, January 26-28.

The meeting will begin on Tuesday afternoon and close Thursday morning. It is earnestly hoped to have a full attendance of Presiding Elders, District Secretaries, members of the Board, and others specially interested in our missionary work.

R. F. BUMPAS,
President.

A Golden Wedding.

It is nothing but natural that we should feel a deep interest in Dr. and Mrs. S. Lander, our dearly beloved teachers of the long ago. But we feel sure that there are many in North Carolina who will read with deep interest the following account of the golden wedding of this couple taken from the Southern Christian Advocate:

"The Williamston News of last week contained an account of the Golden Wedding of Dr. and Mrs. Lander, celebrated at their home in Williamston, December 21, 1903. The following, written by Mr. R. Brooks Goodgion will be of interest to the many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Lander: 'Many guests were present and the hum of social intercourse, interspersed with wit and humor, could be heard on every hand, as youth and old age conspired in celebrating this happy event. The decorations in the reception and refreshment rooms were simple but very pretty and appropriate to the occasion. In the parlor radiating from the center of the ceiling to each corner of the room there were graceful festoons in white, spangled with golden stars, designed by the bride's own hands. Curtains of the same design draped the windows, and banked at the top of each was a mass of green, with a sheaf of golden grain to brighten its beauty. Over the mantle were the dates 1853 and 1903 made of gold and encircled with green wreaths. Masses of ferns and pot plants completed the artistic effect in this room where the bride and groom received their friends. The refreshment room was in charge of the Misses Lander of the third generation, becomingly attired in yellow.

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(Signed) JOHNNIE SANDERS.

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THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT.

It is useless to call upon the anonymous Durham correspondent of the Boston Transcript (a correspondent, who, we believe, does not live in Durham) to come out in a brave manly way and give his name to the public. It is useless for the reason that no brave manly man will ever write slanderous things of Methodist preachers. Much less will he write such things anonymously. Much less will he divulge his name after having written. No, it may as well be set down that the slandering correspondent will never respond to an appeal in behalf of open courage and high manliness. He is by all tokens an utter stranger to such feelings.

The Panama Canal question is sure to be a vital question in the rapidly approaching Presidential campaign. One party thinks that it can see in the question the unmistakable dissolution of the other party. Mr. Roosevelt has undoubtedly strengthened himself and his party by his able message of last week to the Congress. This message has been viciously attacked. It has also received the warmest commendation. As for our part we cannot see that the United States could have acted in any other way in its relations to the new republic, Colombia, which had the chance of its life, has lost it. This little country simply played the part of the dog which in crossing a stream with meat in its mouth, lost the meat in grabbing for that which it thought it saw in the water. It is strange that even now there is an effort by some in behalf of the Nicaraguan route. But we have become accustomed to strange things in the political world.

The death last week of Generals A. B. Longstreet and John B. Gordon has revived in the minds of thousands of Southern people the memories of forty years ago. Both men were prominent actors in the great civil struggle of the early sixties. General Longstreet, while one of the ablest soldiers of the South, was unsuccessful in maintaining that popularity with his own people which must always be regarded as one of the richest gifts of any people. General Gordon was a great fighter. As a Christian citizen after the war he embalmed himself in the hearts of his people. There was something pathetic in the last moments of his sojourn on earth. His mind wandered and he imagined that he was again leading his men on the battle-fields of Virginia. When so weak that he could hardly whisper, he said, "I hope General Lee wont surrender. I can cut my way through the force in front." We lay them gently to rest—these old soldiers of the South. They have passed from life's stormy drama into the great stillness. Let them rest there and in the chastened memories of succeeding generations in the land for which they fought.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina Masons convened in its one hundred and sixteenth annual communication in the city of Raleigh on yesterday. There are several facts in connection with this communication which should cause all Masons to feel joyful. (1) The statistics will show that there has been a net gain of 2,000 members during the year. (2) The prospects for the early beginning and speedy completion of the Masonic Temple are very bright. The Temple will cost $125,000, and will be the handsomest building in the State. Its annual income of over $15,000 will be devoted to benevolent objects. We congratulate the Grand Lodge on the success of its plans, its healthy growth, and its general prosperity.

About the funniest thing we have heard about Elijah the Restorer is that while in Texas a few days ago he attended the opening of a new hotel and was shocked into pious fulminations against the lavish silver service on the table and the roasted pig. Yet the feeling of mirth is ever ready to explode into fragments of good honest indignation when we hear this of the man who rides in his own palace car to New York City while his deluded followers doze in cramped seats. It is said that Elijah the Restorer will soon embark for Australia. Let no one say him nay. Let him go, and our earnest hope is that he may conclude to locate his Zion on some far off island of the Pacific where he may spend the rest of his days, if unfortunately, he escape those prison bars in Australia. Let no one here who loves his country place one obstacle in the way of Elijah the Embarker.

The Advocate has had little to say lately about the trouble between Russia and Japan. One of the most unsatisfactory things in newspaperdom is the typical report of the gathering of war clouds in Eastern skies. For instance, what can be gained from such a see-saw as this? It is practically seen every day: "Berlin, Jan. 1.—It is now conceded by the representatives of every Power that war between Japan and Russia is not only a probability but a certainty and a necessity." St. Petersburg, Jan. 1.—"Russia thinks that there are no reasons why the relations between herself and Japan should be considered in the least strained." Paris, Jan. 2.—"Russia is mobilizing her troops preparatory to moving on Port Arthur, and certain diplomatic representatives say that war has actually begun." Tokio, Jan. 3.—"Minister Kemura says that the points of difference between Japan and Russia have been unduly magnified and that the prospects for peace which has never really been endangered are growing brighter daily." Cologne, Jan. 3.—"War, war, war. It has at last come." Washington, Jan. 3.—"A peaceful settlement of the vexed Eastern question is already a fixity. Japan and Russia are really on the best of terms." The foregoing dispatches, while manufactured, really represent what the public is treated to every day. It is no wonder that the head of the public is in a somewhat dazed condition. As we have said, the Advocate has had little to say on the question. We do not know anything to say, only that we will never believe that there is war between Japan and Russia until it is officially declared.

Ruth Cleveland is a household word throughout this Republic. Fifteen years ago when it was announced that a little stranger had visited the White House and that its name was Ruth, the heart gate of sixty million people flew open to make a place for the first child born in the White House. The eyes of a great people followed the course of Ruth as she climbed the daisied slopes of childhood. Not much was said, but much was felt. So when it was announced a few days ago that the white ribbons were fluttering from the door knob of the Cleveland mansion at Princeton to tell the world that the feet of Ruth had grown tired of earthly ramblings and had passed through the gates of Asphodel, a huge wave of sorrow for the dead and sympathy for the living swept the great American heart as a storm-born gust sweeps the June wheat-fields. Only a little girl with her hopes and ambitions and dreams, but she is one of the great unnumbered who will long be remembered.

The one inevitable eternal truth that in shade and shine will knock at the gate of human consciousness is that the sacrifice of life's picket lines is the price of the rearguard's victory. With what ghastly emphasis truth is emphasized in the late Chicago horror! If that foolish woman had not cried fire, if that congested mass of pallid, panting, fighting, dying men and women and children had not piled up against those obdurate doorways—all to make a Dantesque horror to blanch the faces and sicken the heart of the living when the very New Year bells were getting ready to peal—what then? Why, during the succeeding years the columns of newspapers, perhaps, would have contained the details of miniature catastrophes in defective buildings—but all going to make up a horrible total. But death overreached itself in Chicago. A reform looking to the protection of public buildings is sweeping over the land in all the madness of a revolution. It is reaching every hamlet in the land. This reform means the cheating of death in thousands upon thousands of cases. A great victory for human life. But the ghastly tragedy in Chicago was the price of that victory.

The last rural free delivery mail route established in this State went into effect December 16th, and made the total 446.

It turns out that Governor Aycock pardoned only eighty criminals last year; nineteen less than were pardoned by the Governor ten years ago.

Contributions.

MY FATHER.

MRS. E. M. ANDERSON.

Art Thou my Father? Let me rest,
For Thou dost order what is best:
And whatsoe'er is dark or bright,
Thou only doest all things right.

Art Thou my Father? All I need
Is needed for my wandering feet;
O let me not from duty stray;
But guard and guide me every day.

Art Thou my Father? Soul, look up.
And if there comes one bitter cup
In all thy sweet, O it was given
To lead thee on to Christ and heaven!

Thou art my Father! At the last,
When all earth's joy and gloom is past,
Thy voice will call, "No longer roam,
But come, my weary child, come home!"

OUR MID-YEAR MEETING.

As announced in the report of the Board of Missions at our last Conference, the mid-year missionary meeting this year will be held in Rocky Mount, beginning Tuesday, January 26th, at 3 p. m. All the members of the Board, the Presiding Elders and the District Missionary Secretaries are expected to be present and take part in the meeting. Others who would like to attend will be welcome, but entertainment will be provided only for those who notify Rev. W. S. Rone one week beforehand of their intention to attend. Let every one be present at the opening session and remain till the close. The following is the program, in part, that will be followed:

Tuesday Afternoon.—Opening exercises, special prayer being offered for the presence of the Holy Spirit. "The Object of the Meeting," by the President of the Board, Rev. R. F. Bumpas. Appointment of Committee on Resolutions. "What we have accomplished, and what we hope to accomplish," by the Conference Secretary.

Tuesday Evening.—Missionary Sermon, by Rev. J. D. Bundy.

Wednesday Morning.—"The Presiding Elder and Missions," (20 min.), by Rev. J. E. Underwood. "How Collections Were Secured in Full in My District Last Year," by Revs. W. S. Rone and R. B. John. "Why We Failed to Secure Collections in Full Last Year," by other Presiding Elders present. "The Missionary Institute," general discussion.

Wednesday Afternoon.—"Our Domestic Missions," by Rev. A. McCullen. Informal consideration of the following questions: (1) Are we justified in making appropriations "to the man" rather than "to the mission"? (2) Is it wise to make appropriations to charges able, but not liberal enough, to support themselves? (3) How may the Board encourage missions to become self-sustaining? (4) How may the Board prevent the appointment of inefficient men to our mission fields?

Wednesday Evening.—Missionary address.

Thursday Morning.—The District Missionary Secretary: (1) His relation to the Presiding Elder. (2) His relation to the pastors. (3) How may he reach the Sunday-schools? (4) How may he reach the Epworth Leagues? Suggestions as to the work of the Conference Secretary. Report of the Commitee on Resolutions. Adjournment.

R. H. WILLIS,
Conference Secretary of Missions.
Morehead City, N. C., Jan. 5, 1904.

BURDENED WITH RESPONSIBILITY.

Unless a minister have upon him some measure of a burden of responsibility in declaring the gospel he is not likely to make a fruitful impression upon his hearers. Besides, such an one has reason to think that God never called him to preach. No man should enter the ministry without regarding it as being a most serious duty to stand before people in God's name and declare to them truths of the gravest character. Let it be understood by both preacher and people that there is nothing more solemn, more weighty, more awful in its issues, than is the position of one who occupies the office of an ambassador of God in behalf of sinful human beings. Here is what Mr. Baxter of Kidermister, the great preacher, said: "I wonder at myself that I do not tremble as one who looks for the great day when he must give an account unto God. I wonder that I can think of anything else, that I can preach so calmly, that I can let men alone in their sins, that I do not go and beseech them to be reconciled to God. I rarely come out of my pulpit that I do not say, 'How couldst thou speak of life and death with such a heart; how couldst thou preach of heaven and hell in such a careless manner? Art thou in earnest, or art thou jesting? Shouldst thou not weep over such a people?'" This is an example of a minister who was profoundly burdened with the responsibility of his high calling. He kept his eyes on God, as one to whom he owed the utmost fidelity; and he also had his mind upon the perilous condition of the unsaved ones around him, and of the immediate necessity of their being rescued from eternal doom. It is not surprising that he often felt that he was less fervent in his zeal than he ought to be, for he held before him a very high ideal. The most earnest ministers, by the very nature and force of their earnestness, are dissatisfied with their efforts. And what a very great difference there is between such a man as Mr. Baxter and many ministers in these days who tamely deliver sermons which consist in pleasant views of human nature and the final destiny of unsaved people! The latter act as though they believe that God is too tender and patient to ever be angry with sinners. O preacher, why are you occupying the office of God's ambassador? How can you continue unburdened in relation to perishing people?

C. H. WETHERBE.

CHRISTMAS AT RIVERDALE CHURCH, CARTERET CIRCUIT.

The entertainment on Saturday night which was postponed from Christmas night owing to the inclement weather.

The subject of entertainment:

Glad Tidings, recitations by children; "Christmas," by Sadie Wood; "Peace On Earth," by Carrie Hardison; "Christmas Morn," by Julia Hardison. These three girls did very well their part.

The next on the program was recitations by the primary class. I don't remember their subjects, but they did credit to their class.

"Of All Days This is the Shortest," by Miss Maggie Williams, and "Christmas Day," by Miss Mamie Biggs, were well done.

"Billy's Christmas Rose," by Miss Lillie Hasslett, came last—and like the other recitations was very appropriate and impressive. Her recitation would do credit to a much larger occasion than ours at Riverdale.

The decorations were of a unique character, well arranged, showing good taste and much skill on the part of the ladies, who always do things well when not bothered too much by the men.

There were two Christmas trees—one on either side of the altar—laden with beautiful handkerchiefs for the children, with class-pins and the number of the different classes on each pin; also a nice little Christmas card with each. Each tree was called "The Handkerchief Tree." From each tree a beautiful arch was formed, under which the children stood while reciting. The music was rendered by Miss Carrie P. Hardison, of Thurman, N. C. She performed her part exceedingly well. Sister Carrie is a good worker, both in church and Sabbath-school, at Riverdale, and is building for herself "monumentum aere perennium."

A solo, "O Wonderful Babe," by Miss Laura Conner, was splendid. A duet, "Beautiful Songs," by Misses Sadie and Jamie Conner, was fine. The primary class song, "The Sweet Story," was the most impressive and interesting music of the occasion. Santa Claus came in with a bag of fine apples. He was not prepossessing in looks, but he was kind—gave me an extra apple.

Bro. G. L. Hardison is the Superintendent of our Sunday-school. He deserves much praise. He is "Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re."

J. H. M. GILES.

Newport, N. C.

THE YEAR'S RESOLVES.

"I don't know how many times I have smiled at the futility of making good resolutions at the New Year," said a woman, opening a fresh diary, on the clean pages of which she expected to write a record from day to day. "Yet," she added, "I go on doing it just the same."

"And do you not keep them?" said her friend.

"Well, yes, for a little while, but the novelty wears off and I slip back into the old worn grooves. For example, I am very impulsive and impetuous, and am apt to speak hastily and with too much heat and vehemence. I greatly admire poise and serenity and a calm composed demeanor. So, when I say 'A Happy New Year' to my family, I am inwardly determined that I will do my best to make it so. I dislike my tendency to exaggeration and fussing, to pressing my own way on other people. I start in January trying to imitate some very quiet and controlled person, trying to be soft-voiced and lovely, but before February comes, I forget all about it. I am just my old boisterous, clamorous self underneath, and my old, eager impatient self outside."

"I am not sure," said the friend, "that your resolves are in the line the Lord approves of. When He makes a pansy, he does not want it to be a chrysanthemum, and He does not require the eagle to be a dove. Each after its kind is His rule. He gave you the swift, impulsive disposition, the readiness in action, the rush and stir that belong to you, as a personality. Of you, He asks the consecration of what you have, not of what you have not. Isn't there too much imitation on our part of others, and maybe not enough acceptance of ourselves as His workmanship? I do think it right to make good resolutions, but I think the better way is to ask for—

"'The daily strength
To none that ask denied.'

Just to take each moment as it comes, a gift from our dear Lord's hand, and to take each sin and blunder and blemish as they come, and beg His pardon, and then to go on, is the wiser way. If de do resolve, should we not do so with God's help?"

The friend stopped talking. She had been a learner in God's school, taught by the discipline of sorrow. The lady to whom she spoke made a record in her new diary. It was—"F— has been a great help to me. She brought me a message from the King. I shall try, with His blessing, to serve Him well this year, day by day, being myself and not another, and humbly trying to do His will.

"'Content to fill a little place
If he be glorified.'"

PROGRAM OF THE MID-YEAR MEETING.

The program of the mid-year meeting of the Board of Missions to be held in Rocky Mount, January 27-29, outlined in this issue of the Advocate by our efficient Secretary, is tentative and suggestive rather than complete and final.

The subjects presented will be discussed, and others looking to the progress and development of our missionary work and spirit. The discussions will be informal and general, and all attending will be expected to take part.

The meeting is called that we may confer together about our missionary work, and secure the best possible methods for its advancement.

We hope to have some representative of the General Board with us.

Japan, it is declared, is about to send a large military force to Korea, for the purpose of maintaining order at the disturbed port.

LETTER FROM ALABAMA.

E. A. WRIGHT.

To "the land beyond the mountains," as it is styled by the press of this city, on the 18th of December, 1903, I took my departure, destined for Childersburg, a town of that "Land," where is located the parsonage of the circuit called the "Childersburg," and to this point, after a ride by rail of forty miles, I arrived about 6 o'clock p. m., leaving this city at 4 o'clock p. m. Here finding myself "in darkness thick enough almost to be felt," I "hobbled" on my crutches for a distance of over one half a mile to the parsonage, where I found the newly appointed pastor, Rev. James Williams, with his family of six motherless children nicely housed in their new home, to which he and they had come just one week prior to my arrival, and was given by them an "open-handed and warm-hearted welcome." He, Bro. Williams, had not been in his new home long enough to have everything in "ship shape for the entertainment of a visitor, but such as he had on hand in provisions and bedding he with "all hospitality" divided with his weary, crippled brother. Next morning I was met in the town by a good sister who happened to come to town that morning with her little six-year-old boy, and was offered a seat with them in her buggy, of which I accepted, and went with her to her home in "Cahatchie Valley," near Rocky Mount M. E. Church, a church on Childersburg circuit, about eight miles out from Childersburg. This sister was Mrs. George Bice. Here I was met the next morning by Bro. Williams, the pastor at the church, and Bro. Williams preached to the people present his first sermon at this church of the Conference year. He preached in the morning and I preached at night to a small but appreciative congregation. This was owing to the inclemency of the weather and the near approach of Christmas. In this neighborhood I remained visiting among the brethren until the following Wednesday. On that day I was taken by Bro. L. C. Bost in his buggy to Bro. D. S. Bryant's, where I spent the night. Thursday morning I was taken by Bro. Bryant back to Childersburg, and from thence to "Center Hill" to the residence of Bro. JJasper Bush, where I remained until the following Sunday.

On Sunday (the fourth Sunday of December) I preached two sermons, one in the morning and the other at night, at the public school-house, to small but appreciative audiences. In the morning I used the text found in Col. 1-2, and at night from the text found in the first epistle general of John 11: 8. The congregations were highly delighted, and gavve me a hearty invitation to come again and to preach to them—to take a monthly appointment.

I spent Sunday afternoon and Sunday night and Monday and Monday night with Sister Heath, a widow much beloved by all for her devotion to the church and for her long extended custom of giving to all Methodist preachers (when down in these parts) a home beneath her roof. From here I went, on Tuesday, back to Bro. Jasper Bush's, where I stayed until late in the afternoon. And from his place I went to Bro. W. H. H. Rayfield's (almost in sight of Bro. Bush's) where I tarried until Thursday, December 30th. On Wednesday I accompanied Bro. Rayfield to Sylacanga (the marble city), Talladego County, a place I had not visited since 1895, the year I served a M. P. Circuit in this county. Here I met with a number of my former M. P. brethren, who all seemed glad to meet and greet their former pastor. Many and cordial were the invitations I received from them to go home and spend a time with them—offering me a most royal entertainment. On Thursday, Brother Rayfield sent me to Childersburg, where I remained until Friday, January 1, 1904, when I returned to my home in this city. I went from "beyond the mountains," in Jefferson County, down to the famous "Cabatchie mountains" of Talladega County, one of the most fertile counties of Alabama, in search of health, and here I found it under the blessing of God in the pure mountain air and sparkling spring waters of this beautiful land—this land of corn and wine, this land of milk and honey, this land of "hog and hominy," this land of noble men and beautiful women, all of whom extended to me a most cordial welcome and hearty invitation to come again and stay as long as I pleased.

This was a part of the territory over which Rev. John A. May and myself traveled last August in our wonderful revivalistic work, in which we won to Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, ninety-nine souls, and when people came flocking to the churches "like doves to windows."

"Show me," the weary traveler sighed.
"A place where I may rest,
Nor ever wish to journey on,
And leave a spot so blessed."
An aged man at once arose,
And took him by the hand,
And let him on until at last
They came to Dixie's land.
They halted where the roses bloom,
The cotton spreads its snow,
The blighting frost forgot to come,
The winter winds to blow.
The banjo and the mocking-bird,
With music filled the air,
And all the men were brave and true,
And all the maidens fair.

"A paradise!" the traveler cried,
Here let me build my home;
Here let me live and die content,
And never, never roam.
But tell me, pray, what name it bears,
Your garden rich and great?
This, proudly said the aged man,
"Is Alabama State."

And the garden is in Talladege County.

JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

The twelfth session of the Japan Mission Annual Conference was held in Hiroshima, Japan, September 9-14, 1903, and, in the absence of Bishop Charles B. Galloway, Dr. S. H. Wainwright was elected president of the Conference.

This is the first session of the Conference I have missed since I joined it eight and a half years ago, and I am sorry I missed this, as it seems to have been one of the most satisfactory held for years. I am dependent for information on private letters and the printed minutes, but they give a good account of things. Delicate matters were skillfully handled and an aggressive evangelistic campaign was organized. All departments of the work show health and growth. Church members have increased from 866 to 1,000—a net increase of 15.4 per cent; Sunday-school scholars from 2,048 to 2,745; Epworth League members from 89 to 268; Bible classes from 182 to 445. The Sabbath is better observed, the finances show improvement, and the educational work has never been so prosperous.

I have read the printed minutes, which came to hand a short time ago, from beginning to end, and the dominant note in the reports of boards, committees, and individuals is that of hopefulness.

Kwansei Gakuin reported the largest attendance in its history, and half of the proposed endowment of fifty thousand dollars subscribed. The principal of Hiroshima Girls' School says that "the school year ending March, 1903, was one of the most remarkable years this school has ever known." Palmore Institute reports the year as "one of peculiar joy and blessing," and says that "the outlook is glorious from the standpoint of opportunity." The principal of the Bible Women's Training School reports "advance on all lines," and "feels that the turning point has come in the history of this work." And what is perhaps even more important than these things, two of the presiding elders and one pastor tell us that God is calling young men into the ministry, and they are answering the call, and are preparing for this all-important work. An efficient Japanese ministry must antedate a self-sustaining Japanese church. For several years Christian workers have been alarmed at the small number of young men preparing for the ministry, and for two or three years may have been praying over it. Our own mission, the Missionary Association of Southwest Japan, and other organizations, have set apart special days for prayer that God would send forth more laborers into this great harvest field, and have urged unceasing prayer to this end. God is answering these prayers, and men are being raised up to preach the gospel.

Bro. B. W. Waters, presiding elder of the Hiroshima District, says in his report: "Both in school and evangelistic work, I have never known the opportunities to be greater. That 'the field is white unto the harvest' is true in a fuller sense in Japan to-day than I have ever known it before." And the Committee on the State of the Church says: "The ring of victory is in every voice, and all seem full of hops for greater achievements during the coming year. The attitude of the people is rapidly turning toward Christianity, and opposition is weakening. Surely a great opportunity is before us."

The fact is the opportunity is far greater than the ability of the present force of workers. Doors are standing wide open where there is none to enter and take possession. The workers are far too few, and those that are there are sadly handicapped for lack of funds. No one who has not been on the ground and seen with his own eyes can fully realize how true this is. One of the missionaries who is liberal to a fault and has almost taken the bread from his children's mouths in order to maintain the work in his care, writes: "Yet, where there are so many inviting opportunities, often we cannot use them to the greatest advantage for lack of funds. . . . . Often a helpful meeting could be arranged for a weak church, but the expense, though comparatively small, cannot be provided. Preachers could be multiplied by a little more money for itineration."

These are facts for the Church in America to ponder. Never in the history of mission in Japan has the outlook been so encouraging, never have the opportunities been so great. The question is whether we are going to let them slip from us. Let us allow no opportunity to escape us in this great strategic mission field of the world.

Vanderbilt University, December 23, 1903.

SMALL CAUSES OF DEFEAT.

I begin my day's work some mornings perhaps wearied, perhaps annoyed by the multiplicity of trifles which seem too small to bring great principles to bear upon them. But do you not think there would be a strange change wrought in the petty trifles which all our lives, of whatever texture they are, must largely be composed of, if we began each day and task with that old prayer: "Rise Lord, and let thine enemies be scattered!" Do you not think there would come a quiet in our hearts and a victorious peace to which we are too much strangers? If we carried the assurance that there is One who fights for us into the trifles as well as into the sore struggles of our lives, we should have peace and victory. Most of us will not have many large occasions of trial and conflict in our career; and if God's fighting for us is not actual in regard to the small annoyances of home and daily life, I know not for what it is available. There are more deaths in skirmishes than in the pitched field of a great battle. More Christian people lose their hold of God, their sense of his presence, and are beaten accordingly by reason of the little enemies which come down on them like a cloud of gnats on a summer's evening, than are defeated by the shock of a great assault or a great temptation, which call out their strength and sends them to their knees to ask for help from God.—Dr. Alexander Maclaren.

One of the lessons that only somewhat of experience will teach most of us, is not to mistrust men whom we dislike. Likes and dislikes are largely temperamental. Some of our fellow-mortals "rub us the wrong way." We cannot help it, they cannot help it.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

Trinity College Notes.

College exercises were resumed Tuesday, January 5, with an unusually full attendance. A number of new students have entered for the spring term.

The Literary Societies have elected representatives to compete in the preliminary contest which is to be held January 18, for the purpose of selecting students to enter the debate with Emory College. This debate will be held in Oxford, Ga., during the Easter holidays. The Debate Council is also arranging a debate to be held in Durham in the spring.

Mr. L. H. Gibbons, manager of the base-ball team, has arranged a fine schedule for the spring. A number of games with Northern and Southern colleges are to be played in Durham. The prospects for a good team are very fine. Mr. Otis Stocksdale, who has coached the team for the past two years, has been engaged for next season. All these games will be played under the rules and regulations of the Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, of which Trinity is a member.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., Jan. 7, 1904.

A Pounding.

Shortly after our arrival on the circuit in December, several of our Trenton friends came over to the parsonage and brought us a number of presents just such as we needed. We are thankful, and take this opportunity to express our thanks publicly; not only to those who came to the pounding, but to those also who have given us presents at other times.

We begin the new year, hoping that we may render better service than we have hitherto. Over $300 has been raised on the new parsonage. The good women have rendered valuable service in raising this, and we count on their assistance this year in raising parsonage money, and bespeak the hearty co-operation of all who can assist us in this. For all purposes, about $1,400 was raised on our charges last year, which is a better financial record than has been made in several years.

Forty-nine members were received into the church in 1903, thirty-seven on profession of faith, which gave us a net increase in membership of several.

The Raleigh Christian Advocate, our excellent Conference organ, has a comparatively large circulation on the circuit, and we hope to extend this this year. D. C. GEDDIE.

A Pleasant Backward Look.

I ought to have sent the following last year, but being pressed for time on account of afflictions in my home and the push to get ready for Conference, I was unable to do so.

The Lord blessed us last year in many respects. He gave us glorious revivals in the church which were very much needed. Many were brought to know more of the Lord and His goodness, and many things that had hitherto gone wrong were righted, placing the membership of the church in better relation thereby, fitting them for better work. In a ministry of eleven years, I have never seen meetings show forth more universal results for good along all lines. Besides the quickening of the church, we also rejoice in the fact that many sinners "closed in with offered mercy," and were made happy in a Saviour's love, eighteen of whom conected themselves with the church.

I am glad to say, after a delightful visit with our loved ones, the first time in three years, we have gotten back once more, and have renewed our friendship with this good people (than which there is none better), and we find them ready to co-operate more than ever in the work for the Lord, and from the present outlook we are expecting glorious results for our Lord's kingdom.

I wish to say I hope to be able to do much for the "Old Raleigh" during the year.

A. L. ORMOND.

A Preacher Pleased.

Dear Advocate:—After four pleasant years on the Millbrook Circuit, at our last Conference, we were appointed to Brooklyn and Macedonia. We are well pleased with our new work. The people are kind to us. Uncle Jerry and his wife and children came to see us New Year's evening and all brought bundles. We enjoyed their presence at that time and the contents of the bundles after they were gone. Uncle Jerry and his folks are all O. K. May the good Lord bless them abundantly.

The outlook on this work is encouraging.

N. L. SEABOLT, P. C.

The Pounding of a Pastor.

Dear Brother Ivey:—On Wednesday before Christmas we were the happy and thankful recipients of a nice pounding from the membership of Webb's Chapel. If their appreciation of our services is as weighty as the pounding, it is certainly first-class. Bro. Jno. E. Ford was kind in representing himself and the other donors in bringing the many good things to us—such as hams, lard, sausage, chickens (dressed), coffee, both green and roasted, butter, sugar, cakes in variety, grond peas, nuts and walnuts, canned oysters and tomatoes, sweet potatoes and $2.00 in money. Brother Doc Allen and wife made us a present of a fine turkey for Christmas, as usual. We are very grateful to all these brethren and sisters who were so thoughtful of us and our needs. The blessing of heaven abide with them.

M. D. GILES.

Roxboro, N. C.

Assessments for Warrenton District, 1904.

Warrenton—Presiding Elder, $105.55; Bishops, $19.00; Foreign Missions, $117.00; Domestic Missions, $94.00; Conference claimants, $61.00; church extension, $54.00; education, $65.50; Paine and Lane, $5; delegates to General Conference, $8.00.

Warren—Presiding Elder, $91.90; Bishops, $16.50; Foreign Missions, $101.00; Domestic Missions, $82.00; Conference claimants, $48.00; church extension, $43.00; education, $51.00; Paine and Lane, $4.00; delegates to General Conference, $7.00.

Ridgeway—Presiding Elder, $104.90; Bishops, $18.85; Foreign Missions, $113.00; Domestic Missions, $93.00; Conference claimants, $54.00; church extension, $48.00; education, $58.00; Paine and Lane, $5.00; delegates to General Conference, $8.00.

Henderson—Presiding Elder, $104.90; Bishops, $18.85; Foreign Missions, $113.00; Domestic Missions, $93.00; Conference claimants, $54.00; church extension, $48.00; education, $58.00; Paine and Lane, $5.00; delegates to General Conference, $8.00.

Littleton—Presiding Elder, $94.40; Bishops, $16.80; Foreign Missions, $102.00; Domestic Missions, $84.00; conference claimants, $48.00; church extension, $44.00; education, $52.00; Paine and Lane, $4.50; delegates to General Conference, $6.00.

Weldon—Presiding Elder, $98.30; Bishops, $17.50; Foreign Missions, $105.00; Domestic Missions, $86.00; Conference claimants, $50.00; church extension, $45.00; education, $53.00; Paine and Lane, $4.50; delegates to General Conference, $7.00.

Roanoke Rapids—Presiding Elder, $49.15; Bishops, $9.50; Foreign Missions, $52.50; Domestic Missions, $43.00; Conference claimants, $25; church extension, $22.00; education, $25.00 Paine and Lane, $2.30; delegates to General Conference, $4.00.

Roanoke Circuit—Presiding Elder, $59.00; Bishops, $10.50; Foreign Missions, $64.50; Domestic Missions, $52.00; Conference claimants, $30.00; church extension, $27.00; education, $33; Paine and Lane, $2.80; delegates to General Conference, $5.00.

Enfield and Halifax—Presiding Elder, $72.15; Bishops, $12.50; Foreign Missions, $80.00; Domestic Missions, $64.00; Conference claimants, $36.00; church extension, $35.00; education, $41; Paine and Lane, $3.50; delegates to General Conference, $5.00.

Battleboro and Whitakers—Presiding Elder, $57.85; Bishops, $10.50; Foreign Missions, $65.00; Domestic Missions, $51.00; Conference claimants, $30.00; church extension, $27.00; education, $33; Paine and Lane, $2.80; delegates to General Conference, $5.00.

Scotland Neck—Presiding Elder, $36.00; Bishops, $6.50; Foreign Missions, $35.00; Domestic Missions, $31.00; Conference claimants, $18.00; church extension, $16.00; education, $19; Paine and Lane, $1.60; delegates to General Conference, $3.00.

Hobgood—Presiding Elder, $32.75; Bishops, $5.50; Foreign Missions, $29.00; Domestic Missions, $28.00; Conference claimants, $14.00; church extension, $11.00; education, $15.00; Paine and Lane, $1.30; delegates to General Conference, $3.00.

Williamston and Hamilton—Presiding Elder, $68.80; Bishops, $12.50; Foreign Missions, $75.00; Domestic Missions, $53.00; Conference claimants, $36.00; church extension, $32.00; education, $38; Paine and Lane, $3.30; delegates to General Conference, $6.00.

Garysburg—Presiding Elder, $78.65; Bishops, $14.00; Foreign Missions, $85.00; Domestic Missions, $70.00; Conference claimants, $41.00; church extension, $36.00; education, $43.00; Paine and Lane, $3.80; delegates to General Conference, $6.00.

Northampton—Presiding Elder, $78.65; Bishops, $14.00; Foreign Missions, $85.00; Domestic Missions, $70.00; Conference claimants, $38.00; church extension, $35.00; education, $41.00; Paine and Lane, $3.70; delegates to General Conference, $6.00.

Rich Square—Presiding Elder, $78.65; Bishops, $14.00; Foreign Missions, $85.00; Domestic Missions, $70.00; Conference claimants, $38.00; church extension, $35.00; education, $41.00; Paine and Lane, $3.70; delegates to General Conference, $6.00.

Conway—Presiding Elder, $78.65; Bishops, $14.00; Foreign Missions, $85.00; Domestic Missions, $70.00; Conference claimants, $38.00; church extension, $35.00; education, $41.00; Paine and Lane, $3.70; delegates to General Conference, $6.00.

Murfreesboro—Presiding Elder, $65.55; Bishops, $11.50; Foreign Missions, $70.00; Domestic Missions, $60.00; Conference claimants, $35.00; church extension, $30.00; education, $38.00; Paine and Lane, $3.40; delegates to General Conference, $5.00.

Harrellsville—Presiding Elder, $65.55; Bishops, $11.50; Foreign Missions, $70.00; Domestic Missions, $60.00; Conference claimants, $35.00; church extension, $30.00; education, $38.00; Paine and Lane, $3.40; delegates to General Conference, $5.00.

Bertie—Presiding Elder, $78.65; Bishops, $14.00; Foreign Missions, $85.00; Domestic Missions, $70.00; Conference claimants, $38.00; church extension, $35.00; education, $41.00; Paine and Lane, $3.70; delegates to General Conference, $6.00.

Totals—Presiding Elders, $1,500; Bishops, $268.00; Foreign Missions, $1,616; Domestic Missions, $1,324; Conference claimants, $767; church extension, $688; education, $824.50; Paine and Lane, $71.00; delegates to General Conference, $115.

(Signed) G. F. SMITH, P. E.
E. A. THORNE, Secretary.

The Baltimore-Richmond Christian Advocate, which has lately been merged with the Southern Methodist Recorder, has come out in a new dress which is very comely. We like the typographical changes which have been made. Revs. Cannon and Peters have very sound ideas of business, and we doubt not that the paper will be a success. The former editors—Drs. Lafferty and Cox—remain on the tripod to the delight of their many readers.

The Family.

A True Heroine.

It was a patriotic meeting, and the young people, one after another, had eulogized the national heroes—Washington, Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, Marcus Whitman, Nathan Hale; there were many names, and all worthy the honor and reverence paid their memories. Last of all, a minister rose—one whose work led him often into the poorest homes in the city.

"The other day," he said, "I went to see one of our people who was in trouble. Her husband was a drunkard, and now her only son had fallen ill, and there were but her tired, worn-out hands for the double burden.

"'How do you get along?' I asked.

"'Oh,' she replied, 'take in washing. I've taken in washing for thirty years.'

"'Don't you ever get tired of it?' I inquired.

"She looked up at me simply. 'Oh, that's all right,' she answered. 'If the Lord wants me to spend my life over the tubs, I'm willing.'

"I thought of that life—of it's thirty years of thankless, unremitting toil, of the years still before her, bare of love or ease or pleasure, and I went home with my lesson. None of our patriots, great as they were, and worthy of the highest honor that we can give them, ever seemed to me more splendid than that poor, unlettered woman standing so heroically in her hard place, and willing to stand till the end."

How Laughter Cured an Insane Patient.

There is nothing better established among physicians than that cheerfulness prolongs life, and also enriches and enlarges it. Wholesomled, joyons laughter is a powerful health tonic. "There is no one remotest corner or little inlet of the minute blood vessels of the human body," says an eminent physician, "that does not feel some wavelet from the convulsions occasioned by a good, hearty laugh." Laughter stimulates the digestive process, accelerates the respiration, and gives a warm glow to the whole system. It brightens the eye, expands the chest, forces the poison out from the least-sized lung cells, fills them with life-giving oxygen, and tends to restore that exquisite poise or balance which we call health. It is said that Lycurgus set up the god of laughter in the Spartan eating halls. If there is anything the American people need to learn, it is to laugh at meals. There is no table-sauce like it. It is the great enemy of dyspepsia.

Some time ago a patient in an insane asylum was suffering from extreme melancholia. He did not laugh or smile. Day after day he sat or walked with an expression of settled melancholy on his face. Months passed, without bringing any change in his condition. Finally his physician resolved to try a new form of treatment,—the laugh-cure. He employed a large, jovial, hearty man to come to the patient's door every day and laugh. What peals the visitor set ringing through the whole establishment, of deep, melodious, side-shaking laughter, so joyous, hearty, and infectious that every one who heard was compelled to join in it! But the melancholy sufferer looked at the laughing man with the same deep, immovable gloom upon his face. One day, while the laughter was convulsing every one in his vicinity, the patient suddenly stopped pacing his room, and burst into a hearty laugh. The effect was magical. The light of reason shone once more in his face. He looked around in a dazed way, and asked: "Where am I? What is this place?" The black clouds of gloom had been dispersed. The melancholia had departed. The man was in his right mind again. Laughter had done for him what the physicians, the drugs, and all the treatment at the asylum had failed to do.

If people only knew what the habit of practicing real side-shaking laughter every day would do for them, thousands of physicians would be looking for a change of employment. If you want to be well and happy, practice laughter. Don't be afraid to let yourself out. Shake yourself with deep, hearty laughter several times every day. It will do more for you than horseback riding, a gymnasium, or solemn, sober walks. It is the best kind of recreation. It is nature's great safety valve. It gives the body more resisting power. It doubles one's force, and increases capacity for endurance.—Orison Swett Marden, in "Success."

The New Stenographer.

I have a new stenographer—she came to work to-day;
She told me that she wrote the latest system,
Two hundred words a minute seemed to her, she said, like play;
And word for word at that—she never missed 'em!

I gave her some dictation—a letter to a man—
And this, as I remember it, was how the letter ran:

"Dear Sir:—I have your favor, and in reply would state
That I accept the offer in your of recent date.
I wish to say, however, that under no condition
Can I afford to think of your free lance proposition;
I shall begin to-morrow to turn the matter out;
The copy will be ready by August 10th about.
Material of this nature should not be rushed unduly.
Thanking you for your favor.
I am yours very truly."

She took it down in shorthand with apparent ease and grace;
She didn't call me back all in a flurry,
That I, "at last I have a girl worth keeping 'round the place;"
Then said, "Now write it out—you needn't hurry."

The typewriter she tackled—now and then she struck a key,
And after thirty minutes this is what she handed me:

"Dear sir, I have the Fever, and in a Pile i Sit,
And I except the Offer as you Have reasoned it.
I wish to see however That under any condition
Can I for to Think of a free lunch Pronouncium?
I Shal be in tomorrow To turn the mother out.
The can will be red and Will cost, $10, about.
Mateerful of this nation should not rust N. Dooley,
Thinking you have the Fever I am yours very Truely."

—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Personal Work in Soul Winning

Dr. A. C. Dixon holds that the key to soul-winning lies in personal work. He declares one sentence spoken in loving earnestness to an individual may do more than ten sermons delivered to the crowd. In proof of the statement he recently related the following incident:

"One afternoon as I was on my way to a meeting, which was one of what we were trying to make a revival series, I felt a trifle discouraged because no unsaved people were coming to the church. I was compelled to preach every day to a small number of 'regulars,' whom I knew would be there before I went. They were the 'Tenth Legion,' the old guard who are a constant source of enjoyment to a pastor and yet a source also of discouragement. He could not do without them, and sometimes he hardly knows what to do with them. They go to church and receive with appreciation everything he gives them, but though in the army, some of them have not fired a gun in ten years. They are good, conservative people who are going to heaven, but they do not seem to be taking others with them. I knew that this small company of faithful people would be there ready for my message, but the burden of my soul was for the unsaved who were not coming.

"Looking just ahead of me I saw three young men standing on the street corner talking pleasantly with each other, and the thought came, 'Why not try to win these young men to Christ? He can save on the street as well as in the church.' So I walked up to them and asked, in as cheerful a voice as I could command, 'Young gentlemen, are you all Christians?' 'Yes, thank you,' replied two of them, 'we are members of the Methodist church.' 'No, answered the third, with rather an embarrassed expression, 'I am not, but my mother is a member of the same church with these young men.' I said to him, 'Will you come with me to a meeting we are to hold in a few minutes?' 'Thank you,' he said, 'but I haven't time, for I am very busy preparing for examination in high school next week.' The Spirit seemed to give me the right answer when I asked the question: 'Are you ready for the great examination in the future?' and I passed on to the meeting.

"Within a few minutes I saw that young man come in the door and take a back seat. He is now a minister of the Gospel and says that his Christian life began on the street corner when the question was asked which he could not answer until he had accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour. It is no exaggeration, I think, to say that God did more through me in that three minutes' conversation on the street corner than by any ten sermons I preached during the series of meetings."—Exchange.

Riddles.

The oldest riddle is that put forth by Samson (Judges 14:14), "Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness." The solution is found in the same chapter.

Another old riddle is that ascribed to Cleobulus, one of the seven wise men of Greece, seven hundred and five years before Christ: "There is a father with twice six sons; these sons have thirty daughters apiece, parti-colored, having one cheek white and the other black, who never see each other's face, nor live above twenty-four hours."

COWPER'S RIDDLE.

I am just two and two, I am warm, I am cold,
And the parent of numbers that cannot be told;
I am lawful, unlawful—a duty, a fault,
I am often sold dear, good for nothing when bought,
An extraordinary boon, and a matter of course,
And yielded with pleasure—when taken by force.

VOLTAIRE'S RIDDLE.

What is the longest and yet the shortest thing in the world, the swiftest, and the slowest; the most divisible and the most extended; the least valued, and the most regretted; without which nothing can be done; which devours everything, however small, and yet gives life and spirit to all things, however great? Time.

A PERSIAN RIDDLE

A soul above it,
And a soul below,
With leather between,
And swift it doth go.
On horse with a man astraddle.
The answer is a saddle

ECHO

When winter piles
The forest aisles
With drifts of snow
And through the lines
Of roaring pines
The ice-winds blow,
About my cave
The tempests rave
Like storms at sea;
But none can break
My walls and take
My voice from me!
I found my birth
When heaven and earth
From chaos rose;
And not till Death
Steals Nature's breath
My life shall close!

—Ernest W. Shurtleff.

Singing for God.

Andrew Bonar, speaking of the power of silent influence radiated by every individual, said:

"Communion with God has the effect of making us joyous. The Lord does not like to see any of His disciples looking sad. Christians can sometimes do more by shining for God than by speaking for Him.—Exchange.

The tallest clouds are the thunder heads which we most commonly see on summer afternoons.

Our Boys and Girls.

Be Watchful.

This is a time of the year when the devil is going to tempt us; and let us be strong and yield not to temptation.

Many people spend Christmas season in drinking and gambling, when they ought to spend it in a more religious way than that. It commemorates the birth of Christ, and we ought to thank the Lord for giving His Son Jesus Christ for saving the world.

If we trust the devil instead of the Lord, we will never enjoy the goodness of our good Lord. He is so good to us, and so patient with us, we ought to love Him better.

Let us never take a strong drink.

I hereby promise in the fear of God, to abstain from the use of all alcoholic liquors. If the devil tempts us to drink, or to do anything wrong, let us turn a deaf ear to him.

Yield not to temptation.

For yielding is sin.

Put forth your whole effort.

And strive to conquer and to win.

ERNEST DURHAM.

Vanceboro, N. C., Jan. 5, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl 10 years old. I go to school when I can. I study arithmetic, spelling, grammar, history and geography. My teacher is Miss Dallas Dinkins. I like her very much. Our Sunday-school is about to go down now, but I hope it will start again when warm weather comes. Our new preacher is Mr. B. E. Stanfield. Mr. Stanfield has not come around yet to preach. He came through, but I did not see him.

Well, I will close.

Your unknown friend,

DEBORAH HENRY POWELL.

Vanceboro, N. C., Jan. 5, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl 12 years old. I go to every-day school when I can. I study arithmetic, spelling, grammar, history, and geography. My teacher's name is Miss Dallas Dinkins. She is a good teacher. Our Sunday-school has about gone into winter quarters; but I hope that it will revive next spring. I like to go to any kind of school.

I will answer Nannie Stephenson's question: It was Elijah that was fed by the ravens. Methuselah was the oldest man.

If this escapes the waste basket I will write again. I will close.

Your friend.

DORCAS POWELL.

Snead, N. C., Dec. 31, 1903.

Dear Advocate:—As I have not written in some time I will now write again.

Our pastor this year will be Rev. W. T. Usry. He will preach next Sunday. It will be his first time at Snead's Grove. We will be glad to hear him.

Sister and I have a pair of Bantam chickens.

How many of you had a merry Christmas? I did, for one.

I spent Christmas with my grandmother. I had a nice time.

I will close for this time by asking some questions: How old was Jacob when he died? How many brothers did Joseph have?

LELIA MAY THROWER.

How to Save the Boys.

A banker in Allegan County, Mich., three or four years ago voted to license the saloons, and they were brought back into the county. A few weeks ago ex-Senator Humphrey was at a hotel in Allegan, and looking out he saw the banker walking back and forth in front of the hotel bar-room and looking in when any one opened the door. The Senator went out and spoke to the banker.

The banker said, "Senator, I am uneasy about my boy. Do you think he may be in the saloon? Did you see anything of him?"

"Yes, I saw him in the back room of the saloon playing cards and drinking," replied Senator Humphrey.

The father seemed speechless for a moment, and then from a heart full of distress cried out, "O God! how shall I save my boy from ruin?"

"You have a grave problem to solve."

"I would give half I am worth to destroy every saloon in the country," said the banker.

"Ah! It seems cruel to remind you of it now, but you should have come to that conclusion when we wanted you to join us in the fight to keep them out of the county. Now they have your boy, and I do not know what you can do. May God help you."

Why should not the father expect his boy to fall in with what he indorsed? Parents, think of that, and vote to outlaw the saloon.

In many another place might the above sad story be duplicated. The State Issue relates it of a father in a Michigan town, but that there are doubtless a hundred thousand homes in which there is such a "skeleton in the closet," is not an outspoken complaint.

At a public meeting, where appeal was being made for funds to forward some effort in behalf of the young, the speaker declared that if but a single boy were saved the hundred thousand dollars asked for would be well expended. When a friend inquired whether he had not spoken rather hastily, he replied: "No, not if it was my boy."

Let each citizen, where the saloon is seeking entrance, remember now, before it is too late, that its coming means ruin to somebody's boy, and let each father say to himself, "It may be my boy."—John F. Hill, D. D.

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A glance at the above names, comprising the officers of the W. F. M. S. of the N. C. Conference, at once assures us that our column is headlined with talent and missionary lore sufficient to keep it "running over" every week with missionary news and notes that would be of great interest to its readers—how about it, dear sisters? Among your New Year's resolutions, is there not one that you will do more for this column this year than you have done in the past?

The regular monthly meeting of the Edenton Street Auxiliary was held last Monday, and, notwithstanding the intense cold and threatening weather, there was a fair attendance. One can well afford to "breast the storm" to hear our talented Recording Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, not only giving the result of regular routine work, but embodying with it such earnest, helpful, beautiful thoughts and suggestions as go directly to the hearts and minds of the listeners. One item of special encouragement was the fact that the Auxiliary has made decided gains on all lines over the same period last year.

The name of Mrs. R. F. Bumpas was added to our roll, and her presence, as well as her influence and co-operation, will be a benediction to the Auxiliary.

"A Bunch of Everlastings."—Gathered by an invalid and affectionately presented to all sufferers:

Everlasting strength. Isiah xxxxi. 4th.
Everlasting life. John vi. 47.
Everlasting love. Jeremiah xxxi. 3.
Everlasting kindness. Isiah liv. 8.
Everlasting mercy. Psalm ciii. 17.
Everlasting joy. Isaiah li. 11.
Everlasting light. Isaiah lx. 9.
Everlasting name. Isaiah lvi. 5.

M. A. BEACH.

From "Witchery or Work" in the Missionary Advocate we take the following: The work of the Woman's Foreign Society should be a thrilling inspiration to every woman in the church. It is really more than this: it is a trumpet call, a bugle note for every one to fall into line and follow Christ as he marches on to draw all men to himself and conquer the whole world of sin.

Do tender-hearted Christian women need special appeals to arouse and awaken them to the actual necessity for their co-operation in this work? It seems so, to judge from the stirring appeal that has gone throughout the whole church from Bishop Galloway's pen, calling on the women of the church to come to the help of the General Board. Surely he did not know that the Woman's Board was just then in such dire straits that for the first and only time in its history of twenty-five years, the question was pressing: Shall we recall some of our missionaries, and break up some of the plants already so well established, or shall we borrow the money to meet the deficiencies of the last quarter?

The missionaries of the General Board in the foreign fields say: "The work of the Woman's Board is our right arm."

There seems to be an idea still abroad that there is some witchery about the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and that, however threatening the ordeals, the difficulties will pass away. Just now the Woman's Board, "in a time like this, demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands."

The church is full of such men and women; we believe there are hundreds of laymen in the M. E. Church, South, who, if they were reminded, would gladly give contributions to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies of their own churches, or, if preferred, send them to Mrs. H. N. McTyre, Nashville, Tenn. This is not a request made by the Woman's Board, nor is it known to any, but why should we not ask this of "strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands?"

The members of this Society know they are on the right path; they are not discouraged, but they need the active sympathy and co-operation of the whole church.

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Annual Meetings—April 30 to May 4.

It has been decided to hold our annual meeting on the 30th of April, at Selma. The time is most auspicious soon after the meeting of the Board, in the early fresh of beautiful, hopeful spring; the selection of places most fortunate—we know the glowing hearts and graceful hospitality of our Johnston County friends. Let every officer, indeed, every member, bestir herself and work mightily during this last quarter; all of us long to carry up a good report, and it is necessary to have a full and complete one, to which every member must contribute her share of good works. I trust there is not one indifferent or careless, and may we see clearly our responsibilities and joyfully claim and use our privileges.

Last Year's Record.

Our annual report was most encouraging, showing the gratifying fact that nearly $4.00 per member was contributed. After giving me this item, our president added that there are some who pay their dues only (alas! we all know some who neglect this), which proves the faithfulness of others. And when we reflect that the ones who supplement deficiences in the Home work are the same ones usually who give most to the Foreign; their faithfulness becomes conspicuous. I earnestly hope their beautiful example will be warmly admired and worthily imitated.

New Reading Course.

The Literature Committee has been in session in Asheville and arranged this course:

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"Under Our Flag," by A. M. Guernsey. Price, paper, 30 cents; cloth, 50 cents.

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Every Auxiliary should endeavor to take up this interesting and instructive course, and I hope every officer, Conference, District and Auxiliary will feel that it is one of her special duties to bring its importance before the members until every Auxiliary shall own all the volumes and study them. We must see to it that it is never said: "My people perish for lack of knowledge" of missionary methods, and the best means of success in them.

An Ounce of Prevention.

I have already told our Auxiliaries of the latest gift to our Home Mission work, but I must tell it here, that all of the Advocate readers may rejoice with us. Mr. W. P. Blasengame, of Thomasville, Ga., has recently given to the City Board of Thomasville a thirteen room house and proceeds from ninety acres of land, to be called "The Vashti Blasengame Industrial Home for Girls." It is a memorial to his mother, and will be a safe haven for girls without mothers and without homes. Could there be a more eloquent expression of reverent honor for a devoted mother? It speaks, too, of a Christ-like yearning for the purity of woman—he would have the orphan girls before they are tossed about by the pitiless winds of a cold world.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, of our Dallas Home, says: "I find that nearly four-fifth of our fallen girls are orphans, or have only one parent." This work of prevention is the most important with which we have to deal.

Another Open Door.

The Thomasville Board desires to make this the property of our Board as soon as we can accept it, which we will joyfully do when we see our way clear to support it. It is in charge of one of our new deaconesses, Miss Annie Heath, and every room has been furnished by different ones, in memory of loved ones, while money for other expenses has come in unsolicited. The seal of God's approval is already clearly stamped upon it. What a delight to help the girls in Georgia and our sister States; the Italians in Florida, the Chinese and Japanese in California, and many others! And our sister States gladly help us, too. Do not the breadth and beauty of the connectional feature grow upon us?

Young wife: "I want to buy a hat for my husband."

Hatter: "What size does he wear?"

Young wife: "I declare I forgot to find out; I know the size of the collars he wear, though. It's 15. He'd want about size 18 or 20 for a hat, wouldn't he?"

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Editorial.

The fact that it takes two to make a quarrel is a good one to carry with us during the year.

The transgression of the one who refers to the citizens of Panama as Panamanians is exceeded in seriousness only by that involved in calling them Panamen. The idea of writing the word American!

There was only one lynching in North Carolina last year, so an exchange states. There were eight in number in 1901-1902. The former fact robs some bellicose journals of their "thunder," yet they should be more than willing to swap "thunder" for a good showing which means the advance of Christian civilization.

There is now raging in Uganda and the region inward from the shores of Lake Victoria a disease called the "sleeping sickness." Without having any intention of depreciating the seriousness of the situation, we remark that, according to the testimony of divers preachers, the same disease prevails among the religious congregations of the land. The victim, as a usual thing, gravitates toward the "amen corner."

"Speak to all more kindly
Than the year before,
Pray a little oftener,
Love a little more;
Cling a little closer
To the Father's love;
So life below shall liker grow
To the life above."

To every lover of freedom and justice, the news that Dreyfus has won his fight for honor must be very gratifying. This most mysterious, yet perfectly plain, case in which a military man degraded, tried, imprisoned for five years on miserable Devil's Isle, then brought back to France, and given only a semi-vindication, fought through long years for his honor, and was rewarded at last by a lieutenant-colonelcy in the French army, is a shining illustration of the truth that

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again.
The eternal years of God are hers."

The arguments used by some of our Northern brethren who wish the General Conference to eliminate that section of the Discipline which forbids certain forms of worldly amusement seem to us to be unworthy of those who have a true idea of the mission of the church. How foolish it is to say that this elimination would cause the Methodist Church to gain many members in persons who would otherwise stay in the world or go to other churches! Why, Methodism by removing all restrictions, could congest her rolls with names, but what would these names be worth to Methodism and righteousness? Quality, not quantity, is what all the churches need.

There is a story going the rounds to the effect that a certain Admiral in the Civil War was approached by a commercial prince with the request that he be allowed to pass a certain point with a cargo of cotton. The Admiral refused the request. Money was offered, but to no purpose. The sum of $50,000 was then offered, whereupon the Admiral roughly ejected the would-be briber from his presence with the exclamation, "Get out, you scoundrel. You have come too near my price." The incident is a true illustration of human nature, and is in accord with the spirit of the petition, "Lead us not into temptation." The man who is not in constant fear that he has a price which Satan may at any time offer is always in danger. "And what I say unto you, I say unto all: Watch."

THE ONE PURPOSE FOR 1904.

There is in human nature an incessant and insatiable craving for companionship. Our lives are controlled and moulded by our companionships.

The most helpful companionship is that of a high, noble purpose. This may take the place of family and friend—in fact of every other personal agency except God himself.

About six weeks ago, nearly two hundred preachers received at the hands of the Bishop in Goldsboro their appointment for the year. Some went to their field of work with strong assurance. Others went with shrinkings and tremblings. All went with hope and courage.

It is not necessary to emphasize the fact that each preacher's success during the year will be determined by the question of companionship. If he goes about his duties in a dull purposeless way he will inevitably run up against failure. If he has a supreme purpose toward which he bends his primary and subordinate energies, he may be a success. He may be a failure. The question will be determined by what the one supreme purpose is.

It is well enough at this, the beginning of the new year, to stress the truth that the one supreme purpose of every Methodist preacher within the bounds of the North Carolina Conference should be to win souls during the year. He is to look upon soul-winning as the great work of his life—the work to which he is divinely called, the work to which he has promised before God and man to give his best energies, the work to which he stands committed through his human and divine credentials.

So seriously is the purpose to win souls the supreme purpose in every preacher's life that the fact of merely preaching to large and delighted congregations and carrying up to Conference overflowing salaries and collections should sink into comparative insignificance. The preacher in his round of duties may ponder adequately the tremendous issues involved in the question, "For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" and at the same time fail to address to himself this heart-searching question: "For what shall it profit humanity if I preach with the eloquence of Apollos and draw great congregations and raise large collection and yet fail to win souls to Christ?"

Christ came to seek and save the lost. Methodism had her origin in the overwhelming desire of the Oxford scholar to save men from the "wrath to come." We are organized as a church, we hold our Conferences, we operate our machinery, we call the congregations together, we preach the everlasting Word—all that the great purpose for which the Son of God was manifested may be carried out. The fields are white unto the harvest. Sin abounds. Sinners multiply. Then how can we lay the flattering unction to our souls that we may preach and preach and yet guiltlessly stand before the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and say, "I have won no soul from death this year."

No; God does not call any man into a line of work in which he may not be successful. There is one immutable promise which is vouchsafed to every soul-saver, and it is that he may win souls. We are soul-savers. Let us claim the promise. Let us carry on our legitimate work.

It is with sadness that we look back upon a year in which Methodism in the North Carolina Conference had a net gain of less than three hundred souls. The harvest fields bloomed in beauty and bent under the burden of their rich bounty. The very streams seemed to sing hosannas as they rushed among our hills and through our plains to turn ten thousand wheels of industry. Commerce laughed, and among the red flames that burned on myriads of heartstones glowed the white light of general prosperity. In the laughter of happy school children as they danced on the way to school was a new note caught from the song of a commonwealth pledged to an emancipation from ignorance. New organs pealed forth sweeter music. New parsonages housed the preachers and their families. Yet after all, the great harvest fields of souls remained unreaped.

A net gain of less than three hundred souls! The smallest gain in the whole sisterhood of Conferences. Are we then wasting space in exhorting our fellow laborers in the name of the Saviour of sinners to remember that the duty of saving souls this year is the paramount duty. Are we merely sounding a note of pessimism in beseeching every one in the North Carolina Conference who names the name of Christ to adopt as a companion during the year the prayer-warmed and God-begotten purpose to be a soul-saver?

May God give us all a closer view of and deeper sensibility to sin; a wider vision of redeeming grace, a more intense hunger for souls, a more trustful reliance on Him whose promises are yea and amen, and that victory which always comes to those whose hearts are intent on the fulfillment of the Divine purpose.

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The Handbook is handsomely illustrated. Besides the full page portraits of Bishops Candler and Smith, Dr. Tillett, Rev. M. H. Tuttle, Rev. M. V. Sherrill, Rev. C. G. Little, Rev. S. G. Stamey, Rev. B. B. Culbreth, Rev. A. R. Goodchild, Rev. J. W. Wallace, and Rev. L. Johnson, there are twenty finely executed maps. Each map represents a District, with the boundaries of the Circuits. These are the first maps of the kind ever brought out in North Carolina, and are very useful and pleasing to the eye. There is also a Historical Tree giving in pictorial form the history of Methodism from the very beginning.

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THE PAPER AND THE BOTTLE.

We are not referring to the bottle which is so popular with those of bilulous propensities. We refer to a bottle of ink with the accompanying instrument, called the pen. The paper referred to is the Raleigh Christian Advocate. Our exhortation is to the preachers and layman of our Conference to use the pen and the ink to furnish reading matter for the afore-mentioned paper.

The Raleigh Christian Advocate is not strong enough financially to pay for its contributions. No paper in the State is. We are compelled to rely to a large extent on our readers for matter.

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Personals.

Rev. Sam P. Jones recently spoke for the Y. M. C. A. of Louisville, Ky., and raised $1,500 on the debt.

Dr. James W. Lee, of St. Louis, will soon have his book, "The Making of a Man," printed in Chinese.

The widow of Bishop Paine died a few days ago in Aberdeen, Mississippi, in the eighty-fourth year of her age.

Bishop Galloway was one of the chief speakers at the banquet of the Methodist Club of St. Louis at East End Hotel on last Tuesday.

Judge J. M. Dickinson, general counsel for the Illinois Central Railroad, will deliver the literary address at the Vanderbilt commencement.

We learn from the New Orleans Christian Advocate that Bishop Keener, while still physically feeble, suffers no abatement in intellectual vigor.

Dr. P. L. Groome, formerly of the W. N. C. Conference, is now at Lordsburg, New Mexico, under treatment. We are glad to know that he is hopeful of good results.

Rev. H. M. North delivered on last Sunday afternoon before the Y. M. C. A. in Elizabeth City the first of the series of talks on the Study of the Bible.

Messrs. S. M. Rollinson, of Elizabeth City, and A. S. Stough, of Hatteras, passed through Raleigh last week on their return from a pleasant visit to points in Florida. While in Raleigh they paid the Advocate a pleasant call.

Our thanks are hereby rendered to our Japanese brother at Hiroshima, Japan, Rev. T. Kugimiya, for the Year Book of the Japan Mission and Minutes of the Twelfth Annual Session of the Japan Mission Conference held at Hiroshima, Japan.

The death of Mrs. M. A. Adams, of Wilson, removes from us one of our most saintly and accomplished women. She was of more than ordinary strength of character and beauty of Christian life. The three children have our profoundest sympathy in their affliction.

Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, Secretary of the North Carolina Conference, is to be commended for the dispatch and accuracy with which he published the Conference Journal which is just from the presses of Edwards & Broughton. The Journal makes an exceedingly neat appearance.

Dr. E. A. Yates and Prof. W. H. Pegram, of Trinity College, have the deepest sympathies of the Editor of the Advocate in their present affliction. The notice of the death and funeral, respectively, of Mrs. Yates and Mrs. Pegram are to be found on another page of the Advocate.

Rev. R. M. Hoyle, Presiding Elder of the Waynesville District, W. N. C. Conference, has surrendered his work on account of impaired health. He has been appointed to the pastorate of Shelby Station, while the former pastor, Rev. C. F. Sherrill, takes charge of Waynesville District.

Rev. J. B. Ley succeeds Dr. L. W. Moore as editor of the Florida Christian Advocate. We congratulate the present editor on the very auspicious beginning he has made. He establishes very clearly the fact that he is no novice with the pen. The arrangement of the matter shows editorial discrimination and taste. Those Florida Methodists should give their excellent paper a subscription list of at least five thousand.

Dr. Cave, who over one year ago accepted a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, and who has been debarred from taking his place through family affliction, will take charge in a few days. Dr. Alfred Moment, who has been filling Dr. Cave's place, has endeared himself to all the Christian people of Raleigh, who will long remember his excellent personal qualities and ministerial ability.

North Carolina Methodism.

Rev. E. C. Glenn began a series of meetings at West Durham on last Sunday.

"Our work on the station started well, and has exceeded our most sanguine expectations every way. Our town is growing and our church is growing. Our congregations would do credit to a city charge. We hope for a most prosperous year."—Rev. N. E. Coltrane.

Rev. W. H. Puckett, Oxford Circuit, writes that he and his are now comfortably located in the circuit parsonage at Oxford; that he has been very kindly received by his people, and that he hopes to do the best year's work of his life. We trust that his sick child is now convalescing.

A worthy layman of Roxboro writes us that Rev. K. D. Holmes is liked better and better each year, and that the Stewards at their first meeting of the year fixed the salary of the P. C. at $1,010, thus making Roxboro Circuit the strongest Circuit financially in the Conference.

The Rev. E. C. Sell, Mrs. Sell and their four children passed through the city yesterday on their way to Snow Hill where he will be located this year. He was formerly pastor of Market Street M. E. Church, of this city, and made a host of friends, who greeted him with gladness yesterday.—Wilmington Star.

Rev. W. P. Constable, Columbia Circuit, writes: "Columbia Circuit broke all previous records last year by paying up in full. I have been very cordially received on my return for the third year, and we are busy building new churches and repairing others. We will have one of the new churches completed in about three weeks from now."

Greenville has lost two excellent families whose departure brings regret to many people here. The last North Carolina Conference appointed Rev. F. A. Bishop to the charge of Central Church at Raleigh, and appointed Rev. H. M. Eure to the charge of the church at Beaufort. Both have gone to begin the work of their new fields. Rev. Mr. Bishop was Presiding Elder of this district for four years, and made his home in Greenville. Rev. Mr. Eure was pastor of the church here for three years. Both are consecrated men, ever faithful to their duties, and with their families, were held in highest esteem.—Greenville Reflector.

The Henderson Gold Leaf had in its last issue a large electrotype of Dr. L. L. Nash, the new pastor of our church in Henderson, and thus speaks of him: "Dr. Nash is one of the strongest men in the North Carolina Conference, and Henderson is fortunate in having him come to this charge. He will not only prove a capable and successful pastor, popular and acceptable to his own charge, but to the community at large, he will be a factor for good, and the Gold Leaf welcomes his coming amongst us. Dr. Nash preached to his congregation Sunday and made a favorable impression upon those who heard him. His text was appropriate, his illustrations apt and the subject matter such as might have been expected from a man of his ability on an occasion of this kind."

The reception of the members of the Epworth League of the Central Methodist church to their new pastor and his wife, Rev. F. A. Bishop and Mrs. Bishop, last night was a delightful occasion. A large number of young people were present, as well as the older ones. The reception took place immediately after the regular church conference and was held in the lecture room, lasting from 9 until 11. The speech introducing the new pastor was made by Mr. L. M. Johnson, whose remarks were happily appropriate to the occasion. Mr. Bishop responded in a very apt and touching way, expressing his deep appreciation of the many kindnesses shown him, and the efforts of the Epworth League in making it possible for him to meet the people of the church in such a pleasant way.—Raleigh News and Observer.

General Notes.

About $100,000 is spent daily in the United States in church building.

The new Methodist Book Concern building at Kansas City has been dedicated.

Quite a number of charges in Southern Methodism held watch night services.

The Baltimore Methodist, under its new editorial management, is to be enlarged.

Our First Church in St. Louis, after many costly improvements, was reopened on last Sunday.

Methodism in Baltimore numbers 145 preachers, 37,657 members, and 35,541 Sunday-school scholars.

The Virginia Conference raised $54,034.41 for missions last year. Its net gain in membership was 1,041.

Methodists of New York City are planning for an aggressive revival campaign during the early months of 1904.

Rev. Brooke Hereford, a leading Unitarian of England, and well known as a preacher and writer, is dead.

Miss Nannie P. Gaines, principal of the Girls' School Hiroschima, Japan, is spending a while in the United States.

The Palmore Institute at Kobe, Japan, is now called Kobe Institute. Dr. W. B. Palmore himself suggested the change.

It is said that 78 per cent of the delegates to the General Conference of the M. E. Church at Los Angeles will be new men.

The two Alabama Conferences show an increase of 1,578 League members and 6,510 Sunday-school scholars during the past year.

Rev. J. H. Shumaker, Secretary of the Methodist Benevolent and Fraternal Association, says that the Association is steadily growing.

The Moravian Brotherhood leads the missionary forces of the world. The Brotherhood has one missionary for every fifty-eight members.

Central Methodist Church, Asheville, is in the throes of a wrangle over the individual communion cup question. The brethren have our sympathies.

Dr. D. W. Carter, Superintendent of the Cuban mission, will hold special meetings in all the principal stations of the mission during the month of January.

The Will of Washington Corrington, of Peoria, Ill., gives the estate worth $750,000, to the founding of Corrington Institute and University, to be located at Peoria.

The ministers of the M. E. Church, South, in the city of St. Louis have held a meeting to arrange a plan for religious services during the World's Fair.

The State Department at Washington has just learned the news that nineteen American missionaries were murdered three years ago in the depths of an African forest.

We learn from an exchange that Dr. Day, a Methodist minister, administered the Lord's Supper on a recent Sunday in the First Baptist Church of Syracuse, New York.

Roughly estimated, there are in the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx 400,000 Hebrews, 800,000 Protestants, and 1,000,000 Catholics. There are in the two Boroughs 67 Methodist charges.

The Baptist Church has experienced a distinct loss in the death of Rev. J. S. Felix, D. D., who recently died in Louisville, Ky. He had served a pastorate at Asheville, N. C., and at other prominent points in the South.

There will be a reproduction of modern Jerusalem on the grounds of the World's Fair. It will occupy eleven acres of land. About one thousand inhabitants of Jerusalem will take up their residence on the grounds during the Fair.

Epworth League.

Topic for January 17, 1904.

My Place in the War Against Intemperance.

(Isa. 24: 9-11; Hab. 2:15; 1 Thess. 5: 6-8.)

AN INTENSELY PERSONAL TOPIC

This week's theme is aimed directly at every member of the Epworth League. "What is my part in the war?" Here is no chance for glittering generalities. The war is on. It is against a real evil, the greatest, by far, in all the land. Every Christian, by virtue of his Christianity, has set his face against it.

But intemperance has so many entanglements with business, social life, and politics that the question may arise: "How far shall I go in my opposition to the drink evil?"

The only answer that reaches the heart of the question is this: "I must be an enemy of intemperance wherever I find it, no matter what it involves in the way of personal sacrifice."

If business interests are involved it is better to lose money, or business opportunities, than to gain them at the expense of one's conscience. And opposition to ever form of the liquor business is a matter of conscience.

If social interests are concerned, it is the merest trifling with vital interests to let social claims come between a Christian and his duty.

If it is a matter of politics—aye, there's the rub! It is a matter of politics. There is no way of dealing with the whole subject without following it into politics. Moral suasion, education, regulation—all these are good. But they are not sufficient. The trouble is that people are willing to persuade, to educate, and to regulate, but they are not willing to vote, or to induce others to vote. And so long as this is true, we shall always be waging an uphill fight.

In all our warfare against intemperance we shall remember that we are Christians, consistent, loyal, loving, and utterly in earnest.

THINGS YOU CAN DO.

Become a pledged abstainer.

Let people know you are an abstainer.

Get others to become pledged abstainers.

Buy temperance literature, and circulate it.

Help the innocent sufferers whom the whiskey business has deprived of comfort, health, protection, and happiness.

Vote—if you have a vote—against the saloon, no matter what other issues are pending. So long as the saloon is in politics there is no other dominant issue.

Support every agency that is working against intemperance. Do not discourage anybody who is really doing effective work against any phase of the whole bad business.

PARAGRAPHS TO SUGGEST TESTIMONY: A QUESTION YOU MUST ANSWER.

The great question, after all, in temperance, is not whether all people are working in the same way, but whether they are working in some way for this urgent cause. People will never wholly agree upon methods in temperance any more than they will in church policy. It is useless to try to round up all temperance sympathizers in the fold of one society, or under the leadership of one reform or one newspaper. This is not to say that all methods are equally good, for some are better than others, and some may do well for one set of circumstances, but not for others. The best methods must be sought, with charity for those who differ from us. And yet, the great, insistent moral question is not "Are you working in my way for temperance?" but "Are you conscientiously and prayerfully and definitely working in some way to reform the drunkard, to abolish the saloon, to educate the children, to oppose the exportation of American rum to American colonies—in a word, to make the world a cleaner, quieter, happier place to live in?"—Caleb Jones, M. D.

"It is a great deal easier to do that which God gives us to do, no matter how hard it is, than to face the responsibility of not doing it."—J. R. Miller.

THE IEPORTANCE OF THE WAR.

I am not a total abstainer, either theoretically or practically, and I have always voted in favor of license. It is needless to say that I do not belong to the Prohibition Party. But anybody who can see must know that, considered merely as a question of social economy, of dollars and cents, of tax-bills, and public convenience generally, the drink question is the question of the day. The tariff wrangle is a mere baby to it. If intelligent, steady-going people could be induced to spend upon the drink question a fraction of the time and money they employ upon the other, we might hope for some real improvement.—Prof. J. J. McCook.

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Sunday School.

Lesson for January 17, 1904.

The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus.

(Matt. 3:13-4, 11.)

Golden Text. And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Matt. 3:17.)

The Fourfold Temptation.—The thirteenth chapter closes with an account of the baptismal scene at the river Jordan. Before entering upon his own public ministry Jesus gave the seal of his approval to the work of John, his forerunner. The baptism of John was a sign of submission and devotion to God and his service. Jesus "fulfils all righteousness," by thus publicly and solemnly declaring his submission and devotion to the God of Israel. The Father honored this act by pouring out his Spirit and visibly manifesting his presence in the "form of a dove," and by proclaiming in the hearing of all, "This is my beloved Son." The temptations follow immediately. Three distinct assaults of the arch fiend are recorded, but four things seem to be involved.

The Father's goodness assailed. The insinuation is subtle as it was in the case of the temptation in Eden (Gen. 3: 1-5). "He endeavored to beget in our first parents a notion that God forbade them the tree of knowledge because he grudged them the benefit of it; and so here he insinuates to our Savior, that his Father has cast him off and left him to shift for himself." "Did God acknowledge thee as his Son, and has he now left thee to famish with hunger? How inconsistent, how inconsiderate. I would endure it no longer, but 'command that these stones be made bread.' The Father hath forgotten and forsaken thee. Assert thine own power." To have thus used his power here would have been a violation of the conditions he assumed when he entered the body "prepared" for him (Heb. 10:5) and became subject to human infirmity and limitation. No temptation more frequently assails God's people than the temptation to question the goodness of God.

Tempted to doubt his Sonship. "If thou be the Son of God." Satan covertly insinuates that he may be mistaken in believing himself the Son of God. These internal assurances may have been but the imaginations of an overwrought mind; that voice at the river's brink a deception. "I would bring this matter to the test and know for myself. Test your power and see whether indeed you are the Son of God." Thus Satan assails the people of God, tempting them to doubt the evidence of their acceptance with God and also in some way to try the matter. Faith does not rest upon satisfied sense or sensibility, but upon the word of God (Heb. 11: 8, 17-19, 30).

Tempted to presumption. "If . . . cast thyself down." "No harm can come to thee if thou art the son of God." In his humanity Jesus could only use his divine power to protect him from evil when in the path of duty. Duty did not require him to cast himself down. It would have been presumption. Many have been tempted to presumption, and many have fallen thereby. A man who had been saved from drink went with some old companions into a bar-room while they drank, thinking thus to show to them his power over drink, but he fell, and was never restored again.

Tempted to idolatry (vs. 8-10). "I am the god of this world. You want to win it. The way you have chosen is a hard one. You need not go that way. By one act of worship acknowledge my right to it, and all is yours." Christ repudiated him and his claim. Satan is the acknowledged god of this world (2 Cor. 4: 4), but he is a base usurper, and ultimately the rightful Lord will be recognized (Phil. 2: 9-11). Often the saints are tempted to find an easier way, to bow down at some mandate of the world, or worship at some shrine of self or mammon. At all such times only one answer should be given: "It is written," etc., (v. 10).—Practical Commentary.

APPLICATION: VICTORY OVER TEMPTION.

1. Jesus.—1. Sought baptism at the hands of an inferior. We lose a blessing if we despise the channel through which God sends it.

2. In self-denial and cheerful obedience fulfilled each small part of God's plan for his life. In this he expects each disciple to follow his example.

3. Was tempted in all points like unto his brethren, resisted as we too may resist, won a victory as we too may be victorious in every temptation (1 Cor. 10: 13).

4. Can fully sympathize with man in every trial and temptation.

II. John.—A feeling of unworthiness does not excuse from service.

III. The Tempter.—1. Always attacks us at our greatest disadvantage and often just after great spiritual blessings.

2. Quotes Scripture.

3. Makes extravagant promises which he cannot fulfill.

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Secular News.

STATE.

Editor Farris is making ready to issue a daily paper in High Point.

It is said that Eastern cotton farmers have sold their crop, while Western farmers are holding it.

Rev. Dr. Vann has about completed the great work of raising the debt on the Baptist University.

Trinity College has opened better since the holidays than it has at any like period in its present administration.

Rev. Dr. Caldwell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Winston, is dead. He was one of the most popular preachers in the State.

The last rural free delivery mail route established in this State went into effect December 16th, and made the total 446.

It turns out that Governor Aycock pardoned only eighty criminals last year; nineteen less than were pardoned by the Governor ten years ago.

A site for a union depot in Durham has been selected and it is to be hoped no unlooked for barrier will block the way of its speedy completion.

Mrs. Margaret B. Shipp, the widow of the late Lieutenant Shipp, has been given a place in Collector Duncan's office in Raleigh at a salary of $1,100 a year.

The sales of cotton seed meal in this State last year were larger than were ever made, but it is said there will be a considerable falling off this year, owing to the short cotton crop.

The number of students at the Agricultural and Mechanical College already shows an increase over last year, and there will be yet more by the time the session ends. The number is 510, against 503 last year.

Of the nine prisoners who broke out of Wake jail Tuesday morning, five have been recaptured. They are Joe Battle, rapist, from Edgecombe; Len Spence, burglar; Ed. Cotton, Henry Curtis and Hubert Rayner.

The official report on North Carolina textile mills shows 289 in operation, these being in 50 counties, with 44,253 looms and 1,914,137 spindles, as against 276 mills the year previous, with 38,501 looms and 1,743,431 spindles.

Rev. Hight C. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church at Chapel Hill, will resign that pastorate and on February 1st become State Sunday-School Secretary, working under the direction of the Sunday-school Committee of the Baptist State Board of Missions.

Charlotte Observer: "Every year," said a Charlotte business man "$2,600,000 goes out of this State as payment on life insurance policies. We get in return only about $600,000 annually. Question: Why can't we organize our own insurance companies and keep the money at home?"

The State entomologist, Franklin Sherman, recently issued an important bulletin on the round-headed apple tree borer, which is doing a great deal of damage in the mountain counties and in the upper Piedmont counties to the apple orchard. This bulletin is known as No. 3, on the apple tree borer, and Mr. Sherman will send it free of cost upon application.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction says applications for what is known as the second $100,000 of the State's annual appropriation for keeping the public schools open four months in the year are coming in quite rapidly and the division of the sum will be made before long. Warrants were issued last week for about twenty new rural public school libraries.

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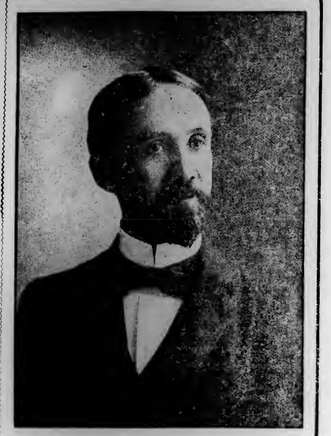

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Bro. Wynne and the Children.

Brother Wynne, (J. S.), one of our executive committee, is a jolly man. He loves the Orphanage. He loves our children. They love him. He hardly ever comes, but that he brings them something. Something good. They would like to see him come every day and Sunday for a rarity. Apples were his last gift. Jimmie said that he could eat two; Warner, (he always has big ideas), said that he could eat ten. The way the girls devoured theirs seemed to say, We are somewhat like Warner. It seemed to do Brother Wynne as much good as it did our boys and girls. Our meetings, are monthly.

Carthage.

Carthage is on the map of Moore. 'Tis said to be very healthy. It looks like it. It is the town of the beloved S. D. Adams. It is the place where you may get a Tyson & Jones buggy if you will put in your order—for they work on orders only. None better than these. It was a great day for the Superintendent. The pleasure of talking three times in one day was intense. That Sunday-school, led by a learned limb of the law, Brother Burns, will be a great power for good when they get into the Orphanage work fully. That beautiful church, now free from debt by the wise direction of Brother Broom, stands as a monument to that intelligent congregation. They have entered the good work, and no doubt will be among our most liberal supporters soon. It is always a delight to lodge in the home of Brother Broom. He and wife and children all make one feel so much at home. God bless them.

Thanks to One and All.

The good things keep coming in. And yet there is promise of more to follow. We have never had so many apples sent us. And if there is anything that can beat a pig enjoying an apple, it must be an orphan. And it is nip and tuck between the orphans and the Superintendent. The fact is, the Matron, the Teacher, Fannie and George, and the whole body, have done yeoman service in that line.

We spoke of a tub of oysters some time ago. Another tub came a day or two ago, and we thought somebody had sent us a tub of lard—real hog's fat. Why not? The children ought to be greased occasionally. Wheels have to be greased to make them run slick. But it was not. It was genuine chocolate cream drops. Did ever such a thing appear at an orphanage before? A tub of candy. The tag said, "From J. A. Campbell."

Language fails to express our thanks to these dear friends.

Speaking of the many and varied gifts that came to this home during the Christmas holidays, I would say that it pays to make our wishes known.

Persons write and say, I saw in the Advocate that you wanted thus and so. So I send you this and that.

Persons write to ask us what we need. What is best to send. We will say what we do not think it best to send. Don't send fancy things. Fine dresses would injure our reputation. Don't send gold rings. If the friends of these children are able to send them costly presents and large money to spend as they, the children, please, they are able to help support them. Besides, when they go to the cook room, or to the wash tub, the ring will be in their way. It is time enough for the girls to have such things when they leave here. If they prove themselves worthy, the nice things will come in due time. We want a striking calendar clock?

Encouraging.

You will see from the receipts that several pastors have taken collections since Conference for the Orphanage. That is so encouraging. Straws show which way the wind blows. These show that the brethren have it on their minds and in their hearts. Then the brethren in the ministry greet us so cordially. The people love to talk about the Orphanage, and inquire so kindly about the children. They are anxious to have us carry them with us to see them. How we would like to do it. But then it costs money to do so.

Speaking of costs. The railroads are very kind to let our children travel on them for one cent a mile. But my, how they do lay it on for freight. They charged us $1.11 to bring us twenty pounds of feathers from Currituck County. They charged $1.15 to bring us a box of dry goods from Littleton that weighed 100 pounds. But they will deadhead them if application is made. So will the express company also.

Donations in Kind.

Box from Trinity S. S., Durham; box from Mount Pleasant Ch., Haw River Ct.; box of clothing from Young Woman's H. M. S., Henderson; bucket candy from Mr. J. A. Campbell; one dollar gift to orphans Lonie and Susie Meddows.

Receipts from December 1st to December —

Lumberton Church, Thanksgiving, $13.44; Lumberton S. S., Thanksgiving, $32.76; First Church, Statesville, W. N. C. Conf., Thanksgiving,$12.07; Caroleen, $2.15; W. N. C., Conf.,Thanksgiving, $2.15; Rocky Mt., Thanksgiving, $12.50; Mooresville, W. N. C. Conf., Thanksgiving, $6.50; Frank Egerton, Thanksgiving, $5.00; Whiteville Church, Thanksgiving, $12.35; Whiteville S. S., Thanksgiving, $3.55; Burlington Front St., Thanksgiving, $8.77; Durham Ct., Thanksgiving, $1.00; Central Ch., Asheville, W. N. C. Conf., Thanksgiving, $10.90; Greenville, Thanksgiving, $18.00; W. R. Newbery, on subs. at Conf., Thanksgiving, $5.00; Dr. W. H. Nicholson, Thanksgiving, $25.00; State Hospital Morganton, Thanksgiving, $20.00; Polkville, W. N. C. Conf., Thanksgiving, $2.89; Wadesville, Thanksgiving, for Miss Esther Hurlv and Deora Henderson, $2.25; Mount Zion Station, Thanksgiving, $1.00; Carthage, Thanksgiving, $14.42; John R. Bruton, on subs., Thanksgiving, $10.00; Mocksville, W. N. C. Conf., Thanksgiving, $8.25; J. Bedford Thompson, on subs., $5.00; Mrs. Bettie G. Utley, on subs., $1.75; Henry N. Brown, on subs., $5.00; Mr. A. G. Headen, window, $4.00; Mrs. Eudora A. Headen, window, $4; Mrs. W. H. Whitehead, window, $4; Mr. and Mrs. Josephus Baum, window, $4; Mrs. Jennie Morgan, window, $4; Mount Olive, $3.50; cash at Conference, $8.00; Henderson S. S., $6.39; Ormond's S. S., $7.50; Parkers S. S., $5.00; Lumberton S. S., $8.86; Gibson S. S., Nov., Dec., $5.00; Red Springs S. S., $2.50; Mrs. Eunice V. Strother on subs., $1.00; Mrs. V. A. Sharpe, $5.00; Caledonia Ch., $7.15; E. H. Riggs, overplus on freight, 43c.

We have been asked if there is any room in the Orphanage for more children. There is room for one little girl, who has neither father nor mother. Nor do I suppose there will be any more until we get into our new building.

Receipts from 1st January to 9th.

Pleasant S. S., $4.05; Greenville, pub. col. by the pastor, $5; Two Friends, $1 each, $2.00; Lumberton S. S., $8.25; Weldon S. S. on supt. of orphan for 1903, $24.03; Littleton, Thanksgiving, $19.00. The amounts raised by Main St., Durham, was $266.23, instead of $66.23, as it was in the Advocate.

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FIRST ROUND.

Sanford, Jan. 8-10
Buckhorn, Jan. 9, 10
Pittsboro, Jan. 16-17
Haw River, Man's Chapel, Jan. 16, 17
Jonesboro, Jan. 23, 24
Carthage, Co l Springs, Jan. 30
Elk's, Smyrna, Jan 31
Goldsboro, Bethlehem, Feb. 5
Siler City, Jan. 6, 7
Lillington, Parker's Grove, Feb. 13, 14
Duke's, Benson Feb. 13
Fayetteville, Hay Street Feb. 21
Pamp. s, Pe Gee's, Feb 27, 28
Newton Grove, Ebenezer, March 6
The District Stewards will please meet in Methodist Church at Sanford Jan. 8 at 7 p. m.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

St. John's and Gibson, St. John's Jan. 9, 10
Laurinburg Station, Jan. 10, 11
Rowland Circuit, at Par ls, Jan. 16, 17
Robeson Circuit at Trinity, Jan. 17, 18
Red Springs Circuit at Gaster d, Jan. 21
Aberdeen Circuit, at Rbco, Jan. 22
Montgomery Circuit, at Shiloh, Jan. 23, 24
Mt. Gilead Circuit, at M. Gilead, Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Perkin Circuit, at Sardis, Feb. 2

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Wilson, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Wilson Circuit, Jan 9, 10
Wilson Station Jan. 11
Spring Hope Circuit Jan. 16, 17
Nashville Circuit (night) Jan. 17, 18
South Rocky Mount and Marvin, Jan 23, 24
Rocky Mount Station (night), Jan. 24, 25
Bath Circuit Jan. 30, 31
Washington Station (night), Jan. 31
Aurora Circuit, Feb. 1
Belhaven Circuit, Feb. 7, 8
Matta uskeet Circuit, Feb. 13, 14
Fairfield Station, Feb. 17
Ocracoke and Portsmouth Feb. 20, 21
Swan Quarterly Circuit, Feb. 20 21
Bethel Circuit, Feb. 27, 28
Tarboro Station (night), F b. 28
Farmville Circuit, March 5 6
Greenville (night), March 6

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Waccamaw, Lebanon, Jan. 9, 10
Whiteville, Whiteville, Jan. 10 11
Eliza eth, Elizabethtown, Jan. 15
Carver's reek, Carver's Creek, Jan. 16, 17
Kingston, Magnolia, 23, 24
Kenansville, Jan. 23
Clinton, Clinton, Jan. 30, 31
Grace, Feb. 7
Onslow, Mayaville Feb 13, 14
New River, Folkstone, Feb. 15
Richlands, Feb 16
Pe ter Hill S. C., Feb 17
District Steward's will please meet at Grace Church, Wednesday, December 30 at 1 p. m.
District Missionary Institutes will be held at same place February 9 and 10.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N C

FIRST ROUND.

Camden, at Wesley Jan. 9 10
Moyock, at Baxter Jan. 16 17
North Gates at Kittrell Jan. 23, 24
Gatesville, at Pleasant Jan. 30, 31
Roanoke Island, Feb. 6, 7
Kitty Hawk, Feb 8
Kennekeet Feb. 0
Nashville, Feb. 13
Dare, at Manns arbor, Feb. 13, 14
Pantego and Belhaven, at Pantego, Feb. 20, 21
Roper, at Roper, Feb. 27, 28
Plymouth, Feb. 28 29
Currituck at Asbury, March 5, 6
Columbia, March 12 13
The District Stewards of Elizabeth City District will please meet in the Sunday school room of the First Methodist Church, in Elizabeth City, on Wednesday, January 6, at 3 p. m.

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C

FIRST ROUND.

Craven Circuit, Epworth, Jan. 9. 10
Pamlico, Stonewall, Jan 16, 17
Oriental Oriental Jan. 17, 18
Jones, Trenton, Jan. 23, 24
Mt. Olive, Falling Creek Jan. 30, 31
Dover, Kinston, Feb. 6
Grifton Edwards, Feb. 6, 7
Snow Hill Snow Hill, Feb 13-14
Hookerton, Hainbow, Feb. 13 14
La Grange Institute, Feb. 20, 21
Beaufort, Feb. 27, 28
Morehead, Feb 28, 29
Carteret, Newport March 5, 6
Atlantic, Atlantic Mar h 11, 12
Straits, Summerfield, March 12, 13

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

West Durham and Cunninggin, at Cunninggim, Jan. 8, at night
Chapel Hill, Jan. 10, 11
Durham, Main Street, Jan 17, 18
Mt. Tirzah, Brooksdale, Jan. 23, 24
Mangum Street, Jan. 31 Feb. 1
Roxboro Circuit, at Roxboro Feb 6, 7
Bullock Circuit, Bethel, Feb. 13 14
East Durham, Gra am and Haw River, at East Burlington, Feb. 14, at night.
Alamance Circuit, Saxapahaw, Feb 20, 21
District Stewards' meeting at Trinity Church, Durham, Tuesday, December 15, at 11 a. m.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Central, Jan. 8, 4
Louisburg, Jan. 10, 11
Franklinton, Franklinton, Jan. 16, 17
Clayton, Clayton, Jan. 23, 24
Oxford Circuit, at Salem Jan. 30, 31
Oxford Station, Jan 31, Feb. 1
Mt. Ibrook, Milbrook, Feb. 6, 7
Brooklyn and Maxwell's Feb. 7 8
Youngsville, Youngsville, Feb. 13, 14
Granville, Sem, Feb 20, 21
Carey Garner, Feb. 27, 28
Epworth, Feb. 28 29
Knightdale, Beechhorn, March 5, 6
Wakefield, March 6
Tar River, Kittrell, March 12, 13

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Rich Square, Rich Square, Jan. 9, 10
Conway, Bethany, Jan. 16, 17
Murfreesboro, Jan. 17, 18
Harrellsville, Ahoskie, Jan. 21
Bertie, Windsor, Jan. 23, 24
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, Jan. 30, 31
Battleboro and Whitaker's Battleboro, Feb. 7, 8
Weldon, Roanoke Rapids, Feb. 14, 15
Roanoke Circuit, Tasor, Feb. 17
Hobgood Hobgood, Feb. 20, 21
Scotland Neck, Feb. 21, 22
Garysburg, Garysburg, Feb. 27, 28
Head Corn, March 6, 7
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 19, 20

Marriages.

ROPER—O'NEAL.—December 30, 1903, at Amity Church, Mr. Alexander S. Roper and Miss Leitha O'Neal, Rev. B. H. Black officiating.

GIBBS—NIXON.—December 27, 1903, at Mrs. Louisa Nixon's, Mr. Ernest D. Gibbs and Miss Louisa Nixon, Rev. B. H. Black officiating.

GIBBS— WATSON. — December 30, 1903, at Nebraska Church, Mr. Julian C. Gibbs and Miss Etta L. Watson, Rev. B. H. Black officiating.

YOUNG—HARPER.—At the residence of Dr. Harper, Dunn, N. C., December 30, 1903, Mr. C. R. Young and Miss Annie Harper, Rev. E. M. Snipes officiating.

BARNES — SPRUILL. — At the residence of Mrs. Jesse Spruill near Roper, N. C., January 3, 1904, Mr. Arthur J. Barnes and Miss Alice Spruill, Rev. W. F. Craven officiating.

YOUNG—SMITH.—At the Methodist Church, Dunn, N. C., December 30, 1903, Mr. T. C. Young and Miss Daisy Smith, both of Dunn, Revs. L. Smith and E. M. Snipes officiating.

NORWOOD—MANN.— Mr. Junius H. Norwood and Miss Ava I. Mann, both of Chatham County, N. C., were united in marriage, Sunday, January 3, 1904, Rev. Robert W. Bailey officiating.

STAINBACK—HICKS.— In the parsonage at Ridgeway, N. C., Sunday morning, January 3, 1904, Mr. William Stainback of Vance County, and Miss Lessie Hicks, of Warren County, Rev. L. M. Chaffin officiating.

LILLEY — TURNER. — On the 30th of December, 1903, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Howell, in Gates County, N. C., Mr. Roscoe Lilley and Miss Ella V. Turner were united in marriage, by Rev. W. H. Brown, of the North Gates Circuit.

Obituaries.

Obituaries containing not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Editors find this observed the obituary much the easier to lay proper limit.

SHAW.—Bro. G. P. Shaw, a member of the Methodist Church in West Durham, died at his home, December 12, 1903, of heart failure, after four weeks suffering and confinement. Brother Shaw was a man successful in business, faithful to his church, and universally respected. He leaves a wife and one child who mourn his death, together with a host of friends and relatives. May our Father in Heaven mercifully with his favor look upon them.

C. P. JEROME.

BRADFORD.—Sister Mary Parker Bradford, wife of Bro. J. E. Bradford, of Oxford, N. C., died at her home December 28, 1903. Sister Bradford was about twenty-eight years old, and had been married only about one year. Hers was a happy life, full of Christ, and had a peaceful end. She had been a member of Westville, Durham M. E. Church, South, for several years, was an earnest and happy Christian. She has a brother who is now a missionary in India under the auspices of the M. E. Church. She leaves a husband and a little babe, a mother, two sisters, two brothers, and a host of friends, and relatives, who sorrow, but not without hope of seeing her again in the beautiful and bright beyond.

C. P. JEROME.

BEAVERS.—Mrs. Dora Beavers, (nee Hays), was born January 28, 1861, and died November 30, 1903. Her time on earth was 42 years, 10 months, and 2 days. Sister Beavers spent her time well, and run the race patiently. Her work will abide. She was in every sense a model member of the church. She leaves a husband and ten children to mourn their loss.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. W. Bailey and this writer, at Andrews' Chapel Church, on December 1, 1903, where a large crowd had gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to her mortal remains.

May God's comforting spirit comfort that bereaved family, and by and by gather them all to the good Home above.

N. L. SEABOLT.

GUESS.—Mrs. Nancy Jane Guess was born October 9, 1819, and died December 13, 1903. On January 29, 1846, she was married to Mr. J. R. Guess. In 1855 she was converted and joined the Presbyterian Church. In the fall of 1880 she moved from her old home in Orange County, to Cary, N. C., and in 1884 she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Sister Guess leaves a husband, several children and grandchildren, to mourn for her.

The above brief chronology defines one of the most symmetrical and beautiful characters that I have known. In all the offices of the home she excelled. As mother, sister, relative, friend, and neighbor, her praise was on the lips of all who knew her. She had learned to exemplify piety at home. She exercised the tenderness and affection which characterize the noblest type of motherhood. She was faithful to her church, and when the last hour came there was no fear of death or dread of the future, but it was just closing her eyes on the things of the world to awake in the bright and happy home above. Just before she went up to heaven she sang, as best she could, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine." May God bless those who are left behind.

GEO. B. STARLING.

POLER.—While every death is sad, and some are particularly so, there are others from which the element of sadness is almost eliminated because of the beauty of a heroic faith, and the sunset glow which surrounds the dying saint, such was the death of Mrs. Maude Poler (nee McDonald). She was born July 4, 1882, was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Sanford, in 1890, at the age of 9 years, and lived a consistant member of the same until her death.

She was married to Irman Gilbert Poler, October 11, 1899, who preceded her to the spirit world, only eleven months, for she was called away on December 15, 1903.

With a heroism seldom seen in one so young, she bore up through the sad affliction of the death of her husband, and looked out upon a world that needed her help, but while her friends and loved ones thought there was a long life of usefulness before her, yet the unseen hand of disease had taken hold upon her, and after seven weeks of suffering she went home. During her sickness she was patient and submissive. Her faith in God was strong and she kept planing how she would do more for Him should she grow better. Her pastor asked her about her spiritual condition several times, and her answer was, "I am satisfied, Jesus is with me." She had no fear, for she loved much, and love casteth out all fear. She often spoke of God's goodness to her, and expressed her thankfulness to him. She wanted to live, she was so young, but she was ready to die.

As she was standing upon the very verge of eternity with the world receding from her view and strange realities bursting upon her vision, she said: "A frivolous life is a worthless life." She then spoke words of consolation to friends and loved ones.

She was conscious until the end.

Her faith in God was so simple and childlike that it was grand. She never faltered in her love to friends, or her devotion to her church. Her life was well spent, her death was triumphant, her rest is sweet.

She was acquainted with sorrow, but possessed a peace this world could not give or take, she was of a cheerful disposition, and brought sunshine to home and loved ones. The church and Sunday-school and the entire community will miss her sadly, but the home that she had brightened will feel her loss more keenly. That home once bright is now in darkness.

May grace come to the stricken mother and sisters and stepfather, and guide them where Maude is, into light eternal.

HER PASTOR.

THARRINGTON.—Departed this life at Cottage Hill, Warren County, N. C., on December 13th, at 2.45 p. m., Minnie Vann Tharrington, in the 20th year of her age. The youngest daughter of the late Allen P. and Mrs. Emily T. Tharrington. Minnie was nineteen years, eleven months, and twenty-seven days old when she entered into the joys of rest from this life. Though tender in years, she was well matured in all that is good, noble and pure. As we try to express the love, admiration and appreciation for one who has gone to be with Jesus, how small and feeble seem our efforts. She professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church at Arcola, N. C., in July, 1896, and has ever since been one of its most earnest and zealous workers for its welfare. Lovely in person, noble in mind, with a tender sympathetic heart, full of compassion for any that might be in trouble, she was always ready to assist where her services were required; but she has gone leaving for those that loved her a sweet memory of a most useful and unselfish life. The light of this world has merely faded from her for trusting in God as she did she has gone where light eternal fadeth not. She was sick only a short time, but suffered a great deal. Though her pains were sharp, her agonies great, she did not murmur or complain, but bore her sufferings with patience, continually speaking words of courage to those that so tenderly and lovingly nursed her during her illness. She had no fear of death, but rather welcomed its coming, as she fully realized and knew that God whom she had trusted, was ready to support her through the vale of death. She fully realized that she was going, and early in the morning of the day of her death, she called to some of the dear ones near, and said: "Going home; going home." In her death the church loses one of its most useful members, her family one of its brightest jewels, though what is our loss is her gain. She is survived by a devoted mother, four sisters, two brothers, and a host of friends. To the bereaved ones we extend our most heartfelt sympathy, at the same time point them to her beautiful life as the way that we should all live that we may meet beyond the river, where there will be no more sorrows or partings.

To him that overcometh, God giveth a crown;
Through faith we shall conquer, though often cast down.
He who is our Savior, our strength will renew;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

J. W. C.

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The Farm School.

"My boy, I am very sorry you cannot go to college this fall. I talked with your father, and he feels bad about it. 'Mother,' he said, 'you know that the fall work must be done, and I am not as strong as I used to be; I am very proud of Samuel. He is such a strong, noble boy;' and he rushed out to work."

"Did father say that? It is hard for him. I will not complain. Good-by college for me, mother."

The mother thought long about this educational matter. She could not understand why they did not have school later and only in the winter. Finally, a bright idea came into her mind, as she was looking over some old clothes. "There is our minister; I wonder if he would not teach our Sammy." The more she thought of it the brighter the idea grew. She went to the old superannuated man, and told him the whole plan.

"Teach him! Bless the boy, yes, and his chums also. They can recite Saturday afternoons, and the lessons given will be learned as they go about their work. I have an original idea about education. We will take the things about us, and follow their names, origins, plans, uses, and connections. In that way they will learn literature, languages, and the sciences. The race began on a farm, and nearly all our education of any value is identified with it. Agassiz started his boys to studying a fish, and asked them to describe it. I shall begin with a plow, and lead them on back through history. They will enjoy it, and so shall I." The old minister brightened with the idea of the mission before him.

It is needless to say that the boys looked forward to Saturday conferences with pleasure, and they became, in time, learned in the lore of the past and present.—Northwestern Advocate.

The January Cosmopolitan sustains the many-sided character of this popular magazine. The leading article is from the pen of Lady Henry Somerset, who writes on the people, especially the children, of the London slums, and is illustrated by striking photographs of the capital's poverty. Other illustrated features are a description of San Marino, the oldest republic in the world, by Herbert S. Stone; "The Odd and Eccentric in the Drama," by H. H. Boyesen, 2d, in which the pictures are scenes from the latest and most beautifully mounted melodramas and extravaganzas. "Some Famous Hymns and Their Authors," by Laura Grover Smith, contains portraits of the great hymn-writers and some of the places associated with them. "Childhood through the Ages," by Leo Claretie, has some curious pictures of old toys and dolls. "The Diary of King Edward VIII." records the attempt of a royal personage to lead a useful and not a useless life. Cyrus Townsend Brady begins a series of great interest, "The Dramatic History of South America," with the first article on Peru and the Pizarros. Fiction is contributed by H. G. Wells, William R. Leighton, Elliott Flower, Sara Beaumont Kennedy and Constance Maud. The very popular "Captains of Industry" series is continued with sketches of F. Augustus Heinze, Charles Joseph Bonaparte and President Harper of the Chicago University.

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12:50 a. m. No. 111 daily for Greensboro and local points. Carries Pullman sleeper Raleigh to Greensboro, open for occupancy at 9 p. m., connecting at Greensboro with train No. 36, "Fast Mail Express," for Charlotte, Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville, No. 37, "Washington and Southwestern Limited," solid Pullman train, drawing-room sleepers, New York to New Orleans and Memphis; connection is also made for Winston-Salem, Walkersboro, Danville, and local Goldsboro and local stations; connecting at Goldsboro with Atlantic Coast Line for stations, 8.35 a. m., No. 112, daily for Wilmington, N. C.; Wilson, N. C.; Tarboro, N. C.; Norfolk, Va., and intermediate stations; also, at Goldsboro with Atlantic and North Carolina Railway for Kinston, N. C., New Bern, N. C., and intermediate stations.

8:40 a. m. No. 107, daily for Greensboro and local stations; connects at Durham for Oxford, Henderson, Keysville and Richmond. At University Station for Chapel Hill, daily except Sunday. At Greensboro with train No. 36, "U. S. Fast Mail," for Washington and all points North; Pullman drawing-room sleepers to New York and Richmond. Close connection for Winston-Salem, Mocksville, and local stations, with train No. 7 for High Point, Salisbury, Charlotte and local stations.

10:30 a. m. No. 108, daily for Goldsboro and all local points; connects at Selma for Wilson, Rocky Mount and all Eastern North Carolina points. At Goldsboro for Wilmington, Kinston, New Bern, N. C., and Norfolk, Va., where close connection is made with Chesapeake Line for Baltimore and all other outgoing steamers.

3:25 p. m. No. 135, daily for Greensboro and intermediate stations; connects at Durham for Oxford, Clarksville, Keysville, daily except Sunday. At University Station for Chapel Hill, daily except Sunday. At Greensboro with train No. 39 for Columbia, Augusta, Savannah, Charleston. Pullman sleeper and first-class coaches Washington to Jacksonville, Fla. No. 35, "U. S. Fast Mail," for Atlanta and all points South and Southwest. Pullman drawing-room sleepers to Birmingham and New Orleans; day coaches Washington to New Orleans, also with north-bound trains Nos. 34 and 38 for Washington, and all points North. Pullman drawing-room sleepers and observation car to New York; connection is also made at Greensboro for Winston-Salem and at Salisbury to Memphis.

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Death of Mrs. Pegram and Mrs. Yates.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the altar of death was set up in the home of Dr. W. H. Pegram, of Trinity Park, and his beloved wife, who has been his ever ready help meet for the past 28 years, passed into the shadow of the valley of death.

The deceased had been a great sufferer for some time from an incurable disease, and it had been seen for some time that the end was near at hand.

Mrs. Pegram was in the 59th year of her age. She was born December 5, 1845, at Old Trinity, where her remains were carried for interment.

She was a daughter of Rev. Braxton Craven, D. D., LL.D., founder of Trinity College, and remained in the shadows of the College walls during her entire life, with the exception of the time she consumed at the Greensboro Female College, from which school she graduated with high honors.

On June 10, 1875, commencement day, she was wedded to Prof. W. H. Pegram, the ceremony being performed by Bishop E. M. Marvin, in the Chapel at Old Trinity College. Of this union there are five children, three sons and two daughters. They are as follows: George Braxton Pegram instructor in Physics in Columbia University, of New York; Miss Annie Pegram, professor of Mathematics in Greensboro Female College, John Edward Pegram, principal of the West Durham Graded School; Miss Irene Craven Pegram and William Pegram, the two youngest children, who are still at the old home place.

The entire family, together with her mother, Mrs. Craven, and their sister, Miss Kate Craven, were with her when the end came.

Mrs. Pegram was a devout Christian, being a member of Trinity Church in this city.

The remains were taken to Old Trinity, her old home, this morning for interment. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. D. Pridgen, Gen. Julian S. Carr, Professors Merritt, Mims, Hamaker and Flowers.

The floral designs were numerous and were very handsome.

Thus ends a beautiful life, surrounded by her family, in the calm holy quietude of a beautiful Sabbath morning, without a murmuring word of regret at having to make a change of world she eamly, trustingly surrendered every attachment on earth and then without a tremor of fear she commended her soul to the redeeming mercy of Him in whose service she has spent all of her useful and active life, and died as dies the servant of the Most High.

Prof. Pegram has scores of friends all over the State who deeply sympathize with him in the loss of one who has been such a shining light to his household.

DEATH OF MRS E A. YATES.

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. E. A. Yates, wife of Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates, of this city, died at Morganton, where she had been for some time. Her death was no surprise to any one as she had been in declining health for quite a time, and gradually her condition grew weaker and the end had been expected for a number of days.

Mrs. Yates was 66 years of age and had lived a devoted Christian life from her early girlhood days. She was a member of the Beaufort Methodist church, and when the family moved from that place to Wilmington, she moved her membership to the Methodist church there, and had been a member there ever since.

She was united in marriage to Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates in 1863, forty years ago, and of this union there were three children, the only daughter, Mrs. J. R. Green, passing away some time ago.

She leaves a husband and two sons, Messrs. W. K. and Cecil Yates, to mourn her death.

The remains reached this city yesterday afternoon and were carried direct from the train to the residence in the western part of the city where the funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dr. J. C. Kilgo, president of Trinity College, assisted by Rev. W. L. Cunninggim, pastor of Main Street Church, after which they were carried to Maplewood Cemetery, where the interment took place.

The pall bearers were Messrs. W. H. McCabe, H. N. Snow, J. H. Southgate, T. J. Lambe, Dr. Edwin Mims and Prof. J. F .Bivins.

The floral offerings were very beautiful and appropriate.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of the whole community.—Durham Sun.

Gen. John B. Gordon, in recent years the most noted of all living Confederates, died at Miami, Fla., at 10 o'clock Saturday night, 9th. He was 72 years old, and had served as Governor and United States Senator from Georgia.

From the close of the war General Gordon put forth every effort to bring about harmonious relations between the North and South. He never spoke a bitter word against the North. He was commander-in-chief of the Confederate Veterans' organization for many years, and whenever he presided at meetings of the organization he was greeted with great enthusiasm.

The cottonseed oil industry has greatly injured the raising of the staple by consuming the first and best seed and leaving the farmers the poor seed in the last pickings of inferior cotton for planting purposes. This has resulted in deteriorated plant, smaller bolls and shorted fiber, greatly reducing thereby the total yield in pounds per acre. There is need of more intelligence in the farming operations.—Asheville Citizen.

An Irishman was walking with a friend past a jewelry shop. The window was filled with precious stones.

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"Not me pick," said Mike, "but me shovel."—Epworth Herald.

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THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT.

Mrs. Eddy has made a New Year's gift of $3,000 to the Christian Scientists of New Bern. The sum is to be applied to the building of the new church. We are not so sure that the gift represents any great liberality on the part of Mrs. Eddy. Every member is required to purchase Mrs. Eddy's book, which is sold at a profit of about five hundred per cent, we are told. As long as Mrs. Eddy has such a lucrative source of income she can afford to make a great many New Year's presents of $3,000, and never feel it.

It is to be regretted that the two enterprises which mean so much to North Carolina and the whole South seem to be foredoomed to failure. We refer to the Appalachian Park and the Inland Waterway. The bill to establish the former passed the Senate, but there is hardly a ghost of a chance for it to pass the House. The Inland Waterway has received but scant support. Sectional feeling is in the way of these great enterprises. Yet there are some who speak glowingly of the effected obliteration of all sectional rancor.

The Senate Committee on Privilege and Elections met on last Saturday to consider the charges made against Senator Smoot of Utah. The charges are grave. The principal contention is that Mr. Smoot is a polygamist. The most sensational statement during the discussion was that of Mr. Worthington, counsel for Mr. Smoot, that the Senate has no jurisdiction of offences which may have been committed before a member became a Senator unless committed in connection with his election. In reply to Senator Pettus, Mr. Worthington further said, that no matter what any Senator has done before his election, the Senate has no right to expel him for the offence. We are sure that the statement will cause surprise to thousands of people. According to this, a cutthroat or a thief, if once elected Senator, may hold his place provided his evil practices do not continue after election.

The New York Christian Advocate, whose able editor never speaks rashly, gives a very just and fair criticism of the recent speech of Governor Aycock in Baltimore. Dr. Buckley closes with the following true and appropriate statements: "That the education of the negro is an injury to him has been loudly alleged, but it does not carry the sense of the best Southern people. It does, however, carry the sense of the best Southern people, and ought to of the best Northern people, that any education of the negro, which has a tendency to fillll him with pride, a distaste for hard work, and a disposition to get on without it if he can, is most pernicious."

Archbishop Quigley in protesting against the law which compels every one who takes a place as teacher in the public schools of Chicago to attend a certain Normal School comes out very openly in his denunciation of the system which compels Catholics to send their children to schools in which there is no religion taught, or, if any, one in which Catholics do not believe. The Archbishop, however, falls into his own net, for it is a fact that two-thirds of the public school teachers of Chicago are Catholics. It seems that the Archbishop should consider it the part of wisdom to be quiet in this matter. He certainly should feel that, from his own standpoint, his church has no ground of complaint.

If you wish a clear, clean-cut, reliable statement of the status of prominent affairs in any foreign country, always go to an intelligent missionary in that country. What he says is worth more from the standpoint of reliability than all the reports of the Associated Press. According to these reports, Russia is occupying Manchuria only temporarily and is ready to move out at any time. But Dr. A. A. Parker, one of our missionaries in China, says that the occupation of Manchuria by Russia was really accomplished seven or eight years ago by the payment of large sums of money to certain Chinese leaders led by Li Hung Chang, who allowed Russia to proceed with her plans.

The experience of passenger train No. 76, eastbound, on the Seaboard, one mile east of Sanderson Fla., on last Saturday night, is worthy to be recorded and noted, not because the experience was a new one with the Seaboard road, but because the outcome was so contrary to the general rule. You know that it is an almost unheard of thing for train robbers and burglars to be foiled in their attempts. They not only get their booty, but make their escape so completely that not even a trace of them is found. Four white men on last Saturday night stopped the train referred to and blew open the baggage car with dynamite. When did robbers ever mistake the baggage car for an express car before? Conductor Peck then mustered three men who opened fire upon the robbers and put them to flight. The wonder is that Conductor Peck and his three helpers were not killed, and that the robbers loaded with wallets of gold did not jolly the passengers awhile and then leisurely depart. This is generally the way it goes. But Providence was evidently on the side of the Seaboard in this instance.

There was great significance in the action of the Grand Lodge of Masons last Thursday in Raleigh when the retailing of spirituous liquors was made a Masonic offence. This action has long been expected. The principles of Masonry are too high and beneficent to allow a member to engage in that business which is so destructive to the interests of humanity. We regard this action of the Grand Lodge as an important movement for temperance in North Carolina. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Grand Master, W. S. Liddell; Deputy Grand Master, F. D. Winston; Senior Grand Warden, S. M. Gattis; Junior Grand Warden, R. N. Hackett; Grand Treasurer, William Simpson; Assistant Grand Treasurer, Leo. D. Heartt; Grand Secretary, John C. Drewry; Grand Chaplain, T. N. Ivey; Grand Lecturer, B. W. Hatcher; Senior Grand Deacon, W. B. McCoy; Junior Grand Deacon, F. M. Winchester; Grand Marshal, W. J. Roberts; Grand Pursuivant, J. B. Griggs; Grand Tiler, R. H. Bradley; Custodian of the Work, J. E. Cameron.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, in a recent address before a graduating class in New York, gave some excellent advice to the young men on how to attain success in life. Among other good things, he said:

"There are several classes of young men. There are those who do not do all their duty, there are those who profess to do their duty, and there is a third class, far better than the other two, that do their duty and a little more.

"There are many great pianists, but Paderewski is at the head because he does a little more than the others. There are hundreds of race-horses, but it is those who go a few seconds faster than the others that acquire renown. So it is in the sailing of yachts. It is little more that that wins. So it is with the young and old men who do a little more than their duty.

"No one can cheat a young man out of success in life. You young lads have begun well. Keep on. Don't bother about the future. Do your duty and a little more, and the future will take care of itself."

"Why do so many boys go to the bad?" is a question which is ever before us? There are many answers to this question. We are going to give one answer in the following: A few nights ago, in passing the Academy of Music, we noticed a dense mob in front of the central door, waiting for the doors to open. In that clamoring mob, we noticed a large number of boys—many in knee-breeches. That night they saw a glorification of Jesse James, a red-handed murderer. In their minds and hearts were planted seed whose deadly germination can be prevented, if at all, only by a kind Providence.

At the late session of the South Carolina Conference, Dr. S. A. Weber made a most interesting and helpful address before the Conference Historical Society. The subject of his address was: "The Conference of 1859." We suggest that our own Historical Society could do well in having the speaker at our next meeting to discuss some Conference in the past. It would be a rich field.

Contributions.

Paragraphs 455 and 458 Interpreted.

BY BISHOP O. P. FITZGERALD.

A ministerial brother, a pastor in active service, whose zeal for the Church is notable, and who has "a good business head on him," as the saying goes, submits a question to me concerning the transfer or sale of Church property, which demands careful consideration by all concerned. My answer is given only as my individual opinion. The only one of my colleagues from whom I have heard takes the same view of the matter that I do. But let opinions differ as they may, the importance of a right understanding and uniform action will be conceded by all. Practical unanimity, I trust, will follow due inquiry.

The question refers to the inalienability of funds arising from the proceeds of the sale of a Church building or of parsonage property. To me it seems clear that neither in the one case nor the other can such funds be diverted from the object for which they were originally contributed and invested. The law in the case is found in paragraphs 455 and 458 of our Book of Discipline.

Paragraph 455 provides that in all conveyances of grounds for the building of houses of worship, or upon which they may have been already built, this "trust clause" shall be inserted at the proper place: "In trust, that said premises shall be used, kept, maintained, and disposed of, as a place of divine worship for the use of the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, subject to the discipline, usage, and ministerial appointments of said Church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said Church, and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situate."

Paragraph 458 provides that in all conveyances of ground for the building of dwelling-houses for the use of the preachers, or upon which they may have been already built, that the following clause be inserted at the proper place: "In trust, that such premises shall be held, kept, maintained, and disposed of, as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who may from time to time be appointed in said place; subject to the usage and discipline of said Church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said Church, and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situate."

It will be observed that the same language is used in both paragraphs 455 and 458, except that a different kind of property is named. The same interpretation therefore seems to be called for prima facie.

The author of both of these paragraphs (adopted in 1866) was Judge Merritt, a reputable lawyer and jurist, whose testimony as to their intent might be accepted as conclusive by all interested persons. He says: "The language used was to prevent the alienation of funds in either case. The wording of these paragraphs, correctly interpreted, will not permit Church funds to put into a parsonage or parsonage funds to be put into a church building."

This means that funds arising from the sale of parsonage property must be reinvested in the same kind of property. In other words, paragraph 458 is as binding in this particular as paragraph 455.

The law seems to be explicit in its provisions. The interpretation given by its author seems to be that which is natural and inevitable. Good faith toward the donors in all cases would seem to point to the same conclusion.

A recent utterance by the Editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate presented what seemed to me the right view of this matter. After due consideration by his editorial colleagues, it is hoped that there will be general agreement of opinion on their part. I also indulge the hope that throughout our whole Church there will be agreement in opinion and action. And if there should be any entanglements or embarrassments among our people anywhere growing out of former transactions in this matter, the exhibition of a spirit of patience and conciliation, and the exercise of a reasonable share of common sense, ought to prevent hard feelings and harsh measures in all cases.

A Free Bible.

REV. T. H. LAW, D. D.

When Martin Luther was a monk in the monastery at Erfurt, it is said that he found there a single copy of the Bible. That was probably the first whole Bible the young monk had ever seen. And, as the story goes, that Bible was held fast to its place by a chain. Now this chained Bible at Erfurt was a striking illustration of the relation of the Bible in that day to the common people: it was emphatically a chained book.

It was chained away from the common people.

First, in that it was held in a dead language. True, the Bible had before this been rendered into some of the living tongues of earth; Wickliffe's version in our own language had already been made. But the authorized version, that which carried with it the authority of the Church of Rome, which then dominated the Christian world, was the Vulgate, the Latin version of Jerome, which only the scholars could read. It was thus cut off from the common people.

Second, it was too expensive a book for ordinary people to own. True, the art of printing with types had recently been invented, and the Bible is said to have been the first book printed in this way; but the process was as yet so expensive that few people could afford to buy a book so costly as the Bible. And thus again it was shut off from the reach of the common people.

And third, it was under the ban of the priest. It is the doctrine of the Romish Church that the common people are not to be entrusted with the Bible, but must receive the word from the lips of the priest, who doles it out to them in such portions and with such limitations, interpretations and applications as suit his priestly purposes. So again the Bible was removed away from the common people.

But when Martin Luther bent over that chained Bible at Erfurt, and, under the teaching of the Holy Spirit, drew life and liberty from its inspired pages, he then and there conceived that great religious revolution which he went forth from those cloistered walls to inaugurate, and by which he not only tore away the chains which bound the Bible, but also the bonds of Papal domination, and lifted the Christian religion out of the perversion and degradation into which it had sunk.

Now the central principle of this great movement, which we call the Reformation, was a Free Bible. This Luther sought to give to his loved Germany and the world. And this has been the cardinal principle of Protestant Christianity ever since. A Free Bible in the truest and fullest sense of the term.

The Bible translated into the living tongues, the popular languages of earth, so that the common people can read and hear and interpret it for themselves, and thus receive directly into their own minds and hearts the message of Divine truth.

The Bible as thus translated, printed and made cheap, so that everybody can have one for himself.

And the Bible circulated, brought immediately to everybody's hand, so that every one may have the opportunity to know the Word of God, which is able to make wise unto salvation.

To make effective this great principle of our Protestantism, Bible societies were organized and are now maintained. And what have they accomplished in this respect during the one hundred years of their operations? They have greatly promoted the translation of the Scriptures so that to-day the Word of God is read in over four hundred different dialects and languages, spoken by about three-fourths of the whole population of the globe. They have made the Bible without comparison the cheapest book on the market, so very cheap that even the poorest can own a copy and have it for himself. And they have circulated in Christian, papal and pagan countries, fully three hundred million copies of the Bible in whole or in part.

Then appreciating the priceless value of a Free Bible, ought we not all to celebrate with thanksgiving and rejoicing the Centennial of this grand movement on the sixth of March next?

Uplifted by Christ.

C. H. WETHERBE.

Christ was lifted to His cross that by His death He might lift millions of believing penitents from the depths of their sins into the heights of grace and glory. No one, by his own moral nobleness nor by any moral education, can arise from his spiritual death into newness of life. And a glorious feature of Christ's uplifting power is that it brings many extreme sinners into the free life of God. Sometime ago a converted Jew, named Jacob Hirschler, died. He was born in Austro-Hungary, and after a career of wickedness in that land he came to New York. In a sketch, written by himself, he says: "So terrible had the burden of my remorse and despair become that I was on the brink of a sick soul's crowning disaster, when one evening God led my stumbling feet to a Salvation Army open-air meeting, just at the moment when my very prototype in evil began to testify. He, too, had lived almost exactly the life of vice, action for action, that I had, and before my eyes he stood declaring his freedom. For three weeks I fought the strength of that man's testimony in the conviction that gripped my soul. For three weeks I sought by every specious argument known to hell to crush out the ever-growing certainty that in this man's bold assertion lay the glimmering of my sole hope. It was a warfare between mighty natural forces; it rent and tore me asunder before my soul found courage to believe. But hallelujah! through the mercy of Christ, my Messiah and the whole world's, courage was at last given me, and with it came strength to hasten, without a moment's pause for further parley, to the Army penitent-form, where, for the first t[ime] in my life, I really felt and knew God. To His glory, then, great and unthinkable above all things, and for the reassurance of many who, like me, greatly long, yet are fearful, I have wri[tten] all haltingly and incompletely, this h[istory] of a career which, after many years, in His mercy Christ has uplifted by His salvation." Well, if Christ can successfully uplift such a great sinner as that Jew was, He certainly can do as much for you, my reader. Will you now let Him?

Maxton and Caledonia.

During our recent absence from town, some parties, unknown but strongly suspected, formed a conspiracy to invade the parsonage. This they did, but escaped undiscovered before we reached the house. We have strong evidence against them in the form of a great variety of packages, every one welcome in itself but thrice welcome for the love that prompted it. It was very pleasant to be allowed to return to this charge for my fourth year. I loved them before last year; but those months of unceasing thoughtfulness for me and mine, when through prolonged illness I could do no work, had made them doubly dear; and now they begin this year with renewed kindness. May our Father bless them and make me a blessing to them.

Our new Presiding Elder, new to the work as well as to us, opened his campaign on the district with us. In the pulpit and in the chair he proved himself well fitted to the work. But of course everybody knew as much before he was [ap]. Nevertheless, Presiding Elder Cole will find it hard to excel in fidelity or usefulness Presiding Elder Rone. The three years past during w[hich] I have served under him have placed him high in my esteem and love. May the Heavenly Fa[ther] attend him in his new and important work.

N. H. D. WILSON.

Some New Year Thoughts.

C. F. S.

Man is a complex being: organic body, rational soul, and spiritual nature. In this complexity is unity, the essential being. The sun is neither light, heat, nor chemical affinity, but these three in one combined. The color, form, and fragrance are inseparable from the flower—they are the flower. So man is a trinity in unity: organic body, rational mind, and spiritual nature. The state of man is fourfold. First, His primitive state in Eden. Second: His fallen state; he lost God's image, and from Eden he was driven out. Third: His gracious state; for him the cross is set up; for him Jesus died. Last: His immortal state; heaven or hell; light or darkness.

The body of man is the most complex and complete piece of material workmanship of Almighty God. It is God's last and greatest work. It is the apex and crown of all material things. Earth's most glorious building is selected to represent it, the Temple on Mt. Moriah: "Ye are a temple." To work out the Atonement, Christ assumed the body. He carried it back with him to heaven: Perfect man—Perfect God. On the side of his Humanity he can sympathize with us. On the side of his divinity he can save us.

"If it were not so I would have told you." There is a heaven above to answer to the longings of the heart. There is light for the eye; sound for the ear. The fish has an ocean. The bird has all the heavens for its flight. There is an immortality to answer to the soul's longings. He who made the sun for the flower has put a real heavens above us to answer to the deepest intuitions and desires of an immortal spirit. "If it were not so I would have told you." God will not mock us with false hopes. The hope of heaven is in the heart, and there is a real heaven above.

The attraction of our loved ones is an argument for another life. How often on the head has been felt the hand of a sainted mother. Previous to the year 1845, the planet Uranus was subjected to certain perturbations that could not be accounted for by any known planet. A French mathematician, Verrier, said there must be somewhere a heavenly body undiscovered. Dr. Galle, of the Berlin observatory, turned his telescope to the place designated, and found the planet. Through all these years it had thrown its light and heat upon the planet, and from its attractions, though unseen, it was known to exist.

"Dead are like the stars by day,
Withdrawn from mortal eye,
Yet holding unperceived their way
Through the cloudless sky.

The flying kite cannot be seen in the twilight. It can be felt to draw and be known to exist when we hold the cord. The attractions of our departed ones prove another life.

"Over the river they beckon to me,
Loved ones who have crossed to the further side;
The gleam of their snowy robes I see,
But their voices are drowned with the rushing tide.

"There is one with ringlets of sunny gold,
And eyes the reflection of heaven's own blue;
He crossed in the twilight gray and cold,
And the pale mist hid him from mortal view.

"We saw not the angels who met him there,
The gates of the city we could not see;
But over the river, over the river,
My brother stands waiting to welcome me."

The World's Fourth Sunday School Convention.

The General Secretary of the North Carolina Sunday-School Association, Mr. S. M. Smith, has received a notice from Mr. E. K. Warren, of Michigan, Chairman of the World's Executive Sunday-school Committee, stating that the delegation from America to the World's Fourth Sunday-school Convention, will sail from New York March 8, 1904. This will no doubt be the greatest Sunday-school Convention ever held. The following persons have been appointed from North Carolina, and will probably go: Prof. and Mrs. C. H. Crowell, High Point; Prof. and Mrs. W. M. Cundiff, Siloam; Mr. W. M. Curtis, Hendersonville; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Watts, Durham; Mrs. Judge Seymour, New Bern; and Mr. R. H. Ricks, Rocky Mount. This State is entitled to fifteen delegates in all, which leaves six vacancies at present. Ohio leads the list with 43, all of whom have already engaged berths. There are only about 200 vacancies in all, and if others wish to go from North Carolina they should make application at once. The cost of the entire trip, including quite a number of side trips and all extras except stewards' fees, is $300 to $700, according to location of state room. The Convention will be called to order on Easter morning on the Mount of Olives just outside the gates of Jerusalem. Representatives from every country on the globe will be in attendance. This is the greatest step ever undertaken by the International and World's Executive Committee, and will of course be the greatest gathering of Sunday-school workers the world has ever seen, or known. The American ship will be joined in the Mediterranean by others carrying delegations from the various countries of Europe and other parts of the world.

THE CONVENTION.

The sessions of the Convention will be held in large tents, while other meetings will be held in Bethany, in Gethsemane, on the Mount of Olives and Bethlehem Hills. A series of supplementary Sunday-school Lessons has been prepared, based on the sacred places to be visited, all of which will have special reference to the Sunday-school lessons proper for the coming year. The very best known Sunday-school men in the world will be on the program and in attendance.

THE STEAMER

The "Crosser Kurfurst" of the North German Lloyd Line, has been chartered for this cruise. She is a floating palace, and one of the steadiest, most comfortable ships in the world. The dining-rooms, vestibules and drawing-rooms are magnificently decorated and furnished. The ship is fitted up with concert grand pianos, library, reading-rooms, etc.

THE TRIP

Hon. Herbert E. Clark, present Vice-Consul for Palestine, will personally escort the delegation, while several other tourist agents and guides will be available. Mr. Clark has lived in Palestine for thirty-six years, has a personal knowledge of the people, their customs, habits, etc. He is also acquainted with the location and history of all the local shrines and sacred places in the Holy Land. The regular cruise includes side-trips to Bethlehem, Bethany, Cairo, the Pyramids, etc. A special program is being prepared for each day from the time the ship leaves New York until she returns May 31. A daily paper will be printed on board announcing the order of exercises, the news of the ship, etc. A special choir will be organized as soon as the ship sails, which will have charge of the music throughout the voyage. Dr. W. B. Chamberlain, of the Chair of Sacred Music in Chicago Theological Seminary, will be in charge. Besides the music furnished by this splendid choir the ship's band and orchestra will be at the disposal of the delegation. Lectures will be given and conferences conducted daily, by the leading Sunday-school men of the world. A part of the ship will be converted into a chapel for this especial purpose. Quite a number of foreign missionaries will join the party along the Mediterranean and at Jerusalem, the presence of whom will of course add much to the success of the Convention and the cruise.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Railway and steamship passage for the entire route, hotel accommodations, omnibus to and from stations where neccessary, carriages, drives, and excursions to a number of cities, in fact everything except steward's fees, which is somewhat optional with each individual.

WHERE THE SHIP WILL STOP.

Landings for the purpose of sight-seeing will be made at the following places: Madeira, one and one-half days; Gibralter, nine hours; Algiers, eleven hours; Malta, carriage and railway to Pitta Vecchia and return, thirty miles; Piraeus to Athens and return by rail, carriage drives, visit to Robert College;; Smyrna, several hours; Beyrout, several hours, carriage drives to American College and other places. Returning, stops will be made at Alexandria, Cairo, Naples, Rome, Nice. Side trips have been planned from many of these points for those who wish to take them. Among the many side trips which have been planned the most important is probably that across Europe. Leaving the main tour at Rome, those who desire may cross the continent for $160, visiting Florence, Venice, Milan, Lucerne, Paris, London, Southampton and across to New York on another of the North German Lloyd steamers. Three other side-trips across Europe touching other points have been arranged.

WHAT IS NECESSARY.

The only thing necessary to do for those who wish to go from North Carolina is to write Mr. N. B. Broughton, Raleigh, Chairman of the State Executive Committee of the North Carolina Sunday-school Association, saying that you desire the appointment. A certificate of appointment will be sent you, which, with $25, should be sent at once to Mr. E. K. Warren, Three Oaks, Mich. This is the chance of a life time for the Sunday-school workers of North Carolina, and in view of this fact pastors and superintendents throughout the State are asked to make the announcements in their churches and schools. The opportunity is too valuable not to be brought to the attention of those who can and who might go, if they only knew about it.

Bishop Granbery on "Different Ways of Coming to Christ"

Centuries have passed since the apostolic age. Christianity has largely leavened those countries with which we are best acquainted. Christendom means that in a sense we are Christians by natural birth. In the home, school, and Church, we have had Christian training teaching and training. We have all our days been familiar with Christian examples, conversation, and literature. Christianity has, by multiform methods and in various measures, moulded the sentiments and customs of our people. They are not abruptly aroused by the blast of the gospel trumpet, threatening judgment, summoning to repentance, and offering reconciliation. They have often heard the voice of God in their hearts, and felt the gentle touch and drawing of the Spirit. Even outside the circle of the saved, we witness in many persons a high sense of honor, repugnance to vice, gentle manners, kindness of heart, and readiness to assist in moral and benevolent enterprises, and even in distinctively religious work, which are the fruit and praise of the gospel.

This widespread culture has not lessened the necessity of conversion and spiritual regeneration; but it has modified in a degree their manifestation, and especially the emotional excitement attendant upon them. Sudden and astonishing conversions do occur among us. Drunkards, gamblers, rakes, rioters, thieves, and other criminals, are arrested, brought to repentance, and changed in heart and life. Not less wonderful is the effect of the gospel on skeptics, and on slaves of mammon, ambition, pride, and fashion. Cries of remorse, shame, and terror are succeeded by shouts of gratitude and rapture. But in many cases there is little agitation in those who seek, little ecstasy in those who find. They come to Christ in early life; or, if later, after a long state of being almost persuaded, they yield to the grace of God, and, understanding the plan of salvation, they easily embrace the promises in Christ and enter peace and assurance. A difference of the same sort is seen in Lydia and the jailer.

Still waters need not be shallow. The white heat of fused iron may be intenser than the red, roaring flames of seasoned timber. Quiet pressure may be as effective as ringing blows. Cries and sobs, convulsive movements and prostration, songs and shouts, hand-clapping and leaping, do not guage strength of feeling, much less of purpose. A gentle woman, shrinking from curious eyes and ears, may carry heaven in her heart, and dare martyrdom for Christ's sake, or, what perhaps is greater, spend a long life of joyous self-sacrifice in his service.—Western Christian Advocate.

Trinity Notes.

The Debate Council at Trinity College has arranged a debate with Randolph-Macon College to be held in Craven Memorial Hall in Durham some time in April. The subject of debating at Trinity College is in charge of a Debate Council composed of three members of the faculty and two representatives from each of the literary societies.

President Kilgo preaches in Craven Memorial Hall one Sunday evening in each month. The sermon for this month will be preached next Sunday evening.

Mr. W. H. Hall, of Rockingham, a member of the Sophomore Class, and Mr. L. P. Johnson, of Concord, a member of the Freshman Class, have received appointments to cadetships in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Recitations will be suspended Tuesday, January 19th, for the intermediate examinations which will continue titll February 1st.

The large house erected by Mrs. White, near Trinity Park High School, has been leased by the High School authorities in order to provide accommodations for the large number of new students who have entered since the holidays.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., Jan. 15, 1904.

The Old Charge and the New.

Dear Advocate:—We spent three pleasant years in Beaufort, and our hearts were sad when in the early moving of December 10th, we turned our faces away from the dear, good friends who had been so true, so kind, so helpful to us during our stay among them; may heaven's richest blessings forever rest upon them.

On our way to our new charge we spent a most delightful night at the "Davis House" in Kinston (Rev. E. H. Davis, the successful and justly popular pastor of our church in Kinston, proprietor), and as we were pleased with the fare, we shall remember the "Davis House" when we pass through Kinston.

We arrived at Greenville early in the morning of December 11th, and were carried to our "hired house" on the corner of Second and Washington Streets (known now as the "Bishop House"), where we found good fires, warm rooms and a hearty welcome.

That night the Board of Stewards met and made liberal and satisfactory allowance for the support of the pastor and his family. On Sunday following, which was the second Sunday in December, I preached to an attentive congregation at eleven o'clock a. m. At night the other churches closed their doors and united with our people in a "welcome service," which was one of the most pleasant services I ever attended.

The first week in January was observed as a week of special prayer, the Presbyterian, Baptist (Missionary), Baptist (Free Will), Christian and Methodist Churches uniting in the services. On account of inclement weather, the people could not attend the services as they otherwise would have done, but we are sure much real good was accomplished.

Greenville is, in many respects, a most delightful town; its people are intelligent and progressive, yet we are cursed with a liquor distillery and open grog-shops, but the good people of the town are determined to place a period to this curse in the near future.

Sincerely. J. A. HORNADAY.

Burlington Circuit.

Dear Advocate:—After visiting relatives and friends, my wife and I came over to our new home, the parsonage, on Wednesday after Christmas day. We were delighted to find on our arrival several of the good members of the Shiloh Church. Bro. John Boone seemed to be leading the way with Bro. T. J. Gwynn and his wife. There were to meet us also, several young people. After warming for a short while, by one of those regular winter fires, we soon found ourselves surrounding the dinner table which had been bountifully supplied by both the Shiloh and the "Hub" members, together with the good people around the parsonage of other denominations. The dinner was delightful, but better still were our feelings when we were shown the many good and valuable things that had been collected for us and which we are still enjoying. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who participated in this pounding.

I have visited two of my churches—Mount Vernon and Prospect. I have been very favorably impressed with the people at both places. They seem to be a very appreciative people of the gospel, showing this by giving me the very best of attention.

I must say that I am well pleased with my work, and trust that we will have a good year.

S. F. NICKS.

January 15, 1904.

W. H. M. S. Report.

Report of Conference Treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society of North Carolina Conference from December, 1902, to December, 1903:

Adult dues	$537.53
Juvenile dues	8.41
Baby Roll	12.75
Life membership	110.00
Week of Prayer	20.35
Adult Mite Boxes	11.47
Baby Mite Boxes	24.77
Other Con. enterprises	2.90
Brevard School	253.43
Deaconess Scholarship Fund	116.75
Flora McEachern Brigade	6.73
Conf. Expense Fund	63.40
Bal. rec'd from Mrs. Scott	63.40
Total	$1,182.99
Disbursements—	
Amount remitted to Mrs. Kirkland	$734.91
Drafts to Mrs. Forsythe, Brevard	253.43
Drafts for printing Minutes, and Conf. Expense	52.05
Total	$1,040.39
Balance on hand	$142.60

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. W. H. SPEIGHT,
Conference Treasurer.

[The above reached the Secretary too late for publication in the Conference Journal, so it is published now in the Advocate.—Ed.]

Assessments of New Bern District.

St. Paul.—Presiding Elder, $210.00; Foreign Missions, $230.00; Domestic Missions, $188.00; Conference Claimants, $98.00; Education, $107.50; Church Extension, $88.00; Bishops, $34.25; Delegates, $15.25; Paine and Lane Institute, $9.25.

Centenary.—Presiding Elder, $210.00; Foreign Missions, $230.00; Domestic Missions, $188.00; Conference Claimants, $98.00; Education, $107.50; Church Extension, $88.00; Bishops, $34.25; Delegates, $15.25; Paine and Lane Institute, $9.25.

Kinston.—Presiding Elder, $145.00; Foreign Missions, $158.50; Domestic Missions, $130.00; Conference Claimants, $67.75; Education, $74.25; Church Extension, $60.25; Bishops, $23.75; Delegates, $10.50; Paine and Lane Institute, $6.25.

Snow Hill.—Presiding Elder, $65.00; Foreign Missions, $68.90; Domestic Missions, $58.00; Conference Claimants, $30.50; Education, $33.25; Church Extension, $27.00; Bishops, $10.75; Delegats, $4.75; Paine and Lane Institute, $2.75.

Hookerton.—Presiding Elder, $65.00; Foreign Missions, $68.90; Domestic Missions, $58.00; Conference Claimants, $30.50; Education, $33.25; Church Extension, $27.00; Bishops, $10.75; Delegats, $4.75; Paine and Lane Institute, $2.75.

Beaufort.—Presiding Elder, $105.00; Foreign Missions, $115.00; Domestic Missions, $94.00; Conference Claimants, $49.00; Education, $53.75; Church Extension, $44.00; Bishops, $17.25; Delegates, $7.50; Paine and Lane Institute, $4.50.

Morehead City.—Presiding Elder, $87.00; Foreign Missions, $87.50 Domestic Missions, $77.50; Conference Claimants, $37.25; Education, $41.00; Church Extension, $33.50; Bishops, $13.90; Delegates, $5.75; Paine and Lane Institute, $3.50.

Goldsboro Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $75.00; Foreign Missions, $82.25; Domestic Missions, $67.25; Conference Claimants, $35.00; Education, $38.50; Church Extension, $31.50; Bishops, $12.25; Delegates, $5.50; Paine and Lane Institute, $3.25.

Jones Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $75.00; Foreign Missions, $82.25; Domestic Missions, $67.25; Conference Claimants, $35.00; Education, $38.50; Church Extension, $31.50; Bishops, $12.25; Delegates, $5.50; Paine and Lane Institute, $3.25.

Carteret Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $75.00; Foreign Missions, $82.25; Domestic Missions, $67.25; Conference Claimants, $35.00; Education, $38.50; Church Extension, $31.50; Bishops, $12.25; Delegates, $5.50; Paine and Lane Institute, $3.25.

LaGrange Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $75.00; Foreign Missions, $82.25; Domestic Missions, $67.25; Conference Claimants, $35.00; Education, $38.50; Church Extension, $31.50; Bishops, $12.25; Delegates, $5.50; Paine and Lane Institute, $3.25.

Craven Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $55.00; Foreign Missions, $63.25; Domestic Missions, $49.50; Conference Claimants, $25.75; Education, $28.25; Church Extension, $23.00; Bishops, $9.00; Delegates, $4.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $2.50.

Grifton Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $55.00; Foreign Missions, $63.25; Domestic Missions, $49.50; Conference Claimants, $25.75; Education, $28.25; Church Extension, $23.00; Bishops, $9.00; Delegates, $4.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $2.50.

Pamlico Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $55.00; Foreign Missions, $63.25; Domestic Missions, $49.50; Conference Claimants, $25.75; Education, $28.25; Church Extension, $23.00; Bishops, $9.00; Delegates, $4.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $2.50.

Oriental Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $50.00; Foreign Missions, $57.50; Domestic Missions, $44.25; Conference Claimants, $23.50; Education, $25.50; Church Extension, $21.00; Bishops, $8.50; Delegates, $3.75; Paine and Lane Institute, $2.25.

Mount Olive and Faison.—Presiding Elder, $55.00; Foreign Missions, $63.25; Domestic Missions, $49.50; Conference Claimants, $25.75; Education, $28.25; Church Extension, $23.00; Bishops, $9.00; Delegates, $4.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $2.50.

Mount Olive Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $45.00; Foreign Missions, $49.00; Domestic Missions, $40.00; Conference Claimants, $21.25; Education, $23.00; Church Extension, $19.00; Bishops, $7.75; Delegates, $3.50; Paine and Lane Institute, $2.00.

Straits Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $10.00; Foreign Missions, $13.75; Domestic Missions, $35.75; Conference Claimants, $18.75; Education, $20.50; Church Extension, $16.75; Bishops, $6.50; Delegates, $3.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $1.75.

Dover Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $30.00; Foreign Missions, $33.00; Domestic Missions, $27.00; Conference Claimants, $14.25; Education, $15.50; Church Extension, $12.75; Bishops, $5.00; Delegates, $2.25; Paine and Lane Institute, $1.50.

St. John's.—Presiding Elder, $25.00; Foreign Missions, $28.75; Domestic Missions, $22.25; Conference Claimants, $11.75; Education, $12.75; Church Extension, $10.50; Bishops, $4.25; Delegates, $2.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $1.25.

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From Storm-Swept Hatteras.

Dear Brother Ivey:—We reached here December the 11th. Our reception was more than we anticipated.

We have preached at every appointment on the charge. God manifested himself in these services.

Santa Claus visited us on the night of December 31st. This far surpassed any pounding in our experience.

May God richly reward these good people. God bless the Advocate.

Yours in love,

W. F. GALLOWAY.

Hatteras, N. C., January 6, 1904.

The Family.

The Eternal Goodness.

I walked with bare, hushed feet the ground
Ye tread with boldness shod;
I dare not fix with mete and bound
The love and power of God.

Yet in the maddening maze of things,
And tossed by storm and flood,
To one fixed stake my spirit clings,
I know that God is good.

I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured a one that life and death
His mercy underlies.

And if my heart and flesh are weak
To bear an untried pain,
The bruised reed He will not break.
But strengthen and sustain.

And so beside life's silent sea
I wait with muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.

—J. G. Whittier.

Remember the Folks at Home.

A friend was telling me about a young man who travels extensively in the interests of the firm by whom he is employed. My friend said: "George has always been such a home boy that they miss him very much when he is away on these long trips, but then his mother gets a letter from him every day while he is away."

"Does he write every day?" I asked incredulously; for I happened to know a few people who consider it somewhat of an effort to write a letter much less frequently.

My friend assured me that the postman never failed to stop every day with a letter from the absent son. I liked that. It is but a little thing to do, but I venture to assert that it isn't always the news or the message that brings the light into that mother's eyes, but the living thoughtfulness of her boy, who is never too busy to write to mother. God bless George.

There comes to my mind a little scene in striking contrast: Last Christmas morning I called at the humble home of an aged couple. It was worth while to take my little gift in person, just to see their faces brighten because they had been remembered. During our conversation the mother said, with tears welling up in her faded eyes, and her voice choking: "My son hasn't sent anything this year; he has forgotten his old mother."

The son, who lives in a distant State, had occasionally sent his parents a Christmas present. And the old hearts were sad and lonely this year because nothing had come as evidence that they had been remembered. The pathos of it saddened me as I suggested the possibility of a delay. I have never heard whether they received anything—I never had the heart to inquire. But in this instance, too, I am sure it was not so much the gift they looked for as the affection and thoughtfulness and expression of filial tenderness for which their hearts wistfully yearned.

When I was a very little girl a picture-book was given to me, entitled "My Mother." The first illustration showed a young mother bending over a crib in which was a little baby girl. The story of the lives of mother and child was continued in each successive picture, and the last one represented the mother, old and bent and feeble, leaning on the arm of her daughter, now grown to womanhood, who tenderly guided the faltering steps. The impression that picture made upon my childish mind has never been effaced. It is but natural and right that the young and strong should become the support and stay of the old and infirm. And nothing appeals to me more strongly than the dependence of the aged.

Then write often, sons and daughters who are away from home; don't neglect a token of remembrance and anniversary occasions, for the time will surely come when there will be no occasion for these things; and the pangs of remorse can never undo the cruelty of neglect.

It isn't the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you leave undone,
That gives you a bit of heartache
At the setting of the sun.
The tender word forgotten,
The letter you did not write,
The flower you did not send, dear,
Are your haunting ghosts at night."

—Epworth Herald.

Where Good Breeding is Shown.

Every daughter of Eve—or at least every one who belongs to that branch of her family that eventually became Americans,—is fond of pretty clothes, as an adjunct in the furtherance of the natural desire to please, an instinct implanted by a beneficent Creator,—but not every girl knows that her breeding is shown in her clothes, and that fine ones do not make her a lady nor impose upon any one by making her appear to be one.

Cheap finery not only betrays poverty, which it is unnecessary to confide to the world at large, which regards it most unsympathetically, and not only proclaims ignorance of good taste, but also lays a girl open to misconception and possible identification with the least worthy of her sex. We are not all amenable to suggestions for our good; and, when our desire clash with our "sense of oughtness," it depends upon the quality of our make-up which shall prevail. Another evidence of gentle breeding is a well-modulated voice. Thomas Wentworth Higginson said: "Shut me up in a dark room with a mixed multitude, and I can pick out the gentlefolks by their voices."

In the compass of every voice there are three registers,—the middle or throat, the lower or chest, and the upper or head register. The use of the middle pitch for talking is very desirable, but the voice should be trained to slide up and down, varying with the emotions; low, when the mood inclines toward seriousness, and higher when it becomes tinged with excitement. An interesting speaker constantly changes his pitch; not abruptly, but with ease and skill, and the greater range one has the more certain he is to get and retain the pleased attention of listeners. Our high-pitched, strident voices are sharply criticised, and it is quite within our power to change them.

I confess to liking a bit of slang now and then from a young man's mouth. It sounds racy, adds snap and spice if used judiciously, and a few of its terms are pithy and expressive, but when a girl uses slang it only sounds common. What is becoming to one sex is not becoming so to the other.

When we see a woman who laughs and talks loudly in public places, we put a severe strain upon our charity and judgment not to think her vulgar. When to the conventional, "How do you do?" she replies, "Fine!" we know on just what rung of the social ladder to put her.—Mrs. Burton Kingsland, in "Success."

Expecting a Flood.

An old lady recently bargained with a London cabman standing outside a railway station to take her into town. The sum being agreed upon, the dame returned into the station, and soon reappeared with two parrots in cages, which she handed up to the cabman.

Again she journeyed to the platform and brought out two cats. A third trip she made, bringing back a daintly dressed fox terrier, and a fourth expedition was interrupted by cabby exclaiming: "Beggin' your pardon, ma'am, but you ain't expecting a flood, I 'ope?"

"Dear me, no," was the reply; "whatever made you ask that question, cabby?"

"Oh, it's all right, ma'am," said John. "I thought I'd ask, 'cos I ain't certain as 'ow my horse can swim, and I fancied by the look of your luggage that you were a-takin' my keb for a Noah's Ark!"

How Not to Write for a Newspaper.

When you are seized with an irresistible impulse to write for newspaper columns, be sure to supply yourself with a large quantity of paper, then spread yourself over all of it. Write enough to fill a book and add "To be continued." It will make the editor feel that he is getting something immense; besides, it will be good for the country, increasing the revenue of a Postal Department with postage forward and return.

In the next place, don't use pen and ink, much less a typewriter. Get hold of a little old lead pencil and smear the page with it. It will accelerate the return of your manuscript.

Be careful to write a cramped hand, making the letters very small and running the words close together—paper is expensive. The editor will bless you, and the compositors will say words.

If you are an old hand at newspaper work, make your chirography as much like Egyptian hieroglyphics as possible. Your manuscript, if not wanted by the editor, can be sent down to the U. of C., and Professor Brested, the Egyptian scholar, will date it back to the time of Thothmes the Third, and put it in his museum.

Write a long introduction and work very slowly to what you want to say. It will prevent a rush of ideas to the reader's head. And keep your thought very thin—words are what people want.

Make yourself to be understood. It will give you the reputation of being deep.

Sacrifice everything else to dignity. Make your sentences as stiff as a shirt just out a Chinese laundry.

And be dull; don't fail to be dull, especially if you are writing from a sense of duty. Also, be stupid. The waste-paper basket is yearning for stupid articles.

And, above all things, take it for granted that there is room for tons of matter in each issue of the paper.—The Advance.

Wesley's Definition of a Methodist.

"A Methodist is one that has the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unto him; one who loves the Lord his God with all his heart, soul, and mind, and strength. He rejoices evermore, prays without ceasing, and in everything gives thanks. His heart is full of love to all mankind, and is purified from envy, malice, wrath and every unkind affection. His one desire, and the one design of his life, is not to do his own will, but the will of Him that sent him. He keeps all God's commandments, from the least to the greatest. He follows not the customs of the world; for vice does not lose its nature through its becoming fashionable. He fares not sumptuously every day. He cannot lay up treasures upon the earth; nor can he adorn himself with gold or costly apparel. He cannot join in any diversion that has the least tendency to vice. He cannot speak evil of his neighbor any more than he can lie. He cannot utter unkind or evil words. No corrupt communication ever comes out of his mouth. He does good unto all men, unto neighbors, strangers, friends and enemies. These are the principles and practices of our sect. These are the marks of a true Methodist. By these alone do Methodists desire to be distinguished from other men."—Exchange.

The Right Mr. Higgins.

The front door-bell rang furiously. A head adorned with shaggy and unmanageable whiskers was thrust out of the chamber window, and a voice that fitted the bearer inquired, "Who is it?"

"Oh, is this Mr. Higgin?" came a shrill voice from the shade of the doorway below.

"Please come to No. 41 High Street just as quick as you can, and bring your instruments."

"I ain't no doctor; I'm a carpenter. Dr. Higgins lives two doors below," and the window was coming down with a slam, when "Please, sir," said the little voice, "it's you we want. Pa and ma is shut up in the folding bed, and we can't get 'em out."

Our Boys and Girls.

What the New Year Brought.

It was almost midnight. Eunice stood listening at the window. She had turned out the light and thrown up the shade. How pure and white the snow-covered fields looked in the moonlight! Like the first unsoiled page of the New Year, she thought.

"I wonder what the New Year has in store for me," she said. "Will it be some great happiness, or will it be a great sorrow? Or will it be only little pains and pleasures?"

The first stroke of a bell sounded clear on the still night air, and then the music of many chimes came ringing across the fields. Eunice turned from the window and knelt by her bed.

"Dear Father," she prayed, "make me ready for what Thou dost send. Give me grace to bear the trials that may come with the New Year, and wisdom to meet its perplexities."

In the breakfast-room on New Year's morning Eunice lingered for a little talk with grandfather. Turning the leaves of an illuminated calendar, she spoke aloud the question which had been in her thoughts the night before: "What will it bring to me?"

"What you choose," said the old man.

"What do you mean, grandpa? I am not a fairy godmother to bring by magic whatever I may wish."

"Perhaps not; but remember the years are what we make them, Eunice, child, dont look to circumstances for happiness. Happiness comes first from within. The magic wand is unselfishness. Don't forget, my child."

The door-bell rang, and Eunice flew to answer it, returning with the morning mail.

"Here's your paper, grandpa, and a letter for me. From Jennie, I know. Such a pretty seal—ten pages—just like her—how nice!" and Eunice settled herself on the couch to read it.

There was silence for a few moments and then she burst forth:

"O grandpa, it's the loveliest piece of good fortune! Jennie is going to Washington with her father and mother, and she invites me to go with them. They'll stay until Congress adjourns. All my expenses paid! The capital will be lively this winter and there'll be no end of good times. Isn't it a rare chance? So much for the New Year! I'll write to-day and accept the invitation."

Later, as she watched the sun setting in a great red sea of cloud, her brother Fred came in.

"Another letter for you, Sis! I was around by the post-office," and he tossed her the missive. Eunice glanced at the post-mark and opened the letter a trifle indifferently. She read:

My Dear Niece:—Your Aunt Sabina is real poorly. I am afraid sometimes she won't get better, she's been sick so long. You know she took a great notion to you when you was here two years ago, and she talks about you often now. It would do her a heap of good to see you again. I thought maybe you'd come down and stay a spell, say through the dead of winter. So that's what I'm writing for. She don't know about it. I wanted to sort of surprise her. Hoping you will come soon, I am your affectionate uncle,

JONAS PARKS.

"Well, I am sure I can't go," she said to herself. "Jennie's letter came first and I've accepted the invitation. To be sure, I haven't posted the letter yet, but Jennie will be disappointed if I refuse."

She stood for a few minutes absent-mindedly tearing the envelope into bits. After awhile she said half aloud:

"I suppose Uncle Jonas will be disappointed, too, and it won't make so much difference to Jennie. Any of the girls would go to her gladly. But, oh, dear, it's such a chance, and I do want so much to go! Oh, I can't give it up!"

"Oh, I am so miserable! So miserable, when I meant to be happy! And I've tried to remember what grandpa said, that happiness comes from within." In spite of herself, tears of disappointment and vexation wet her cheks. She dashed them away and sat down in the little rocker for a good think.

"Unselfishness is the magic wand." The words rang in her ears. Had she been—was she—selfish? Had she been looking to her own pleasure for happiness? Resolutely Eunice cross-questioned herself while the long hand of her watch went round more than once, but when at last she rose to brush her hair, the face that looked at her from the mirror was sweet and untroubled.

The next day a letter went to Jennie Barnes containing a hearty appreciation of the invitation tendered and an honest reason for its refusal. In the same mail sped on to Jonas Parks another letter which, when it was opened, made that good man's kindly face beam for joy.

"Grandpa," said Eunice the day following, as she turned the key in the lock of her trunk just packed, "I think I understand better what you meant by saying it was not wise to depend too much on circumstances for one's happiness. I thought at one time that nothing but a trip to Washington could bring me happiness since I decided to go to Uncle Jonas'. I've thought of so many things to do for Aunt Sabina I can hardly wait to get there."

"Ah, child, you are on the right track now. The New Year will surely bring you what you make of it, dearie.—Josephine E. Toal.

NIGHT WAS HER TERROR.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three $1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottles free at all druggists.

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W. F. M. S. Department

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"Salvation! O salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till earth's remotest nation
Shall learn Messiah's name."

At the last annual meeting of the W. F. M. S. of the N. C. Conference, Miss Mary Pescud was appointed to organize Golden Link Societies throughout the Conference, wherever it was advisable or possible. She made quite a promising beginning in the work, organizing several societies, but illness forced her to suspend all effort for a time. She is now about restored to her usual health, and is planning to resume the work of organizing the young people's societies. May the blessed Spirit crown all her efforts with success in this most important department of missionary work. She now has on hand samples of badges for Golden Link members. The price of the solid gold badge is one dollar and twenty cents, and the plated is forty cents. She would be glad to have orders as early as possible from those who would like to have these badges.

From our Conference Corresponding Secretary we have the following items concerning the report of the third quarter: In the Raleigh District two societies were organized—one auxiliary, with eichteen members, and one Golden Link society, with ten members. In the Durham District there was one auxiliary organized with eight members. In the Fayetteville District one auxiliary, with thirteen members, and one Golden Link society with eight members.

Our roll has been increased by the addition of these fifty-seven names, in one quarter.

The Secretary of the Raleigh District will be gratified to know that the largest increase of members was in her District. We rejoice with her, and she has our thanks for her quarterly report which shows gains in finances, too, in her District—read it:

District Secretary's Report of the W. F. M. S. of the Raleigh District, for the third quarter, ending December 1, 1903:

Selma, 19 members, paid $4; Franklinton, 13 members, paid $8.15; Oxford, 20 members, paid $18.75; Four Oaks, 16 members, paid $32.30; Edenton Street, 52 members, paid $32.85; Cary, 18 members, paid $15.06; Banks, 20 members, paid $11.35; Elizabeth, 17 members, paid $10.18; Central, 23 members, paid $5.60; Louisburg, 32 members, paid $6.35; Young Woman's F. M. S., Edenton Street, 35 members, paid $21.30; Central, 20 members, paid $9.50.

Bright Jewel Bands: Franklinton, 25 members, paid $27.96; Four Oaks, 16 members, paid $2.60.

There are nine Bright Jewel Bands in the District, but only two have been reported to me this quarter. I hope more has been sent to "Aunt Lizzie" from the Bright Jewels than reported to me.

There have been $205.95 reported to me this quarter.

I appreciate the promptness of the Auxiliaries in sending in their reports. I hope the Bright Jewels will do as well next quarter.

Miss Pescud organized Banks Auxiliary in last October, and a Golden Links Society of ten young ladies in Franklinton in November. I hope to hear from them next quarter.

As this is the last quarter of our fiscal year, let us, with renewed efforts, try to bring up our Pledge, Conference Expense and all other funds, in full.

Some have already paid up and more. I hope all the other Auxiliaries will. Some are right much in arrears.

MRS. R. H. WHITAKER,
District Secretary.

In looking over the above report it will be seen that Four Oaks with sixteen members, has paid nearly as much as Edenton Street with fifty-two members. It would be a great blessing to our missionary work if Four Oaks could be duplicated in many of our larger towns.

Statement of W. F. M. S. for Third Quarter, September—December, 1903.

Dues—		
Auxiliaries		$528.16
Bright Jewels		160.50
Total		688.66
Pledges—		
Auxiliaries	259.26	
Thanksgiving Offerings	237.56	
Life Members	60.00	
Buds and Blossoms	2.00	
Mite Boxes	10.80	
Bright Jewels	78.03	
Isabella Hendrix School	.50	
Students' Loan Fund (Scarritt Bible and Training School)	33.55	
Total	681.70	
Scholarships	44.25	
	1,414.61	
Remitted Miss Billingsley	33.55	
Remitted Mrs. McTyeire	1,381.06	
Total	1,414.61	
Missionary Candidate F'd—		
Balance forward		23.21
Conference Expense Fund—		
Balance forward		30.52
Current Quarter		35.08
Total		65.60
Expense account		6.05
Balance on hand		59.65
Balance in bank		82.86

MRS. B. B. ADAMS,
Treasurer.
Four Oaks, N. C., Dec. 22, 1903.

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A Delegate from Every Auxiliary.

It is important that all Auxiliaries be represented at our Annual Meeting at Selma, April 30, to May 4; and I desire to remind them now to make arrangements therefor. Let the Treasurers look after the local funds and ask for special collections to pay the delegates' railroad expenses, if necessary. It is a wise use of money, for individual reports contribute largely to the success of the meeting, and the reflex benefit received by the Auxiliaries is still greater.

Who Shall be the Delegate?

Let each President, with the aid of her sister officers and members, select the right woman—one who will intelligently and gladly tell of the successes and efforts, and mistakes, too, of the year, carrying hope and cheer and sympathy to the other Auxiliaries ,and who will bring back new ideas, fresh courage and a reconsecration to the cause—in short, a woman who loves the work because it is service for humanity under the command of the first great Missionary.

Leading Auxiliaries in the Third Quarter.

Wilmington sent the largest amount to the Conference Treasurer—$256.82. There are 67 members, with an average attendance of 44.

City Roads Church, Elizabeth City, added the largest number to the Baby Roll—12.

Weldon reported most new members of the Florine McEachern Brigade—6.

Selma gained the largest number of new subscribers to "Our Homes"—5.

Special mention should be made of Windsor, which numbers only 15, but the earnest workers reported from the Brigade $6.03.

I know you all are glad to hear these fine accounts and, with me, congratulate our faithful sisters. I regret that I cannot give the names of the successful officers of the various departments, but I have not been able to learn them all.

Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries.

If there are other Auxiliaries which ought to be mentioned, I hope the Corresponding Secretaries will write me. Our Conference Corresponding Secretary has given me the highest figures sent her. If all could only realize the importance of sending full reports, much would be gained; it is a great pleasure to me to tell the Advocate readers of the advancement in every line of work, and it must stimulate our members to know what all are doing. Please vie with one another in sending best reports at the end of this fourth quarter; this is a healthy, hearty Christian rivalry that can only produce good.

Concerning Reports of Local Work.

In January number of "Our Homes," attention is called to the difficulty of getting full reports of money raised for local work, both the General Treasurer and the General Secretary complaining of it. The Conference Treasurers say they cannot get the full amounts from the Auxiliary Treasurers. The explanation is that in many Auxiliaries there are two Treasurers, one for connectional funds and one for local, and the former does not get from the latter the necessary information. The easiest remedy for this is for the local Treasurer to hand the other a written statement of all local expenditures either monthly or quarterly, and I hope all Treasurers will bear this in mind. The officers of our Board desire to give credit for all efforts, and as a large part of the work is local, a failure to tell it discredits the auxiliaries and also the whole Home Mission Society.

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Editorial.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER.

Willis W. Cooper was one of the most prominent laymen of the M. E. Church. To him is due, in a large measure, the Epworth League. He believed in promoting among young people the spirit of Christian service. He organized the Chicago Newsboy Club, through whose instrumentality many a young heart has been given to Christ.

In the great Twentieth Century Forward movement of his church Mr. Cooper took a very active part, which helped wonderfully in bringing about the successful consummation of this worthy enterprise. He was devoted to the cause of Foreign Missions and the Young Men's Christian Associations of the land.

He was a model Methodist layman as far as his spirit and activities were concerned. God blessed him with a large business, which brought him wealth. He made a habit of giving to the Lord one-fifth of his income.

He had a very happy Christian experience. Converted when a boy through the efforts of a boy, he became imbued with the idea that the world is to be won to Christ through individual effort. This idea he put into practice every day of his life. He was always engaged in some effort to make souls happier and better. He was always saying kind things about people, and if he could not say something good he said nothing at all.

This good and great man was one of the victims of the disastrous fire in the Iroquois Theatre, Chicago, on Wednesday, December 29, 1903. Many have expressed surprise that Willis Cooper was at the theatre. His church and other evangelical churches condemn the theatre. Why was he there? The fact of his being there, so tragically proclaimed by his own death, has bewildered many of his friends and thrown a kind of blight upon his post-mortem influence.

Did he do wrong in attending Mr. Blue Beard? It is said to be a harmless, innocent, play, unattended by those demoralizing features which belong to a majority of plays. Mr. Cooper must answer the question for himself. He went to an occasional play of this sort, as he said, "with a good conscience and without loss of enthusiasm for the great religious enterprises in which he was engaged." Still it is a fact that his death occurring in a theatre fire has shocked thousands of hearts in that important religious world in which he moved. It does not help to say that his friends had no right to be so strangely shocked. They were thus shocked and a good man's influence has received a check which all must deplore. If it was not morally wrong for Mr. Cooper to attend Mr. Bluebeard, it was certainly morally unfortunate for him to do so.

If Mr. Cooper had only followed this doctrine, how much better it would have been: "I believe that there are plays which are not only harmless in themselves, but under certain circumstances, intellectually and morally stimulating; I believe that it is not wrong in itself to attend these plays. But the drama in general is one of the worst foes to spirituality which the Church encounters. As a rule, the church member who likes most to attend plays likes least to attend prayermeeting and the Sunday service. Yet there are thousands who seeing me 'eat the meat' which I have a right to eat are 'offended.' They look upon my going even to a 'harmless' play as a sin. I may go to a harmless play without receiving hurt, yet at the same time the weak consciences of some of my brethren are hurt. Besides, every time I go to a 'harmless' play, my influence may lead some one to go to two plays which are rotten. He cannot discriminate as I do. He is one of the 'weak' brethren. 'Therefore if eating meat maketh my brother to offend I will eat no meat while the world standeth.'" This was the doctrine of Christ. This was the doctrine of St. Paul. This is the essence of that Christian love which by the help of faith and hope is to take the world for Christ."

If Mr. Cooper, who, we believe, is in heaven, had only reasoned thus, how much better it would have been. His influence would have been brighter and better for it.

The story brings a sad warning to us all, especially to the young. Let us avoid the very appearance of evil. Let us take care of our influence, even if we have to sacrifice innocent pleasures to do so. Let us watch, "for we know not at what hour the Son of Man cometh."

The one who succeeds never suffers from a lack of the world's plaudits. Let us give a few of them to the one who is trying to succeed.

A preacher is an "apostle of sunshine." What a caricature he is when he goes about with a sad countenance, a sepulchral voice, and sour words.

O Lord, teach me to know my help from thee and seek after it; to find my place and keep it; to know my duty and do it. Amen.—Daily prayer of John Wallace.

The man who proposes to sell you a thirty-day clock may be offering you a good article, but beware of the Devil when he praises a religion which is to be wound up only once a week.

Those mission boards, both home and foreign, which shake their heads at the idea of working certain sparse fields, should think of "Mr. Seward's ice-berg," Alaska, which was bought for a mere song, but has proved to be the richest territory in Uncle Sam's wide domain.

Every active, exercise-loving boy knows that he can jump further when he measures with his eye a point just a little beyond that which he thinks that he can reach. There is a valuable lesson in this fact. We can never have too high an ideal and the higher the ideal, the higher we will climb.

Powerful is the light of the sun which daily mounts to the zenith; strong is the light of that fluid which, silent and unseen, flows in myriad currents around the earth; beautiful is the light which trembles in the pearly dew drop. But the only light on land or sea that can drive away the moral and spiritual darkness around us comes from him who has caught it from the Light of the World.

We read in one of our religious exchanges that Dr. Charles M. Stuart, of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., read a paper on "Robert Burns" before the Chicago Methodist Preacher's meeting on last Monday morning. As one of the unappreciative, non-progressive "Philistines," we would be allowed to ask what appropriatness is there in foisting upon a preachers' meeting a discussion of the godless, church-hating poet, Burns? Have these preachers exhausted St. Paul, or Isaiah, or John? Is there anything in the city of Chicago to suggest the advisability of discussing some vital practical question which looks to the betterment of humanity and the alleviation of its sufferings?

NOTICE.

The Conference Journals have been sent out except to the following brethren whose post-office address I did not know, viz.: J. C. Crisp, W. O. Davis, F. F. Eure, and J. M. Marlowe.

If these brethren desire the Journals, and will inform me of the number they desire, and give me their post-office address, I will forward Journals to them.

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W. L. CUNINGGIM.

Durham, N. C., January 5, 1904.

A NOTE FROM BISHOP DUNCAN.

I thank you for the copy of the North Carolina Methodist Handbook. It will be very useful and helpful to me. Every North Carolina preacher and family should have it. You are giving a very readable and excellent paper to the church in your State.

With kindest regards and best wishes.

Truly and sincerely,

W. W. DUNCAN.

PASTORS, ATTENTION!

Any Sunday-schools in your charge that may need help from the Sunday-school Board will please correspond with me immediately. Blanks are ready. The distribution of funds March 1st. We want to get more life into the Sunday-school work.

W. B. COOPER, Secretary,
Wilmington, N. C.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Raleigh Advocate Company will be held in the Advocate office Monday night, February 1, 1904, at eight o'clock.

J. F. MILLER, President.
M. T. PLYLER, Secretary-Treasurer.

WANTED.

The Raleigh Christian Advocate of October 21, 1903; October 28, 1903; November 25, 1903; December 23, 1903, and January 6, 1904.

The first services for 1904 in the Methodist church Sunday morning were largely attended and proved very interesting indeed. The voluntary was well sung by a class of Sunday-school scholars, led by little Miss Estelle Bullock, and the offertory was sweetly rendered by Master Jas. Taylor, who possesses a sweet voice. Mrs. Kate Fleming presided at the organ. Rev. F. M. Shamburger, who has already won the hearts of the people, preached an exceedingly able sermon, followed by the Holy Communion.—Oxford Ledger.

"Let us never grow weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not," was the text used by Rev. Z. Paris, at the Methodist church, as the foundation for an excellent New Year's sermon with which he treated a large congregation last Sunday morning. The people are already full of appreciation for Mr. Paris. There were eleven accessions to the church.—Lumberton Argus.

Rev. W. H. Puckett filled his first appointment at Salem the fourth Sunday in December. He made a fine impression upon the people, and we trust he will suit the work and be the right man in the right place. The wife and daughter of Mr. Puckett have been right sick for several days, but we are glad they are better now.—Oxford Ledger.

The successful equipment and endowment of our university in China and our college in Japan are the pledges of a boundless influence to be exerted by Southern Methodism in the future of those vast empires. A casual or an indifferent thought does not take in the meaning of these achievements.—Epworth Era.

The Trustees of Wofford College held a meeting on January 6th to take steps toward carrying out the resolutions adopted at the last session of the South Carolina Conference, looking to an increase of the endowment of the college. Prof. J. G. Clinkscales will probably take charge of the movement.

The secular press reports that the joint Hymnal Commission has classified the hymns under titles and sub-titles as follows: Worship, the Trinity, the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost; the Holy Scriptures, the Church, the Gospel, the Christian Life, Time and Eternity, Special Subjects and Occasions, Chants and Doxologies.

Personals.

Rev. R. J. Campbell denies that he is a Universalist.

The Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate is valued at $15,000.

Rev. William E. Huntington, D. D., has just been elected President of Boston University.

Dr. J. C. C. Newton, after five years in the home land from his Japanese mission field, has returned to that field.

Dr. Chauncy Hobart, of Red Wing, Minn., died last week at the age of ninety-three. He was one of Methodism's historic characters.

Drs. Bradford P. Raymond, J. W. Bashford and W. F. McDowell are now going through the South inspecting the schools of the M. E. Church.

Dr. Charles W. Dabney has resigned the presidency of the University of Tennessee to accept the presidency of the University of Cincinnati.

Rev. Frank DeWitt Talmage has resigned his Chicago pastorate, and will accept the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, Cal.

Rev. W. G. Starr, D. D., pastor of Washington Street Church, Petersburg, has been requested by the official board of that church to prepare a short biographical sketch of the men who have been pastors of said church.

The following brethren, some of whom attended the Grand Lodge, were appreciated visitors to this office: Dr. H. V. Dunston, J. B. Wilson, ... R. A. Foster, Revs. A. J. Parker, L. M. Chaffin, L. H. Joyner, and Dr. J. T. Gibbs.

A note from Rev. E. W. Fox, who recently transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference, and was assigned to Stanly Circuit, tells us that his health has already greatly improved and that he is very pleasantly situated.

Rev. L. L. Johnson, formerly of the Western North Carolina Conference, is now located at Afton, Indian Territory. He writes us that he is well pleased with his work and the whole country. He promises an early letter for the Advocate.

Mrs. Helen M. Bailey, mother of Rev. R. W. Bailey of the North Carolina Conference, died at Dayton, Durham County, on Monday night, 11th instant. She was sixty-four years old. In the language of the Durham Sun, "her life was a shining example of piety and Christian purity, and her loss will be deeply felt in her community." Our deepest sympathies for the bereaved ones.

At the session of the Hymnal Commission in Washington the joint hymn-book for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was substantially completed and has been committed, for the completion of some details, to an editorial committee consisting of Prof. Charles M. Stuart, of Garrett Biblical Institute, and Prof. W. F. Tillett, of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Bishop W. A. Candler and Dr. J. S. Frazer left Montgomery on the evening of January 7th for an extended trip through Mexico, visiting the churches and looking after missionary affairs. Bishop Candler will hold the session of the Central Mexican Annual Conference at Durango, January 13th, the session of the Central Mexican Annual Conference at Mexico City January 20th, and the session of the Mexican Border Annual Conference January 27th.

We extend our warmest sympathy to the bereaved ones in the recent death of Mr. Marcus B. Tuttle, one of the most prominent citizens of Caldwell County, and a tower of strength to Methodism in all that section. He was indeed "an Israelite in whom there was no guile." He was the father of Rev. D. H. Tuttle, of the North Carolina Conference, and of Rev. R. G. Tuttle, of the Western North Carolina Conference. These sons have a rich legacy in the character of such a father.

North Carolina Methodism.

Rev. B. C. Allred writes that he has been kindly received on Warrenton Circuit and that he is highly pleased with his work.

Rev. Jno. H. Hall writes us that the temperance people in Rockingham are preparing to inaugurate a movement for the closing of the saloons in that town.

In a private note, Rev. H. B. Anderson says he has been kindly received at St. John's (Goldsboro), and has been the recipient of many kind favors. He has made a good beginning.

The protracted services which are being held in the West Durham Methodist Church continue to grow in interest. Large crowds are in attendance at each meeting, and there have already been a number of conversions.

Rev. Mr. Smith, Presiding Elder of Warrenton District, preached in the Methodist Church here Sunday afternoon and night, to large congregations. He delivered two very able and interesting sermons, and he has most favorably impressed our people.—Roanoke-Chowan Times.

Rev. J. O. Guthrie, P. C., Selma Circuit, speaks in high praise of the charge and the people. He says that the sum of $1,000 has already been subscribed for a $1,500 church at Princeton. He says that Selma has one of the best Sunday-schools in the State. There are ninety members of the church and 130 members of the Sunday-school. This is, indeed, ideal. The roll is always revised at the beginning of the year.

The stewards of Cary Circuit held their first meeting in the Advocate office on last Saturday. The meeting was well attended. The stewards of Cary Circuit are loyal business men who have progressive ideas, and who believe in Methodism and their pastor, Rev. G. B. Starling. They increased his salary $75.00, and made plans for systematic payments. The Circuit never had a brighter outlook than at present. This stewards' meeting always means much to the Advocate, because the stewards believe in taking the Advocate. You see?

Rev. R. F. Taylor, Battleboro and Whitakers, writes: "I am now settled down at my work, have been very kindly received, and I am delighted with my people, and judging from the many expressions of kindness shown us from a material standpoint, our people are somewhat satisfied with the preacher. We made a little visit a few evenings ago out to Brother and Sister Gorham's, and when we left, our buggy was loaded with chickens, eggs, sausage, fruit, potatoes and many other things of like nature; and on our arrival here Thursday before Christmas, in a short time we were pounded grandly by our energetic and thrifty merchants here of the firm of T. P. Braswell & Son. Though not members of our church, they are very kind, hospitable and pleasant gentlemen. I expect to try to do some extra work for the Advocate in February. Hope to have you with us this year.

Rev. J. A. Hornady, the new pastor of the Methodist Church here, preached his first sermon to his new charge on Sunday morning. His sermon was excellent, and made a good impression on all present. Sunday night all the congregations of the town joined together in extending him a welcome to Greenville. This welcome service was characteristic of the Christian unity existing among the different churches of Greenville. Rev. F. G. Hartman, of the Presbyterian Church, delivered the address of welcome for all the other churches of the town, and ex-Governor T. J. Jarvis spoke the words of welcome for the Methodist Church. Rev. Mr. Hornaday was most happy in his response to these addresses, and at once won a warm place in the hearts of all who heard him. He is a man of most pleasant appearance and address, an earnest speaker, and we feel sure his stay in Greenville will prove a blessing to his church and to the community.—Greenville Reflector.

General Notes.

Our St. Louis churches now employ five deaconesses and one missionary.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller gave the University of Chicago a Christmas gift of $1, 850,000.

The average salary of Methodist preachers in the New York East Conference is $1,395.67.

Dr. W. W. Bays, W. N. C. Conference, has recently taken the agency of Rutherford College.

The papers report that Mount Vernon Place Church, Washington, is to build a $100,000 church.

There are now in the Districts ravaged by the Chinese Boxers 885 more members than there were when the persecution began.

The alumni and friends of Central College living in Kansas City gave a banquet in the interest of the college on the evening of December 28 at the Coats House.

Bishop Hurst's fine library, which is valued at $50,000, is soon to be offered at public auction. Some of his friends are maturing plans to prevent the auction.

The General Committee of the World's Student Christian Federation, John R. Mott, General Secretary, has appointed February 14th as a Universal Day of Prayer for Students.

Six Conferences of the M. E. Church, South, have reported assessments for Foreign Missions paid in full: Montana, Missouri, Los Angeles, East Columbia, New Mexico and Holston.

Zion's Herald, Boston, has opened its columns to nominations for Bishops. So far, twenty-seven names have been presented. Dr. James M. Buckley heads the list; Dr. Jno. F. Goucher comes next.

The North Texas Female College, under the control of Mrs. Bishop Key, has had a big fire, loss estimated at $35,000. Another building has been secured, and the college exercises will go right on.

We congratulate the Salisbury Globe, recently purchased by Mr. H. B. Varner and J. B. Spillman, on its auspicious entrance into the field of journalism under the new regime. It deserves great success.

Mr. R. W. Perks makes the authoritative announcement that the million guineas will all be in the hands of the Twentieth Century Fund by March next. Special thanksgiving services are to follow the completion of this great enterprise.

Manager Cannon, of the Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate, has hit upon a plan for insuring the placing of the proper address on all communications to the paper. There is in Richmond an "Advocate" for the colored people. Bro. Cannon tells the brethren to address their communications to him unless they want their matter printed in the negro paper. Bro. Cannon truly has a "cinch" on the brethren.

The Oxford Seminary was burned on last Monday morning. The fire originated while the students were at breakfast. The whole building was consumed. Insurance $10,000. President Hobgood has our deepest sympathy. He had built up one of the finest schools for girls in the State. The present term opened unusually well. Every room was filled. We trust that the Seminary may open at once in other buildings.

The editor of the Era, who is Joint Secretary of the Joint Hymnal Commission, was made the recipient of a tender and much appreciated testimonial by his brethren just before the final adjournment of the Commission. Bishop Hoss, speaking for the members of his section, presented the Secretary with a handsome three-volume set of Morley's "Life of Gladstone," volume one being inscribed with the names of the members of the Commission. The words recorded here are some faint expression of the pleasure and gratitude which were provoked in us by this act of delicate brotherly thoughtfulness.—Epworth Era.

Epworth League.

Topic for January 24, 1904.

The Shame and Curse of Atheism.
(Psalms. xiv.)

Reference Word—Fool. (Prov. xii. 15; Eccles. ii. 14; Luke xii. 20.)

Many kinds of fools are mentioned in the Bible, but the fool who makes a mock of sin is to be avoided most of all. In the estimation of a majority of mankind, the highest folly is to deny God. "The fool hath said there is no God."

WHAT AN ATHEIST IS

He disbelieves in the existence of God. An infidel rejects the Bible, but believes in God as revealed in nature. An atheist rejects religion, the Bible, and God. "Atheism is the highest theft against God, because it would steal from him not sun, sea or (his goods, but himself), proceeding farther than 'Deus haec non curat,' to 'Deus non est'—than to say, 'God will not regard it,' but 'There is no God to regard it.' These offer not only a wicked hand to their own conscience to scrape out the deep-graven and indelible characters of the divinity there, but a sacrilegious hand to heaven as if they would empty it of Deity, and pull Jehovah out of his throne, and make him a non ens."

THE FOLLY OF ATHEISM.

The word "fool" is not synonymous with the word "idiot." It does not mean one who is too unintelligent to believe, but one who in the perversity of his heart refuses to believe. He has brains enough, but in his pride, or prejudice, or love of sin, he refuses to believe that there is any one to call him to account, and, rather than acknowledge such a one and sue for mercy, he rushes into eternity, saying: "There is no God." "The atheism of this age is chiefly founded upon the absurd fallacy that the idea of law in nature excludes the idea of God in nature. As well might they say the code of Napoleon in France excludes the idea of Napoleon from France."

ATHEISM A SIN OF THE HEART.

There are few atheists of the intellect. The evidences of God are so numerous and convincing that sanity cannot reject them. "God never wrought a miracle to convince an atheist, because his ordinary works may convince him; and unless men will be wilfully and stubbornly blind, they must needs subscribe to that of St. Paul (Acts xiv. 17). 'God hath not left himself without witness, in that he doeth good, and gives us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness;' and (Rom. i. 20), 'The invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.'"

Though the mind may accept God, the heart may reject him. We are warned against "an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." (Heb. iii. 12.) "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts" and all vile and wicked things. (Matt. xv. 19.) A sinful heart does not want to believe in God, for such belief puts a scourge in the hand of conscience, it is a poisoned dagger in the soul. Luther said: "I fear my own heart more than I do the pope and all his cardinals. I have within me the great pope—self." If you suspect a tendency within yourself to unbelief, if you think of blotting God out of your consciousness, stop, examine yourself, see if it is not because you are weakening in moral fiber, because you are yielding to temptation, because you contemplate some sin, and do not wish to be reproved by the words, "Thou God seest me."

THE SOIL AND RESULTS OF ATHEISM.

The Psalm tells a sad story. The heart rejects God. Then come the awful sequences. "They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good." Adam Clarke comments on this: "They are in a state of putrescency, and they have done abominable works—the corruption of their hearts extends itself through all the actions of their lives. They are a plague of the most deadly kind, propagate nothing but destruction; and, like their father the devil, spread far and wide the contagion of sin and death. Not one of them does good. He cannot, for he has no divine influence, and he denies that such can be received."

We shrink from such characterization, but how many thousands within sight of our churches live as if there were no God! Rather than give up sin and selfishness, they give up God. Do not our own hearts condemn us?

DEATH BY NEGLECT.

Dr. D. M. Bye, the eminent specialist, of Indianapolis, who cures cancer by the use of a combination of oils, says thousands of persons die from cancer every year from no cause save neglect. If taken in time not one case in a thousand need be fatal. The fear of the knife or the dread of the burning, torturing plaster causes a few to neglect themselves till they pass the fatal point. By far the greater portion die because their friends or relatives, on whom they are dependent, are insensible to their suffering and impending danger till it is too late. If you have friends afflicted write to-day for free book, giving particulars. Address Dr. D. M. Bye Co., Drawer 505, Indianapolis, Ind.

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Lesson for January 24, 1904.

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth.
(Luke 4:16.30.)

Golden Text.—He came unto his own, and his own received him not. John 1:11.

We pass over the Judean ministry of Jesus, which is mentioned by John but omitted by the Synoptists, and take up the thread of the narrative at the beginning of the Galilean ministry. John the Baptist was in prison, and Jesus was now in the second year of his public ministry.

The Divine Preacher.—Returning to Nazareth, the scene of his boyhood and early manhood, Jesus went, on the Sabbath, into the synagogue, in accordance with his usual custom, and preached a wonderful sermon, based upon the words of Isaiah (chap. 61:1, 2).

We cannot regard what Luke has written as the full report of all that Jesus said in the synagogue. It must rather be regarded as a condensation or summary of the words of the divine preacher who expounded the Scripture to the people in the synagogue that day.

The Mission of Jesus.—The words of Isaiah, used by our Lord as the text of his discourse, portray the mission of the Messiah, and Jesus applies these words directly to himself, thus unmistakably claiming to be the Messiah.

The words of Isaiah describe the mission of Jesus in its broadest and deepest significance. It will be found exceedingly helpful and inspiring to study this description of the Messiah and to notice how perfectly Jesus Christ fulfilled the prediction of the prophetic seer of old.

Through Jesus and by him the Gospel has been preached to the poor, not only to those poor in worldly goods, but to those who are poor in spirit. Jesus has healed the broken-hearted, both those whose hearts have been broken by sorrow and those whose hearts have been crushed by sin. He has brought deliverance to the captives, those who have been the captives of cruel superstition, of hard-hearted tyranny, and of heathen conquerors, as well as those who have been the slaves of their own sinful passions. Jesus has given sight to the blind, those blinded by disease, those blinded by the temptations and follies of the world. He has set at liberty those who are bruised—bruised both in body and in spirit. And finally Jesus has proclaimed, by his coming, the acceptable year of the Lord.

The Reception of the Message.—The reception given to the words of Jesus by the people of Nazareth gathered in the synagogue is typical of the way in which the gospel message is ever received.

At first they recognized the strength of the appeal made by Jesus, for we read that they wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of the mouth of the Saviour. But unbelief soon arose in their hearts to dissipate the gracious influence of the divine message, and they asked: "Is not this Joseph's son?" Finally they rose up and thrust him out and would have killed him, if his divine power had not saved him from their fury, so that he passed through the midst of them unharmed.

The Rejection of the Saviour.—We read of the treatment accorded to Jesus by the people of Nazareth, and it pains and grieves us. But how many there are who in spirit are treating Jesus as did the people of Nazareth.

May God help us to hear willingly and to accept gladly the precious truths of the Christian faith as they are presented to us in the church and in the home.

Policy of the Anti-Saloon League for 1904.

The New Year will be a great working year for the Anti-Saloon League. The fact that it is a political year should put us on our guard. Our duty is to influence political action, but not to make a political party.

We have first to enforce the Watts Act. This is the biggest work that we shall have. Infringements of the law should be reported boldly and resisted strenuously.

Second, we have to protect the Watts Act. It has been hinted that an effort will be made to repeal or break that Act. This effort may be made publicly. I hope so; for in that event we can successfully resist it and gain some ground besides. But let us be sure that it shall not be made secretly by demanding that all candidates state their position.

Third, we have to improve that Act. We must have an anti-jug law. I receive letters every week complaining that prohibition is made of no effect by the shipment of liquor into prohibition territory. Let us urge candidates to support a measure that will give people prohibition wherever they vote for it. This is only right and reasonable.

Fourth. We must move against the drunkard. The liquor-seller is not the only man to restrain and overcome. We cannot deny men the right to drink; but we can deny them the right to get drunk. Let us therefore urge the enactment of a law making drunkenness a misdemeanor or worse.

But our work is by no means altogether of a law-making kind.

We must make an active campaign for temperance. We must reach and secure personally the rising generation. I venture to suggest that we have temperance rallies throughout the State this winter and coming spring and undertake to get 100,000 boys and young men to sign the pledge—to abstain from liquors and cigarettes and to stand for temperance reforms. This would be a great work of education, and if the temperance leaders think well of it, we will put it on foot.

Let us not be unmindful that some of our towns—only forty, I think—still license the sale of liquor. Let us lay plans to redeem these towns in 1904. Organization and agitation will do the work.

Early in the spring we should have a State Temperance Convention, to emphasize our plans, to encourage the workers, and to strengthen our hold upon the Commonwealth.

So there is more than ever to be done this year by the North Carolina Temperance forces. Let the local officers, Executive Committeemen, etc., get together as soon as possible and thoroughly organize and arouse their counties. Let us make this year the great year of achievement for Temperance in North Carolina as last year was the great year of awakening. Our successes in the past will lose their greater meaning unless they inspire us to more earnest hopes, larger undertakings and more sacrificing work in the year now coming to us.

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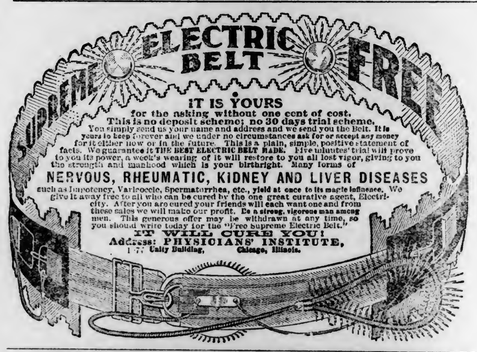

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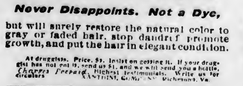

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FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Jonesboro, Jan. 23, 24
Carthage, Co. Line, April 23 Jan. 30
Ellerbe, Smyrna Jan 31
Godwin, Bellefonte, Feb. 6
Silver City, Jan. 6, 7
Lillington, Parker's Grove, Feb. 13, 14
Dukes Branch Feb. 21
Fayetteville, at Steed rd, Jan. 21
Pamplico, Georgetown, Feb 27 28
Newton Grove, Beiserver, March 6
The Dist ict Stewards will please meet in Methodist Church at Sanford, Jan. 6 at 7 p. m.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Red Springs Circuit at Steedard, Jan. 21
Aberdeen Circuit, at Pisgo, Jan. 22
Monigomery Circuit, at Shiloh, Jan. 23, 24
Mt. Gilead Circuit, at Mt. Gilead, Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Perkin Circuit, at Sardis, Feb. 2

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Wilson, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

South Rocky Mount and Marvin, Jan 23, 24
Rocky Mount Station (night), Jan 24, 25
Bath Circuit Jan. 30, 31
Washington Station (night) Jan. 31
Aurora Circuit, Feb 1
Bonsons Ile Circuit, Feb. 7, 8
Marsh ake Circuit, Feb. 13, 14
Fairfield Station, Feb. 17
Ocracoke and Portsmouth Feb. 20, 21
Swan Quarter Circuit, Feb, 20 21
Bethel Circuit Feb. 27, 28
Washington Station (night), Feb. 28
Farmville Circuit, March 5 6
Greenville Station (night) Mar h 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, March 12, 13

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Magnolia, Marshallberg, Jan. 23, 24
Kenansville, Jan 25
Chinquapin Circuit, Jan. 30, 31
Grace, Feb. 7
Onslow, Maxwell, Feb 13, 14
New River, Folkstone, Feb. 15
Richlands, Feb 16
Beulaville, N. C., Feb 17
District Stewards will please meet at Grace Church, Wednesday, December 30 at 4 p. m.
District Missionary Institutes will be held at same place February 7 and 8.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.
J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N C
FIRST ROUND.

North Gates at Kitty Hawk, Jan. 23, 24
Gatesville, at Gatesville, Jan 30, 31
Roanoke Island, Feb. 6, 7
Kitty Hawk, Feb 8
Knotts Island, Feb 9
Hertford, Feb. 13
Dare Mission, at Arbor, Feb. 13, 14
Pantego and Belhaven, at Pantego, Feb, 20, 21
Roper at Roper, Feb 27, 28
Plymouth, Feb 28 29
Creswell, at Asbury, March 5, 6
Columbia, March 12 13
The District Stewards of Elizabeth City District will please meet in the Sunday School room of the First Methodist Church, in Elizabeth City, on Wednesday, January 6, at 3 p. m.

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C
FIRST ROUND.

Jones, Trenton, Jan. 23, 24
Mt. Olive, Falling Creek Jan. 30, 31
Dover, Kinston, Feb. 6
Trenton, Edwards Feb 6 7
Snow Hill, Snow Hill, Feb 12-14
Hookerton, Hookerton, Feb. 13 14
La Grange, Institute, Feb. 20, 21
Beaufort, Feb. 27, 28
Morehead Feb 28 29
Carteret, Newport, March 5, 6
Atlantic, Atlantic March 11 12
Straits, Summerfield, Mar. 12, 13

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Mt. Tirzah, Brookside Jan 23, 24
Main Street, Jan. 31 Feb. 1
Roxboro Circuit, at Roxboro Feb 6, 7
Burlington Circuit, Beth l Feb. 13 14
East Washington, Grassland Haw River, at East Burlington, Feb. 14, at night.
Alamance Circuit, Saxapahaw, Feb. 20, 21
District Stewards meet at Trinity Church, Durham, Tuesday, December 15, at 11 a. m.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Clayton Clayton, Jan. 23 24
Oxford Circuit, at Salem Jan 30, 31
Oxford Station, Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Milbrook, Milbrook, Feb. 6, 7
Brooklyn and Macedonia Feb. 7 8
Youngsville, Youngsville, Feb. 13, 14
Granville Semi, Feb 20, 21
Carey Garner, Feb. 27, 28
Epworth, Feb 28 29
Kenly, Buckhorn, March 5, 6
Wakefield, Wakefield, March 6
Tar River, Kittrell, March 12, 13

WARRENTON DISTRICT.
G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Harrellsville, Ahoskie, Jan. 21
Bertie, Windsor, Jan. 23, 24
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, Jan. 30, 31
Smithboro and Whitaker's Battleboro, Feb. 7, 8
Weldon, Roanoke Rapids, Feb. 14, 15
Roanoke Circuit, Tawer, Feb. 17
Halifax, Halifax, Feb. 20, 21
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Garysburg, Garysburg, Feb. 27, 28
Henderson, March 5, 6
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 19, 20

Marriages.

PRATT—HASTY.—At Hasty, N. C., December 23, 1903, J. C. Pratt and Miss Addie Hasty, by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson.

GAITLEY—WALTERS.— Near Stewards, N. C., December 31, 1903, Ed. L. Gaitley and Miss Mary E. Walters, by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson.

THOMPSON—HASTY.— Near Hasty, N. C., December 30, 1903, Jas. C. Thompson and Miss Flora Ellen Hasty, by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson.

KEENE — M'PHERSON. — At Maxton, N. C., January 6, 1904, J. A. Keene, of South Carolina, and Miss Mollie McPherson, by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson.

SHORE—THOMAS.—By Rev. F. A. Bishop, January 6, 1904, at Central M. E. Church, South, Raleigh, N. C., Madison Luther Shore to Miss Lola Marion Thomas.

BLAND—TALSTON.— On December 30, 1903, at the home of the groom in Martin County, Mr. Daniel Bland and Miss Willie Talston, Rev. D. B. Parker officiating.

STALEY—JOHNSON.—On December 27, 1903, by Rev. Geo. B. Webster, Mr. C. W. Staley, of Liberty, N. C., and Miss Margaret A. Johnson, of Wilmington, N. C.

ALLISON—HODGES.— December 22, 1903, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Edgar Allison and Miss Bertha Hodges were married, Rev. J. H. McCracken officiating.

DAVIS—JONES.—At the residence of Mrs. Finke, at Long Creek, N. C., Mr. A. Frank Davis, of Wilmington, N. C., and Miss Nina A. Jones, Rev. C. C. Brothers officiating.

NEWELL—HARPER.— On December 29th, at the home of Mr. G. C. Weeks, in Scotland Neck, Mr. W. H. Newell and Miss Cora Lee Harper were married, Rev. D. B. Parker officiating.

BREEDEN—GIBSON.— At the residence of Mr. A. P. Gibson, Gibson, N. C., on December 30, 1903, by G. B. Perry, Mr. James O. Breeden, of Bennettsville, S. C., and Miss Julia Belle Gibson.

MERRETT—COWAN.—By Rev. Geo. B. Webster, December 24, 1903, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Robert Lee Merrett and Miss Dosia E. Cowan, both of Wilmington, N. C.

LIPSCOMB—LANSDALE.— At the residence of the bride's father at Semora, N. C., on the 18th day of December, 1903, John J. Lipscomb to Miss Rebecca Lansdale, Rev. J. A. Dailey officiating.

COWAN—PARROTT.—In Bullocks Church, Granville Circuit, on December 23, 1903, Mr. James Cowan, of Pheobus, Va., to Miss Lucy Parrott, of Hester, N. C., W. H. Puckett officiating.

OVERTON—RENN.—At the Circuit parsonage in Oxford, N. C., December 30, 1903, Mr. J. C. Overton to Miss Mittie Renn, both of Granville County, N. C., Rev. W. H. Puckett officiating.

GWYN—HINTON.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. O. R. Hinton, on the 16th of December, 1903, at 8 o'clock, Miss Frances Hinton was married to Mr. J. D. Gwynn, Rev. J. H. McCracken officiating.

ROYAL — JOHNSON. — At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Johnson, Benson, N. C., Mr. Wade H. Royal, of Dunn, N. C., and Miss Lula May Johnson, of Benson, N. C., Rev. E. M. Snipes officiating.

HAMER—GIBSON.—At the residence of Mrs. Edith Gibson, Gibson, N. C., January 5, 1904, by Revs. J. L. Stokes and G. B. Perry, Col. Thomas C. Hamer, Bennettsville, S. C., and Miss Blanche Gibson.

CARTER—MONK.—At the residence of Mr. J. T. Monk, Woodsdale, N. C., his daughter, Miss Anna A. Monk, and Richard T. Carter were united in marriage, December 30, 1903, Rev. B. E. Stanfield officiating.

NICKS—WOODS.—At the home of the bride's father, near Hillsboro, Orange County, on the 24th day of December, 1903, Rev. S. F. Nicks to Miss Emma Woods, Revs. J. A. Dailey and J. H. McCracken officiating.

WICKS—WOODS—On the morning of December 24, 1903, 8.30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. E. C. Woods, Rev. S. F. Wicks and Miss Emma Woods were married, Revs. J. A. Dailey and J. H. McCracken officiating.

Obituaries.

Obituaries containing not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit

WILKERSON.—Miss Emma Wilkerson, daughter of W. W. Wilkerson, died at her home near Purley, Caswell County, after a lingering failing of health, on December 21, 1903. This young lady was just merging into womanhood, whose cheering spirit gladdened all whom she knew. She professed faith in Christ very early in life, in fact her gentle life revealed to her home and large circle of acquaintances that the hour never was when she didn't love Jesus, her Lord and Savior.

Emma was a faithful Christian and member of the Methodist Church. She was true to church and Sunday-school, and loved her pastor, whose own heart was pained when God took her to be with Him in the better land. She leaves a father and three sisters here below, but hers was a happy exit to be with loved ones who had gone before forevermore at God's right hand, praising and glorifying His holy name. We pray His abiding presence to hallow that stricken home and gradually remove the ghastly shadow across its doorway.

J. A. DAILEY, Pastor.

STRICKLAND. — Little Eva Strickland, youngest daughter of Mrs. L. R. Strickland, was laid to rest at Bethany church on Sunday evening, January 3rd.

She had been ill for some weeks, and up to the time of her death the physicians had hopes of her recovery, but God in His infinite wisdom, willed it otherwise, and our loss has been Heaven's gain. Eva was only eleven years of age, and had been an earnest worker in the Methodist Church during the last two years of her young life. Death in all its darkness and gloom possessed no horrors for her, but she looked on it as the only and fitting way to that future life of rest and peace.

During all her illness she was patient and enduring, and not a murmur or complaint escaped her lips. In her school life she was always kind to her mates and ever ready to assist them. She was my pupil, and her death has left a vacancy among my little ones that cannot be filled by numbers, for the sweetness of her disposition and her willingness to serve made her beloved of both pupil and teacher.

We feel deeply for her mother and sister and brothers, who miss so much the bright little star from amid the family circle. May God in His goodness, bring comfort and consolation to their grieved hearts, and cause them to see that His way is best.

JOHN D. LANGSTON.

CULBRETH.—At his home in Owensville, N. C., Thomas Neil Culbreth died at 12.15 a. m., December 18, 1903, in his 78th year. He was the last surviving member of the firm of W. & T. Culbreth, who did business years ago at Cedar Creek, Blockersville, and at Owensville. But retired from mercantile life twenty years ago and settled together on a farm, where they remained until death.

Wm. R. Culbreth, after a long, lingering illness, died May 24, 1901, and was buried in the old Culbreth burying ground, where sleep these brothers, side by side.

Thomas requested that he be buried in a like casket as his brother William was buried, and by his side. These brothers had been partners in business from young manhood and their devotion to each other was remarkable.

William R. was never married, but seemed to love Thomas's children as if they had been his own, and manifested almost a mother's love and care for them, and the children scarcely knew the difference in their love for father and Uncle Will. Thomas was twice married. First to Miss Mary Ann Brown, of whom were born six children, that lived to maturity—five daughters, Mrs. Amelia Underwood, Mrs. Rosa Martin, Mrs. Ellen Owen, Mrs. Willie Culbreth, and Miss Anna Culbreth, and one son, Lalister L. Culbreth. His second marriage was with Susan White, widow of James White, of whom was born one son, James Benton. These seven affectionate children, with his loving wife, are all left to mourn the death of these good men, Thomas and William.

Thomas N. was the last surviving member of the noted Culbreth family. Daniel, Blackman, Love, and Gray, were Methodist preachers. There were seven sons and seven daughters—all true Methodists.

What the Culbreth family has done for Methodism remains to be revealed in the eternal day.

Thomas Neil Culbreth's death is mourned by many. The poor of his community will miss him much. His death is a sad loss to his church and country. But our loss is his gain. He died strong in faith giving glory to God. His last words were: Hope, hope, glorious hope.

B. B. HOLDER, P. C.

DANIEL.—Mrs. Sarah A. Daniel was born in Barnwell County, S. C., February 23, 1844, and died in Wilmington, N. C., May 31, 1903. She was twice married. Her first husband was Mr. Frank Adams, to whom she was married October 20, 1859. On December 28, 1862, Mr. Adams died. On August 6, 1868, she married Mr. J. G. Daniel. To this marriage there were born three children—Lula, James and Mamie.

Mr. Daniel preceded her by about a year to the spirit world, and she was left the second time a widow. In the midst of her children who loved her with a tender love, and who showed her every mark of honor and of reverence, she spent the evening of her life. Happy in her home, with strong faith in her God and at peace with the world, the end of her earthy pilgrimage was beautiful to contemplate.

Mrs. Daniel was a woman of superior character. She was for many years a devoted member of the Methodist Church. She was faithful to the vows she made at her altars; she was always in her seat at the regular services of her church; she loved the company of God's people; she read her Bible with a heart to know the truth; she looked well after her house and kept herself unspotted from the world.

She was a woman of meek and quiet spirit. In the sacred precincts of her home, serving in her lot those she loved, she was content to be unknown to the great outside world. Her chief concern was to do well the task God gave her as wife and mother.

Rarely have we known a spirit so lovable, so gentle, so guileless, so truthful, so pure in thoughts, so kind in speech, so patient with the world. She was the friend of the minister of Christ. Her pastors always found in her an earnest co-worker in every good cause. Her friendship was very precious to me—a friendship that enriched my own life.

She lived well and went down to her end in the peace of God. Every care was given to her declining days. All that loving hearts could do to make the evening-time sweet to her was done with much tenderness and grace. She sleeps well with the smile of God upon her face.

JOHN N. COLE.

Rockingham, N. C., Jan. 5, 1904.

The Death of a Christian Saint.

On the 22nd of December, 1903, Thomas T. Seeders passed away at his home in this city in the 66th year of his life. He was fully and most blessedly prepared for this great change that awaited him, for he was a most consecrated, faithful, believing, humble Christian. He was of Virginia birth, and served with fidelity and conrage the Southern cause in the great war, marching under the stars and bars to victory and defeat, but he followed the blood-stained Banner of the Cross, keeping step day by day to the music of heaven, with a higher zeal, a more unfaltering devotion, a completer consecration. When the Great Commander issued His final order to him, the dear old Christian soldier obeyed at once, without fear or doubt, but with strong, unflagging faith, and ascended on high to join the great army of the Lord in the kingdom of glory; to be forever with the Lord of l ords and the blood-washed throng of immortals,—the redeemed, the regenerated, the sanctified, the glorified saints of heaven, who had come up through great tribulation. Thus passed away one of the purest, best, most thoroughly religious and most consecrated Christians I have ever known personally in a long life. He was for years a steward in Fifth Street Methodist E. Church in this city. For nearly thirteen years he had served with utmost fidelity as a steward of Market Street Church. He had been a most earnest class leader for some ninety years or more. He never missed a service of the church—preaching, prayer-meeting, class meeting, stewards' meeting, church meeting, watch night—unless prevented Providentially. He was full of hope, zeal, love, and was a man of much prayer and toil for the Master. He was greatly esteemed by all who were fortunate enough to know this dearly beloved and sainted brother in the Lord. Like Zacharias, he "was filled with the Holy Ghost," and loving God supremely, with his heart's affections set upon things heavenly; he walked before God in all circumspection and humility of soul, faithful and true and believing, a good, lovable man if I ever knew one. We were great friends; never a word or thought of disagreement or evil between us, and I loved the man, I trust, "with a pure heart fervently." I sat by his side for sixteen years in the "Amen! corner." I miss the dear brother now greatly, but rejoice in the great change that has come to him, and that now in indescribable peace and joy he is glorified in the Redeemer, the "Beloved" Son of God in whom he is "accepted."

May we all who read this brief tribute meet him there and meet our Saviour "face to face."

I mention that the famous strong writer, Thomas R. Stockton, was his cousin.

He married Miss ..... Jones, of Fayetteville, and after a long and happy married life, she survives him, and their two children, Miss Mettie and Thomas, named after his dear, faithful father. The funeral services at the church were participated in by Rev. J. W. Potter, his devoted pastor for four years, by his successor, Rev. Mr. Haltom, and Rev. Mr. McCullen, the new pastor of Fifth Street Church. Mr. Potter delivered a most admirable address—truthful, tender, full of love and inspiration. The prayer of Mr. McCullen was excellent.

There are many hearts in Wilmington that revere and honor the memory of Thomas T. Seeders. He was a printer, and a good one, a poor man, but a devout one, a true man, but a faithful one; he had no home or riches; he was not important on "'Change," or sought after in commercial or banking circles, but he was far above those, for he was indeed "the son of a King." Good-bye for the present, dear friend, until we meet, not long hence, in the land of glory and perpetual peace! "It doth not yet appear what we shall be." Eye hath not seen; ear hath not heard; heart hath not conceived. "The bright visions of genius fade before the ineffable reality, and the harps of the seraphim tremble beneath the burden of its song. "Hallelujah! the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!

Some days ago I prepared a more careful, more elaborate tribute, but it has disappeared most strangely, most unaccountably.

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Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, God in His great wisdom and love has taken from our Sunday-school at Gibson, N. C., from toil and rest, Bro. F. B. Gibson, one of its most faithful and devoted teachers, and most liberal and ardent supporters; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we revere his memory, imitate his fidelity and zeal in this work that was so dear to his heart.

2. That we will, by divine help, close up the rank that has been broken by his departure, that our loss and his gain may be for the glory of God.

3. That we express, with all sincerity, our heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved family in this their great sorrow and commend them to Him who has said, "My grace shall be sufficient for you."

4. That we, the members of this Sunday-school, place in this church some token of our appreciation of his life.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the sorrow-stricken family and a copy be spread upon the minutes of our Sunday-school, and a copy sent to the Raleigh Advocate and the Laurinburg Exchange for publication.

REV. G. B. PERRY,
L. E. KIRKLEY,
MISS ROSA SMITH,
Committee.

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12:50 a. m. No. 111 daily for Greensboro and local points. Carries Pullman sleeper Raleigh to Greensboro, open for occupancy at 9 p. m., connecting at Greensboro with train No. 36, "Carolina Express," for Charlotte, Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville, No. 36, "Washington and Southwestern Limited," solid Pullman train, drawing-room sleepers, New York to New Orleans and Memphis; connection is also made for Winston-Salem, Wilkesboro, Danville, and local Goldsboro and local stations, connecting at Goldsboro with Atlantic Coast Line for stations, 3.55 a. m., No. 114, daily for Wilmington, N. C., Weldon, N. C., Scotland Neck, N. C., Norfolk, Va., and intermediate stations; also, at Goldsboro with Atlantic and North Carolina Railway for Kinston, N. C., New Bern, N. C., and intermediate stations.

8:40 a. m. No. 107, daily for Greensboro and local stations; connects at Durham for Oxford, Henderson, Keysville and Richmond. At University Station for Chapel Hill, daily except Sunday. At Greensboro with train No. 36, "U. S. Fast Mail," for Washington and all points North; Pullman drawing-room sleepers to New York and Richmond. Close connection for Winston-Salem, Mocksville, and local stations, with train No. 7 for High Point, Salisbury, Charlotte and local stations.

10:20 a. m. No. 105, daily for Goldsboro and all local points; connects at Selma for Wilson, Rocky Mount and all Eastern North Carolina points. At Goldsboro for Wilmington, Kinston, New Bern, N. C., and Norfolk, Va., where close connection is made with Chesapeake Line for Baltimore and all other outgoing steamers.

3:25 p. m. No. 135, daily for Greensboro and intermediate stations; connects at Durham for Oxford, Clarksville, Keysville, daily except Sunday. At University Station for Chapel Hill, daily except Sunday. At Greensboro with train No. 29 for Columbia, Augusta, Savannah, Charleston. Pullman sleeper and first-class coaches Washington to Jacksonville, Fla. No. 35, "U. S. Fast Mail," for Atlanta and all points South and Southwest. Pullman drawing-room sleepers to Birmingham and New Orleans; day coaches Washington to New Orleans, also with north-bound trains Nos. 34 and 38 for Washington, and all points North. Pullman drawing-room sleepers and observation car to New York; connection is also made at Greensboro for Winston-Salem and at Salisbury to Memphis.

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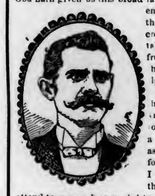

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THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT.

Judge Cook decided at the Durham County Superior Court that only in four counties of the State can the place of the delivery of whiskey be accounted the place of sale. This decision, of course, highly pleased the anti-temperance people, who know that as long as the jug traffic can be carried on, no temperance law can be wholly effective. Last week at the Wake Superior Court, Judge Brown decided that the law which, according to Judge Cook, applies only to four counties of the State, applies to the whole State. This, of course, brings joy to the temperance forces.

But the end is not yet. The Supreme Court must pass on the matter. The decision of the Supreme Court will be awaited with keen and almost painful interest. When we have an effective anti-jug law we will have the instrument with which to rout the last regiment of the enemy.

On last Tuesday night we sat in the Hall of Representatives in the Capitol at Raleigh. Above the speaker's desk were fastened the banners of the Lost Cause. One was battle-torn and age-stained. The band played the old tunes which forty years ago thrilled the hearts of Southern people, whether watching by lonely hearthstones or engaging in the tumult of battle. Captain Samuel A. Ashe limned on the mental canvas of his audience the outlines of that great Chieftain, General Robert Edward Lee, whose birthday was being observed all over the South. The battle-flags, the Confederate veterans present, the music, the pathetic periods of the gifted speaker, the hymn sung and the poem rendered so touchingly by Mrs. F. A. Olds, made us sad. But our deepest sadness was caused by the reflection that the audience was so small. Pit and gallery should have been crowded with the men and women of the capital city desirous of showing annual respect to the great chieftain of the South. We cannot afford to allow the temple in which his memory is enshrined to become dusty and deserted. The finest test of individual or nation is the remembrance of its dead.

Sheriff Page, of Wake County, is represented as saying that he is the man who first proclaimed the fact that people are slower to pay their taxes in prosperous years than in bad ones. This popular sheriff is only making public a principle in civic affairs which has been recognized in ecclesiastical affairs ever since there arose that "murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews"—the time when people began to pay church "quarterage," as it is called in Methodist nomenclature. Ever since the days of boyhood we have heard preachers say that the hardest years mean the best collections. The explanation given by Sheriff Page is the right one. "In the hard years people are very particular to pay first the debts which they are morally and legally bound to pay systematically. But in plenteous years they feel that they have the money to pay when they please, and are in no hurry about it, as they will have no trouble in paying."

There may be much or little truth in the oft-repeated proclamations of Mr. Bryan's political invalidism, but one fact is certain: the Nebraskan's purpose to have his own way in tonguing and grooving the planks in the platform of his party is strong and lusty. His late European trip seems to have cleared from his mind any cobwebs of indecision that may have gathered in the corners during the nearly four years of his editorial experience, for he came back to deliver a few days ago at Lincoln, Nebraska, a banquet speech in which he clearly outlined his purpose to adhere strictly to the principles of 1896 and 1900, and frown upon all those who do not agree with him.

Mr. Bryan is at least consistent. But some types of consistency are not always excellent if we may believe in the doctrine of Mr. Emerson, who, when he had advanced a certain opinion, and was told that this opinion contradicted the one he had advanced a few days before, replied: "Certainly; three days have elapsed since then." Mr. Bryan evidently does not believe in this kind of consistency. We undertake, as a layman, to say that his part in the great drama to be played before the Ides of November will be picturesquely and intensely dramatic.

Rev. H. K. Carroll, LL D., was in charge of the Government Census of Churches in 1890. Since that time he has compiled annually the statistics of the religious bodies in the United States. He is a statistical expert and the figures given by him may be regarded as reliable.

The net gain of all denominations in 1903, according to Dr. Carroll, were 2,340 ministers, 2,647 churches, and 482,459 communicants. The net gain in membership for 1902 was greater by 72,955 than that of 1903. This is perhaps explained by the fact the Roman Catholic Church in 1902 reported abnormal gains. The net gain in ministers and churches for 1903, was greater than that of 1902.

The Roman Catholic Church stands first in gain in membership—166,010. It must be remembered that the Roman Catholic Church counts all baptized persons, whether adults or infants. The African Methodist Episcopal Church stands next—56,646. The Southern Baptist Church comes next with a gain of 40,000. The Disciples of Christ stand next—28,421. The Methodist Episcopal Church is fifth with a gain of 20,967. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, stands sixth, having had a net gain of 20,119.

The gains of Methodists of all names were 112,946, about twenty-three per cent of the grand total. The gains of the Baptists of all names were 61,146; those of all bodies of Lutherans, 35,567; those of all Presbyterian bodies, 26,506; those of the Protestant Episcopal Church, 15,209.

Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, in his inaugural address on January 19, made some statements pertaining to the education of the negro which we consider untrue and unfortunate. According to the Associated Press he declared that education is a curse to the negro, and urged an amendment to the State Constitution that will place the distribution of the common school fund solely within the power of the Legislature, which means of course, that the amount now apportioned to the colored schools shall be considerably reduced.

Governor Aycock, in his admirable speech, delivered lately in Baltimore, said that one of the greatest dangers which we confront is the danger of not being just to the negro. He did not say that we are unjust to the negro, but that there is danger of falling into this attitude. We cannot but think that Governor Aycock had in mind the policy which has been so openly outlined by Governor Vardaman in his inaugural addres.

We are not denying the truth of some of the statements of Governor Vardaman. The education which the negro has received in many sections has been very disappointing to many who desire the progress of the races. But this does not mean that the education of the negro is and must be a failure. Education is a postive term and a positive thing, and cannot vary in its intent and content. It has never hurt anything. It can never hurt anything. It is the same under all condition, in all times, places, and races.

The method of education is sometimes wrong, and, when so, can lead only to bad results. We believe that tthe negro in many cases has been wrongly educated. Hence his so-called education makes him a vagabond and a criminal. Instead of proclaiming that the education of the negro is a failure, let us rather look in the face the fact that the methods of his education have made him a failure. Let us reform the methods and we will then reform him. Let us not fall into the folly of making a financial discrimination between the white man and the negro that will rob the latter of a complete chance to avail himself of that which forms an integral part of real righteousness—education.

One who intimately knew the late B. M. Tuttle, father of Rev. D. H. Tuttle, thus writes: "He was ready. Left all worldly affairs in good condition. Had 'set his house in order' temporally as well as spiritually. Was a member of the church sixty-two years and filled many years in the capacity of Sunday-school superintendent, trustee, and steward." We knew this good man from boyhood, and it is pleasant to realize that the foregoing truthful words but imperfectly outline the grandeur of his character.

Contributions.

Two Kinds of Poundings.

BY A. J. PARKER.

There are two kinds of poundings, viz., one for pastors and the other for editors. The first is much enjoyed and the second to be endured.

PASTORS' POUNDINGS

Being a Methodist preacher, I suppose my experience is in order. It was on the last night of the old year (1903) and within a few hours of its death, that a large number of the people of Mantoe, mostly ladies, called at the parsonage to wish us a happy new year and to leave two large well filled baskets as tokens of their esteem and friendship. A few days ago Bethany repeated the dose. We enjoyed it immensely. Of course the bundles were valuable, but we prize far more the motives which prompted this action. I know you wish you were a pastor again so you could repeat the experience of other days. It must make your mouth water for another taste of "sop and tater," when the pastors begin telling about these pleasant occasions. These poundings cheer the soul and help men to preach more effectively. I once knew a preacher who, because of certain developments, had the "blues," and talked about giving up his work. He felt that his people did not care for him. His sermons were poor, although he was what is termed a good preacher. One good sister proposed a pounding and the people become interested. After the pounding was over the people awoke to the fact that their preacher was a power. There was new life in his sermons. The result was that a mutual love sprang up which continues to abide. But I want to say a word about

EDITORS' POUNDINGS

Surely, Mr. Editor, you have been pounded too, but somehow you do not seem to grow fat on the treatment. I expect if you were to own it, you get pounded oftener than the most popular preacher in our Conference. I can see the crowd gathering, they are heading for the Advocate office, each intent on giving you the benefit of his pound. The packages they bear do not look much like the picture of a well-filled pantry, but nearer like instruments of mischief. Let us hear what they have to say.

No. 1 says: "I do not get my paper regularly, therefore I shall not pay for it." This man has never informed the editor of this before.

No. 2 says: "I subscribed for six months and you have sent it for a year. I did not tell you to do it, so I am not going to pay for it." Did you take it out of the office and read it? Yes. Did you and your family good? Yes. Now, why do you refuse to pay for it? Because I did not tell you to send it."

No. 3 says: "I handed my subscription to my pastor and you have not credited me, and I know my pastor is an honest man." Have you asked your pastor about this; maybe he has forgotten about it? No.

No. 4: "I owe you for ten years subscription, and you have sent me a statement—a dun—and I tell you I will not stand it. Here is your money; take it and stop my paper."

No. 5: "I told John Smith to tell Henry Jones when he went to Raleigh to tell you that as soon as cotton reached eighteen cents a pound that I was going to pay up for my paper."

No. 6: "Is a bill for paper."

No. 7: "Is a bill for labor."

No. 8: "Is a bill for postage.'

No. 9: "Is a bill for office rent."

No. 10: "Is the printer asking for more matter to fill up the editorial columns?"

These and many others are after you, each throwing in his pound.

Now, Mr. Editor, if you want to know how to avoid these unpleasant visitors, just learn how to buy paper and ink, hire labor, and pay postage and rent without money, and give every fellow the paper free, and go around to all the sticklers and pay them to take the paper, and you can do. I guess you like the fun of being editor, for you have many pleasant occasions, but somehow I like the pastor's poundings better than I do those of an editor.

A Round Completed.

Dear Brother Ivey:—We have completed the rounds on North Gates Circuit and we are, therefore, prepared to speak through your columns concerning the charge and its reception of us. Let me say first, that if Bishop Candler had permitted me to have selected my own field of labor, I am sure I would not have chosen a place equal to the one to which he sent me, for I fear it has no equal in the North Carolina Conference for its kindnesses to its pastor.

On the night of the 26th of December we arrived at Gates Station where we were met by Bro. Harry B. Cross,than whom there is no more clever man to be found anywhere. Comfortably tucked in his carriage, we rode two miles to the parsonage, where we found a warm house, a warm supper, and a number of what has already proved to be warm friends. They took us, I believe, right into their hearts, and we can assure you we took them into ours.

After they had served us a nice supper and talked with us a while, we had prayers and they departed, leaving wife and me sole possessors of the house. Being left alone, we began to look around, and we soon found ourselves the occupants of a seven-room house, well furnished with good furniture. We found also that our pantry had been well supplied for us with sugar, coffee, lard, butter, baking powder, flour, cake, milk, bacon, ham, and potatoes. Being satisfied with the indoors of our home, we laid ourselves upon a nice feathed bed and got a good night's rest.

Arising the next morning, we went out and found our shed contained a lot of nice wood sawed ready for our stoves. And strutting around the yard, as if he were "lord of all he surveyed," a rooster was found followed by nine hens. All these things made us feel that we were prepared to keep house.

Eleven o'clock came and found us in the home church just at the corner of our field, and a beautiful little structure it is. We preached to their usual congregation, though it was a cold day, and then accepted an invitation to dine with Sister Alice Williams, where we had a good dinner and met many companionable brethren and sisters.

Three o'clock found us at Savages Church, just two miles off, where we preached to a large congregation, and received a hearty welcome at their hands.

Early in the following week, brethren and sisters began to tell me if there was any thing needed at the parsonage to let them know. They seemed anxious to do for us all they could. We were a little slow in making our wants known, so a committee of ladies visited the parsonage and left to purchase, at an early date, about $50.00 worth of new goods.

We would say that we have had a pounding, but that would convey the idea that a lot of things came all at once and then ceased. Almost every day has brought to us some of the good things of life. If you love spare-bone, back-bone and sausage, Doctor, just come down and we will try to satisfy you.

We feel that we have a goodly people to serve, and our purpose shall be to serve them to the best of our ability. The prospects are fine for a good year.

We have already begun to talk Advocate, and hope to be of some service to you this year.

Yours fraternally,

W. H. BROWN.

Willeyton, N. C., January 16, 1904.

A man conscious of his own smallness nearly always takes refuge behind the bulk of larger men. It is commendable from one standpoint at least. True courage, however, makes defense of its own bosom.

Letter from Indian Territory.

L. L. JOHNSON.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—I am almost surprised at myself that I have again transferred. I am now in the Indian Territory, and stationed at Afton, in the Cherokee district. There was only one reason for my leaving Missouri, and that was, I wanted to come to the Territory. I have no complaint to make against the Southwest Missouri Conference. The preachers and people treated me even better than I deserved. Many of them assured me a welcome among them should I ever desire to return. My appointments in that Conference were all that I could expect.

So far, we are well pleased in our new field. Our people received us very kindly, and have shown us many favors already. A donation was in the parsonage when we arrived. Since then we have received so nice presents, among them being a telephone plan in the parsonage and all charges paid for a year. They called it a "New Year's" gift.

We are among the Cherokees, and they are more like Southern people than any other race. In fact, they are Southern. Now and then I find one who was born in North Carolina. We like the Indians. Of course we do not come in contact with many of the full-bloods. They usually live in the country. But the mixed bloods are found in both town and country, and make up a large majority of the people. While a number of my church members are white people, a majority of them have Indian blood, of which they are proud. Many of them are intelligent and make as good citizens and Christians as anybody.

There is a mistaken idea about the Indian Territory. We are not in the backwoods. We have some as good society as is found anywhere. Our town will compare favorably with towns in the States of like size and age. All believe there is a bright future for the Territory and our church. The M. E. Church, South, stands in the front, and we expect to keep it there. True, there is much work here to be done, but that helps to develop Christian energy. The Indians own the land, and for the present cannot sell it. Other people can only buy town lots appraised by the Government. The country generally is but thinly settled. Most of it is rolling prairie, but in some sections there is timber. The land is fertile, and perhaps three-fourths of it or more has never been in cultivation. The wild prairie grass abounds everywhere, and is used for pasture and hay. The shipment of prairie hay from this place is about 1,200 cars this year, and about 125 cars of cattle and hogs.

Our town is on the main line of the Frisco from St. Louis to Oklahoma City. We also have a road from here to Kansas City. Eight passenger trains stop here daily. So we are not out of the world. Within two lots of the parsonage there is an artesian well, 600 feet deep, sending out a constant flow of pure water, tinged with sulphur. We have near town a man by the name of Jack Squirrel, a family of Buzzards, two families of Muskrats, and a Mr. Snakekiller.

I have never seen such a delightful winter anywhere as we are having. The weather has been almost perfect so far. No snow and but little rain. It is a much milder climate than Missouri, though it joins that State on the southwest.

The weekly visits of the Raleigh Advocate are always interesting and refreshing. It is usually good news from a far country. Now and then the death of an old friend is reported that makes the heart sad, and reminds us that those we love so well in the dear old home-land are gathering on the other shore. Sometimes I stop to think over all the charges I served in North Carolina, and the people who loved us and drew us close to their warm hearts.

The Lord has been good to us all since we came West. Friends have abounded. We have had health. Our children are all with us. We try to be thankful to the Giver of all good.

The Advocate is an excellent paper. God bless it and its well-equipped Editor. Best wishes to all our friends who may read these lines.

A Vital Starting Point.

C. H. WETHERBE.

Very many people, claiming to have a high-grade of religion without accepting the atonement of Christ, need to be most forcibly reminded that all true religion today had its starting point from Christ's cross. Had there been no other types of religion in this country than those of Universalism and Unitarianism it is safe to say that there never would have come into existence the great Christian schools which abound in the land. Nor would there be Christian Endeavor Societies, Epworth Leagues, and Young Men's Christian Associations, to say nothing of other Christian organizations which are doing a vast deal for the eternal welfare of people. Vital Christianity has been the pioneer in organizing and propelling those institutions which are at the front in rescuing fallen humanity. They never would have come forth from any source which ignored the cross of Calvary, with its blood theology. False types of Christianity never rise to the heights of radically redeeming mankind from the slavery of its sins. Rev. W. Mathison, of Australia, in a recent address, said: "The cross, then, is a great resting place. But it is also a great starting point. The more we realize the rest there is in it, the more we are moved to higher things." He also said: "It is by the way of the cross that we pass from the pagan to the Christian conception of life. The passage is a very grievous one to fallen man. Satan has written over the entrance the lying legend, 'Abandon hope, all ye who enter here.' Many want the rest of the cross without its inspiration, the privileges of the cross without its obligations, the safety of the cross without its responsibilities. But the cross points the way. In the midst of the world it stands." Yes, and the civilized nations of the world would not be what they now are if there had been no cross with a dying Christ on it. A thousand perfectly moral persons, if they were to have been crucified on the cross in Christ's day, and he had been left out entirely, could not have produced any great moral change, either in sinners or in institutions. The whole flood of redeeming and saving power, which has affected mankind graciously, started from the cross.

Who Is to Be Blamed?

A METHODIST.

The Christmas season has just passed with its varied entertainments and thoughts. Now we are realizing the effects. What has it produced in us?

As these things crowd upon my mind, as I come to face the effect of these seasons upon the young life of the church, I ask myself what does Christmas mean to a great many of our young church people? I read the dailies: "Mrs. B. gave a most enjoyable card party last evening in honor of Miss C." The most delightful german of the season was most gracefully led by Mr. and Miss D., the most intricate figures danced." "Mrs. E. gave a grand reception. Miss F., with all her charming beauty, presided at the punch bowl." These young people, some of them members of the Methodist Church. I ask myself, what are we coming to, and who is to blame for this card playing, wine drinking, and dancing, by members of the Methodist Church?

I must confess that we preachers have not handled these sins and sinners as we should. I am also aware that there are difficulties in the way of handling them.

But I am convinced that there are other shoulders that must share the blame for the entrance and continuance of these flagrant violations of church vows and the spirit of Christianity in the church of today. Namely, the parents of these young people.

Let an earnest pastor approach the mother of one of these dancing girls, and ask her help in stopping her from dancing, and lo and behold, her mother approves of it. But, urges the pastor, "its a viclation of the church rules." "O yes, I know that, but you know the rules are not enforced now." "But," urges the pastor, "these things are contrary to the spirit of Christianity, and I see the effect upon the spiritual life of your child." "O well, you can't put old heads on young shoulders, and I am sure my daughter is as pious as a great many who make greater pretensions." says the mother.

Thus you will learn that instead of finding in some mothers a great helper in saving the young life to the church, you will find the worst disorganizer and hindrance. They say "there is no harm in playing cards; it keeps the young folks at home." "There is no harm in the dance; it's such an accomplishment and makes one so graceful;" and wine and punch completes the refreshments at all polite receptions.

Now, what type of young life would you expect in such a home as this. Is it a wonder that these young people care so little for the Sabbath-school, the prayer-meeting, the Epworth League?

These things coming so thick during Christmas, along with my study of the Sunday-school lessons, have sent me into a study of the home life and training of our Savior and John the Baptist; and as I have studied these pious Jewish homes—to which God entrusted His Son our Savior, and John the Baptist, I have asked myself, what help were these homes to these upon whom our hopes depend?

I can but shudder when I think what would have been the consequence if God had committed the training of either of these to one of these modern up-to-date homes.

One of the hardest tasks any preacher ever set himself to is to try to save a dancing member of his church when she has a mother behind her who wants to get her into what is call society, and is willing to pay the price.

These things demand the most prayerful study of the hearts of our church today.

Elizabeth City Methodism.

J. V. WILLIAMS.

It was my good fortune to spend Sunday, January 10th, in Elizabeth City, and to preach three times that day.

I wrote Brother Tuttle that I was on the way, and they arranged to give me plenty of latitude. Brother Tuttle was in Western North Carolina to attend the burial of his father. A sad mission, but I'm sure that God stood by him.

It was arranged that I should preach for the First Church at eleven o'clock and for Brother North at City Roads at 7.30 p. m.

At the First Church I found a live Sunday-school at 9.30 a. m., led by that noble Methodist layman and Christian gentleman, W. J. Woodly. Enthusiasm seems to be in the air there. They sing and pray like live folks. At eleven o'clock I preached at the First Church to a large congregation. A people who pray while you preach, and go away feeling that they have met the Lord. A happy people—a happy preacher.

At 3 p. m. Brother Woodly took me out to preach at Eqworth Church; a new church finished last year by Brother Tuttle, and where he holds regular preaching services. The drive was only three miles, and Brother Woodley's rubber-tire carriage and fine black nag made the ride a pleasure. I found an intelligent congregation waiting, and ready to hear the Word. Feeling at home when in the country, I gave them the best I had. I love the good old country Methodist meetings.

At night I met a full house and lovely people at City Roads. Some of those saints have left their old church and friends to serve God and do faithful duty in a new church. God bless them! City Roads Church is a beauty, a gem; it shines. But the good people of our church who divided their forces for the glory of God outshine this building. "They shall shine forever and ever."

COLUMBIA

Happening to be in Columbia on Wednesday afternoon, I called to pay my respects to our preacher on that work, Brother Counstable. He was away holding a protracted meeting in the country. What do you think of that? A country revival in January. That reminds me of what Bishop Candler's two brothers, who were lawyers, said of his first sermon:

"Warren" had been off to college and got converted, and went to preaching, like St. Paul, "not conferring with flesh and blood."

When the boy (about eighteen, I think) came home he preached for the home-folks. His two brothers were "thar," as he would say.

Walking back from the church, one said to the other: "What do you think of Warren?" "Warren will do," said the other.

Well, I think a preacher who goes out in the backwoods to hold a revival in January "will do," don't you Brother Ivey?

Sister Constable fed me, and showed me the way to the church. To my surprise, I found a good congregation,and instead of holding a prayer-meeting, preached for them. The choir is led by Sister Constable, and such fine singing I have seldom heard. They open their mouths. Many choirs sing like they were tired; they make me tired.

In a few days I shall be engaged in my loved employ, revival work, and hope to win a thousand souls to Jesus this year. Pray for me.

Church Extension.

Notice to all who wish to apply to the General Board for aid at the meeting to be held in their office at Louisville, April 29 and 30.

All applications properly prepared must be in the hands of one of the officers of the Conference Board by March 1st, to be considered by them and if approved to be graded as to their relative importance and forwarded to the undersigned not later than April 1st. Blank applications will be forwarded promptly to any who wish them by addressing P. H. Whisner, Corresponding Secretary, 705 West Chestnut Street, Louisville, Ky.

Most respectfully,

P. H. WHISNER, Cor. Sec.

Ages of Animals.

Elephants live 100 years and upwards; rhinoceri, 20; camel, 100; lion, 25 to 70; tigers, leopards, jaguars and hyenas (in confinement, about 25; beaver, 50; deer, 20; wolf, 20; fox, 14 to 15; Pumas, 15; chamois, 25; monkeys and baboons, 16 to 18; hare, 8; squirrel, 7; rabbit, 7; swine, 25; stag, under 50; horse, 30; ass, 30; sheep, under 10; cow, 20; ox, 30; swan, parrots, ravens, 200; eagle, 100; geese, 80; hens and pigeons, 10 to 16; hawks, 30 to 40; crane, 24; blackbirds, 10 to 12; peacock, 20; pelican, 40 to 50; thrush, 8 to 10; wren, 2 to 3; nightingale, 15; blackcap, 15; linnet, 14 to 23; goldfinch, 20 to 24; redbreast, 10 to 12; skylark, 10 to 35; titlark, 5 to 6; chaffinch, 20 to 24; starling, 10 to 12; carp, 70 to 150; pike, 30 to 40; salmon, 16; codfish, 14 to 17.—Selected.

Bethel Circuit.

As those who have charges are writing from and of their charges, I will write a word from the charge in which I live. It is a sad reality to me that I have no charge. No one who has not experienced it knows—no tongue can tell or pen describe.

Old Bethel is O. K., and we have no doubt of success in all church interests with Rev. W. H. Kirton at the wheel. The stewards met January 15th and made a liberal assessment for the support of the ministry.

Brother Kirton has made a fine impression on his people. He is a strong matter-of-fact preacher. He preaches Christ in all his offices, as all-sufficient for all men now and ever more.

Rev. J. D. Bundy, our new Presiding Elder, has not been seen here yet. Our first quarterly meeting will be in February.

Yours, etc., I. O. U.

The further down you can drive the saloon, the further away you remove temptation from those who work in high places.

From Roberdell.

Dear Brother:—I have made one full round on my circuit. My people have received me very kindly, and I enter upon my work hopefully.

Roberdell is a nice place to live. We have a good church here, and my congregations are large and appreciative. We also have a good school running ten months in the year, absolutely free; the mill owners supplementing the public school money so as to give the children school advantages all the year. This means right much to us, as we send five children.

The Circuit is large, having eight appointments, and nearly all the churches weak; but we think they will take care of us, and are hoping for a god year in the church. We enjoy the riding over these high hills after having been in a level country so long; but we remember with grateful appreciation the kindness we received at the hands of our Red Springs friends for three years. God bless them and give them a good year under the leadership of their faithful pastor, Rev. S. E. Mercer. Already we have heard favorable reports from him and his good wife.

I am entering upon my thirty-second year in circuit work. God has been good to me all these years, and I am still happy in this work. God bless you and all the readers of the Advocate.

Z. T. HARRISON.

Letter from Raeford.

Dear Brother Ivey:

If you will accept from an inexperienced pen, a little account of the work and progress in Methodism at this point for the last four years it shall be my purpose to offer some little history.

Four years ago under the kind compliance by invitation, Rev. E. Pope, then serving Red Springs Circuit, gave us a monthly service, arranging same so as to not conflict with his regular assigned work. At that time we could only claim five Methodists belonging to our little band or mission, holding services in a school house. Under the wise instruction and counsel of Brother Pope, the work prospered and grew, his labors being spent among us for a large portion of two years. It was then the duty, and pleasant duty, of Rev. J. T. Harrison, to continue instructing this little flock, who soon saw the field for labor and necessity for a church at this point. From time to time members were added by certificate or profession of faith. In July, 1902, definite plans and organization were perfected for immediate construction of a building. Mr. J. W. McLauchlin, a noble Presbyterian brother, at once donated site, and work was begun.

Few in number, resolute in determination, yet necessarily much time was consumed. Finance was a puzzling problem just here, though backed b determination, resolution, willingness and an ever abiding faith in God and our community, the work progressed until June, 1903, when same was pronounced ready for occupancy. Brother Harrison, after much toil and untiring devotion for its successful completion conducting the first service.

We feel safe in saying, no town of six hundred inhabitants, through our section of country, can claim a more beautiful, commodious, or more modern church edifice. A small debt yet remains of some six hundred and twenty-five dollars; but we have the assurance that same will be eliminated before many years shall have passed. Our membership has now been increased to about thirty-five, and the prospects are bright for future developments.

Much credit is due Brothers Pope and Harrison, and we wish them much success in their future fields of labors.

Rev. S. E. Mercer was sent us by last Conference, having preached several times to large, appreciative audiences already. We feel safe in saying his association and labors will be a benediction to our entire people, and bespeak for him a rich harvest in 1904.

Rev. J. N. Cole, Presiding Elder, was here last Thursday, conducting Quarterly Conference; it being his first visit to our place. He expressed himself as being highly pleased with this section and town, the same surpassing far his expectations.

We wish him to come often and stay longer.

Cannot close without saying best wishes for the Editor and the Advocate.

Yours truly,

BENNETT F. MOORE.

Raeford, N. C.

Trinity Park School.

Readers of this letter will notice that the name of the school has changed from Trinity Park High School to Trinity Park School. The reasons for making this change were in order to avoid confusion with the High School forming the system of Durham Public Schools and with Trinity High School situated at the site of old Trinity College near High Point, N. C. The school hereafter will be known as Trinity Park School.

The school has had a splendid opening since the holidays. Almost all of the old students have returned, together with about fifteen new ones. The number now enrolled is larger than for the corresponding time of tthe year during any year since the founding of the school, and they continue to come. Letters are being constantly received from prospective students, and a number of students are expected in the next few days and at the opening of the spring term.

Both dormitories have been filled, and the authorities have rented a large new building near the school, and a number of students have rooms there. All these rooms are now taken and some students have been placed in rooms in private families.

The spring term will open on February 1st, and then the athletic spirit will be abroad. Already this spirit is showing itself among the students, and a schedule of games is being arranged, and the season promises to be a very succesful one for the school.

The Epworth League and the Era—A Statement by the General Secretary.

Mr. Editor:—May I ask a little space to make a general business statement to the members and friends of the Epworth League throughout the connection?

First, that the year just closed shows the greatest prosperity in League work that we have yet been able to report. The increase is about one hundred and seventy-five Chapters, and six thousand five hundred members. The activity in League organization at this time is most gratifying. We are earnestly seeking to effect an organization in every congregation in the church. The League has fully vindicated the claim which was made for it in the beginning.

Second, that the subscription income of the Era has been so considerably increased as that we are now in sight of a long wished for consummation, namely, the overcoming of the annual deficit. The margin is now so small that any considerable immediate movement amongst the Leagues to extend the circulation will more than balance the accounts. The fiscal year ends April first, next. Will not our League Chapter everywhere read our meaning out of this.

Faithfully, H. M. DU BOSE,
General Secretary and Editor.

Another Pounding.

Dear Bro. Ivey:—The good ladies rushed in the other day while this scribe was sick and pounded us severely. Well, you know that kind does not hurt. When they were gone we found in the larder enough for many days. Such kind remembrance makes the poor, homeless Methodist preacher and his family feel that some one has his interest at heart. We invoke heaven's richest blessings upon them. I desire to be a greater blessing to them this year than ever.

God bless the "Old Raleigh" and its editor.

Fraternally, W. A. JENKINS.

Maysville, N. C., January 21, 1904.

SOME COMMENDATIONS OF THE HANDBOOK.

The issue for 1904 is at hand, and is a beautiful and valuable piece of work. The book contains many things of interest, among them the condensed minutes of both the North Carolina Conferences. This gives a full and accurate survey Methodism throughout the State. Another most convenient item is that which gives the official bodies and officers of the general church.

Dr. Tillett, Dean of the Theological Faculty of Vanderbilt University, contributes quite an appropriate and searching paper on "Why I Am a Methodist," while Rev. M. H. Tuttle, of the North Carolina Conference, writes luminously on the very important subject of "Infant Baptism." Both papers are admirable in themselves and in their timeliness.

One of the most impressive and valuable features of the work is a section of twenty pages, giving maps of every county in the State, with location of every Methodist Church. This feature alone must have required a large amount of work and pains.

Dr. Ivey has done a truly good thing, and it will be well for Methodist progress and history if he shall find a worthy imitator in every State covered by our church.—Rev. James Alkins, D. D.

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I have examined it carefully and am delighted with it. The two articles—one by Dr. Tillett on "Why I Am a Methodist," and the other by Rev. M. H. Tuttle on "Infant Baptism"—should alone command a large sale for the book. Another feature which is worthy of special mention is the maps of the Districts, showing the location of each church. This is unique and valuable. The book is superior in every respect to the one issued last year, and every Methodist family in North Carolina should have a copy of it. My League will give you a good order soon.—Rev. G. T. Adams, New Bern.

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Those members of the Methodist Church in North Carolina—both Conferences—who are alive to the interests of the church and who desire to keep well posted about Methodist men and Methodist affairs, are to be congratulated that they have such a complete and concise source of information as the North Carolina Methodist Handbook, a copy of which has just been placed in our hands by Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D., the editor. Dr. Ivey is also to be congratulated upon the splendid service he has rendered Methodism in editing and compiling a complete compendium of Methodist ideas, policies, and current history.—Morning Post.

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We are obliged to Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D., editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate and of the North Carolina Methodist Handbook for 1904, for a copy of that Handbook. It is packed full of important information, going even beyond the Holston Annual in its exhibit of ecclesiastical data. What more could the editor of the Annual say? Good for Dr. Ivey, and may the Conference Secretaries pass it on!—Midland Methodist.

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We acknowledge the courtesy of Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D., in sending us a copy of the Handbook. This is the third year of this interesting and important annual, and each edition is an improvement on the former. The notable feature of improvement in this year's edition is the excellent maps of all the districts in the two Conferences, showing the location of the churches and the boundaries of Districts and charges. It is well worth the price—25 cents—and should be in the home of every North Carolina Methodist.—N. C. Christian Advocate.

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Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D., editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, favors us with copy of the North Carolina Methodist Handbook, which is the most complete and satisfactory we have ever seen. Besides the minutes of both Conferences for 1903, it contains a great deal of interesting information about the church, both local and general. We congratulate our talented brother on his good work. —St. Louis Christian Advocate.

The Family.

What's In the Glass?

It was John G. Saxe, who, fifty years ago was America's leading humorist, who wrote this startling warning:

"You have heard of the snake in the grass, my boy,
Of the terrible snake in the grass:
But now you must know,
Man's deadliest foe,
Is the venomous snake in the glass.
Alas!
The venomous snake in the glass."

And it was Henry W. Longfellow, whose "Psalm of Life" every American boy knows (or ought to know) by heart, that wrote:

"Touch the goblet no more!
It will make thy heart sore,
To its very core.
Its perfume is the breath
Of the angel of death:
And the light that within it lies
Is the flash of his evil eyes.
Beware! Oh, beware!
For sickness, sorrow, and care.
All are there!"

The Girl in the Church.

In considering the relation of the young woman to the church it is not necessary to emphasize especially the duty of attendance upon the regular meetings of the young people's society. That is self-evident, and is a duty which she would look upon as a privilege if she would recall the fact that the girl in the early part of the nineteenth century had no such advantages. Fifty years ago, when a girl came into the church she was on the same level with the older members. There were no special meetings for young people, and special effort was made in their behalf. The girl was cordially welcomed, but was expected to fit herself into the regular church work. It would seem that today occasional emphasis needs to be laid on phases of church work outside of the young people's societies.

It is inspiring to attend an Epworth League meeting and see the room crowded with earnest young people, but it is pathetic in the extreme, if, a few minutes later, nearly all of them desert the church and leave the minister to preach to the faithful few who recognize attendance upon the regular service as a duty. It might be a question whether the young people's meeting might not better take the place of the evening service and be attended by young and old, rather than that it should become an excuse for the young people to neglect the regular services of the church. Certainly, respect for her pastor, if nothing else, should influence the earnest young Christian woman not to make the special meeting an excuse for absenting herself from the church service.

While the Epworth League meetings will give her self-reliance, and also bring encouragement, from the sympathetic association with those whose religious problems and exeriences are like her own, she needs in addition the instruction and guidance of more mature and experienced teachers. And, at the same time, her presence as an earnest listener will help to give inspiration and courage to the pastor. A minister never feels so much enthusiasm for his work as when he sees in his congregation the responsive faces of a company of earnest young Christians whom he feels he is guiding in the way of life.

But to listen is not the whole duty of the girl in a great congregation. Her voice is needed in the responsive excreises, and in the singing. Fifty years ago all young people sang. The singing-schools were not only great benefactors, but also great sources of pleasure. We all learned to sing, and out of harmony of voices sprang much harmony of lives. Today there is so much "voice culture" that few people sing. The young people are silent in our churches, unless they have been so taught that they feel capable of singing solos effectively—and sometimes affectedly—and being paid for the same. We need a revival of the consciousness that singing is the part of worship belonging especially to the congregation, and that each member is as much bound to sing as the minister is to preach.

In the social life of the church the girl is particularly welcome. To her is delegated much of the work of church bazars, suppers, and sociables. Fifty years ago she would not have found this outlet for her executive ability. There was then no social church life; that is, with the church as a center. Now the church is more of a home, and the grace of hospitality becomes a church duty. Here the girl will find opportunity for displaying her tact, her unselfishness, her helpfulness, her most beautiful social qualities. She will do this if she holds herself in a measure responsible for the happiness of others, instead of thinking only about "having a good time" herself; if she will consider herself one of the hostesses of the occasion, instead of only a guest, she will discover myriad ways in which the social life of the church will afford an opportunity to cultivate Christian virtues.

This thought of being a hostess will help her also to see other opportunities for kindly courtesy. She will note the stranger in the congregation, especially if old, feeble, or poorly dressed, and with cordial greeting will welcome her—or him—to the Father's house; she will take some neglected child under her protecting care, and she will not forget occasionally to tell the pastor if she has been especially helped by some word of his. He has brought to her the Bread of Life; surely the gift is worth a "thank you." She cannot measure the cheer and encouragement which such a recognition will bring to his heart.

In all probability, if there is one place in church work where the girl is needed more than anywhere else, it is in the Sunday-school. Too many young people feel that they have graduated from the Sunday-school, and desert it when they reach the age where they could be of most service within its ranks. If the girl feels herself too old to be a pupil she is not too young to be a teacher, and perhaps in teaching she will become aware of her own lack of knowledge. Nowhere can the earnest young woman be a greater power than in dealing with a class of girls or boys in the Sunday-school, and nowhere will she find a wider field for the development of all her resources, mental and spiritual. To these enthusiastic young hearts she becomes a veritable heroine, a source of inspiration. Her greatest crown of glory in after years may be the knowledge that in her Sunday-school class she started some soul on a search for truth, and directed some feet into the way of life.—Mary Wood-Allen.

It Is Generally Understood.

That it takes two to fill a family jar.

That a photographed smile is never beautiful.

That a floating debt is not necessarily a light one.

That faith and fear do not live on the same street.

That the milk of human kindness never sours in the atmosphere of God's love.

That when an Epworthian begins to backslide he first lops off the regular church prayer meeting.

That the young man who expects to drift into something will eventually dwindle into nothing.

That if we reckon ourselves dead unto sin we have no business around in that neighborhood.

That the value of conversion does not depend so much upon what we turn from as upon what we turn to.

That the man who says a minister cannot be both a good preacher and a good pastor advertises his lack of sense.

That one cannot be holy without surrendering his will. But that does not mean that holiness disintegrates the backbone.

That a youth's way of thinking, like the fuzz on his upper lip, is to be esteemed mainly as a shadow of things to come.

That the minister who expects to succeed in these days without being actually laborious in his pastoral work, is propping himself up with a vain hope.

Can't Keep Up Both.

A gentleman who was traveling, being delayed at a railroad junction, entered into conversation with a care-worn lady who, with three small children, was also waiting for a train. This was part of what was said:

"Where are you going, madam?"

"To my father's at ——. I have not been home since I was married. I did think I never would go back to my people, but I am going back to stay."

"Is your husband dead?"

"No, sir; but he spends all he makes for liquor, and I can't make a living for him, the children and myself. My father wrote me if I would come home he and my brothers would take care of me and the children. I hate to go back this way, but I can't keep up a home and the saloons both. When I married my husband he was a fine business man, and had a good position. Now he works about at anything to get money to buy whiskey. He don't seem to care anything for me now, or his children, either. I wish the men would not vote for saloons, that break up homes!"

"Two things," said the gentleman who relates this story, "rang in my ears for days and weeks, and the pathetic face of that wronged woman haunts me by day and by night to this hour; 'I can't keep up a home and saloons both.' 'I wish the men would not vote for the saloons that break up homes.' That face and those two sentences have forever made me an enemy to the saloon. Till I came to this conclusion I felt that I did not want to meet a good woman face to face.—Selected.

The Horse Died Suddenly.

The late Prof. O. C. Marsh, who for many years occupied the chair of paleontology at Yale, and who, at his death, left a scientific collection of great value to the university, used to delight in telling the following story, which the Youth's Companion prints:

One morning he was walking down a New Haven street, when he met a negro driving a horse with a curiously malformed hoof.

"When your horse dies," said the professor to the old darkey, "I will give you three dollars for that hoof, if you will cut it off, and bring it to me."

"Very well, sah," was the reply, and horse and driver disappeared.

Two hours later, when the professor reached home, he found the negro, who had been impatiently awaiting him for an hour. Handing a carefully-wrapped package to the professor, the darky said: "De hoss is daid, sah."

A Remarkable Grammatical Change.

Gen. Leonard Wood attended in his boyhood a school in Middleboro, Mass., and in Middleboro they still speak of the direct and original mind that the boy had.

"I remember one day in school," said a Middleboro man recently, "Wood was called up in the grammar lesson. The teacher said:

"'Leonard, give me a sentence, and we'll see if we can change it to the imperative mood.'

"'The horse draws the cart,' said Leonard.

"'Very good. The horse draws the cart. Now change the sentence to an imperative.'

"'Get up!' said young Wood.

How it Could Have Been Avoided.

An Ohio Congressman tells this story of a rural barrister before a country magistrate. The case was one in which the plaintiff sought to recover damages from a railroad company for killing a cow.

During the course of his argument the country lawyer used this expressive sentence:

"If the train had been running as it should have been ran, or if the bell had been rung as it should have been rang, or if the whistle had been blown as it should have been blew, both of which they did neither, the cow would not have been injured when she was killed.

Our Boys and Girls.

Wanchese, N. C., Jan. 15, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little folks letters very much. My papa and mamma are both living. I have two sisters ,one eight years old and the other four. I go to Sunday-school whenever I can. Our superintendent is Mr. W. S. Baum, and our pastor is Rev. A. J. Parker.

I go to every-day school also, and my teacher is Miss Hattie Taylor, and I like her very much.

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Well, I guess I will close now. If try again.

MINNIE A. PIGOTT.

Wanchese, N. C., Jan. 15, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little folks letters very much.

My papa and mamma are both living. I have five brothers and four sisters. I go to Sunday-school whenever I can. Our superintendent is Mr. W. S. Baum, and our pastor is Rev. A. J. Parker.

I go to every-day school, and my teacher's name is Miss Hattie Taylor, and I like her very much.

If this escapes the waste-basket, I will try again. I hope to see this in print.

From an unknown friend.

LILLIAN E. DANIELS.

Seaboard, N. C., Jan. 16, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I enjoy reading the children's page so much. I thought I would write, as I have never written before.

I am a little girl twelve years of age. I go to a day school. My teacher is my sister.

I go to Methodist and Baptist Sunday-schools nearly every Sunday. Our pastor at the Methodist church is Rev. E. E. Rose; our Baptist church is without one.

I will close by asking a question. What man in the Bible was so heavy that he had to have an iron bedstead?

EMMA L. TAYLOR.

Seaboard, N. C., Jan. 19, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will write again. I am a little girl seven years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Our superintendent is Mr. Willie Jones; my teacher's name is Aunt Nettie Crocker. I love her very much.

I go to every-day school. love to go, and I study arithmetic, spelling, fourth reader and geography.

We have a new preacher this year. His name is Rev. J. G. Johnson. He has preached here twice, and we all like him very much.

I will answer Lelia May Thrower's questions. Jacob was one hundred and thirty years old when he died; Joseph had eleven children.

I will ask a question. What became of the head of John, and what became of his body?

I will close, with best wishes to the Advocate and the orphans. Enclose find five cents for the orphans.

MARY INEZ PRUDEN.

The Little Fence.

A good lawyer learns many lessons in the school of human nature; and thus it was that Lawyer Hackett did not fear to purchase the tract of land which had been "lawed over" for years. Some of the people wondered why he wanted to get hold of property with such an incubus of uncertainty up on it. Others thought that perhaps he wanted some legal knitting work, and would pitch in red-hot to fight that line fence question on his own hook.

That's what the owner of the adjoining land thought. So he braced himself for trouble when he saw Hackett coming across the field one day.

Said Hackett: "What's your claim here, anyway, as to this fence?"

"I insist," replied his neighbor, "that your fence is over on my land two feet at one end and one foot at least at the other end."

"Well," replied Hackett, "you go ahead, just as quick as you can, and set your fence over. At the end where you say that I encroach on your land two feet set the fence on my land four feet."

"But," persisted the neighbor, "that's twice what I claim."

"I don't care about that," said over this land. I want you to take enough so you are perfectly satisfied, and then we can get along pleasantly. Go ahead and help yourself.

The man paused, abashed. He had been ready to commence the old struggle, tooth and nail, but this move of the new neighbor stunned him. Yet he was not to be outdone in generosity. He looked at Hackett. "Squire," said he, "that fence ain't going to be moved an inch. I don't want the land; there was nothing in the fight anyway but the principle of the thing."—Christian Observer.

Conundrums.

What does a cat have that no other animal has? Kittens.

What is the difference between a bankrupt and a feather-bed? One is hard-up and the other is soft down.

Which animal travels with the most and which with the least luggage? The elephant the most, because he never travels without his trunk. The fox and the cock the least, because they have one brush and comb between them.

What is that which comes with a coach, goes with a coach, is of no use whatever to the coach, and yet the coach cannot go without it? Noise.

Why is an old man like a dog's tail? Because they are both in firm.

What is the most afflicted part of the house? The window, because it is full of panes (pains); and who has not seen more than one window blind?

Why is Westminster Abbey like a fireplace? It contains the ashes of the grate (great).

Why is a beehive like a bad potato? A beehive is a bee-holder, a beholder is a spectator, and a speckled 'tater is a bad potato.

If a farmer can raise two hundred and fifty bushels of corn in dry weather, what can he raise in wet weather? An umbrella.

What is the strongest day in the week? Sunday, because all the rest are week (weak) days.

How can you divide fourteen apples equally between nine boys if four of the apples are very small? By making them into sauce.

If a man on the front of an ice-cart weighs one hundred and thirty-nine pounds, what does the man on the back weigh? The ice.

What is it that looks like a cat, walks like a cat, but isn't a cat? A kitten.—The Christian Endeavor World.

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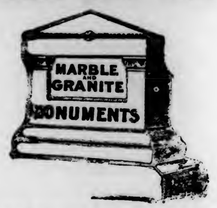

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"If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

The literary meeting of the Edenton Street Auxiliary was held at the regular time, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Hughes, Secretary. The President of the Auxiliary was detained at home by illness; but with that band of elect women, always "zealous of good works," no special leader is necessary—they are always ready for any emergency, on account of their rich endowment of zeal and spiritual power.

They report an enjoyable, profitable meeting, which was "rounded up" in a most pleasant fashion by the hospitable hostess.

Mrs. Swindell, our Conference Corresponding Secretary, requests us to say that "badges for the Golden Links members are ready. Solid gold, one dollar and twenty-five cents; others, forty cents. All members are requested to wear a badge if possible."

Last week we mentioned the fact that Miss Mary Pescud had samples of the badges, the solid gold being worth one dollar and twenty cents. She does not keep the badges on hand, but sends her orders immediately to Mrs. Trueheart. This, perhaps, is the cause of the difference in price as given by Mrs. Swindell—that amount being for express or postage.

Our readers, especially those who are interested in the missionary work, will be pleased to read the following:

Some facts from the Conference Treasurer:

Our total receipts for the third quarter is $1,449.69, an increase of $770.26 over the previous quarter. Shall we congratulate ourselves? That sounds like we are moving forward. Let us study our situation a little:

Our collections for the first quarter amounted to $1,213.59; for our second quarter, $679.43; and for our third quarter, $149.69.

This is a typical report. Instead of having a fine Thanksgiving quarter, in many cases it was but paying up back dues.

Some Auxiliaries have measured up well. To those we say, keep up your standard, and attempt great things and expect great things.

Some others seem highly sensitive to warm weather. I live in the country, and am accustomed to go to the Quarterly Conferences. It is no unusual thing for me to hear a good brother tell his Presiding Elder, when questioned about his Sunday-school: "We have a very good Sunday-school during the summer months ,but when the weather gets cold, we are compelled to go into 'winter quarters.'"

But our Missionary Societies certainly have a different constitution. They thrive in cold weather, and "go a summering" during our second quarter, and rarely leave even their dues behind. Often their meetings are not even held for a month or so, and no report, or a very small one, for the Treasurer.

In the meantime Mrs. McTyiere writes again and again, "Do not wait for the quarter to close, but send the money on as soon as you get as much as five hundred dollars—our work is suffering for the need of funds."

Sisters, think of these things, and when the mercury goes up, and you make your summer's flitting, do not sacrifice our cause, and rob our Thanksgiving quarter.

While your thermometers run low and your interest and enthusiasm high, there is one more fact I want to put before you:

Our pledge is $2,000 this year. To the present time we have raised but $1,160.65, leaving us a balance of $839.35 ,and but one more quarter in which to raise it!

We have never raised that much during one quarter but once, and that was during our Twentieth Century offerings. But what we have done once, we can do again.

These are facts. Let me urge you to think of them, pray over them, and act on them.

MRS. B. B. ADAMS.

His Last Message.

The following is the closing chapter of General Gordon's latest book, "War Reminisancies," issue a few month's ago. It is a lofty and eloquent sentiment:

"'The unseemly things which occurred in the great conflict between the States should be forgotten, or at least forgiven, and no longer permitted to disturb complete harmony between North and South. American youth in all sections should be taught to hold in perpetual remembrance all that was great and good on both sides; to comprehend the inherited convictions for which saintly women suffered and patriotic men died; to recognize the unparalleled carnage as proof of unrivalled courage * * * It will be a glorious day for our country when all the children within its borders shall learn that the four years of fratricidal war between the North and South was waged by neither with criminal or unworthy intent, but by both to protect what they conceived to be threatened rights and imperilled liberty.

"'We shall then see that under God's providence every sheet of flame from the blazing rifles of the contending armies, every whizzing shell that tore through the forests at Shiloh and Chancellorsville, every cannon shot that shook Chickamauga's hills or thundered around the heights of Gettysburg and all the blood and tears that were shed are yet to become contributions for the upbuilding of American freedom.'"

W. H. M. S. Department.

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. R. O. Burton, Raleigh, N. C.

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January Questions and Answers.

"What is the greatest hindrance to my Auxiliary?" I believe the answer to this vital question is the same in every Auxiliary, and it is the true one, I fear, of a large proportion of our members, viz.: Thoughtfulness. We do not give this branch of our Lord's work the important place in our minds that we should, and, in consequence, do not pray and labor for it according to our privileges.

"What can I do to remove it?" Pray more earnestly, then study the cause more intelligently; the result, necessarily, will be larger and more effective labor.

"Our Homes."

The best way to know the cause is to take this excellent paper and read and digest its fine editorials and valuable contributions. If its great helpfulness were fully appreciated, not a Home Mission member would be without it.

At our last Edenton Street meeting, Mrs. B. F. Dixon was appointed Auxiliary Agent for it in place of Mrs. M. L. Morris, who has recently left Raleigh. Mrs. Dixon's hands were already full, holding Conference and Auxiliary offices in both the W. H. M. S. and the W. F. M. S., but knowing the importance of the place, she consented to do her best until the next election of officers.

Change of Residence.

One of Raleigh's best Christian workers in the W. C. T. U., the W. H. M. S., the W. F. M. S., Sunday-school and church—Mrs. M. L. Morris—has returned to New Bern, her former home. Raleigh hates to lose her, especially we of Edenton Street Church, but we are glad in her happy surroundings and in New Bern's gain. As she knows, our loving prayers will ever go with her.

Brooklyn Auxiliary.

Mrs. W. P. Abrams, First Vice-President of this Auxiliary, is filling the place of President since the departure of Mrs. McFarland. She was a most efficient President, and her leaving is much regretted. During his four years' pastorate at Brooklyn Church, Rev. M. M. McFarland and his wife greatly endeared themselves to its members and to many others in our city; they carried with them the sincere affection and best wishes of all.

The A. B. C. Home in Texas.

Our Home in Dallas has succeeded in finding an assistant to Mrs. W. H. Johnson. She is Mrs. W. J. Stone, widow of one of our Indian Mission Conference preachers, and has for several years been President of the Indian Mission Conference Home Mission Society. With her practical experience and spiritual development (what development can be fuller than that which follows the way of sorrows, if trod aright?), we believe she will be used to bless and to advance the work.

Daily News.

Why should not we watch the conditions and needs of the Master's work as carefully and as fully as the business men do the daily bulletins concerning stocks, etc.? Sisters, keep one informed, please, of all that is going on in the Auxiliaries. And Press Superintends, see to it that you do your parts through your secular papers.

The Homer Toberman Deaconess Home.

The December number of "Our Homes" contains a most interesting account of the laying of the corner-stone of this, our first Deaconess Home of the M. E. Church, South, which is now ready for use. It was a great day in Los Angeles, and as the years roll on this gift will increase in value and in usefulness, because it is an emblem of consecrated love and sanctified affliction.

Dr. Reid had charge of the impressive ceremonies, and the address was delivered by Bishop H. C. Morrison (another of Kentucky's best gifts to Methodism).

May our Eastern Methodists soon follow the beautiful example set by the Western, and rejoice in their Deaconess Home.

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Editorial.

Much is being said about the statement recently made by a Missouri preacher that the Bible contains the only solution of the labor problem. Certainly. We thought it is a commonly recognized fact that the Bible contains in some form the solution of all our problems. Why make an ado over the statement that 2 and 2 make 4, or that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points?

The rapiers of the Midland Methodist and the Baptist and Reflector are clashing and flashing in a contest over the mode of baptism. The last view of the contestants disclosed the fact that the former's keen blade, sharpened by Bible truth, had almost amputated the arm of his antagonist, and we could almost hear Burrows cry out: "You brought it all on yourself, Folk; I did not begin this fuss."

In two and one-half years, Dr. S. Parks Cadman added to the Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, of which he is pastor, five hundred members. We will mention two elements which, he said, contributed to this remarkable success: Pastoral visitation from house to house, and constant preaching on the very essence of the Gospel. We commend this to those preachers who claim that they can get along without the former.

The report on the cause of the great fire in the Iroquois Theatre in Chicago discloses the fact that the building was not completed when it was opened, and the doors and other exits were locked at the time of the fire. No criticism is made of the building department, although seven violations of the building ordinance are noted. It is sincerely hoped that the spirit of reformation in buildings with a view to safety from fires may not lose its force, but grow stronger and stronger.

We are glad to learn that the City Council of Nashville, Tennessee, has revoked the ordinance compelling the Publishing House to pay taxes on its property. We are no great stickler for the exemption from taxation of some forms of church property, but years ago the city of Nashville promised that the Publishing House should never be required to pay taxes. On the strength of that promise, we have heard that the Publishing House was located in Nashville. That promise is still sacred and should be sacredly kept.

You say that your charge paid the Foreign and Domestic Missions collections in full; that you overpaid the other collections and salaries; that you built five new churches and one parsonage. Well, that is good. But did the idea ever strike you that there is one interest above that of collections, and such and parsonage building—the interest of a human soul? Has it ever occurred to you that while many conversions on your work during the year may cover a multitude of sins in the shape of financial shortage in collections, that full and overflowing collections and salaries can hardly cover one sin in the shape of shortage in attention to "the thing of greatest worth, the whole creation round?"

We have just laid down a paper in which we read that a certain brother talked ten minutes to his congregation on the subject of the church paper, and that at the conclusion of the sermon he called for subscriptions and secured three. We said to ourselves: the key action of that preacher was in calling for subscriptions. Just a mere talk about the paper, and nothing more, is generally ineffective. Suppose a preacher should preach soul-warming sermons, and never call for penitents, how many conversions would he have? Just about as many conversions as he has when he talks about the church paper and fails to call for subscriptions. When you bait your hook give the fish a chance to bite. This is a newly coined aphorism to be practiced by soul-savers and subscription-getters. Verbum sap.

CLEAR THE ICE-GORGES.

The ice-gorges which form in the rivers further North are always a menace to life and property. Huge dams are often formed, and when the dam breaks or melts, the overflow caused thereby often does great damage.

For the last few days the columns of our daily newspapers have been filled with the accounts of damage threatened or already inflicted through the obstructing ice with which the excessive and continuous cold weather of the winter has filled the Northern rivers, especially those in Pennsylvania.

As we read of the situation, we think of the river of redeeming race which runs through the plains of our great church. It touches every city and country church and every little schoolhouse where the Gospel is preached. At many points along this wonderful stream ice-gorges have formed. They make the atmosphere frigid. No flower of love and faith can bloom in such an atmosphere. These ice-gorges, so still and seemingly unhurtful, will cause trouble. Souls may be lost.

So, Christian brother, if you live in the vicinity of the ice-gorge, be sure to break it in the safest way possible. Nothing but a good revival can avert impending disaster. The best thing to do is to keep these ice-gorges from forming. "Be instant in season and out of season." Look after all the meetings and institutions of the church. Look after the young. Look after the newly converted.

"THE DORMANT IDEA."

The world has no lack of ideas. Many of them may be truly called "dormant"—sleeping. Some of them ought to sleep. The world is strange enough as it is, but it would be stranger if all the ideas which germinate, ferment, and decay in the human mind should find actualization.

We would see horses hitched to the rear of the vehicle instead of to the front. Potatoes would grow on trees. Gold would be mined in the seas instead of in the mountains. Presidents would be hod carriers. School buildings would be turned into engine houses. Churches would be used as livery stables. Earth and Mars would declare war against each other and send out warships to clash among the stars. God would be blotted out of existence, and, among "gods many," the Devil would reign supreme.

No, it is very fortunate that some ideas were forcordained to be dormant and enjoy more than a Rip Van Winkle sleep.

But in nearly every person's mind there is "the dormant idea." It holds sway among other ideas. It has been waiting for months, perhaps for years, to get into the outer world and hold a practical sway in a real embodiment and activity. It has red rich blood in it. It is the natural born child of the head and heart. It is rich in possibilities. It pleads with you in your waking hours. It haunts you in your dreams.

It was the dormant idea in Guttenberg that became the father of the printing press, hand-worked, triple deckers, and all. The Mergenthaler is the lineal grandchild. It was the dormant idea that produced the ordinary wood-screw and poured over a million dollars in the hands of him who aroused the idea from its couch. It was the dormant idea that kindled the fires of the Reformation and created "Sunny Jim," who is now the olive-crowned king of the advertising world. Trace the most wonderful and triumphant creations in the civic, ecclesiastical, financial, mechanical and agricultural world back to their inspiration and beginning, and you will find that they sprang from "the dormant idea."

You have within you "the dormant idea." It may relate to the best method of raising the toothsome groundpea; to the best system of keeping your books or rearing children; to the best way of teaching your Sunday-school class, conducting a prayer-meeting, or preaching a sermon; to the best system for raising Conference collections and visiting your members. It makes no difference what it is. If that idea has been legitimately conceived in the home of wedded heart and head, and has been rocked in the cradle of a true purpose, and nourished with the milk of sanctified ambition, it demands a place in the great throbbing, glowing outer world, where it may have a chance to grow and bless the world.

Open the gate and let it out. It has been peering through the cracks long enough.

Do not be afraid that people will laugh at its new clothes, though they be cut after a pattern, the like of which is similar to nothing in the heavens above, the earth beneath, or the waters under the earth. Every great thing in the Universe, except God Himself, was once new, and perhaps the angels, when they saw it, smiled more in incredulous wonder than in amazed adoration.

Do not be afraid that your "dormant idea" will stumble along and make a failure after all. Failures, anyway, are the stepping stones to success. The badge of success which every great man wears on his breast is a simulacrum of failure. One reason why we think Langley will succeed with his air-ship is in the fact that he has made so many failures and still keeps on trying.

Do not let the pictures of "grooves," "precedents," and "traditions" hang on the wall and scare you into refusing to let your "dormant idea" out into the world of reality and usefulness. Do not for a moment believe that there is a scintilla of truth in the doctrine laid down by a certain Mr. Campbell:

"Be not the first by whom the new is tried.
Nor yet the last to lay the old aside."

Love God, love your fellow man, and, with the sacred enthusiasm which belonged to the long line of useful men and women stretching from Bezaleel to the patentee of the latest and best mouse-trap, send out your "dormant idea," and may it have Godspeed.

It is a refreshing fact that in the roar and rush of this great commercial world, the grace of benevolence has shown no signs of decay. During the year 1903, the sum of $77,000,000 was expended in benefactions. The largest bequest was that of Arisch Wentworth, who gave $7,000,000 for the founding of an industrial school in Boston. The largest amount given to charity was that given by a man by the name of Wilder, to the charities of St. Paul, Minn. The amount given to educational institutions was not comparatively large. Yet, as we have said, the spirit of general benevolence continues strong.

Last week was notable in the history of the State as being marked by the occurrence of fires which destroyed the buildings and other property of two of our most prominent educational institutions.

First came the burning of Oxford Female Seminary on Monday morning, the 18th inst. The fire began while the students were at breakfast. No lives were lost, but the building was totally destroyed and much private property of the students. The loss of the building amounted to about $10,000, mostly covered by insurance. The school was the property of President F. P. Hobgood, who has the sympathies of the whole State. This most excellent institution, we trust and believe, will be reopened under its usual favorable auspices.

On last Thursday morning the main building of the State Normal College caught fire and was burned to the ground in a few hours. No lives were lost. Many of the students lost their trunks and clothing. The total loss was about $75,000; insurance about $35,000. The loss in this instance is upon the State, which will rebuild at once. We are glad to say that the fire will not cause any interruption in the course of the school. The city of Greensboro showed its usual sympathy to President McIver and the students.

On the following night the town of Louisburg was swept by a disastrous fire, which destroyed about $20,000 worth of property. Insurance about $10,000.

North Carolina Methodism.

The Selma correspondent of the Smithfield Herald speaks in high praises of Rev. J. O. Guthrie and his labors on the Selma Circuit.

Rev. H. B. Anderson was requested by the Epworth League Board to edit the Advocate Epworth League column. Our readers may look for a most interesting column.

We were pleased to have a visit last week from Mr. O. R. Rand, of Smithfield. He says that the people are very much pleased with the station arrangement and their preacher, Rev. N. E. Coltrane.

The Epworth Union of Raleigh had a delightful meeting at Central Church on last Monday night. Hon. B. R. Lacy, State Treasurer, who is one of the most popular speakers in the State, delivered a most edifying address.

Mr. P. H. Turner, one of our excellent laymen at Franklinton, thus writes: "I have been taking the Advocate thirty-two years. You are giving us a good paper. May the Master help you in the true work of the church."

The people of Louisburg are taking steps to organize a Y. M. C. A. in that pleasant town. Mr. A. G. Knebel, Y. M. C. A. State Secretary, spoke in Louisburg last Tuesday night. Youngsville, also, expects to have the Y. M. C. A.

Mrs. Walter Holcombe, of Statesville, N. C., wife of Rev. Walter Holcombe, and daughter of Major and Mrs. W. M. Robbins, was so badly burned on January 20th that she died later from the shock. The bereaved ones have our deepest sympathy.

We congratulate Mr. A. G. Headen, who for long years has been a useful official of the Methodist Church at Pittsboro, on the high esteem in which he is rightly held. The Sunday-school of which he is a member lately presented him with a gold-headed cane as a mark of its esteem.

Rev. W. A. Jenkins has sent us his neat pamphlet on the question of the Millenium. He has our thanks. The pamphlet is well written. We have not yet had the time to critically read it, but from what we have read we would judge that the author has the sound and correct view on the subject.

Rev. G. W. Starling, of Buckhorn Circuit, was in to see us a few days ago. We are glad to find that the health of Brother Starling and wife is restored. He has entered enthusiastically into his work, and is planning to sow down his charge with the Advocate. Look out for his report at next Conference.

Rev. L. E. Sawyer, of Farmville Circuit, reports a most pleasant pounding received by himself and family a few nights ago. He hopes to be able to have his new church at Farmville ready for occupancy in a short while. He is looking forward to a gracious protracted meeting in this church. May he have it to an increase in spiritual power and membership.

Rev. A. J. Parker writes forcibly this week on the subject of "Poundings." We must say that the poundings which come to this office from Brother Parker are not like those he writes about. It is nothing uncommon for him to fill up a whole page with the names of the new subscribers and renewals which he sends in. Brother Parker has full right to write on this subject.

Rev. G. T. Adams, of New Bern, writes us a personal letter from which we feel at liberty to take the following: "There is a sound in the tops of the mulberry trees.' One hundred and fifty-four at prayer-meeting Thursday night. Three hundred and one at Sunday-school last Sunday afternoon. The church packed Sunday morning. Two conversions. Sunday night, one conversion. That is the burden of my soul—that sinners may find Christ. I preach Him as the world's only hope. Our new church is progressing rapidly."

General Notes.

George Stewart is to hold at an early day a meeting in Minneapolis.

Last year the M. E. Church had in its various schools in Mexico over 4,000 boys and girls.

The North and South Georgia Conferences have jointly undertaken mission work for the Hebrews in Atlanta.

Mr. Charles Tyler, of Baltimore, left a bequest of $5,000 to the Baptist Publication Society, and $5,000 to the Missionary Union.

The Anti-Saloon League has stamped out five hundred saloons in Virginia this year. Dr. James Cannon is the present President.

The Virginia Epworth League Conference will meet in Petersburg in March. There will be delegates from every section of the State.

Dr. S. A. Steel has been invited to deliver an address before the Methodist Preachers' Conference of Chicago the latter part of the month.

The editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate is engaged in the laudable enterprise of getting his correspondents to abbreviate their articles.

The new President of the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board is Dr. George Alexander, pastor of the University Place Presbyterian Church of New York.

Bishop A. Coke Smith has been preaching a series of sermons in the protracted services held in the Second Presbyterian Church of Norfolk with good results.

Rev. George N. MacDonell, who was for six weeks in charge of our hospital in Monterey, Mexico, has returned to Atlanta to continue his course in medicine.

By the death of Mr. John Lyman, one of the trustees of Syracuse University, that institution will receive what is estimated at one hundred thousand dollars.

A statue of the late John Jasper, the well-known Richmond negro preacher who insisted that "the sun do move," has been placed in the church which he served so many years.

The income from Children's Day collection in the Methodist Episcopal Church amounted to $71,240.04, the largest collection ever reported by the Board of Education.

On Saturday last the trustees of the original Chautauqua met and contributed thirty thousand dollars, which provided for the payment of the last dollar of the floating debt.

Dr. Homer C. Stuntz, Superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Missions in the Philippines, says that he expects to see an Annual Conference in the Philippines within ten years.

Rev. Henri Merle d'Aubigne, son of the famous author of the "History of the Reformation," has recently lectured in New England cities on the results of twenty-five years of the McAll mission work in Paris, France.

President M. S. Davis, of Louisburg Female College, had in the last Nashville an article in which he set the brethren straight on where the first Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America was held.

Representatives from the Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Dutch Reformed, German Reformed, and Unitarian denominations met recently to forward the divorce reform movement in the United States.

The will of the late Willis W. Cooper, of Kenosha, Wis., bequeaths $10,000 to the Young Men's Christian Association of Kenosha, while the remainder of the estate is to be divided equally between Lawrence University, of which Mr. Cooper was a trustee, and the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, subject to an annuity of which Mrs. Cooper and her daughter are beneficiaries. The entire estate will amount to more than $100,000.

OUR CAMPAIGN FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The North Carolina Conference at its last session in Goldsboro unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Books and Periodicals that each Presiding Elder strive to have his District furnish at least one hundred and fifty new subscribers to the Raleigh Christian Advocate before May, 1904.

This recommendation and action were based upon the necessity which the Advocate now confronts—that of falling in line with the other Advocates and increasing the subscription list. The Midland Methodist has lately increased its subscription list by nearly 2,000; the Wesleyan, by over this number; the Alabama, by nearly this number; the Southern, by over this number. The Raleigh Christian Advocate had 6,000 subscribers at this time last year. It has a little over this number now. Within the last year it has advanced one hundred per cent in merit, if we accept the hundred of statements received in letters coming to this office. It reaches less than half of the Methodists in the North Carolina Conference. Why should not the "Old Raleigh" have 7,500 subscribers by May? The people need the paper. The paper needs the support of the people, and must have it if it keeps up to its present standard.

We have begun the campaign for increasing our circulation. We must have those new subscribers.

We are sending out to every preacher in the Conference privately our plan. In the same envelope in which this plan is enclosed are a Raleigh Advocate letter-head and a stamped envelope. The letter-head and envelope are to be used at once. We expect to see them back in this office at the very earliest mail possible. We have no time to lose. We earnestly request every preacher to read the plan carefully and co-operate with the Business Manager in carrying out every detail. If this be done, our campaign for new subscribers will be a victorious one.

The last column on the 8th page will contain our campaign matter. It will show each week how many new subscribers have come from each District since the adjournment of Conference. To the District which, by May 1st, shall have sent in the largest number of new subscribers, we will give a present worth not less than $25.00. The present will be delivered at the District Conference; and may be applied as the Conference sees proper. So look each week at the Campaign column. On the ninth page the general receipts of subscriptions and renewals for each day will be published.

We would urge our preachers while they are working for new subscribers to collect all the renewals possible. These cannot be neglected. They are the "sinews of war.' We have no special agents now in the field. Our preachers are our only agents. Upon them we implicitly rely.

So let us push the battle to the gates. Let us work earnestly and continuously, and the victory will be ours.

AS IT STANDS.

The following shows how many new subscribers have been received from each District since December 1st.

Raleigh District	19
Fayetteville District	12
Washington District	12
Elizabeth Cit District	13
Rockingham District	8
Warreton District	10
New Bern District	7
Wilmington District	19
Durham District	2

The Conference has requested each District to furnish 150 new subscribers by May 1, 1904. The report for each District will be made weekly in this column. The District reporting the largest number of new subscribers by May 1, 1904, will receive a present not costing less than $25.00, to be applied as the Conference thinks best.

Epworth League.

CONDUCTED BY REV. H. B. ANDERSON.

Topic for January 31, 1904.

A Few Words by Way of a Beginning.

Having been asked to take charge of the League columns of the Advocate, I consented to do so, not because I felt any special fitness or aptitude for the work, but because I love the League and hope, in an humble way, to contribute to its growth and development. As members of the North Carolina Conference, we have not given this branch of church work the thought, attention, and effort it deserves.

A League means the development of the young life of the church along many lines. A League prayer-meeting means more than the mere exercise in a devotional meeting. It means the development of a spiritually-minded church.

The League brings the young people into vital touch with the wants of those about them. It develops in them a sympathy that issues in a desire to be helpful to others, not only to supply needed food and raiment, but to carry sunshine into darkened homes and saddened hearts. Who can estimate the value of a bright, cheerful countenance, a flower and a kind word in such a home, to say nothing of the effect upon the contributors of such favors?

A League means a church membership versed in the polity and doctrine of the church; an intelligent devotion to the service of God; an enlarged view of the great commission. And why should these things not be? The last decade has marked progress in every branch of learning; science, philosophy, art and in every branch of business, even to that of farming. The church, too, has advanced, but I fear backward. In seeking to be altruistic she has dropped into latitudinarianism. What we need is a better knowledge of Christ, and a broader conception of God, and not an interpretation of the doctrines of the church in a loose latitudinarian way. And this is the conception of the League.

The League, young, cheerful, hopeful, infuses new life into a fossilized communion, a sort of aide-de-camp to the great General. If we accomplish anything in some communities it must be through the young people, despite of a dead church, and not because we have the sympathy and aid of fathers and mothers. Our hope, brethren, is in a well ordered League. We save the young people to the church and ultimately increase her usefulness.

The Conference requested the Presiding Elders to appoint an organizer in every district. We hope these brethren will do this at as early a date as possible, if the man is available. Let him be an enthusiastic Epworthian.

Let as many as favor an advance in the League movement in the North Carolina Conference say aye, and immediately begin the work in his own charge.

Will not the pastors furnish me at once the names and addresses of their League Presidents and Secretaries?

Let the League Secretaries, or some one appointed by the League, furnish the editor of this column items of interest, from time to time, for publication. Address him at Goldsboro, N. C.

The editor of this column wishes the Leagues a happy New Year. May this be a year full of good works. When faith in Christ is strong, work abounds; when love for Him is full, enduring toil continues; when hope is perfect, patience is perennial.

The Southport Epworth Leaguers have built for themselves a League hall, and are now holding their meetings in it. All praise to them. They have more than doubled their membership in the last year.

FACTS WORTH KNOWING.

The bowels must at least once in twenty-four hours discharge the waste matter of that which has been taken into the body as food. When they fail to do so constipation results.

Constipation is nearly always due to a dry state of the mucous membrances which line the intestines, rendering it difficult for them to expel the waste matter by the squirming motion of the muscles controlling them, which is the method provided by nature.

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Lesson for January 31, 1904.

Jesus Calls for Disciples.

Luke 5:1-11.

Golden Text. If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed. John 8:31.

The four men who were called to be the disciples of Jesus in the narrative before us were not strangers to the Master. Months before they had received a preliminary call to follow Christ, but now the time had come when the connection between Master and disciple must be closer and more intimate. So in this lesson we see the way in which Jesus welded the bond of union which already existed into a tie that became indissoluble.

The Miraculous Draught of Fishes.—The miracle recorded in our lesson is familiar to us all, and needs no repetition here. The essential thing for us to ask is what may be learned from this remarkable act of divine power.

It illustrates the value of faith, of patience and of obedience. The disciples had faith in Jesus, else they would not have heeded his command to launch out into the deep. They had patience, for though they had toiled all night, they were ready to make one more trial. Finally, they showed the highest qualification for discipleship in their obedience.

Followers of Jesus.—Peter and Andrew, James and John became followers of Jesus, as we see in our lesson, for they forsook all else and followed the Master all through the rest of their lives. Shall we not follow their example and strive to become faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Incentive and Inspiration.

There are certain grand incentives and inspirations to missions which must be steadily and prayerfully cultivated.

1. Christ's command and promise. It is a question, at bottom, of submission to Divine authority, or, as the Duke of Wellington said, of "obedience to marching orders."

2. There must be love for man as man. We must remember Robert McAll's two sentences with which he began and upon which he built up his great mission in France—"God loves you," and "I love you." Nothing can take the place of a passionate devotion to Christ on the one hand and to human souls on the other.

3. The principle of self-sacrifice, which is born of love and which is identical with it, must become the law of our life. We must have the spirit of John Maynard, the martyr pilot on the Great Lakes of the North. Standing at his wheel on the burning steamer, seeking to beach the boat in time to save the passengers' lives, removing his right hand from the wheel when burned to a crisp, he placed his left hand on the wheel to be burned, and sacrificed his own life cheerfully that he might save the lives of others. We need the spirit of "Chinese" Gordon, whose principles of life began and ended in utter absorption to the will of God and utter oblivion of self.

4. We need a revival of stewardship. We must learn anew that holy lesson that all things belong to God, and, hence, that man owes nothing. What he has is simply committed to him in trust, to be rendered back to the original Owner. We have long since outgrown this Apostolic principle. Men consider that what they have is their own; that it was got by their own industry and sagacity and economy and frugality, and they deny the claims of God upon their property; and this is true even of many devout disciples.

Last of all, we need the revival of spiritual sensibility. Our faculties must be exercised to discern invisible things, and we must come anew under the powers of the world to come—Christ as Leader; the Holy Spirit as Administrator; eternal realities as the hope and inspiration of the Church of God.

When such conditions as these are fulfilled, we can understand such words as those of Rev. Hunter Corbett: "I may have 'buried my life' in China, but this I know: that at this moment there are at least two thousand converts there who are daily praying to God for me." Dr. H. H. Jessup, of Syria, when offered a missionary secretaryship in New York City, which would have multiplied his salary fourfold and lifted him to leadership in his own land, sent a letter of declination which was itself a grand missionary document. He said, in substance, that his American friends, in asking him to forsake his Syrian work and converts, were suggesting a self-denial for which grace had not yet made him equal. Such identity with the work makes even self-sacrifice a joy. —Dr. A. T. Pierson.

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No. 57. SOUTHBOUND.

4.15 a. m.—"Seaboard Express" for Charlotte, Atlanta, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Tampa and all points South and Southwest.

No. 41.

4.00 p. m.—"Seaboard Local Mail" for Charlotte, Atlanta and all local points. Connects at Atlanta for all points South and Southwest.

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Secular News.

STATE.

Charlotte has organized a local Anti-Saloon League with four hundred members.

The Wilmington Messenger says the past season has been very profitable to truck farmers.

The majority of the Committee on Postoffices at Washington has reported favorably to the confirmation of J. E. Albright as postmaster at Mount Airy.

The Charlotte Observer says that all the cotton mills in Concord, eight in number, will hereafter, for an indefinite period, run only four days a week. The curtailment is on account of the scarcity and high price of cotton and the low price of manufactured goods.

The building of the Oxford Seminary was burned on Monday morning. The fire started in a bed-room. The building was insured, but the loss to Professor Hobgood in this interruption of his school work will be a great one. In this unfortunate accident, as Charity and Children says, the whole State is loser.

GENERAL.

The Hepburn pure food bill passed the House of Representatives.

There is now little prospect of immediate war between Japan and Russia.

The anniversary of Lee's birthday was generally observed in the South.

In Coffee County, Ala., several prominent citizens have been indicted for peonage.

Senator Morgan has introduced a bill for the annexation of Panama to the United States.

The American Fertilizer Company plant at Norfolk was burned, causing a loss of $100,000.

There is a movement in Nebraska to push Hon. William Jennings Bryan for United States Senator.

The Virginia Legislature is discussing a proposition to adjourn for one year in order to test new laws.

The value of raw cotton exports the last calendar year was $378,518,718, the greatest in this country's history.

Secretary Wilson is arranging details for the fight to be waged against the cotton boll weevil in Texas and Louisiana.

The war feeling is dying out at Bogota and all the newspapers there now urge a policy of conciliation in regard to Panama.

A dispatch from Dover, Del., states that J. Edward Addicks has lost the great political and financial power he once wielded.

The death of "Citizen" George Francis Train from heart disease in New York Monday night brought out many reminiscences of this brilliant and eccentric man.

The Senate referred the German resolutions for a Congressional investigation of the Postoffice Department to the Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads.

A cyclone struck the little town of Moundsville, Ala., seventy miles south of Birmingham on the Alabama on the Alabama Great Southern Railway, Friday, and destroyed the greater part of the place, killing five white people and thirty-two negroes.

The Populist National Executive Committee will meet in St. Louis or Chicago the latter part of February, when a call will be issued for the Convention to be held at a date following the Conventions of the two old parties.

Senator Cullom has introduced a bill, the object of which is to secure national arbitration of great disputes between capital and labor. Publicity is the key-note of the bill. He would have a tribunal appointed by the President, each member to receive a large salary.

Do You Buy Fertilizers?

In next week's Progressive Farmer Prof. B. W. Kilgore is to begin a series of papers on fertilizers—value of the different ingredients, needs of different crops and of different soils, methods of applying, wasteful practices to be avoided, formulas needed for cotton, tobacco, corn, grain, and other crops, economy of home-mixing, etc., etc.

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Kinston.

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Missionary and Educational Institutes and the Orphanage.

The time is near for the holding of our Missionary and Educational Institutes.

It seems to me that it would be well to put our Orphanage on the programs of these meetings. The Orphanage work is both missionary and educational. The Woman's Home Mission Society has taken it in hand, and is doing some of its best work here. Surely this is home mission work. We are looking after God's little ones—looking after their bodies by feeding and clothing them—looking after their minds by teaching them the rudiments of an English education—looking after their souls by training them in obedience, industry, truthfulness and honesty; seeing that they attend divine service once on each Sunday, teaching them the Word of God, and having them do that which is right in the sight of God.

District Conference and the Orphanage.

We think that our District Conferences ought to give more time to a consideration of our Orphanage work. The Baptists use their Associations with great success in the interest of their Orphanage. So also, the Presbyterians use their Presbyteries, and the Episcopalians their Convocations. It adds interest to these assemblies, and accomplishes much for a most worthy cause. Let us devote at least an hour. Let the matter be discussed. Let preachers and laymen take a hand in it. Let the whole church feel that it is their Orphanage.

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J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Jonesboro, Jan. 23, 24
Carthage, Cool Springs, Jan. 30
Ellerbe, Smyrna, Jan. 31
Goldston, Bethlehem, Feb. 5
Siler City, Jan. 6, 7
Lillington, Parker's Grove, Feb. 13, 14
Duke's Benson Feb. 20
Fayetteville, Hay Street Feb. 21
Pamplico and Rose, Feb. 27, 28
Newton Grove, Benhaven, March 6
The District Stewards will please meet in Methodist Church at Sanford Jan. 8 at 7 p. m.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Red Springs Circuit at Raeford, Jan. 21
Aberdeen Circuit, at Bisco, Jan. 22
Montgomery Circuit, at Shiloh, Jan. 23, 24
Mt. Gilead Circuit, at Mt. Gilead, Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Perkin Circuit, at Sardis, Feb. 2

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Wilson, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

South Rocky Mount and Marvin, Jan. 23, 24
Rocky Mount Station (night), Jan. 24, 25
Bath Circuit Jan. 30, 31
Washington Station (night), Jan. 31
Aurora Circuit, Feb. 1
Bottonsville Circuit, Feb. 7, 8
Matthews Circuit, Feb. 13, 14
Fairfield Station, Feb. 17
Ocracoke and Portsmouth Feb. 20, 21
Swan Quarter Circuit, Feb. 20, 21
Bethel Circuit, Feb. 27, 28
Parkerton Station (night), Feb. 28
Farmville Circuit, March 5, 6
Greenville (night) Mar 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, March 12, 13

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

E. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Magnolia, Magnolia, Jan. 23, 24
Kenansville, Jan. 25
Clinton Circuit, at Salem Jan 30, 31
Grace, Feb. 7
Onslow, Swansville Feb 13, 14
Brooklyn and Macedonia, Feb. 7, 8
Youngsville, Youngsville, Feb. 13, 14
Granville, Salem, Feb 20, 21
Carey Garner, Feb. 27, 28
Epworth, Feb. 28, 29
Keenly, Buckhorn, March 5, 6
Wakefield, March 6
Tar River, Kittrell, March 12, 13

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Harrellsville, Ahoskie, Jan. 21
Bertie, Windsor, Jan. 23, 24
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, Jan. 30, 31
Battleboro and Whitaker's Battleboro, Feb. 7, 8
Weldon, Roanoke Rapids, Feb. 14, 15
Roanoke Circuit, Tabor, Feb. 17
Hobgood, Hobgood, Feb. 20, 21
Scotland Neck, Feb. 21, 22
Garysburg, Garysburg, Feb. 27, 28
Hend rson, March 6, 7
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 19, 20

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C

FIRST ROUND.

North Gates, at Kittrell, Jan. 23, 24
Gates, at Fletchers, Jan. 30, 31
Roanoke Island, Feb. 6, 7
Kitty Hawk, Feb 8
Kennekeet, Feb. 10
Hatteras, Feb. 11
Dare, at Manteo, Harbor, Feb. 13, 14
Pantego and Belhaven, at Pantego, Feb. 20, 21
Roper, at Roper, Feb. 27, 28
Plymouth, Feb. 28, 29
Cornfluck, at Asbury, March 5, 6
Columbia, March 12 13
The District Stewards of Elizabeth City District will please meet in the Sunday school room of the First Methodist Church, in Elizabeth City, on Wednesday, January 6, at 3 p. m.

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C

FIRST ROUND.

Jones, Trenton, Jan. 23, 24
Mt. Olive, Falling Creek, Jan. 30, 31
Dover, Kinston, Feb. 3
Grifton, Edwards, Feb 6, 7
Snow Hill Snow Hill, Feb 13-14
Hookerton, Hainbow, Feb. 13, 14
La Grange Institute, Feb. 20, 21
Beaufort, Feb. 27, 28
Morehead, Feb 28, 29
Carteret, Newport, March 5, 6
Atlantic, Atlantic Mar. 11, 12
Straits, Summerfield, March 12, 13

DURHAM DISTRICT,

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Mt. Tirzah, Brookdale, Jan. 23, 24
Main Street, Jan. 31 Feb. 1
Roxboro Circuit, at Roxboro Feb. 6, 7
Burling on Circuit, Bethel, Feb. 13, 14
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at East Burlington, Feb. 14, at night.
Alamance Circuit, Saxapahaw, Feb 20, 21
District Stewards' meeting at Trinity Church, Durham, Tuesday, December 15, at 11 a. m.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Clayton Clayton, Jan. 23, 24
Oxford Circuit, at Salem Jan 30, 31
Oxford Station, Jan 31, Feb. 1
Milbrook, Milbrook, Feb. 6, 7
Brooklyn and Macedonia, Feb. 7, 8
Youngsville, Youngsville, Feb. 13, 14
Granville, Salem, Feb 20, 21
Carey Garner, Feb. 27, 28
Epworth, Feb. 28, 29
Keenly, Buckhorn, March 5, 6
Wakefield, March 6
Tar River, Kittrell, March 12, 13

Marriages.

PEED—THOMAS.—At the home of the bride, Williamston, N. C., December 23, 1903, Mr. Thos. Peed and Miss Mabel Thomas, T. H. Sutton officiating.

HUMMELL.—IVEY.—At Seven Springs Hotel, December 24, 1903, Mr. Albert Hummell, of Goldsboro, and Miss Callie Ivey, T. H. Sutton officiating.

CROOM—ARNOLD.—At the residence of W. W. Arnold, Dover, N. C., December 23, 1903, Mr. R. F. Croom and Miss Maude Arnold, Rev. F. E. Dixon officiating.

DAVIS—CREDLE.—January 6th, 1904, at Nebraska Church, Hyde County, N. C., Mr. George E. Davis and Miss Olpha Credle were united in matrimony, Rev. B. H. Black officiating.

HARKER—JOWERS.—At the parsonage at Maxton, N. C., January 14, 1904, Col. W. B. Harker and Mrs. Fannie Shepherd Jowers, Rev. N. H. D. Wilson officiating.

ARTHUR—SUGG.—At the residence of the bride's father, Q. D. Sugg, on December 27, 1903, Mr. Walter Arthur and Miss Clara Sugg, Rev. J. P. Pate officiating.

HARRISON—HARRELL.—In the Methodist Church, Williamston, N. C., November 18, 1903, Mr. Lovet B. Harrison and Miss Hattie Harrell, T. H. Sutton officiating.

SALISBURY—BAKER.—In the Methodist Church, Hamilton, N. C., November 10, 1903, Mr. John M. Sherrod Salisbury and Miss Mary Louise Baker, T. H. Sutton officiating.

MINGA—PEELE.—In the Methodist Church, Williamston, N. C., November 11, 1903, Mr. F. L. Minga, of Norfolk, Va., and Miss Lavinia W. Peele, of Williamston, N. C., T. H. Sutton officiating.

PROCTOR—CATES.—On January 14, 1904, Mr. W. S. Proctor, of Durham County, N. C., to Miss Winnie Cates, at the home of the bride's parents, near Durham, N. C., J. B. Thompson officiating.

PARROT—WEST.—In the M. E. Church, South, Dover, N. C., Thursday evening, December 24, 1903, Mr. Benjamin Hubert Parrot and Miss Georgia West were united in marriage by Rev. F. E. Dixon.

CURRIN—MOORE.—At the residence of the bride's father, J. J. Moore, on January 5, 1904, Mr. S. J. Currin, of New Bern, N. C., and Miss Sallie Moore, of Greene County, N. C., Rev. J. P. Pate officiating.

JOHNSON—GREEN.—On December 23, 1903, David F. Johnson, of Wake County, N. C., to Miss Mary A. Green, of Durham, N. C., at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Green, Rev. J. B. Thompson officiating.

WEST—COGDELL.—At the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Underwood, in Cumberland County, N. C., January 10, 1904, by A. J. Groves, Mr. John O. West, of Bladen County, to Mrs. Fannie Cogdell, of Mexia, Texas.

MAY—HARRIS.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mollie Harris, in Greenville, N. C., December 29, 1903, Mr. Robert Strange May and Miss Mary James Harris, all of Greenville, N. C., Rev. J. A. Hornaday officiating.

PHELPS—MOORE.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Everett's, N. C., November 25, 1903, Mr. Alonzo Phelps and Miss Ida Moore, T. H. Sutton officiating.

BEST—SHEETZ.—On December 8, 1903, at the home of the bride's mother, Fayetteville, N. C., Mr. E. M. Best, of LaGrange, N. C., and Miss Katie L. Sheetz, T. H. Sutton officiating.

BULLOCK—BEASELY.—On December 9, 1903, at the home of the bride's parents, in Durham County, near the city of Durham, Robert C. Bullock, of Granville County, N. C., to Miss Annie E. Beasely, Rev. J. B. Thompson officiating.

Obituaries.

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RACHELS.—Little Ena May, infant daughter of Fairly and Mary Jane Rachels, departed this life in October, 1903. She survived her mother only a few months, then followed her to the spirit-land. He who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," transplanted that little life to his Father's kingdom where it will bloom in immortal youth.

"I take these little lambs, said he.
And lay them in my breast;
Protection they shall find in me,
In me be ever blest."

CHAS. O. DURANT.

RACHELS.—Mary Jane Rachels, wife of Fairby Rachels, of Scotland County, N. C., was born October 3, 1880, and died July 17, 1903.

The deceased joined the Methodist Church at about the age of twelve years, and lived a consistent member till her death.

"Hope looks beyond the bounds of time,
When what we now deplore,
Shall rise in full immortal prime,
And bloom to fade no more."

To the bereaved husband and family we extend our sympathies and commend them to the God of all consolation, who alone is able to comfort, sustain and guide through all life's sorrows, to that life and home above, where eternal bliss shall be the heritage of all God's faithful children ,and where we shall be reunited with the loved ones gone before, and be ever with the Lord.

CHAS. O. DURAANT.

YOUNGBLOOD.—March 27, 1903. Clara Helme Youngblood was called from earth to join the redeemed above. Seven weeks before, her husband, David T. Youngblood, passed away, leaving her under a cloud of bereavement.

Impaired health forced her to give up her place in business, at the close of 1902. This was a great trial to her, from which she had not recovered when her sorrow came, and the heavy folds of that dark cloud hung low about her till the Father of mercy took her above all cloud and darkness.

At Rocky Point, under the tuition of Rev. F. A. Bishop, and at Clayton Academy, she made good use of her school-days, and became fond of literature, delighting in the aesthetical and poetical. She was most partial to Tennyson's poems, often committing pages to memory. Best of all, she was a Christian, and bore her sorrows and afflictions with resignation. She wrought well in every relation of life, and has entered into rest.

N. E. COLTRANE.
(Smithfield Herald please copy.)

POPE.—The subject of this sketch was borne near Clinton, N. C., June 5, 1834, and died with pneumonia December 14, 1903.

He was a faithful steward of his church and superintendent of Kendall's Chapel Sunday-school. His seat was never vacant except caused from sickness. He entered the late war in 1861 (Company F., 20th Regiment). He lost his right arm at the battle at South Mountain, Md., Sunday, September 15, 1862.

He was married to Miss Sarah Ann Pearson. To this union were born seven children, all of whom survive him. He loved his family and his God. Just before he died he told his children to be soldiers for Jesus and told those around him that his faith was sufficient and that there were no clouds to darken his pathway. May the benedictions of heaven rest upon the sorrowing ones.

J. O. CULBRETH.

YARRELL.—Mrs. Emily Yarrell died at the home of Mrs. M. E. Carstarphen, Williamston, N. C., December 19, 1903, after an illness of only a few days.

Sister Yarrell was seventy-nine years old. She had been a faithful member of the M. E. Church, South, for years. Everybody who knew Sister Yarrell loved her. She was of a bright, happy disposition; she carried all her sorrows and cares to the Lord in prayer. Her death was a calm, peaceful falling asleep. Those who stood about her death-bed could feel the presence of the unseen. Heavenly hosts carried her pure spirit to the God who gave it.

Sister Yarrell leaves two sons, one living near Williamston ,with whom she made her home; the other is living in Belton, Texas.

May God help those who are left to follow her, even as she followed Christ. T. H. SUTTON.

WATSON.—Fred. C. Watson was born May 28, 1860, departed this life December 8, 1903.

Brother Watson was converted in early life and joined the Missionary Baptist Church, of which he lived an acceptable member until his marriage in 1883 to Miss Lula Faust, daughter of Dr. H. M. Faust ,of Randolph County, after which he joined the Methodist Church with his wife and lived a faithful member until the day of his death.

Brother Watson was a good citizen, a devoted Christian, a large-hearted, lovable and sweet-spirited man, an affectionate and devoted husband and father. He had a large circle of friends, for he made friends wherever he went. His death was peculiarly sad, being separated from his family, except his wife, who reached him at Lumberton a few days before his death.

He leaves a sorrowing wife, five children and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

The large congregation which gathered in the Methodist Church at Goldston to attend the funeral service told of the high esteem in which he was held in the community in which he lived. May God's richest blessings abide with these sorrowing ones.

JNO. C. HUMBLE.

WOOTTEN.—Another family circle broken; another jewel in heaven; another father and mother crushed and almost heart-broken on account of the loss of a darling child.

Gertrude Wootten, age nine years, youngest child of Bro. and Sister W. L. Wootten, was accidentally hurt while at play on Sunday, December 27, 1903, and died the next Friday from the injuries.

She was a bright and energetic little girl, and had a lovable disposition. I saw her only once, and she made an impression on me by her kindness to her sisters.

She was conscious until a few minutes before she died, and told her papa to kiss her goodnight for she was going to heaven.

There she waits to welcome them. May the sorrowing family remember that she cannot come back, but that we can go to her.

B. E. STANFIELD.

MOORE.—James William Moore was born September 17, 1835, and died December 14, 1903, aged 68 years, two months and twenty-seven days.

Brother Moore lived a very consistent Christian life. In early life he connected himself with the Methodist Church and lived and sustained himself purely in that relation for about forty-three years. He was sweet in disposition, and loved his church, and loved to support her needs without a murmur; and he was the warm and unostentatious friend of the preacher, making him always feel welcome at his pleasant home. He was a wise and good husband, a

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To the deeply bereaved wife and children we offer our tenderest sympathy, and prayers for the blessing of God to rest upon them in this sad hour; and we with them rejoice in the assurance that the beloved one has entered upon the blissful and perpetual "rest of the people of God." "Well done thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25:21.)

M. D. GILES.

POOL.—On December 17, 1903, Miss Sarah Elizabeth Pool, daughter of Dr. John H and Sarah Pool, died at her home in South Mills, N. C., age thirty years, eight months and eigteen days. Miss Lizzie had been in feeble health for more than a year, having contracted that dreaded disease, consumption, and for the last few weeks of her life she sat propped in her rocking chair patiently waiting for the summons to come, which would forever free her body from pain and her mind from care.

She joined the Methodist Church in early childhood and served the church as organist for several years. She was also president of the Rose Bud Society, where no doubt her gentle manners and beautiful Christian life left an impress upon many a young mind that will bear fruit to the honor and glory of God.

Hers was indeed a beautiful life. She was intelligent, yet unassuming, never frivolous, and yet always had a smile for every one. She was also one of the most unselfish persons I ever knew; she literally gave her life for the good of others, and never seemed to regard anything a sacrifice that she could do for the happiness or comfort of others. During her illness I never heard her complain, but she patiently bore her sufferings without a murmur.

Her death is a loss to our church and community, and the sobs and tears at her grave told of the high esteem in which she was held.

As we turn from her grave it is with bowed heads and sad hearts, but with a determination to emulate the virtues of this noble young Christian woman, who has gone to dwell in that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

W. E. HOCUTT,
Her pastor.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, our heavenly Father has deemed it best to take from our midst Lucy Neal Carr, and realizing her loss as a member of our class, therefore be it

Resolved 1. That in the death of Lucy we feel that our class has lost a faithful member.

2. That we deeply realize our loss because she was ever ready and willing to promote the interests of her class.

3. While it grieves us to lose such a bright and cheerful member yet we rejoice that she occupies a seat in heaven.

4. That her family has our heartfelt sympathy in this sad bereavement, but in all things God knows best.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family and the Raleigh Christian Advocate and the College Message.

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Aurora.—Presiding Elder, $75; Bishops, $12; Conference Claimants, $35; Foreign Missions, $95; Domestic Missions, $68; Church Extension, $35; Education, $41; Paine and Lane $4; delegates to General Conference, $5.00.

Swan Quarter.—Presiding Elder, $75; Bishops, $12; Conference Claimants, $35; Foreign Missions, $85; Domestic Missions, $70; Church Extension, $35; Education, $41; Paine and Lane, $4; delegates to General Conference, $6.

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Greenville—Presiding Elder, $120; Bishops, $20; Conference Claimants, $52; Foreign Missions, $130; Domestic Missions, $102; Church Extension, $45; Education, $56; Paine and Lane, $5; delegates to General Conference, $7.

Farmville.—Presiding Elder, $35; Bishops, $8; Conference Claimants, $16; Foreign Missions, $38; Domestic Missions, $35; Church Extension, $20; Education, $26; Paine and Lane, $2; delegates to General Conference, $4.

Grimesland and Vanceboro.—Presiding Elder, $35; Bishops, $8; Conference Claimants, $16; Foreign Missions, $38; Domestic Missions, $35; Church Extension, $20; Education, $29; Paine and Lane, $2; delegates to General Conference, $4.

Bethel.—Presiding Elder, $81; Bishops, $14; Conference Claimants, $45; Foreign Missions, $86; Domestic Missions, $75; Church Extension, $35; Education, $46; Paine and Lane, $4; delegates to General Conference, $7.

Tarboro.—Presiding Elder, $70; Bishops, $12; Conference Claimants, $40; Foreign Missions, $81; Domestic Missions, $70; Church Extension, $30; Education, $41; Paine and Lane, $4; delegates to General Conference, $6.

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Spring Hope.—Presiding Elder, $50; Bishops, $9; Conference Claimants, $22; Foreign Missions, $65; Domestic Missions, $58; Church Extension, $30; Education, $28; Paine and Lane, $2; delegates to General Conference, $4.

Wilson Station.—Presiding Elder, $170; Bishops, $28; Conference Claimants, $80; Foreign Missions, $182; Domestic Missions, $143; Church Extension, $65; Education, $80; Paine and Lane, $6; delegates to General Conference, $9.

Wilson Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $25; Bishops, $5; Conference Claimants, $15; Foreign Missions, $21; Domestic Missions, $17; Church Extension, $10; Education, $15; Paine and Lane, $2; delegates to General Conference, $3.

Fremont.—Presiding Elder, $110; Bishops, $18; Conference Claimants, $45; Foreign Missions, $125; Domestic Missions, $100; Church Extension, $40; Education, $50; Paine and Lane, $4; delegates to General Conference, $6.

Ocracoke and Portsmouth.—Presiding Elder, $35; Bishops, $6; Conference Claimants, $20; Foreign Missions, $53; Domestic Missions, $39; Church Extension, $20; Education, $25; Paine and Lane, $2; delegates to General Conference, $4.

Robersonville.— Presiding Elder, $30; Bishops, $5; Conference Claimants, $15; Foreign Missions, $33; Domestic Missions, $28; Church Extension, $10; Education, $20; Paine and Lane, $1; delegates to General Conference, $3.

South Edgecombe.—Presiding Elder, $75; Bishops, $12; Conference Claimants, $36; Foreign Missions, $75; Domestic Missions, $63; Church Extension, $30; Education, $37; Paine and Lane, $4; delegates to General Conference, $6.

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The annual meetings of the Greensboro Fire Insurance Companies were held in Greensboro on the 21st inst., at which the old officers and directors were re-elected. Although the fire record in North Carolina for 1903 was less favorable to insurance companies generally than during the last several years, and in spite of frequent fires, the Greensboro companies got through the year with fire losses well within the profit-making limit and with substantial additions to their resources. The premiums received by these home companies for the year 1903 amounted to $208,538.00, and their losses for the year amounted to $90,615.00, and their net total surplus to policyholders was increased during the year from $423,458.00 to $504,061.00. These companies directly and indirectly are saving about a quarter of a million dollars annually to the property owners of the State in the cost of their insurance and the people of North Carolina will be glad to know that they fared so well in 1903.

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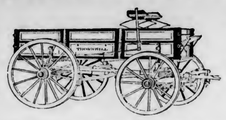
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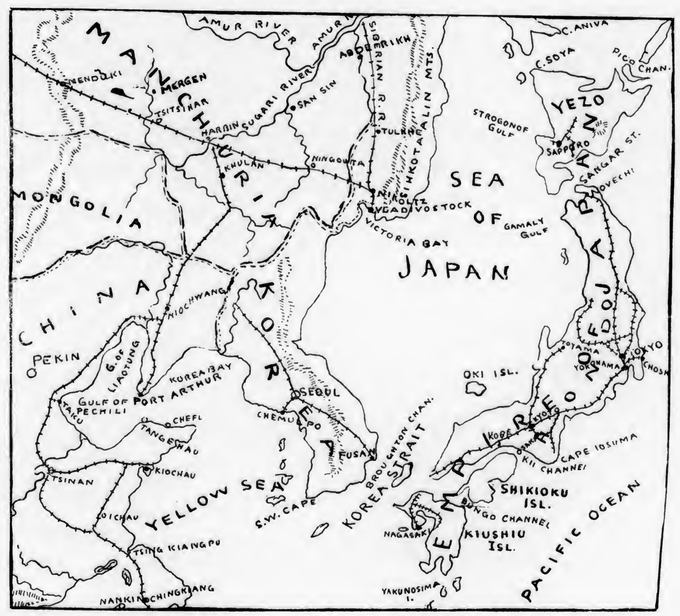

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Self-Praise for Success.

C. H. WETHERBE.

It may be possible for some Christians to become so free from all human tendencies in themselves as to not have the slightest disposition to praise themselves for the success which they have in doing good deeds but I have never seen such a person.

According to my judgment of human nature, even in its most favored state, there is a particular proneness in all Christians to give themselves considerable credit for the successful issue of their good deeds. Some of them have so much native modesty, and also sound sense, that they refrain from manifesting a congratulatory spirit over their prosperous doings. The late C. H. Spurgeon, in a sermon said:

"Perhaps we are not able yet to bear a very large measure of success. If the Lord blesses some brethren a little, and they see a few souls brought to Christ, they are not only very grateful and very happy, which is quite right, but they are very great in their own esteem, which is quite wrong. You should hear them at night, after a successful meeting; you would hardly know them. God has given them a puff of wind in their sail, and they are almost blown over, for they have so little ballast. There are some of us workers for God whom He cannot trust with success; that is one reason for our failures, for our Master means to make more use of us by and by."

I have observed, for many years, that even ministers who say much in favor of personal freedom from all bent to evil, are strongly inclined to exalt the importance of their own work and its results, at the same time taking pains, evidently, to make it appear that other ministers, not agreeing with their extreme notions, did not secure much fruit from their labors. And I have known some ministers who, while saying that the Lord's power was greatly manifest in the place where they labored, took special care to make the impression that, if it had not been for their own exertions, but little would have been accomplished! Is that a decent way to treat God? And, really, is it true that God does put much honor on one who is full of self-praise?

Roper.

Dear Bro. Ivey:—The pastors' reports, coming in at the very close of Conference proceedings at Goldsboro, had to be boiled down. I could not say all that was worthy to be said. I trust it is worth the while if I should say some of it now.

Roper charge is composed of two churches almost in one community, only four and a half miles apart, among a thrifty, industrious, though not a wealthy people. My first year here has brought me to feel identified with their every interest. As they plant and plow, cut and saw, sell and buy for a livelihood, my heart goes with them. In their homes and everywhere I feel at home—I am at home.

We had twenty-two additions last year. There was a small net gain; full collections all around and a surplus on pastor's salary, Bishop's collection, church extension and education was our financial report.

A good graded school work is begun, supported by voluntary special tax. There is general educational awakening. Several young people are in college. Our people are warm friend and patrons of Trinity and other colleges.

This work is specially interesting because of its active organizations. When we get the "Baby Roll" begun, we will have organized work for all the family. Besides three evergreen Sunday-schools, two of which have the Missionary Societies, we have a Junior League of busy children who are valuable helpers. We have two Senior Leagues doing some good work, especially in charity and help. The ladies have a good Woman's Home Mission Society. They take their paper, and undertake the parsonage aid department as well as the general work of the society. The Board of Stewards is composed of good men who attend their meeting, organize for work and do the work. Business judgment is used in their religious work. They have made financial plans for the new year and, as usual, arrange to raise the Conference collections as well as the salaries. The pastor's salary, which was amply satisfactory to me last year, was voluntarily increased by them this year. They surprised me. Of course I am more than pleased. This substantial token of their generous confidence deeply moves me. I pray that it may inspire in me better service in holy things.

The present administration does not afford opportunity for poundings at the parsonage. "Pity 'tis, tis true." Led by the Leagues, these good people though are keeping up the practice by carrying or sending poundings to sick and needy ones around us, which is better, is it not?

Brother Jenkins deeply interested all of us on January 17th with his talks at both churches about the orphans and the Orphanage. The collection amounted to nearly $100.00. Our Roper Sunday-school has since reorganized for the support of an orphan, which they have done for two years past, paying $60.00 per year. The superintendent promises to send us a picture of Warner Vernon, who is to be our boy. These are some of the evidences of the life of this good people. Who would not rejoice to be their pastor? I think even an editor would. The present pastor is not inviting any change. Of course all are not active. Many are not. Wish we could say all are zealous in good works and Godly.

Our special prayer is that this may be a great year of grace and of spiritual baptism and abounding spiritual life. May the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us and establish the work of our hands.

Yours sincerely, W. F. CRAVEN.

Roper, N. C., January 27, 1904.

"The Paper and the Bottle."

Your editorial on the above subject set up an interesting train of thought in my mind. Like a flash, Martin Luther's experience with Satan came to me. You remember his confinement in the Castle Wartburg upon the mountain and in the midst of the black Thuringian forests. Full of fiery zeal and Christian earnestness, his restless spirit chafed against his limitations. He was often greatly depressed and full of melancholy. On one occasion, while thus chafing against his restraints, he saw, or thought he saw, the devil come into his room, and pace up and down the floor glaring at him like a lion ready to spring upon his prey. Greatly alarmed at this, the great reformer seized the ink-stand and flung it at the head of his insolent adversary, smashing the ink-stand against the wall. And who blames Mr. Luther? Surely one under similar circumstances would be inclined to seize the most convenient missile and hurl it at the audacious fiend. A bottle! A bottle of ink is a good thing to hurl at the head of the great adversary of God and man. Long time ago young Sophomores debated lustily this question: "Which is mightier, the pen or the sword?" That question is no longer debatable. It is no longer a question of superiority of strength between brawn and brain, between physical force and the dynamics of thought. The days of Samson Agonistes are past. If the walls of Dagon are to be shaken down it cannot now be done "by main strength and awkwardness." Besides the sacrifice of Samson is to be avoided. The days are upon us when "one shall chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight;" but it must be done with a brain girt about with truth. The ink bottle! The pen and the press,—this is the power that sways the multitudes of this generation. What virtue has not been promoted when properly championed by the press? What enemy has not been routed, scouted and defeated when pursued by the press? The ink bottle and the whiskey bottle have met in hot battle and intemperance slinks away in inglorious defeat, while garlands of victory adorn the press. To a judicious use of ink perhaps as much as any thing else is due the progress in temperance reform in our beloved State. All honor to the men who have stood in the thickest of the fight and hurled the ink bottle at the whiskey traffic!

Thus also are daily being won victories over every form of error. The pen and the press have been made the means of conveying thought to the multitudes and this thought has been converted into conscience as the silken fibers are woven into cloth, so that a competent leader may hurl the multitudes in solid phalanx against any and every enemy of truth who dares to raise his head.

But one thing we must deplore. It is this: An agency so powerful is sometimes employed against the truth instead of for the truth. But "truth is mighty and must prevail." Her cause may sometimes suffer, but in the long run she must be conqueror since her best friend is God.

"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again,
The eternal years of God are hers;
Error vanquish writhes in pain,
And dies amid her worshippers."

So with every error that dares to contest the progress of man. Wise and good men will continue to throw the ink-stands at them, smashing them through the opposing walls of ignorance and crime until the enemy shall fly before the truth and we be permitted to see the realization of the prophet's dream when he saw the vision of one "coming forth as the morning; fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

F. L. TOWNSEND.

An Evergreen on the Late Rev. B. R. Hall's Grave.

Dear Bro. Ivey:—During the recent session of our Conference at Goldsboro some good woman, whose name I did not get, sent to me a note in substance as follows:

"When a boy at Bingham School, Mebane, Orange County, N. C., Ben R. Hall asked to be allowed to help in a little Sunday-school, poorly conducted, in an old, almost forsaken Baptist church. He was soon elected superintendent; the school flourished, and he walked eight miles to attend the school, nearly always bringing a schoolmate with him. The writer did not remember how long he conducted the school; his face soon faded from our memory, but his work remained, and the boy in blue clothes and brass buttons will ever be held in loving remembrance."

Brother Hall rests from his labors, but the tide of his life-toil is widening in influence till the roll-call to reward is heard from our ascended Lord and Master.

D. H. TUTTLE.

Milton.

To the "Old Raleigh:"—I am now practically beginning my second year on the Milton Circuit. The people have received me kindly, having made the first round and have met them face to face. I have worked and planned therein for a year of untiring effort and increased energy to do faithfully here, the Lord willing, that that He has committed to my hands. My faith in God is secure while my confidence, in a large measure with all my brethren, is unshaken.

We have had battles fierce and hard to fight here, and we are still on the field, holding the shield in place with sword in hand, facing the enemy with his bold affront, "for the Lord of hosts is with us, and the God of Jacob is our refuge;" and yet, with such a mighty "rock of defence," even amidst so trying conflicts, it is hard sometimes not to lose heart. "But if the Lord is for us, who can be against us?"

We have held our first Quarterly Conference with our beloved Presiding Elder, Dr. Gibbs, in the chair. He, I think, was instrumental in moving us off well with our work, if we can but only keep moving well all the year. But when the traces begin to slacken, he just comes along and takes up a link and we move on. His presence is always a help to us.

I have just read the General Rules, and held our church Conference at the Milton Church. In our report to this Conference of last year's work here it was sad to us that we were unable to report but very few accessions, yet I'm satisfied that good was accomplished. The financial showing without doubt is far above the average in the Annual Conference; in fact, I know of no other church that contributes so largely to the benevolences, ours having averaged, per member, $11.45 last year.

We hope to make the month of February in the main a missionary month, when we shall make an effort to raise our Foreign and Domestic Missions. I shall devote my time and attention to the subject of missions almost solely during the coming month. I shall not forget the "Old Raleigh" in my go-rounds. It is read right much among my people and greatly enjoyed by all. No one says "stop" his paper, and I trust every one will gladly respond when I shall shortly call in person for their renewals. We have set our faces over here towards the eternal hills. In a sense, we may be in sight of Sodom, but our backs are turned squarely on her wickedness, and we fleeing with our lives, and calling to others, for the City of Refuge. Pray for us, brethren, for we most surely need your prayers and sympathy.

Fraternally, J. A. DAILEY.

Six Months in the New Life of John Wesley.

BY GEORGE G. SMITH.

The Wesley's published journals are books of never-failing interest to me. When my brain is weary and nearly all reading is distasteful, I can always turn to his journals with interest.

The six months of which I propose to give a rapid account were from January to July of 1760. He had now been an evangelist for twenty-eight years. His societies had multiplied and were scattered over all England and there were a good many in Ireland and a few in Scotland. It was his custom to leave London early in January and make quite a long circuit before he returned. The few years preceding this had been years of great trial to him, the trial coming from a most unexpected quarter, and touching him in a very sensitive spot.

Over twenty-five years before he had given a "Plain Account of Christian Perfection," as he understood it, and occasionally he had preached on the subject, to mature Christians and shown the privilege of having hearts filled with pure love. Among those who had entered into his society, at an early date, was Thomas Maxfield, a servant man, who, having shown great gifts, was permitted by him to exercise in public in his societies and finally he used him as a lay preacher and secured for him ordination. Maxfield had married a lady of considerable property and aided Mr. Wesley in London. He was enthusiastic in his advocacy of Mr. Wesley's views on the possibility of entire sanctification, and finally went far beyond him, in his teachings. There had been under him and his sympathizer Bell, wild excitement and fanaticism in London which the preachers tried in vain to check. Mr. Wesley had laid his stern hand on the movement and it had been checked and the wild fire was gradually dying down. He had married a rich widow seven years before, and she made his home wretched, but no one would suppose from his journal that he had any private trouble at all. Two weeks before he began his tour in 1766, his mare fell and caught his leg under her, but he went to the happy home at Shanham, of Mr. Perronett, in a coach, and after two weeks was able to begin his journey. In London he met a congregation at 4 o'clock in the morning for a praise service, and at night held a service he often held, and always with a blessing, attending it, a meeting of the Society for the renewal of its covenant with God. In these latter days this kind of a service is at a discount, the worse for the latter days. He had had an unhappy difference with Mr. Berridge, once his efficient coadjutor, who came to see him in a sweeter mood, to which he had been brought by Mr. Whitefield, who was now in full accord with his old friend. On Sunday evening, early in January, he rode out to his friend Ebenezer Blackwells, sixteen miles from London. Mr. Blackwell was a rich banker, and his home was Mr. Wesley's. Here he rested for four days, and read Bishop Low the reply to Bishop Warburton. He remained in his delightful retreat until Monday, when he took what we call a hack, and he called a machine, and, after preaching, began his journey. The night was cold, the ground hard frozen, and the machine broke down before daylight, but was mended up, and he preached that afternoon at Yarmouth, about forty miles from London. He found things sadly disturbed by the doctrinal defection of one of his preachers, whose head, he said, had been turned, and who had become a Calvinist. On Thursday he was at Norwich and remained there for three days. He left the society on Monday, and on Tuesday started on his return to London, preaching at Colchester. He found this society, too, had been sadly rent by discord, but was recovering. He reached London Friday and on Tuesday had a meeting of the society to consult as to paying a debt of $2,000. Mr. Whitefield was in London, and called to see him. He mentions a society for the Reformation of Manners, somewhat like our good order club, with whose president he dined, which had been in great trouble from a law suit, because of its efforts to suppress crime.

One, evidently an old friend, who had been cheated out of a fortune, who was ragged and starving, wished to get back to his old country. Mr. Wesley said he was short of money, but he told him to call in an hour. Just before he came Mr. Wesley received a hundred dollars he had not looked for, and furnished him with clothes and money. He then took four days now to make out a new roll of members, and found six hundred members had been lost in the time of this Bell and Maxfield trouble. He remained quiet for a week, and then went to Bedford, about fifty miles away, to meet a friend who had lost his wife and preach her funeral sermon. Thursday and Friday he preached and then returned to his retreat at Lewisham ,when he finished his notes on Job. He gives in his journal an account of Henry Jackson, who was ninety-nine years and five months old, who for years had never been out of temper, but always happy in the Lord. He was still reading Lowth, whom he greatly admired, on Thursday he was in London, and on Tuesday in Bristol,and on Wednesday went over to Kingswood to see about his school there, which was sadly disorganized. He gave them all a very plain talk, and avowed his purpose to have a Christian school or none. On Sunday he preached at Princess Street at 8 o'clock, and on the Square in the evening. He gives his texts. In the morning, "Awake thou that sleepest;" at night, n "Come Lord Jesus." It was now March, the balmy weather was over, and a bitter northeast wind was blowing, but he preached out of doors on Wednesday facing the wind, and wrapped in his hood he rode to a farm house and was refused shelter, and then further, when a good woman gave him a refuge and he a talk for her good, and the next day went to Birmingham, leaving there before sunrise, the weather fearfully cold he started on his way and preached at 11 o'clock, and then to Nottingham, when he preached again.

He preached twice on a cold Sunday, then rode to Derby, where he saw a careless people who needed stirring up, and preached on "Gallio cared for none of these things." Then on Tuesday rode 12 miles, and preached on "Fellowship with the Father, and the Son." Then on Thursday, after a cold ride over the Inowy Mountains, he preached to a few poor people in a mountain hamlet. On Good Friday he went to church, then preached on "We preach Christ crucified," etc., and in Manchester preached for two days, one sermon a beggine sermon, and a poor man sent him two guineas to pay the Society debt. On Tuesday he had a sad revelation as he examined closely fifty who had professed perfect love two years before, to find over 35 who had lost ground. They were, however, striving to recover it. Then he rode through the rain and visited a poor woman who had been an invalid for eight years. She had been a patient sufferer, and gave her the sacrament, and a poor sinner desiring to take the sacrament with her, did so, and found rest for her soul. He remained at Manchester for nearly a week, then riding through Warrington, he preached at noon, and went on to Liverpool, where he regulated the Society, but was unable to regulate a sensible woman who had become an enthusiast. He was in the habit of having all his chapels decked according to a simple form, and in a certain way, but now he came across a deed which was sadly out of shape, much to his displeasure. He was in no humor to stand the foolishness of some insolent, stupid folks found at Wigan, where he rebuked them sharply. On Friday and on Saturday he preached, despite the cold, and on Sunday, while the wind was exceedingly sharp, he preached again. Then on Monday he rode in a hail storm, and on Tuesday preached in a meadow on "By grace are ye saved." And then over dreary mountains on his way to the county in which he was born. He says he came to a little hamlet that put him in mind of Perrysburg, in Georgia. It consisted of a few half starved people, with out any trade, domestic or foreign, but they all loved the Gospel. On Monday he preached, on Tuesday he found the Society broken up by John Hill's joining the Baptists, with 26 of his flock. On Wednesday he preached four times and then rode through the fens to Epworth where he was born. He was now sixty-four years old. He hastened on Sunday to Haxly, where the Curate preached a harmless sermon against the Methodists, and at one or two, he preached on, "Behold now is the day of Salvation," and at 4 o'clock he preached in the market place at Epworth on "He beheld the city and wept over it." He says of this sermon: "Such a call the inhabitants of this town have scarce ever heard before." Then on Monday under a tree, he preached again, and then on Tuesday at Thirsk, and then at New Castle. This was the 30th of April. The next day, and for four days, he rested in New Castle. He loved quietness and silence, but if duty called for noise and tumult all was well. He rested till Sunday, then preached three times. Then began his journey again, preached Wednesday and Thursday. Had a pleasant visit to a rich Quaker's. Preached three times on Sunday; Monday preached to the Collins, visited the Castle of the Duke of New Castle, the next day preached in the streets, then in the town hall of Berwick, then on Friday to a congregation in the country. Then to Preston pans in Scotland where he had a stolid audience, with no more feeling than stones. And then to Edinburgh. He was never a favorite in Scotland, nor were the Scotch according to to his mind. It was the day of the reign of the Moderates, and he was impressed by the frivolous carriage of many in the Assembly. He preached at 7 o'clock, in Leith, and heard a thundering sermon in the Kirk, and preached again at night. On Monday he rode through the rain to Dundee and preached Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Better Next Year.

A church that pays the pastor a thousand dollars can pay something to print the Bible for heathens. The figures below make one said:

For Pastor.	For American Bible Society.
$1,200.00	$2.50
805.00	1.38
760.00	....
500.00	....
500.00	....
1,100.00	1.00
445.00	....
561.00	1.24
683.40	....
960.22	....
1,200.00	....
825.00	.50
500.00	1.00
793.00	....
760.75	....
625.00	1.06

A. D. BETTS.

Trinity College Notes.

Emory College has submitted the following question for the debate with Trinity: "Resolved, That it would be for the best interests of the people of the United States to substitute a tariff for revenue only for the present high protective tariff." Trinity has chosen the affirmative. The speakers from Emory will be: Messrs. Harry S. Strozier and Robert S. Parker; from Trinity, Messrs. L. P. Howard and J. P. Frizzelle.

The subject for debate with Randolph-Macon is: "Resolved, That the United States should abandon its present protective policy and levy a tariff for revenue only." Randolph-Macon has the affirmative. The speakers from Trinity will be Messrs. B. S. Womble and G. H. Smith; from Randolph-Macon, Messrs. W. H. Ellison and T. L. Kibler. This debate will be held in Durham, Saturday evening, April 16th.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., January 29, 1904.

Ahoskie, N. C.

I have just completed my first round for this, our fourth year, on the Harrellsville Circuit, have been kindly received and have our work in good shape for our last year on this charge.

Our first Quarterly Conference was held January 21st. Rev. G. F. Smith, our new Presiding Elder, preached three excellent sermons and held our Quarterly Conference. He made a fine impression on our people and we are expecting the best year on this charge that we have ever had.

The Stewards raised the pastor's salary again, and we feel that there is progress being made along all lines.

We have been "pounded" for three years, and still we are alive. Sometime before Conference a large crowd of Ahoskie people, headed by Dr. J. H. Mitchell, of the Baptist Church, gave us a "severe" pounding that lasted for weeks and months. They took entire possession of the parsonage, and while they piled up the good things until the table seemed as though it would groan beneath its burden, this scribe was trying to prepare to meet the friends who had come so unexpectedly and found him unprepared. Still the same work goes on, and lips are powerless to express our heartfelt thanks. We are filled with rejoicing and fresh enthusiasm to press forward in the work. This is an educated, intelligent, cultured and refined people. We all expect a good year and will be disappointed if we do not have it.

Surely the Lord has cast our lot in pleasant places, for no one in the whole Conference has a better and kinder people than we have. Pray for us that we may be as faithful to our people as they are to us.

We look forward every week to the visit of the Advocate. May the Lord bless the Advocate and its editor this year as never before. We hope to have the Advocate in every Methodist home on this charge by the close of our fourth year.

Come to see us soon.

Fraternally

B. C. THOMPSON.

January 29, 1904.

Our Commissioners in Korea.

Korea has for some weeks been the centre of political disturbance. While the antagonistic forces in diplomacy have been those of Russia and Japan, the storm centre is on the little peninsula which lies between Manchuria and the Japanese Empire.

Naturally the friends and relatives of our missionaries in Korea have been made anxious by the press dispatches and reports from the East. It is hardly necessary to say that many of these reports are vague and unreliable. There has been sufficient ground, however, in view of the war-like attitude of the two countries mentioned, and on account of some danger of riot among the populace in Korea, to take precautionary measures. This was done by the Secretaries of the Board of Missions under instructions of the Executive Committee of the Board at its meeting in Nashville on the 5th of January.

The communication sent the missionaries of both Boards was to the effect, first: that they should report their names and residence, with value or property at their respective mission stations, to the Hon. H. N. Allen, our United States Minister at Seoul; second, that the were to follow the instructions of Minister Allen in case he thought their personal safety demanded their withdrawal from the interior; and third, in case of war and the necessity arising from such extraordinary conditions, that the male members of the mission were to convey the women and children to a place of safety beyond the confines of Korea. These instructions were accompanied by an authorization to draw upon the Board of Missions for funds to meet exigencies in case such should arise.

It is due the church and those who are personally interested that this statement should be published. The Secretaries have given careful study to the situation, and while they have taken every precaution, there is no necessity, in their opinion, for further steps at present. In this they have the judgment of those in charge of the Presbyterian and Northern Methodist Boards. The Secretaries and representatives of other missionary bodies, to the number of fifty, met last week in New York City for annual conference and discussion of questions pertaining to their great work in the Orient and in other fields.

W. R. LAMBUTH.

A communication has just been placed on my desk from L. M. Thomas, Esq., Chattanooga, Tenn. In response to a cable dispatch to Minister Allen concerning the welfare of his sister, Mrs. C. G. Hounshell, the following reply was received:

"All are well. There is no danger. Can be fully protected." W. R. LAMBUTH.

Notes from Weldon.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—We have begun our third year here. The prospect for a good year is encouraging. There is no more loyal and liberal congregation, I am sure, in our Conference. This church met every assessment for 1903, besides a large amounts for other objects. They paid nearly $15 per member, with no church building on hand.

I see that a good many of the preachers have been pounded. We are among the fortunate ones.

We hope to have a gracious year here in spiritual things. We are praying for and expecting an ingathering of souls this year.

May God give us a great year in our Zion. Let me exhort all who read this short letter to pray that God may pour out His spirit abundantly upon us this year. Why not? He is gracious. He will come if we prepare for Him.

Sincerely, W. W. ROSE.

Assessments Fayetteville District, 1904.

Hay Street Station.—Presiding Elder, $200; Bishops, $27; Conference Claimants, $78; Foreign Missions, $152; Domestic Missions, $125; Church Extension, $63; Education, $84; Delegate to General Conference, $12; Paine and Lane Institute, $7; total, $751.

Fayetteville Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $50; Bishops, $4; Conference Claimants, $4; Foreign Missions, $50; Domestic Missions, $41; Church Extension, $7; Education, $5; Delegate to General Conference, $3; Paine and Lane Institute, $1; total, $165.

Hope Mills Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $95; Bishops, $12; Conference Claimants, $38; Foreign Missions, $76; Domestic Missions, $62; Church Extension, $33; Education, $42; Delegate to General Conference, $5; Paine and Lane Institute, $4; total, $367.

Cokesbury Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $92; Bishops, $12; Conference Claimants, $38; Foreign Missions, $73; Domestic Missions, $60; Church Extension, $31; Education, $40; Delegate to General Conference, $5; Paine and Lane Institute, $3; total $354.

Sampson Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $48; Bishops, $6; Conference Claimants, $18; Foreign Missions, $38; Domestic Missions, $31; Church Extension, $16; Education, $21; Delegate to General Conference, $3; Paine and Lane Institute, $2; total, $183.

Buckhorn Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $88; Bishops, $12; Conference Claimants, $34; Foreign Missions, $70; Domestic Missions, $57; Church Extension, $30; Education, $38; Delegate to General Conference, $5; Paine and Lane Institute, $3; total, $339.

Dunn's Station.—Presiding Elder, $108.00; Bishops, $15.00; Conference Claimants, $41.00; Foreign Missions, $86.00; Domestic Missions, $69.00; Church Extension, $37.00; Education, $47.00; Delegate to General Conference, $6.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $4.00. Total, $413.00.

Duke Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $50.00; Bishops, $3.00; Conference Claimants, $3.00; Foreign Missions, $45.00; Domestic Missions, $35.50; Church Extension, $5.00; Education, $4.50; Delegate to General Conference, $3.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $1.00. Total, $1.50.

Newton Grove Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $47; Bishops, $6.00; Conference Claimants, $18.00; Foreign Missions, $38.00; Domestic Mission, $31; Church Extension, $16.00; Education, $21.00; Delegate to General Conference, $3.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $2.00. Total, $182.00.

Pittsboro Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $112.00; Bishops, $15.00; Conference Claimants, $44.00; Foreign Missions, $89.00; Domestic Missions, $72.00; Church Extension, $38.00; Education, $49.00; Delegate to General Conference, $6.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $4.00. Total, $429.00.

Haw River Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $112.00; Bishops, $15.00; Conference Claimants, $44.00; Foreign Missions, $89.00; Domestic Missions, $72.00; Church Extension, $38.00; Education, $49.00; Delegate to General Conference, $6.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $4.00. Total, $429.00.

Goldston Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $81.00; Bishops, $11.00; Conference Claimants, $31.00; Foreign Missions, $64.00; Domestic Missions, $52.00; Church Extension, $27.00; Education, $35.00; Delegate to General Conference, $4.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $3.00. Total, $308.00.

Siler City Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $80.00; Bishops, $11.00; Conference Claimants, $31.00; Foreign Missions, $63.00; Domestic Missions, $51.50; Church Extension, $27.00; Education, $35.00; Delegate to General Conference, $4.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $3.00. Total, $305.00.

Carthage Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $120.00; Bishops, $16.00; Conference Claimants, $17.00; Foreign Missions, $95.00; Domestic Missions, $77.00; Church Extension, $41.00; Education, $52.00; Delegate to General Conference, $7.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $4.00. Total, $459.00.

Elise Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $55.00; Bishops, $9.00; Conference Claimants, $21.00; Foreign Missions, $34.00; Domestic Missions, $36.00; Church Extension, $19.00; Education, $24.00; Delegate to General Conference, $3.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $2.00. Total, $203.00.

Sanford Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $112.00; Bishops, $15.00; Conference Claimants, $44.00; Foreign Missions, $89.00; Domestic Missions, $72.00; Church Extension, $38.00; Education, $49.00; Delegate to General Conference, $6.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $4.00. Total, $429.00.

Jonesboro Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $112.00; Bishops, $15.00; Conference Claimants, $44.00; Foreign Missions, $89.00; Domestic Missions, $72.00; Church Extension, $38.00; Education, $49.00; Delegate to General Conference, $6.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $4.00. Total, $429.00.

Lillington Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $48.00; Bishops, $6.00; Conference Claimants, $18.00; Foreign Missions, $38.00; Domestic Missions, $31.00; Church Extension, $16.00; Education, $21.00; Delegate to General Conference, $3.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $2.00. Total, $183.00.

Grand Total.—Presiding Elder, $1,610.00; Bishops, $210.00; Conference Claimants, $596.00; Foreign Missions, $1,278.00; Domestic Missions, $1,047.00; Church Extension, $522.00; Education, $665.50; Delegate to General Conference, $90.00; Paine and Lane Institute, $57.00. Total, $6,078.

REV. J. B. HURLEY, P. E.

B. COLE, Secretary.

The Family.

The Doubter.

An open Bible, a studious eye
A searcher in league with prayer
Will check the doubter's question, "Why?"
And quiet his reasoning "Where?"

Faith will become a living power;
Hope will enlighten the mind;
Christ's flaming love will soon devour
The doubts of a soul resigned.

God's Holy Spirit will fill the life;
Man's body his temple will be;
The worshipful heart will rest from strife,
For lo! the Doubter shall see.

—J. T. S., in Evangelist.

I Remember.

I look on a world of splendor, where joy seems
brimming o'er,
And my soul is tempted thither by its pleasures
evermore;
But if ever I feign would yield to the subtile
Power of wrong,
Jesus, I then remember, when tempted Thou wast
strong.

My cup is steeped in sorrow, its sharp edge has
no sweet,
And the breath of its myrrh and aloes is cold
as wintry sleet,
But if ever I turn to leave it, with its cheerful
dregs unquaffed,
Saviour, I then remember how much harder was
Thy draught.

My path is beset with briars; they rend the tender
flesh,
The net is spread in the darkling stretch, to
catch me in its mesh,
But if ever I would shun it, I see Thy face divine,
Jesus, I remember, a crueler way was Thine.

My Cross is of fire and steel and it cuts to the
very quick,
But, if to the top of Calvary I climb alone,
heartsick,
When the soul I would have died for, turns ice
and stone from me,
Saviour of all, I remember, a world rejected
Thee.

—By Rev. Francis Edward Marsten, D. D.
New York.

If You are Well-Bred.

You will be kind.
You will not use slang.
You will try to make others happy.
You will not be shy or self-conscious.
You will never indulge in ill-natured gossip.
You will never forget the respect due to age.
You will not swagger or boast of your achievements.
You will think of others before you think of yourself.
You will be scrupulous in your regard for the rights of others.
You will not measure your civility by people's bank accounts.
You will not forget engagements, promises or obligations of any kind.
In conversation you will not be argumentative or contradictory.
You will never make fun of the peculiarities or idiosyncrasies of others.
You will not bore people by constantly talking of yourself and your affairs.
You will never under any circumstances cause another pain, if you can help it.
You will not think that "good intentions" compensate for rude or gruff manners.
You will be as agreeable to your social inferiors as to your equals and superiors.
You will not sulk or feel neglected if others receive more attention than you do.
You will not have two sets of manners; one for "company" and one for home use.
You will never remind a cripple of his deformity, or probe the sore spots of a sensitive soul.
You will not gulp down your soup so audibly that you can be heard across the room, nor sop up the sauce in your plate with bits of bread.
You will let a refined manner and superior intelligence show that you have traveled, instead of constantly talking of the different countries you have visited.
You will not remark, while a guest, that you do not like the food which has been served to you.
You will not attract attention by either your loud talk or laughter, or show your egotism by trying to absorb conversation.—Orison Swett, in February "Success."

Forcing a Decision.

Governor Mickey, of Nebraska, that stanch Methodist, was visited a few days ago by an escaped insane inmate of the Grand Island Soldiers' Home, armed with a huge paper-knife. Brandishing his weapon, he declared that Senator Dietrich, now under indictment for bribery, is innocent, and compelled the Governor to express the same view. The Governor was agreeing with everything he said when Capitol employes rushed in and overpowered the lunatic.

The Governor was quite right, though the late Dr. Trumbull would probably have declared that he was lying.

It is not a lie to deceive an insane man to prevent him from injuring himself and others. A man brandishing a huge knife forced his way into the presence of the Duke of Wellington, and thus addressed him: "I am Apollyon, and am sent to kill you." "What!" said the duke, "you see that pile of letters; I can't stop now. Come again when I have finished them." The man had politeness enough to withdraw, and was soon taken in custody. Mr. Spurgeon once found himself face to face with a lunatic, who had gotten into his private room, and who said to him: "I am sent by God to do everything you wish." Said Spurgeon, with the wit that never failed him, "I was wishing that you would go away;" and he records that the fellow had sense enough left to do it.

However, it hardly does to agree always with the deranged. After Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, a clergyman, dressed in clerical attire, who thought he must agree with everything a patient said, visited an asylum, and as he entered one of the wards an inmate drew near and said: "What a terrible thing this is that our President should be killed!" "Yes," said the minister, "it is."

"And then think, too, that they should beat Secretary Seward almost to death." "Awful!" said the minister.

"And then that they should kill General Grant, after all that he has done." "Yes," said the minister, "that was worst of all. The general had risked his life on many a battlefield for the Union."

"And then to think," said the insane man, "that the wretches should come on to Plymouth Church and slay Henry Ward Beecher, while he was administering the communion, so that his blood mingled with the wine." "Yes," said the minister, "that was a most sacrilegious thing."

"Now here," said the lunatic, "you look like a minister, but you are the biggest liar I ever met."

The insane often have their mother wit left, and amuse themselves at the expense of those who stare at them as if they were wild animals.—New York Advocate.

Thoughts for the Thoughtful.

"Oh, the bliss of being trusted on the errands of the King!"

It is well to be an independent man but it is never well to be independent of God.

If we search for trouble, we can generally find it. If we desire peace, we can usually make it.

We are responsible not only for what we are, but also for what we appear to be.

At least once in every man's life the Lord puts a signed blank check into his hands, and all that man's future is determined by the way he fills the blank.

A child-like trust of heart that can take a hand and, wondering, walk in paths unknown and strange, is the prime requisite of all religion.—James Martineau.

In righteous contests with other men a Christian should feel himself a man among men; but when his is the duty of guiding and helping hosts of men, he is wisest who is not too self-confident.

"I was having a nice walk and feeling so happy. It was a beautiful day until I met Ellen, and—she murdered it," said our school-girl, laughing, but with a suspicion of tears in her eyes. All of us who knew Ellen knew from experience what had happened. The pretty new suit, a delight to one to whom new suits were rare, had been criticised, compared with others, its little defects pointed out, until it seemed very inferior and its purchase ill-advised. The kindness of a friend, which had set the young heart bounding, might have, it was suggested, an ulterior motive so selfish and ignoble as to rob it of its worth. The hopeful symptoms in the case of a dear invalid were only such, it was pointed out, as had proved utterly deceptive in a similar case, and meant no permanent improvement. The disparaging, suspicious, discouraging words, needless words—clouded all the joy and hopefulness that had made the morning bright. The few drops of poison were enough to "murder" the day, but the law holds no penalty for such very common assassinations.—The Wellspring.

What the Moon Can Tell.

A clear moon indicates frost.

A single halo around the moon indicates a storm.

If the moon looks high cold weather may be expected.

If the moon looks low down, warm weather is promised.

A double halo around the moon means very boisterous weather.

If the moon changes with the wind in the east, then shall we have bad weather.

If the moon be bright and clear when three days old, fine weather is promised.

When the moon is visible in the day time, then may we look forward to cool days.

When the points of the crescent of the new moon are very clearly visible, frost may be looked for.

If the new moon appears with its points inward, then will the month be dry, but should the points be downward, more or less rain must be expected during the next three weeks.—American Queen.

Mr. W. C. Everett, manager of the branch of the publishing House in Dallas Texas, spent several days in Nashville last week, conferring with the agents, Mr. Smith and Dr. Lamar. Mr. Everett brought an excellent report of the business of the Dallas house, which has had a constant growth, showing a marked yearly increase.

For the first time in the history of Texas Methodism, the bishops and connectional boards will meet in Waco next May. This is quite a compliment to Texas Methodism, and it will prove itself equal to the occasion. Texas will never miss an opportunity like this, and we look forward to this great meeting with much interest.—Nashville Advocate.

Fanny Crosby (Mrs. Van Alstyne), the blind poetess and sacred song writer, was recently honored by a special service at the Union Evangelical Church, Corona, L. I., at which Will Carleton, the poet-lecturer of Brooklyn, and the pastor of the church, the Rev. W. J. Peck, urged the need of a home for the hymn writer.

The secular press reports that Bishop Galloway has cabled all of our missionaries in Korea to move into Seoul, the capital city, immediately, or to go at once to Japan. He has received advices that the missionaries are in great danger of losing their lives.

Our Boys and Girls.

Goodnight.

Little boy sweetheart, with eyes that shine
Blue as the skies on a summer morn,
Lips that are wreathed in a smile divine,
Velvety cheek that is pressed to mine,
Life has seemed fairer since you were born;
Fold up your petals, my rosebud white,
Goodnight, my baby, goodnight, Goodnight.

Little boy sweetheart, I love you so!
How deep that love you will never know.
Night after night, when my work is through,
Worn out and weary I come to you,
Bend o'er your couch till upon my ear
Falls a faint music I yearn to hear,
Made by your breathing so soft and light,
Goodnight, my baby, goodnight, Goodnight.

Then by your side as I nightly kneel
To the All-Father I make appeal,
That He will guide you and guard and bless,
Touch you with love and unselfishness,
Mould you and lead you life's path along,
That you grow manly and true and strong,
That He may grant you a future bright—
Goodnight, my baby, goodnight, Goodnight.

Sometimes in days that are yet to be,
In the last hours you shall come to me,
You who shall stand at your life's proud prime,
I whose head shall be touched with rime,
There shall we part for the last sad time;
Then, as the world recedes from view,
On your dear face I will turn my sight
And cut of death I will call to you,
"Goodnight, my baby, goodnight, Goodnight."

—Denver News.

Mother's Birthday.

All the children in the Sinclair family took an interest in birthdays. They were not satisfied save as each child's birthday was celebrated and a big cake with one candle for each year was always a feature. Of course mamma was the one who managed all these birthdays. But the great occasion of all was when mother's own birthday came. They all laughingly said they could not afford candles for her birthday, because it took so many of them. This year the children made up their minds mamma must have a fine birthday and a sure enough present. They began to plan for it a long time beforehand. Tom had worked a little during the summer and had some money of his own. Sarah was always very careful with her monthly allowance money and she was ready to give, too. Baby Ben begged pennies from papa and some from mamma, too, telling her with his innocent little lips that "me wants det you birfday." It didn't matter much, though, for mamma could easily guess what they were all thinking about.

What do you think they were planning to give her? Why, some years before they had owned a beautiful yellow canary and big, shiny brass cage for him to live in. The cage was still theirs, but the bird had escaped one day when the door of the cage was accidentally left open. The children remembered—that is, the older ones—how mamma almost cried that day when she saw Dickey fly away. So now they were trying to get mother another birdie.

Papa had to help them to get the money, but the idea was all theirs. Tom stopped on his way from school and got the bird they had selected from the store. It was in a little wooden cage. You may be sure Tom enjoyed carrying it home. He met Sarah at a place near home and she peeped in at the dear little birdie. When Tom was upstairs in his room each one of the children had a peep, save little Ben, who could not be trusted to keep a secret.

In the morning early Tom got out of bed and brought the cage from the garret, where it had been so long. He wiped the dust from it and put the new Dickey in its home. Then he carried it down stairs and put it right by mother's place on the table.

You may be sure no one was late for breakfast that day. Mother was really surprised and as truly pleased. And the new Dickey? Why, at exactly the right minute he opened his throat and sang a beautiful song. From that moment he was a part of the home and everybody loved him.—Selected.

SUICIDE PREVENTED.

The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system, or despondency invariably precede suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self-destruction take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nervine will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's also a great Stomach, Liver and Kidney regulator. Only 50 cents. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists.

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Never was there a time when plain facts were more imperative with you than now. Let the readers of the Raleigh Christian Advocate stop this procrastination to-day. Act, write, giving history of case, name and age of patient, and forward to S. T. Whitaker, M. D., Dropsy Specialist, 41 E. Irwin St., Atlanta, Ga., and he will send you a free treatment with full directions, that is guaranteed to give immediate relief.

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REV. J. R. WHEELER, a noted Methodist minister, of Reinertown, Md., writes enthusiastically of RHEUMACIDE, which cured him. He is 75 years old and has been in the ministry 50 years.

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"O multiply thy sowers seed,
And fruit we every hour shall bear;
Throughout the world thy gospel spread,
Thine everlasting truth declare!"

There was an error in Mrs. Whitaker's report, which should have been corrected last week—the name Selma occurs where it should have been Salem. There is no Foreign Missionary Auxiliary in Selma.

The copy for this column has to be sent in Friday morning, before the Advocate is issued the following Wednesday—nearly a week in advance; hence the necessity of items or notices for this department being sent in as early in the week as possible.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference will be held in Elizabeth City, April 20-25. Rev. W. B. Lee, of the Brazil Mission, will preach the annual sermon. There will be universal satisfaction and pleasure when it is known that this talented missionary brother will preach—his knowledge and experience, gained through years of active work in the field, will enable him to "bring forth out of his treasure things new and old."

In reference to the annual meeting, Bro. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the church in Elizabeth City, wrote the following to "Aunt Lucy:"

"We want you to come in full delegation from all points in the Conference. We want no home disappointment, because the delegate named for it did not come. May the meeting be a blessing to all, and, through us, to the cause across the sea."

Aunt Lucy says: "A warm, hearty welcome awaits us, I am assured; not only from the pastor, but from other citizens, as well as from our Auxiliary in that hospitable city by the sea."

This subject is mentioned early that it may impress itself upon the mind and heart of every member of our Missionary Societies. Make no mistake in the selection of your delegates; plan for the representation of every Auxiliary. Golden Links and Juvenile Society; be "instant in prayer" for the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit and there will be no question as to the rich result of the meeting.

A communication from our Superintendent of Juvenile Work is always gladly received; she has the success of her department constantly in mind and her wise words and suggestions should find a lodgment in the minds of those to whom she speaks. Hear her:

To the Lady Managers of the Bright Jewels.

Dear Sisters:—In a recent number of the Raleigh Advocate, Mrs. Dixon, always alert to every interest of our work, made a suggestion so timely and practical, that I wish to emphasize it by an especial appeal to you.

It is that you, through our column in the Advocate, make occasional reports of the condition and progress of your Bright Jewel Bands. This cannot fail to be helpful in awakening new interest, and stimulating each other to greater activity.

Make special mention of any new feature you have introduced, your mode of conducting it, and with what success, etc. Send your communication to Mrs. Dixon, who will see that it is published in due time.

Now, who will be the first to comply with this request?

I also wish to call your attention to the fact, that it is only one more month before our Annual Report is made up. Please see that all the dues of your Society is paid up, and secure as large an amount as you possibly can for your pledge.

We must not fall behind in any interest of our work, and it may depend upon your individual effort whether we make a backward or a forward movement.

It is not too early to begin to plan a program for Easter, to which season we look hopefully for an ingathering from our Jewels. All this means work continual and faithful. But is not the result to be accomplished worth the effort and sacrifice?

"Hark the voice of Jesus calling;
Who will go and work to-day.
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?"

Lovingly,

AUNT LIZZIE.

END OF BITTER FIGHT.

"Two physicians had a long and stubborn fight with an abcess on my right lung," writes J. F. Hughes, of DuPont, Ga., "and gave me up. Everybody thought my time had come. As a last resort I tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. The benefit I received was striking and I was on my feet in a few days. Now I've entirely regain my health." It conquers all Coughs, Colds and Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50 cents, and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

SPECIAL RATES VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

$25.75.—Raleigh to New Orleans, La., and return account Mardi Gras Carnivals. Tickets on sale February 9th to 15th, inclusive, final return limit February 20, 1904. By depositing ticket and paying fee of fifty cents extension of limit may be obtained to March 5, 1904.

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For further particulars call on any agent of the Southern Railway or address T. E. Green, C. T. A., Raleigh, N. C.

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February Questions and Answers.

"Must every member pay $1.00 above dues?

No. But the Auxiliary is expected to have as much as $1.00 per member above the dues.

What counts on the extra dollar?

Everything that is raised in the Auxiliary outside the dues, except Loan Funds, Endowment Funds, and any other money which has a specific use. Week of Prayer money, mite boxes, etc., all count on the extra dollar."

I repeat these questions here to give emphasis to them, and to urge all Auxiliaries to pay their dues in full and, also, to raise the extra $1.00 per member.

Treasurers, you have only one month more of this fiscal year—work mightily.

Why this Call for Extra Funds?

The Home Mission cause has prospered beyond expectation—God's blessing rests upon every department of it. This brings enlargement of opportunity, and as our income is small, there must be systematic and practical business management.

Each Conference Society uses one-half of its dues for work within its own bounds, consequently, the $2,000 members pay to the connectional fund only about $16,000. At the meeting of the Board last year it was found imperative to make an appropriation of $21,838—the General Secretary having beforehand gotten from each Institution an itemized account of amount needed for succeeding year. To cover this the extra $1.00 per member is asked.

A Message from Our President and General Secretary.

"Remember, you are called to be a co-laborer with your Lord in saving our world, and these are some of the things He has asked you to do in this copartnership."

Let every woman bestir herself lest there be languishing of the Lord's work. If one fails to pay in full, it would not seem much, but if hundreds should, think of the result! Everything, then, depends on each individual, and I beg you to realize your responsibility. There is no time to lose, for in one month the year's record will have been made, and it is for Eternity. No woman is willing to "rob God."

A Model Letter

I have received such a charming and cheering letter from Mrs. J. B. Exum, Corresponding Secretary of Fremont, I must share it with our readers:

"Our Home Mission Society has just held the monthly meeting, and 16 of the 23 members were present. Our Mite Box Brigade numbers 31 members. We observed the Week of Prayer with appropriate exercises of songs, prayers, recitations and readings relating to the work; and a part of the time had our pastor and Presiding Elder with us. We use the Items, also, the Bible Study in Our Homes, and find them very interesting and instructive. Our Auxiliary sends a box of clothing twice a year to a little boy at the Orphanage, and we are trying to pay off a church debt here. Our Society is growing in numbers and in interest. Pray for us, that we may improve in all lines."

Officers of Fremont Auxiliary.

Mrs. C. C. Aycock, President; Mrs. W. M. Darden, Recording Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. J. B. Exum, Corresponding Secretary.

Happy greetings to Fremont! Could there be a more beautiful beginning for the new year than was made at this January meeting? I believe marked success will characterize every meeting of the year, and I hope all the Auxiliaries will profit by the wisdom of Fremont and strive to keep pace with its good works.

Wills Point, Tex., the Banner Auxiliary.

Texas may now be called "The Constellation State," for her noble women "shall shine as the stars forever and forever."

Let me tell you of the latest achievement of the Wills Point Auxiliary: they divided into sections, went out after members, and in one week gained one hundred new members!

The section securing the smallest number gave a reception to the entire membership, thus bringing all together in delightful communion.

What one Auxiliary can do, another can—which will be the first to begin to follow this magnificent leadership at once, even in this last month?

DEATH BY NEGLECT.

Dr. D. M. Bye, the eminent specialist, of Indianapolis, who cures cancer by the use of a combination of oils, says thousands of persons die from cancer every year from no cause save neglect. If taken in time not one case in a thousand need be fatal. The fear of the knife or the dread of the burning, torturing plaster causes a few to neglect themselves till they pass the fatal point. By far the greater portion die because their friends or relatives, on whom they are dependent, are insensible to their suffering and impending danger till it is too late. If you have friends afflicted write to-day for free book, giving particulars. Address Dr. D. M. Bye Co., Drawer 505, Indianapolis, Ind.

SPECIAL RATES VIA S. A. L.

$12.85 plus 25 cents, Raleigh to Atlanta, Ga., and return, account of Department of Superintendence National Education Association, Atlanta, Ga. Tickets to be sold February 21st and 22nd, with final limit February 27th. Stop overs will be allowed on these tickets.

C. H. GATTIS, C. P. T. A.
Raleigh, N. C.

Editorial.

THE ROMANOFF AND THE MIKADO.

We present to our readers this week, on our front page, a map of that section of the world which probably will be the great battle ground of nations. From that battle ground, if battle ground it must be, will spring the harvests for which the granaries of Christian civilization have been waiting during the long centuries.

So it is entirely appropriate and natural that the eyes, not only of the civic, but of the religious world should rest intently and anxiously on that portion of the Orient which we present to our readers in this issue.

What is the trouble between the Jap and the Slav? Why is the former buying warships and changing its army of 175,000 men on a peace footing into an army of 675,000 men? Why is Russia fortifying Manchuria and sending thousands upon thousands of soldiers along that long line of railroad which stretches from St. Petersburg to Vladivostok, which looks out on the Japan Sea?

In general terms, Japan is an obstruction in the way of Russia's march eastward. Russia's occupation of Manchuria threatens the integrity of Japan. Russia for over a century has had its eyes not only the great inert drowsy empire of China, but upon the whole Orient. The fact has inoculated Japan with a chronic and persistent suspicion of Russia's good faith even when the safest and most plausible assurances are given. Since October 8, 1903, Japan has had no doubt of Russia's intention to command the Korean strait, which means, of course, a "cabined, cribbed, and confined" Japan, and a Russia the length of whose leash is measured only by the lengths of the lines of latitude and longitude.

But to be more specific. When, in 1895, the Japanese marched to the gates of Pekin and placed hoary, terrified China, or at least that part which was touched by the war, at their mercy, Russia, backed by Germany and France, stepped in and said to Japan: You must leave China. You must leave Korea. You must keep within bounds; Japan had nothing else to do than to accept the inevitable. For had not the appeal to Roseberry been in vain? England failed to see the "day of her merciful visitation" and allowed a hostile race to occupy the territory which might have remained in friendly hands had there been at England's helm a man instead of Roseberry.

But the Japanese, famed for their diplomacy, exacted from Russia a promise to evacuate Manchuria by October 8, 1903. Russian occupancy of Korea meant not only the impossibility of a free hand for Japan in Korea, but a possible Russian occupancy of Korea. But October 8th came and went, and the sound of Russian hammers, building forts, was still heard.

Why the Great Powers have failed to compel Russia to keep its promise made to poor little Japan is a secret known only in diplomatic circles.

Since the middle of October Japan has considered a war inevitable. Diplomatic messages have been received and sent, and at this writing Japan is awaiting what it is thought will be the last diplomatic fencing of the two nations. If Russia insists on holding Manchuria and refusing to give Japan right-of-way in Korea, there will be war. Japan never makes a bluff, and does not know the meaning of insincerity and bluster. Russia may find this out in time and avert, for awhile, the impending war. But that war will come in time. That war, in the final issue, may crush the Jap, but it will fail to establish the supremacy of the Slav in the Orient. It will prove the key to unlock the great gates to Anglo-Saxon liberty and enlightment. It will be the hand to level the mounta[illegible], and fill up the valleys to make a level highway for the onward march of Immanuel.

So we trust that our readers may study closely and intelligently the map which is on the first page, and which was prepared for the Advocate. It represents the section which is to offer the solution to that intricate problem which for a long time has bewildered the church of God.

A SUNDAY AT CLAYTON.

Years ago—not so many—we had the honor of having among our pupils in Oak Institute, one of our Conference schools, a young man and lady, who, in the midst of their scholastic duties which were performed cheerfully and thoroughly, found time to make the preliminary arrangements for being life-long pupils in the school of matrimony. That young man is now the preacher-in-charge of Clayton Circuit, and that young lady presides as queen in the parsonage home in which there are five princes and one blooming princess.

Well, to come to the point, we had been under a promise for about two years to visit the domain of our whilom friends and pupils, and we determined to fulfill that promise on last Sunday. We went down to Clayton on the evening before, and were soon enjoying the royalty of the parsonage home. We always feel at home in a parsonage, especially in one in which we receive such kindnesses heaped upon the occupant of the prophet's chamber by Rev. G. W. Fisher and wife.

We were very much surprised when we found a full congregation in the church on Sunday morning and evening. We had thought that the very inclement weather, together with the ice-bound streets and sidewalks, would prevent the people from going out to church. But such was not the case. Those Clayton people love the church, and they are of the kind that believe in being "instant in season and out of season." The membership is small, but earnest, and loyal. They love their preacher, and give him their co-operation. We had the pleasure of meeting many of our friends and making new ones. It is always a pleasure to visit Clayton.

Clayton has advanced wonderfully in a material way for the last few years. It is now a town of more than twelve hundred people. It has a large cotton mill, a flourishing oil mill, an extensive planing establishment, and a number of first-class stores. Such men as the Hornes, the McCullers, the Barneses, the Barbours, and others, have helped to make Clayton so prosperous. This is the home of Mr. Ashley Horne, so well-known throughout the State as one of its most prosperous and progressive business men, and who is now the President of the North Carolina Agricultural Society. He is enthusiastic over the State Fair, and our people may look out for something good.

They have a fine school building in Clayton and a school of corresponding excellence managed by Professor Williams and wife. They are doing work of a very high grade.

Clayton Circuit is a large one. Like other circuits, it is a something like a shoe-string, extending twenty miles in the direction of Fayetteville. Brother Fisher is much pleased with the work, and as we have said, the people are pleased with him. The reports made show this. Any work will be safe in his hands. His people believe in the Raleigh Christian Advocate. Many of them take it.

We wish that it were in our power to make all over the Conference such visits as the one we made to Clayton. We like to meet the people and the preachers and their families. But the fact that we have both the editorial and business burdens of the paper upon us makes it almost impossible for us to leave the office.

REDEEMING THE TIME.

On the railroads in some parts of our great country, distance is no longer measured by miles, but by hours. Those accustomed to travel can tell how far they have ridden by the number of hours they have been on the train. A ship-building concern in San Francisco recently testified that although the wages of its men had been phenomenally advanced, yet the output from the goods was less than when wages were smaller and the workday longer. A carpenter proposed to work at building a fence for $1.50 per day, and insisted that it would take from three and a half to four days to do the work. He finally agreed to build the fence by the panel, and had it done in two days.

An industrious, energetic housewife rises early, cooks breakfast, sets a large house in order and is ready to rest at eleven o'clock. Many women worry over smaller duties the whole morning.

The above incidents serve to illustrate the truth that our tasks are larger, or smaller, according to the time we require to accomplish them. We often hear a remark like this: "That man has lived more in ten years than most men do in a lifetime." Philipps Brooks debated the question whether he would desire long life or expend his energies in fierce enthusiasm. He chose the latter; to what profit to the world men already know. It is pitiable to see a man take a whole day to do what he might do in half the time. It is dishonest. It is sin. If right requires that a man work, it none the less requires that he work with his might. There is too much to be done to linger long over one task. Get done with what you have in hand as quickly as possible. Something else is waiting for you. If you are afraid to do more than you think it is your duty to do, you are, and must ever remain, an unprofitable servant. Many coveted positions are filled by others only because you spent all your time on little things, and are not through with that small duty when a larger one calls you. Have regard to the injunction, "Never be unemployed," and take heed just as surely to that other, "Never be triflingly employed." Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings."

CAN WE AFFORD IT?

Editor Johnson, of Charity and Children, gives the circulation of the religious papers in South Carolina, and with very commendable zeal in putting forth every fact which illustrates the strength of his church, says: "We have not the statistics for North Carolina, but we should not be surprised if the circulation of Baptist papers in this State (North Carolina) is equal to that of all other religious papers combined."

Now, Brother Johnson, the only fault we find with your statement is that it is true. At least, we are afraid that it is true.

The papers of the Missionary Baptist Church in North Carolina have a circulation of nearly twenty thousand. There are only two Methodist papers in the State—the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and this paper. The former, representing the territory west of Greensboro, has about 5,000 subscribers; the latter, representing the territory east of Greensboro, has about 6,000 subscribers. We will not count an extra 150. This makes about 11,000 subscribers for our papers. The Recorder, with its 8,500 or 9,000, the North Carolina Baptist and Charity and Children, with their combined circulation of about 10,000, as we have heard, make a fine showing for the Baptists.

We congratulate them, but at the same time we give notice that Editor Johnson cannot much longer say that the Baptists support their paper better than the Methodists support theirs. We are on the war-path. Editor Blair, of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, is rigged out in full paint and feather for a large increase in circulation for his paper, and we believe that he is succeeding. As for the Raleigh Christian Advocate, we will not say that we are "beating the bushes" for new subscribers. There is no need of that. The non-subscribers are out in the open—and plenty of them. By the last of March we propose to capture a large part of them, and then we will "beat the bushes."

We Methodists believe in being in the front rank in every movement, and we are determined to make it possible for any to say truthfully that the percentage of Methodists who take their church paper is as great as that of any denomination in the State. Our zeal is not based primarily upon mere denominational pride and competition, but upon the desire to place the power of the church paper in as many homes as possible.

Shall we succeed? We believe that we will. Our laymen are in earnest. What story shall we tell of our success by May 1st?

In the meantime watch the District record week by week.

North Carolina Methodism.

We desire the post-office address of Rev. A. W. Price.

Rev. W. A. Forbes desires us to state that his post-office address is Benson, N. C., instead of Buie's Creek, N. C.

Rutherford College has now on roll 250, an unusually large enrollment; indeed, the largest in the history of the college.

We are glad to know that Hon. W. H. P. Jenkins, who was seriously hurt a few days ago by being thrown from his buggy, is rapidly improving.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the North Carolina Conference will be held at Selma, N. C., April 30 to May 4.

Mr. R. T. Johnson, who visited this office a few days ago, reported Buckhorn Circuit in good condition and said that extensive repairs are being made on Olive Branch Church.

We acknowledge an invitation to attend the sixty-ninth anniversary of the Philomathesian and Euzelian Literary Societies of Wake Forest College, Friday, February 12th, 1904.

Rev. C. M. Lance has begun his work with great enthusiasm. He writes that he has a good people to serve and that they have already begun to prepare for the District Conference.

A pleasant note from Rev. R. B. Clark, who has taken work in the Western North Carolina Conference, has been received. He reports a rich field for work and results in his present charge.

The following appreciated invitation has reached us: 1879—1904.—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Brooks at home on Thursday evening, February 4th, from eight until eleven, Louisburg, North Carolina.

Rev. R. L. Davis, who is nothing if not energetic and progressive, has sent us the Annual Pastoral Letter which he distributes among his members. it makes good reading for every Methodist.

Methodism in the State, and the town of Tarboro, have sustained a distinct loss in the death of Dr. J. W. Jones, who died on the 28th inst., at the residence of his son in Tarboro. Dr. Jones was a true man in every respect, and he will be missed.

We have received from Bros. W. I. Wright of Ingold, N. C., and W. N. Brothers, of Rose Dale, N. C., a large number of renewals and new subscribers. These brethren believe in the Advocate and their people. They are laymen, but they believe in helping the preacher. In fact, we receive material help from the laymen from all over the Conference. They will all accept our thanks.

Rev. W. A. Betts, of the South Carolina Conference is publishing in booklet form "Experience of a Confederate Chaplain." The "Chaplain" is our dear Dr. A. D. Betts, of the North Carolina Conference. This book will be a rich one, and we await its publication with interest. Thousands in North Carolina love to read everything Dr. Betts writes, and his "Experiences" will have a large sale. By the way, there is no use of waiting until a man dies to say good things of him. Why should not the Advocate receive for publication some personal estimates of our good Dr. Betts? Who will be the first?

We take the following from the Southport Standard: "Great interest is being manifested in the protracted meeting which began at the Methodist Church last Sunday. Services are being held both morning and evening, and at the evening services, especially, the building is always filled with people. The pastor, Rev. Euclid McWhorter, is being assisted by Evangelist E. C. Glenn, of Greensboro, N. C., who preaches at both the morning and evening services. Mr. Glenn is a forceful and eloquent speaker, and the prospects are that his zealous work will result in the accomplishment of much good.

General Notes.

The post-office address of Rev. W. B. Humble is Aurelian Sprins instead of Littleton.

The Methodist Yearbook for 1903 gives the whole number of deaconesses as 1,268.

Rev. Angus Dowling, for forty-six years a member of the Alabama Conference, died recently at Ozark.

General Booth is planning to extend the work of the Salvation Army through Germany, Denmark, Norway and Italy.

It is stated that within the last four years 37,000 persons in Austria have left the Roman Church and become Protestants.

New York proposes to build a forty-five-story sky-scraper, with five stories below and forty stories above the ground.

Thirty men in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville have signified their determination to enter the foreign missionary service.

Bishop Thomas Underwood Dudley, Bishop of Kentucky, died suddenly in New York, January 22. He had come to New York to take part in the services of consecration.

Chancellor James H. Kirkland, of Vanderbilt, has returned from a seven-months' tour of the Old World. He was banqueted by the faculty and students last Monday night.

Dr. Charles Forster Smith, Professor of Greek in the University of Wisconsin, will deliver the annual literary address at Wofford College during the approaching commencement.

William Harvey, a son of Dr. R. T. Vann, of Raleigh, was horribly injured by the accidental discharge of a gun last week. We are glad to know that the wound is not considered necessarily fatal.

The editorship of the Sunday School Times, left vacant by the death of Dr. Henry Clay Trumbull, has been filled by the election of Charles G. Trumbull, son of the former editor, to that responsible position.

Dr. James Atkins will deliver an address on "The Field of Hope in the Work of Religious Education" before the National Congress of Religious Education, which meets in Washington, March 1st to 3rd.

Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the New York Christian Advocate, will lecture at the Tabernacle in Nashville this month in the interest of the new Rust Hall, Walden University, which was recently destroyed by fire.

Mr. Wiley Brown, one of McKendree's oldest members, died last week in the ninety-sixth year of his age. He was a faithful member of the church, and had served in official capacity in various Conferences of the church.

Rev. Walter I. Herbert, pastor of Main Street, Columbia, has been elected chaplain of the Senate of South Carolina, which is now in session. He was elected to succeed Rev. O. A. Darby, D. D., of Magnolia, who recently resigned.

Statistics of the Associated Reformed Synod of the South have just been compiled by the Rev. James Boyce, stated clerk of the Synod. The communicant members number 12,454. The total amount of benefactions for the year was $59,487.

The city missionary and church extension movement in Los Angeles, Cal., is planning to erect a portable church, using it as a sort of incubator for new Methodist societies in growing neighborhoods, and moving it from place to place, as its successive users outgrow it.

The Tenth National Congress of Religious Education will meet in Washington, D. C., March next. The central theme selected for discussion is "The Bible in the Spiritual Life." The most prominent Biblical scholars of the country are expected to take part in the discussion.

Publisher's Column.

A CORRECT MAILING LIST.

For two successive weeks we urged every subscriber whose label is wrong to write us at once. We have received a few correction orders, and we are congratulating ourselves that our list is about correct. For surely after our notice published so prominently on the first page, it should be difficult to find now any one who claims that his label is wrong. In the meantime there are on our list thousands of dates which ought to be changed at once through a renewal of subscription. Will you not attend to this at once? Let us make a correct mailing list to mean a mailing list whose labels show subscriptions paid up. Send in your renewal.

We desire the post-office address of Rev. A. W. Price.

AS IT STANDS.

The following shows how many new subscribers have been received from each District since December 1st.

Raleigh District	25
Fayetteville District	14
Washington District	13
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Rockingham District	8
Warrenton District	13
New Bern District	9
Wilmington District	19
Durham District	4

The Conference has requested each District to furnish 150 new subscribers by May 1, 1904. The report for each District will be made weekly in this column. The District reporting the largest number of new subscribers by May 1, 1904, will receive a present not costing less than $25.00, to be applied as the Conference thinks best.

THOSE NAMES.

We are highly gratified at the way the preachers are sending us the names asked for. We believe that they are determined to carry out the resolution adopted at Conference looking to increasing the circulation of the paper. We cannot afford to fail in this enterprise. There are some preachers who are on a new work. Of course we cannot expect them to send at once names asked for. We would urge them to send the names as soon as possible.

OUR SEED OFFER.

We propose to make again our seed offer. The list will be printed next week. In the meantime, those who send in their names after February 3, will be entitled to the seed. So send in your renewal, and if you desire the seed, let us know and we will send the seed later.

We were pleased to receive a call last week from Mr. H. M. McAlister, the energetic and successful Business Manager of the Presbyterian Standard. Mr. McAlister has a keen eye not only for business, but for fine literary points. In his addresses to Synods and Presbyteries he shows the force of an orator as well as the acumen of a Business Manager.

The Regents of the American Society of Religious Education have called the Tenth National Congress of Religious Education to be held in the city of Washington, D. C., March 1, 2, and 3, 1904. This is a very important occasion and will awaken great interest. Rev. H. M. Blair, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and G. H. Cornelson, of Concord, are the Senators from North Carolina.

The Bible depot at Shanghai, China, distributed in 1902 1,084,000 books and had orders for 100,000 more copies than could be filled. In the light of these figures, the duty of Christians in this country toward the American Bible Society is plain.—Wesleyan Advocate.

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BY ZELMA F. MOORE.

To go, or not to go, that is the question:
Whether 'tis nobler in the maid to travel
To the great national Conference this year,
Or just remain at home in peace and quiet,
And by remaining end it?—To go, to go—
No more; and by deciding say we end
The question, and the thousands of discussions
This mind is heir to—'tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wished. To go, to go—
To go; perchance to talk—aye, there's the rub;
For in that Conference what thoughts may come,
When once we're in the spirit of it all,
Must make us talk: there's the respect
That makes our hesitation so long-lived;
For who would bear to just sit silent there,
To hear fine speeches, the wise man's good advice,
The pangs of dispriz'd work, the League's delay,
The idleness of members, and the spurns
That patient merit of the unworthy takes,
When she herself might tell her hopes and fears
And get assistance? Who would stay away
To read and hear of its success through life,
But that the dread of saying something there—
Before that large assembly, at which none
Can well remain silent—puzzles the will,
And makes us rather want to stay at home
Than go to talk of that we know not of?
Thus conscience does make cowards of us all;
And thus the native hue of resolution
Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of doubt;
And Conferences of great pith and moment,
With this regard, my purpose turn away,
And cause me to stay away.—Soft you, now!
The wondrous Conference! Leaguers, I come! in vain
I have tried to stay away.

—Selected.

Supreme Missionary Motives.

Obedience to God and love to man for Christ's sake are the twin screws which propel the missionary enterprise. It is well enough to let lesser motives have their place, but it is both unwise and unscriptural to depend upon these for spiritual voltage. Just now great pressure is brought to bear upon Epworth Leaguers to give to the missionary cause. Clear and distinct, my young friends, rings out the voice of our risen Lord as he stands between the open tomb and the open gates of glory, a point at which his humiliation ends and his exultation begins as he grasps the imperial scepter, he said: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." In the face of the manifold discouragements of mission work this motive of obedience never loses its grip. It holds with a sweet and constant grasp that steadies while impels.

This with the love of man for Christ's sake is the sustaining motive of every intelligent servant of the Lord, and holds him steady to the mightiest task that ever was set for men. Epworthians, do not disregard the lesser motives, but let the supreme motive of missions stir your zeal in the cause of your Lord and Master.

The League will arise and shine—
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When presidents forget to scold.
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When jerkiness gives place to steadiness.
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When the devotional meeting becomes a Pentecost.
When the chapter becomes a center of missionary knowledge and zeal.

A contemporary observes that the devil is the most obliging person in the world. He does not stand much on his dignity. If he cannot get the privilege of preaching he is willing to play the organ, lead the choir, or serve on some important committee. He is not particular where he serves, only so he has a chance to get in his work.

Accepting the above as true, let us ask ourselves the question if such zeal marks our efforts in the cause of the Lord? Are we not far too easily switched off the track of duty and privilege by a want of sympathy or an adverse criticism? If we can't do what we wish to do are we willing to take an humbler place, and there push forward the work of the Master with all diligence?

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Sunday School.

Lesson for February 7, 1904.

The Sabbath in Capernaum.

Mark 1:21-34.

Golden Text. He laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. Luke 4:40.

Jesus had now fairly entered upon what is generally known as his Galilean ministry, which covered about two years. For the center of his operations he chose Capernaum, and our lesson tells us how he spent a Sabbath in that city, so divinely favored by the Master's presence and yet so blind to its high privilege.

Jesus in the Synagogue.—On the Sabbath day, Jesus always turned his footsteps toward the synagogue. On this particular Sabbath, he not only attended the service, but exercised the prerogative which belonged to every male adult worshiper of expounding the Holy Scriptures. The hearers in the synagogue were astonished at his teaching, we are told, for Jesus taught as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

This means that Jesus spoke as the one Divine Teacher, conscious within himself of possessing the truth in perfect knowledge, and of being able to communicate that truth, whereas the scribes were mere human interpreters, whose words carried no weight because they were simply the echo of the thoughts of others. The scribes, as we know from both sacred and secular history, were literalists. They concerned themselves only with the letter of the law, but its spiritual interpretation was far beyond their power to give.

The Man With an Unclean Spirit.—Among the hearers of Jesus was one of those sorely afflicted beings, described in the Scriptures as possessed with an unclean spirit. The physiological aspects of this malady correspond very closely with some forms of epilepsy or insanity as seen in our own time. The Scriptures, however, clearly imply the agency of evil spirits in producing the terrible state in which these sufferers found themselves.

The important point for us to observe is that this man with an unclean spirit who came to the synagogue on that Sabbath day when Jesus taught the people, was healed of his malady. Again the people marveled, for they were not prepared for this demonstration of power. Yet it was the natural and the fitting sequence to the teaching of Jesus, and had his hearers fully appreciated the divine quality of the words to which they had just listened, they would not have been surprised at the miracle which Jesus wrought.

A Gracious Ministry of Healing.—The Master's merciful work was not ended when he left the synagogue on that Sabbath day. Peter's wife's mother lay ill in the home which he entered, and soon she was cured of her sickness and able to minister to the wants of Jesus and his four disciples.

And still the work of healing was not ended, for when the cool of the evening had come, a great multitude of people afflicted with all sorts of diseases were brought to Jesus, and he healed them all.

Suggestive Thoughts.—This Sabbath in Capernaum was a typical one as we may well infer that Jesus spent every Sabbath, as he did this one, in divine worship and in gracious ministry upon others. Herein is a noble example for all his followers.

We cannot exaggerate the importance of the teachings of Jesus. They are our safest and our best guide amid all the perplexities of life. Let us ever seek to know the mind of the Master upon every subject with which we deal in life, and when we have found what his teaching is, let us follow faithfully what we have learned from him as the final and authoritative word.

Begin Again

Things that are worth the winning
Must ever at cost be won,
A feeble wish can accomplish naught,
And see no great thing done;
They that are wise press onward,
They who are strong ascend;
So be not stilled by a great defeat
But begin again, my friend.

What is a fall or a failure
But a call to try again?
Have some short roads to success been closed?
There are others that still remain;
Therefore be yet brave-hearted,
And faithful to reach the end,
And the crown is best that was hard to win;
So begin again, my friend.

—Marianne Farningham.

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The town of Springhope has voted in favor of saloons and distilleries.

Mr. W. Thomas Bost has assumed editorship of the Salisbury Weekly Globe.

Capt. J. B. Burwell, who died suddenly at Statesville, was buried in Raleigh, Friday.

Capt. John C. Hester, a well-known North Carolinian, died at his home in Washington, D. C.

A fire at Monroe Sunday destroyed a number of business houses. The Monroe Journal's printing plant was burned.

Hon. Theo. Kluttz, Representative in Congress from the Eighth District, announces his retirement from politics.

South Dakota won the bond suit against North Carolina. The United States Court decides that this State must pay $27,400.

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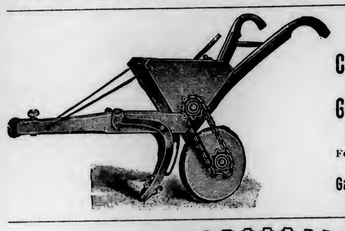

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FIRST ROUND.

Goldston, Bethlehem Feb. 6
Lillington, Parker's Grove, Feb. 13, 14
Duke's Benson Feb. 20
Fayetteville, Hay Street Feb. 21
Campbellton Street, Feb 27 28
Newton Grove, Henderson, March 6
The Dist. 1st Stewards will please meet in Methodist Church at Sanford Jan. 8 at 7 p. m.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Perkin Circuit, at Sardis, Feb. 2;

SECOND ROUND.

Maxton and Caledonia, Caledonia, Feb. 6, 7
Lumberton, Pine Grove, Feb. 13, 14
Rockingham Station, Feb. 21 22
Robersdel Green Lake Feb. 27, 28
Richmond, Zion, March 5, 6

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Wilson, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Aurora Circuit, Feb. 1
Pantego Circuit, Feb. 7, 8
Mattamuskeet Circuit, Feb. 13, 14
Fairfield Station, Feb 17
Ocracoke and Portsmouth Feb. 20, 21
Swan Quarter Circuit, Feb. 20, 21
Belhaven Circuit, Feb. 27, 28
Washington Station (night), Feb. 28
Farmville Circuit, March 5 6
Greenville (night) Mar 5 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, March 12, 13

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
R. B. John, P. E. Wilmington, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Grace, Feb. 7
Onslow, Mayerille Feb 13, 14
New River, Folkstone, Feb. 15
Richlands, Feb 16
Feb 17th 6:30 p. m. Feb 17
District Stewards will please meet at Grace Church, Wednesday, December 30, at 1 p. m.
District Missionary Institutes will be held at same place February 9 and 10.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.
J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Roanoke Island, Feb. 6, 7
Kitty Hawk, Feb 8
Kenyetteo, Feb. 9
Hatteras, Feb. 11
Dare at Manteo, Feb. 13, 14
Pantego and Belhaven, at Pantego, Feb, 20, 21
Roper, at Roper, Feb. 27, 28
Plymouth, Feb. 28 29
Currituck, at Asbury, March 5, 6
Columbia, March 12 13
The District Stewards of Elizabeth City District will please meet in the Sunday school room of the First Methodist Church, in Elizabeth City, on Wednesday, January 6, at 3 p. m.

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Dover, Kinston, Feb. 5
Grifton, Edwards, Feb. 6, 7
Snow Hill, Snow Hill, Feb 13-14
Hookerton, Rainbow, Feb. 13 14
La Grange, Institute Feb. 20, 21
Beaufort, Feb. 27, 28
Morehead, Feb 28, 29
Carteret, Newport, March 5, 6
Atlantic, Atlantic Mar 5 11, 12
Straits, Summerfield, March 12, 13

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Morgum Street, Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Roxboro Circuit, at Roxboro Feb. 6, 7
Burlington Circuit, Bethel, Feb. 13, 14
East Burlington, Gra am and New River, at East Burlington, Feb. 14, at night.
Alamance Circuit, Saxapahaw, Feb 20, 21
District Stewards' meeting at Trinity Church, Durham, Tuesday, December 15 at 11 a. m.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Oxford Station, Jan 31, Feb. 1
Milbrook, Milbrook, Feb. 6, 7
Brooklyn and Macedonia Feb. 7 8
Youngsville, Youngsville, Feb. 13, 14
Granville Sem, Feb 20, 21
Carey Garner, Feb. 27, 28
Epworth, Feb. 28 29
Kenly, Buckhorn, March 5, 6
Wakefield, March 6
Tar River, Kittrell, March 12, 13

WARRENTON DISTRICT.
G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Rettleboro and Whitaker's Battleboro, Feb. 7, 8
Weldon Roanoke Rapids, Feb. 14, 15
Roanoke Circuit, Tanor, Feb. 17
Halifax Hobgood, Feb. 20, 21
Seaboard Neck, Feb. 21, 22
Garysburg, Garysburg Feb. 27, 28
Henderson, March 6, 7
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 19, 20

Marriages.

ROZIER—REGAN.—Stephen Rozier and Miss May Regan were married at the residence of the bride's father, Joseph Regan, on December 23, 1904. Both of Robeson County. Z. Paris officiated.

ROGERS—FUSSELL. — At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Jas. H. Fussell, Rose Hill, N. C., on November 22, 1903, Mr. J. E. Rogers to Miss Lucy Fussell, Rev. W. D. Sasser officiating.

Obituaries.

Obituaries containing not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

JEROME.—Little Juanita Douglas, infant daughter of James C. and Leonna D. Jerome, was born November 14, 1903, and died January 3rd.

She was sent to gladden our hearts for a short while, then plucked as a bud from earth to heaven. Her redeemed spirit escapes the sorrows of sinful life, and goes back to God, leaving the fond parents in deep sorrow. But they know they have a family begun in heaven.

"Thou art gone precious darling,
Never more canst thou return;
Thou shalt sleep a peaceful slumber
'Till the resurrection morn."

Farewell, my little sister; if I am faithful I shall meet and greet you in the better land.

MYRTLE.

GILBERT.—Nathan Gilbert was born July 17, 1857, and died at his home three miles from Shady Grove Church on Jones Circuit, December 26, 1903.

He married a most excellent lady January 27, 1876, who, with the seven children, survive him. About eighteen years ago, under the ministry of that deeply pious man, Rev. A. D. Betts, he united with the M. E. Church, South, and lived a beautiful Christian life till God called him. He will be greatly missed at Shady Grove. He was an officer there, and faithful to perform his church duties, and was at the house of God during religious services unless providentially hindered from attending.

At the graveyard near his dwelling we laid him to rest. His loved ones are in great sorrow, but are resigned to the will of God.

Good-bye till we meet again.

D. C. GEDDIE.

ROBERTS—Miss Candace Roberts was born December 2, 1826, and died at her home in Durham County, January 7, 1904, having lived all her life at the place of her birth.

She was never married. Years ago she took a motherless nephew and cared for him till he was grown and they were not separated till death came for her.

In early life she joined Mt. Bethel Methodist Church and remained a true member there till death.

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She delighted to be at God's house. Her conversation was always sweet. She was happy and desired all others to be. She did not complain if things did not go as she desired.

One who has lived long in the community told me that she had never heard a person speak evil of sister Roberts.

Her death was sudden but not unprepared.

The Lord bring the brother, sister and relatives to her in heaven.

J. B. THOMPSON, P. C.

WINSTEAD.—Again death has aimed high and smote a prince among men.

Jas. M. Winstead departed this life January 9th, after a brief but painful illness.

He had gone in and out among friends and relatives for about thirty years in his quiet, manly way, and had won the confidence, love and esteem of all who knew him.

He was the soul of honor. His integrity was of the very highest order. His father having died while James was but little more than a child, he, being the oldest child, took up the responsibilities of the family. And never did man meet responsibility more bravely and patiently or with greater fidelity than did he.

He was faithful in all things.

Even while dying, he declared himself ready and willing to go.

He leaves two brothers and a sister, griefstricken under this sore bereavement.

May the Lord, that pitieth like as a father the son whom he loveth, comfort them in this hour.

K. D. HOLMES, P. C.

Roxboro, N. C., Jan. 20, 1904.

LUCAS.—John Claude Lucas, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. G. Lucas, of White Hall, Bladen County, N. C., was born March 31, 1880, and was killed near the place of his birth August 12, 1903, and was therefore 23 years, 4 months, and 11 days of age. I have known him well since he was 12 years old, and have never known a more promising boy and young man than he was. Quiet and retiring in his disposition, one had to know him well to appreciate his noble qualities. To know him was to admire and to love him. Already he gave promise of taking his place among the leading men of his section, thus following in the footsteps of his ancestors. For six years this writer was the pastor of his father's family, and during those years saw a great deal of the subject of this sketch. We were often together in the family circle, and often were we alone together. For the last three years we have regularly corresponded. During all of our associations I never heard him speak one unkind or unbecoming word. He was true to his friends and considerate of everybody. To his parents he was obedient and respectful, to his brothers and sisters kind and affectionate, and devotedly attached to every member of the family. They are crushed and heartbroken because of his death. He was a regular attendant upon all the services at Soule's Chapel Church, always occupying next to the front seat, and was an attentive hearer. On that fatal August morning, only two or three hours before his awful death, he was with his parents and brothers and sisters at the family altar.

While superintending his business he went to the assistance of two of his men, and while helping them he was instantly killed by a falling tree. His body rests in the graveyard at Soule's Chapel Church. Peace to his memory. I loved him. I now miss him. Father, mother, three sisters, two brothers, and a large circle of friends mourn his seemingly untimely death.

May God give to the stricken family His comforting and sustaining grace.

L. M. CHAFFIN.

ADAMS.—Mrs. M. A. Adams, the beloved President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Wilson, N. C., passed from us to her reward on January 8th, 1904. She has been our leader so long that our little Society scarcely knows what to do without her consecrated leadership. We sincerely mourn our loss, but are happy in the belief that it is her gain. Therefore be it resolved by this Society:

1. That we humbly submit to the will of our heavenly Father who is too good and wise to err.

2. We will take up this great work with renewed zeal and fidelity, as his children should, and trust Him for guidance and strength.

3. That we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy in this their great sorrow, and pray God's blessings upon each of them.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and one to the Raleigh Christian Advocate and Woman's Missionary Advocate for publication; also that they be spread upon the minutes of our Society.

MRS. A. P. TYER,
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5.25 a. m. No. 12 daily for Goldsboro and local stations; connecting at Goldsboro with Atlantic Coast Line for Wilmington, N. C., Wilson, N. C., Tarboro, N. C., Norfolk, Va., and intermediate stations; also, at Goldsboro with Atlantic and North Carolina Railway for Kinston, N. C., New Bern, N. C., and intermediate stations.

8:40 a. m. No 107, daily for Greensboro and local stations; connects at Durham for Oxford, Henderson, Keysville and Richmond. At University Station for Chapel Hill, daily except Sunday. At Greensboro with train No. 36, "U. S. Fast Mail," for Washington and all points North; Pullman drawing-room sleepers to New York and Richmond. Close connection for Winston-Salem, Mocksville, and local stations, with train No. 7 for High Point, Salisbury, Charlotte and local stations.

10:30 a. m. No. 108, daily for Goldsboro and all local points; connects at Selma for Wilson, Rocky Mount and all Eastern North Carolina points. At Goldsboro for Wilmington, Kinston, New Bern, N. C., and Norfolk, Va., where close connection is made with Chesapeake Line for Baltimore and all other outgoing steamers.

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THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT.

Senator Simmons made a notable speech on the question of the Panama Canal. According to our view, he made a sound speech. In doing so, he showed a robustness and independence of spirit which do great credit to his character as a statesman.

Time generally brings a solution to the most intricate problem. Months ago, Minnie Cox, a colored woman, was in charge of the post-office at Indianola, Mississippi. Through a pressure, which no doubt, was unjust, she was induced to resign. President Roosevelt discontinued the office, and the people were compelled to hire a special carrier and get their mail from a point twenty-five miles distant. The President has just sent to the Senate the nomination of William Martin to be postmaster of the Indianola office. He was one of the bondsmen of Minnie Cox. We presume that the incident is now closed.

There is a certain gentleman whom we meet on the street almost every day. He is a man of affairs. It is part of his life's duty to dive into the small and great events of this restless, wicked world with all its dynamic forces. He has his cares. Blue spectacles are offered to him daily, and doubtless he hears voices calling him into the murky shadows of misanthropic intro-spection.

Yes, he is often tempted to have the "blues." But in rain or shine he meets you with a smile and cheering word. The warmth of his cheer melts the icicles hanging to the eaves of your heart. After having left him you feel as if you had just passed through a patch of May sunshine.

Now this scribe believes that when the true assets of the city of Raleigh shall be computed, it will be found that such a man as we have just been talking about furnishes a large part of the best capital. "Talk happiness. The world is sad enough without your woes."

The beginning of hostilities between Japan and Russia is hourly expected. Japan has severed all diplomatic relations with Russia. Russia has assumed an aggrieved tone and affects to wonder that Japan has acted so hastily before receiving the last note from St. Petersburg. But it is well-known that Russia has delayed the transmission of this note in order that she might have more time in which to prepare for war.

Later.—As we make up the forms the news comes that the Japanese torpedo boats have sunk three Russian warships and that the town of Port Arthur is being bombarded by the Japanese ships.

A silence must now fall on the many who, for several years, have been saying that the United States from the very beginning of the Spanish-Cuban trouble has had no intention of releasing her hold upon Cuba. The annexation of Cuba by the united States has been regarded as a certainty by no small part of our citizenship. But now. For was not the United States flag lowered on Cabanas on last Thursday, and did not the last battalion of United States troops leave the island of Cuba? Yes; the United States has proven its sincerity in its part in the eventful drama of the last few years. But this does not forestall the final event—the annexation of Cuba by the United States. This is the inevitable conclusion. It will come in time.

It is not always safe to subscribe to all the teachings of John G. Woolley, the great temperance orator, or of any other man either, but we venture to say that the following from Mr. Woolley will please the taste and judgment of every true temperance man and woman:

"But a farm is worth little, in itself. And a crop is worth little, in itself. And a house is only the rough outer staging and false-work of the invisible. If a farmer sacrifices his boys to his hogs or his daughters to his orchard, or works his wife to death to raise fine cows, he is a failure and a fool. The secret of good husbandry is as broad as life itself, it is so to work the land as to make the crops better; and so to work the farm as to make his home better; and so to work the home as to make the neighborhood better; and so to work the neighborhood as to make the State better; and so to work the State as to make the nation better, and so to work the nation as to make the world better."

The Legislature of 1866-'67 issued $1,500,000 in bonds to aid in the construction of the W. N. C. R. R. The bonds were secured by a second mortgage on the State's interest in the road. The Legislature of 1877 offered to compromise these bonds by paying twenty-five cents on the dollar. This action was considered justifiable on the ground that the buyers of the bonds paid only about one-fourth of the face value. All the holders of the bonds except the Schaefer Company, of New York, accepted the compromise. The Schaefer Company, debarred from suing for the payment of the bonds by the law which forbids the suing of a State by an individual, transferred ten of the bonds to the University of South Dakota. The State of South Dakota last year sued the State of North Carolina for the payment of these ten bonds. The Supreme Court of the United States decided last week that the State must pay for the bonds, with accumulated interest, amounting to about $27,000. The decision applies only to the bonds held by South Dakota. There are moral features connected with this question which we will not now discuss, as time is necessary for an adequate study of the case.

There is no such thing as perpetual motion in the scientific sense. There can never be such a thing. But if we believe the New York American, Prof. George B. Pegram, of Columbia University, and son of Prof. W. H. Pegram of Trinity College, Durham, has come very near presenting to the world a perpetual motion device discovered by Professor Strutt.

The American describes it as follows: "All behold a slender pendulum of gold swing back and forth at regular intervals of sixty seconds. The Professor explained that the action was caused by the two known rays of radium—the positive and the negative—working upon the gold. One set of rays repelled the gold, while the other overcame the repulsion and attracted it. The pendulum, in a vacuum tube, is attached to a wire running through the glass to the ground. Another wire is attached to the tiny glass and aluminum tube holding the radium, and when the gold touches the radium tube the wires cause a discharge of the attracting ray current, and the pendulum swings back to its former position and then is gradually drawn back again to the tube. Professor Pegram made this interesting mention to illustrate his lecture on 'The Year's Work With Radium.'"

There is one man in Raleigh who has become convinced that a public speaker places himself in a peculiar sense at the mercy of his hearer. This man is one of our most honored State officials—a Presbyterian of whom Calvin might well be proud, and a Southerner of Southerners. He has an able address on a Bible theme, and it is receiving a State-wide reputation.

This brother had just delivered this address to a large audience of young people, and was sitting by his fire, doubtless chewing the sweet end of the reflection that he had closed up the duties of the day in a commendable manner. The telephone bell rang. Through the night there came to him the raucous voice of one at a newspaper office who was "writing up" the address. The telephone caller longed to get the sentiments "straight." He loathed all misinterpretation and misquotation. There were three points on which information was desired. What do you suppose they were?

1. "Am I correct in understanding you to say that the government of the Roman Catholic Church is the ideal government and this church has done more good than all the Protestant churches combined?"

2. "Am I right in understanding you to say that Stonewall Jackson brought on the Civil War?"

3. "Did you say that a certain Bible character actually wore no socks?"

It is no wonder that our good Presbyterian brother was almost agasp when he put the receiver in place and frantically set to work to put an end to the wild career of that "write up," which was only feverishly waiting to make a sensation and wreck a reputation.

Contributions.

Cracks in Our Cistern

J. MARVIN CULBRETH.

At our last Annual Conference, Bishop Candler commended a certain pastor for effecting the transfer of a number of memberships from his charge to another, with a loss to the church comparatively small. The incident points a warning finger to an evil that has too long been allowed to menace the integrity of our communion. While the evil remains, we shall be continually losing members, in part to other denominations, in larger part to the big, unfriendly world.

Every pastor who is possessed of any experience at all knows that there is a class of people who do not properly estimate the worth of church affiliations. With many of this class it is a matter of indifference whether they retain their membership in the church or not. So when they move from one place to another, their church letters, instead of being their first thought, are forgotten altogether. In the new home they are approached by the pastor of the local church, and asked to transfer their membership. Instances are rare indeed in which this objection is not immediately offered: 'We don't know how long we'll be here. We may not like this place, and may go back where we came from before long." No argument convinces them, no persuasion is effective. And it is noted by careful observers that few of these people actually return to the places whence they came. Most of them stay in one place, at least two years, some as long as six. The next move carries them into a strange community.

The first bad result from this condition is that many really effective members become estranged from the church. They do not know the church, the church does not know them. They lose interest. Back at the home church they are lost sight of; their names are dropped. They are again adrift in the world as though they had never known the love of God; "wandering stars," "clouds without moisture." The children of these people grow up without any well-defined convictions, and will join one church as readily as another. With the parents themselves, faith becomes rather a matter of convenience than of persuasion. Indeed, a false pride makes them hesitate to take again the vows they have once thrown to the winds; and while they hesitate, the proselyter gets in his work.

In the nature of the case, only one remedy seems to be at hand to cure this evil. The church itself should determine that its communcants shall hold their membership in the charges within whose bounds they live; and pastors should be required to make such changes, without being requested to do so, as would be necessary to fulfill this requirement. In other words, it ought to be the duty of every pastor to furnish certificates for all who leave his charge and enter another, without waiting to be asked to do so. The assumption that every pastor knows his congregation and keeps himself informed as to the movements of its members, is necessary, of course, to make the plan practicable.

At the same time that many were, in this way, being saved to the church, Methodism would conserve her energies in another particular. There are those who save themselves from being classed with the offenders just mentioned only to fall under an accusation more damaging than that directed against the first class. These, too, get up out of the land of their kindred and go into another country. They, also, object to having their names transferred to the register of the local church. They so love the old home church, there are such memories associated with it, they have such solicitude for its welfare, that no argument is strong enough to get them to change their membership. Granting that they are sincere, it is nevertheless easily apparent that they are mistaken. Without identifying themselves with the local church, they can give but inferior support to it at best. Unquestionably the support they give the home church is even less satisfactory, because it is almost entirely a consideration of dollars apart from personal presence. They do their best at neither place. The strain of the double service causes a waste of energy, then weakness, then growing indifference. It is impossible, this serving two masters; and we would just as well learn it once for all. But what if many of this class are not sincere! What if some of them conceal behind professions of loyalty to the mother church a niggardly desire to be taxed where the tax rate is lowest? The assessment, at Sardis, forsooth, is not so large as it would be at Sarepta! Loyalty to the old church, with its limited opportunities and its comparatively small undertakings, does not require so much of a man as would loyalty to a larger church, with a larger activity and demanding considerably more revenue. Imagine a man's being permitted to live in town and pay taxes as though he lived in the country? Verily "the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light."

Of course, the remedy suggested would meet with positive resistance at the hands of many laymen and some few pastors. But people may be taught that the good of the church, as well as their own highest interests, must not be subordinated to whims of indifference, sentiment, or avarice. Our church determines to what conference a resident, local, supernumerary, or superannuated preacher shall belong. Might it not also, without transcending its authority, determine that a layman's membership shall be within the bounds of the charge in which he lives?

Bits of Thought on Prohibition.

D. H. TUTTLE.

Temptation seen is stronger by far than temptation heard of. (Gen. 3.) Apply this to open saloon and blind tiger.

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White supremacy stands a poor chance and makes a poorer show on saloon streets or at saloon counters. Is racial superiority worth anything then? To me, all liquor coons look and act alike.

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The old soak will hunt for liquor, and if able, will buy a jug-full. The man or boy who has not formed the appetite will do neither. The open saloon entices to the creation of appetite. A friend from Kansas says: "One comforting fact with us, that we have young men and women now coming to their majority who have never seen a saloon—its all history with them."

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The work of Prohibition is not to regulate the drinking of the individual, but to prohibit the legalized traffic—to make the seller and buyer alone responsible for their acts. "No license" means that the liquor buyer and seller are both in the path of the sneak-thief. It requires a lower order of manhood to patronize the outlawed blind-tiger than to patronize the licensed saloon.

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The more dangerous a thing is the less convenient it ought to be. Powder, dynamite and gasoline are stored away to themselves at a safe distance from other property. All intoxicants ought to be treated in like manner, and sold only under the sign of the skull and cross-bones—they are too dangerous for indiscriminate handling.

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Worldly-wise politicians said, a few years past, to men who wanted to sell liquor: "Give us revenue for educational purposes, and you can have license to sell." The bargain was made, and we have had mental training on blood money. Moral training in such league invites divine curse. Against this enemy that came in like a flood, God raised up a standard: A noble woman introduced the teaching of scientific temperance into the public schools—the evils of intemperance on the human organism were clearly shown. Result: A generation of boys and girls have grown to man and womanhood, and public sentiment has become strong enough to sweep saloons away in most communities—the open-eyed tiger is being knocked into a blind one from which all have much better chances of escape. Thus hath God made the covetousness of man to praise him by making the public schools that patriotic (?) saloon-keepers were so willing to support one of the chiefest instruments of destruction to their business.

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Henceforth and forever in the "Old North State," woe-betide the political party that would seek to roll itself into power on a whiskey barrel, or woe-betide the political candidate who espouses the saloon cause for success. Selah!

Elizabeth City, N. C.

Methodist Baptism in North Carolina.

A. D. BETTS.

I trust our Methodist Protestant brethren are "diligently intent and exhort parents" to baptize their children, as we promised to do. I have not their statistics.

I am glad our Western North Carolina Conference brethren report 1,646 infant and 2,371 adult baptisms for 1903.

Some in the North Carolina Conference must have neglected the children. We report only 878 infant and 2,096 adult baptisms.

The North Carolina Conference received 2,165 on profession of faith, and the Western North Carolina Conference received 4,832.

God grant that 1904 may witness more conversions, larger accessions and many more infant baptisms. I believe when parents prayerfully give their children to God in baptism and faithfully teach them, they may expect their early conversion.

Lillington, N. C.

Tenth National Congress of Religious Education.

The Regents of the American Society of Religious Education have called the Tenth National Congress of Religious Education, to be held in the city of Washington, D. C., March 1, 2, and 3, 1904. The ministerial associations of the city have appointed committees to assist in perfecting arrangements.

The purpose of the Congress will be to consider what has been done and what more may be done to disseminate Bible truth for spiritual profit. The theme will be "The Bible in the Spiritual Life." This will be divided under several heads and treated with reference to the individual Christian, the family, the Sunday-school, the pulpit, and the college. The all-important topic of "Teacher Training" will be presented by a commission of seven educators who are eminently equipped for the service. The various topics will be presented in carefully prepared papers by gentlemen of national reputation, and these will be discussed by the delegates. The treatment of the themes will furnish a most thorough and comprehensive survey of the entire subject, immensely profitable to all who hear.

Several railroads have offered one and one-third fare to delegates who pay full fare going and receive a certificate from the agent where the ticket is purchased, and this certificate, endorsed by the Secretary of the Congress, will secure one-third rate returning. It is expected that all roads will grant the same concession.

There is a general invitation to ministers and laymen to become delegates to the Congress. It is desired that each political division should be represented by twice as many as there are representatives in the lower House of the United States Congress. The Regents have appointed two in each State, called Senators, to assist in securing delegates and in awakening interest in the Congress. Names should be sent to them or direct to the Secretary, Rev. J. E. Gilbert, D. D., Washington, D. C., who will, upon request, furnish fuller information on all points and send credentials with the completed program. The Senators from North Carolina are Revs. H. M. Blair and G. H. Cornelison.

The Old Time Preacher.

REV. R. H. WHITAKER.

Sixty years ago, Methodist preachers rode on horse-back and carried their Bibles, hymn books, disciplines, and a few articles of clothing in saddlebags. Most preachers had appointments every day in the month, and circuits were larger than districts are now. On a preacher's first round, on a new circuit, he so distributed his clothing as that he would find a change once or twice a week, as he went around; by which arrangement he did not have to carry many with him; and thus he had more room in his saddlebags to carry Bibles, hymnbooks, and disciplines, for his people. My father's house was one of the places where a change of clothes was made monthly. The preacher did not always spend the night there; but after changing clothing, he would move on to some other place to hold a prayer-meeting perhaps, and go still further on towards the next appointment, after holding such meeting, before stopping to rest. All around the circuit he had these changing places; and, as the old-time school teacher boarded around among his scholars, so the old-time preacher had his washing done around among his people. In those days the preachers did not wear collars, but, instead, they wore white handkerchiefs folded and neatly tied around the neck, which, I expect, were more comfortable and did not soil so easily as do linen collars nowadays. I remember how much pains my mother used to take in properly folding and pressing those neckties; especially how careful she was to have them snowy white. And seeing that, coupled with the anxiety she manifested with reference to the preacher's comfort, generally, I had the impression made upon my mind that the preacher was no ordinary individual; but that he represented Christ; and that his coming was truly a visit of the Master himself. And so great was my reverence for him, I felt, as he laid his hand upon my head and blessed me, that heaven surely could not be very far away.

I fear that the children of this day do not have that reverence for the preacher that I had; and, I fear, also, that parents are not as careful as they should be to impress the minds of their children with the sacredness of spiritual things; for, it is a sad fact, that in many places, neither the preacher nor the gospel he preaches, impresses the children to the extent of making them understand that God's house is a sacred place, and he who stands up to preach the gospel, is the ambassador of Christ, bringing to them a message of salvation. I say all this because, in many places, children, and young people as well, who ought to know better, do not seem to have any more respect for God's house than if it were a theatre. This certainly would not be so if proper views had been instilled into the children at home by the parents. But I am wandering.

Coming back to the olden time: in my imagination, I hear my mother singing a very sweet song, the words and tune of which I well remember, though I have not heard it in fifty years. It was full of pathos, yet full of praise; and I could but wonder why the tears stood in her eyes, while she sang. One time she said, seeing that I was looking earnestly at her: "I love to sing that old song, because my mother used to sing it when I was a girl. It is one of Skidmore's songs." And then she told me a great deal about the preacher Skidmore; and, taking down a well worn little book, she remarked, "this is Skidmore's Selections;" and, for a while, as I leaned upon her lap and listened, she sang so sweetly snatches of those old gospel melodies, which, in the early days of Methodism, melted stony hearts into submission to Christ, and cheered and invigorated the faith of the believer.

That old song is living in memory now, just as my grandmother sang it to my mother a hundred years ago, and as she sang it to me near seventy years ago. What a beautiful thought is contained in Paul's injunction to Timothy: "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned, and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them." Yes, "remember that your grandmother Lois taught your mother Eunice, and your mother Eunice taught you: so that from a child you have known the holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith in Jesus Christ."

Of course, I never saw Lewis Skidmore, yet, in my childhood days I knew him well; nor do I remember my grandmother, but I do remember the old song she sang to my mother. In singing to my mother she sang to me.

I am glad that my mother took so much pains in washing and ironing the preacher's white cravat, for it taught me a lesson which all should learn, that the profoundest respect is due to those who preach the gospel, and the utmost reverence should be given to the worship of God, in the sanctuary. And if parents fail at every other point, in the training of children, they should be careful not to let their children lose faith in Christ, nor in those who preach the gospel. Infidelity is the result of the carelessness of parents, and, I may add, of the inconsistencies of parents, also.

How we children used to be delighted to see the preacher come! True, our delight was heightened by the certainty of having a good supper, cakes and preserves thrown in; but, that was not all. The very fact that a preacher, who sang, prayed, preached, baptized and married people, was at our house, made us feel that we were somehow blest. And we were. I realize that, though then a child, the visit of the man of God at my father's house, sixty years ago, is helping me now.

I don't claim that the old time preacher was a more Godly man than the preacher of this day; nor would I dare assert that he was a better preacher; for, he was not. But, I do contend that the oldtime preacher came nearer up to the Apostolic style, in his presentation of the truths of the gospel. His denunciation of sin, was terrible; his picture of the doom of the lost soul was awful; his arguments to prove that all men were sinners and, without a Savior, all would be eternally lost, were convincing; while the picture which he drew of heaven, when all the redeemed shall be with God, saved eternally, was transporting to the soul that had believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God; and the consequence was, men and women wept, prayed, and shouted at every service. The old-time preachers like the Apostles, were men taken from their fishing boats, so to speak. They had not studied theology, nor did they understand much of what the world is pleased to call science; but, they did read the Scriptures, and believed them to be God's revelation of Himself to the world. They did believe also in the witness of the Spirit; therefore, they emphasized it, and insisted, that it was not only the privilege, but the duty of believers to live in conscious touch with Christ; maintaining that to be a Christian was to have fellowship with God, as with a father; and the soul must be as conscious of that fellowship as the natural child is conscious of being in his earthly father's home, and enjoying that earthly father's love and benefactions.

In my childhood, Methodism was not, by any means, so rich as it now is; but was, as we sometimes say of the farmers who provide well for their families, "well to do."

As I remember, there were but few rich men who were Methodists in those days, and the preachers used more than they do now, such texts as: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God"—"How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!"—"Go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor."—"For the love of money is the root of all evil!"—"They that will be rich, fall into temptation, and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition;" and they emphasized more than they do now that other text: "No man can serve two masters."

At the risk of being called "old fogy," I maintain that the old time preacher had an advantage the preacher of thi day has not; I mean, "lining the hymn" as it was sung. What magnetism, what power—yea, majesty, I might say— in the old-time congregational singing, when the preacher, by reading two or three lines of his hymn at a time, would make his congregation sing, with the spirit and with the understanding, the lofty and inspiring sentiment of the sermon that was to follow. No wonder that, after singing

"No foot of land do I possess,
No cottage in the wilderness,
A poor wayfaring man,
I lodge awhile in tents below;
Or gladly wander to and fro,
Till I my Canaan gain,"

the preacher was able to make his congregation feel that Christliness is to be like Christ, who was in the world, yet not of the world; had not where to lay His head; and, catching the spirit of the sermon on the danger of riches, how the old-time Methodist could, with fervor, sing:

"Nothing on earth I call my own,
A stranger to the world unknown,
I all their goods despise."

But Methodism is getting rich now, and those old hymns are back numbers; or, if sung at all, sung by a choir of professional singers who make very good music, but so obscure the words as that the congregation can't tell whether it is "Rock of Ages," "Jesus Lover of My Soul," or "Jim Crack Corn," they are singing. And, so far as the spiritual effect upon the congregation is concerned, so the singing is done scientifically and artistically, it don't matter so much with the congregation, what the words are. Thus are the preachers of this day deprived of one of the most powerful helps which the preachers of the olden time used to so great advantage. As a closing remark, I wish to say, that if a sinner will study the Methodist Hymn Book, he will find in it enough of gospel light to lead him to Christ, and enough of gospel strength and wisdom to keep him in the way that leads to life everlasting. And yet, in many Methodist congregations the Methodist Hymn Book is not used.

An Important Meeting.

The Mid-Year Meeting of the Board of Missions this year is pronounced by those who attended it the most helpful and inspiring yet held.

The attendance was larger than heretofore. All the Presiding Elders were present save one, all the District Missionary Secretaries save one, all the clerical members of the Board save one, a majority of lay members, and several brethren of the Conference.

Rev. W. H. Willis, Missionary Secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference, added to the profit of the occasion by his maps, charts and excellent missionary sermon. The addresses of Rev. W. B. Lee, of the Brazil Mission, were instructive and uplifting, as were those also of his co-laborer of the Woman's Board, Miss Mary Pescud.

One of the most encouraging indications was the deep interest manifested in the work, and the spirit of inquiry. Each person present seemed desirous to learn the best possible methods of prosecuting successfully the work.

As one-seventh of the members of the North Carolina Conference were present, it is hoped that the spirit of this meeting will permeate our entire Conference.

R. F. BUMPAS.

Bear in mind that your happiness or your misery is very much of your own making. You cannot create spiritual sunlight any more than you can create the morning star; but you can put your soul where Christ is shining. Keep a clean conscience. Keep a good stock of God's promises within reach. Keep a nightingale of hope in your soul that can sing away the dark hours when they do come.—T. L. Cuyler.

Aurelian Springs.

Dear Editor:—Please allow me a little space in the Advocate. On December 15, leaving a people I had learned to love, we started from Robersonville to a country which we "knew not of." After a cold drive, we stopped for the night in the beautiful and thriving town of Enfield, where we were royally entertained by the mayor of the town and his good wife. Next morning we made our way via Halifax, where we joined wife and children. We were met by Bro. J. C. Butts, who carried us to his home that day, and on to the parsonage at Aurelian Springs Friday, where we were kindly received, and the many good people of the Roanoke Circuit have made us feel at home, and the many tokens of love they are continually bestowing on us bring us under many obligations to them.

The brethren talk about poundings—there has been almost one continual pounding since we came, and last Thursday night, about 7.30 o'clock, the young people of Mt. Tabor Church and this community came in and took possession of the dining-room with arms full of bundles, boxes, and packages, and made us feel like we were in a land of plenty, and among true, kind,and thoughtful people. May the good Lord bless and reward all those who have been and are still so mindful of our needs.

We found a nice parsonage, well arranged and located, but not quite completed. It is the faithful and earnest work of Bro. R. B. Clark, who served this circuit the past two years, and is now in the Western North Carolina Conference on the Coleridge Circuit. Brother Clark did a noble work here, and he still lives in the memory of these people.

We have filled all the appointments since we came, and have had good congregations at most places despite the very cold weather, and we enjoyed preaching at every service. We are looking forward to a good and prosperous year. I hope to do some good work for the "Old Raleigh" soon in the way of collecting and getting new subscribers.

Wishing you a successful year, I remain,

Yours in His work,

W. B. HUMBLE.

P. S.—Please say my post-office is Aurelian Springs instead of Littleton.

New Bern.

The Advocate has been a welcome visitor to my house for the past thirty-five years, and when it fails to make its appearance, there seems to be something out of joint. We consider the Advocate a first-class paper and up-to-date in all departments.

Mr. Editor, in writing this, I will not fail to mention my visits to the Annual Conference, which is always a source of pleasure and help to me. I always enjoy listening to the reports from the different charges and stations, and the sharp sayings of the Bishop. More than all, I enjoy the Sunday morning love feast.

I have been attending the Conferences for many years. I always make use of my vacations in attending Conferences, and I hope to visit many more.

But the sad part is the reading of the memoirs of our departed brethren.

The contractors are driving ahead on our new church building. The walls are rapidly going up, and the contractors say it will be completed by December 1st, this year, and it is going to be a beauty, and do credit to Methodism in North Carolina. There is no doubt that it will be completed by that time, as we have the right kind of grit in the building committee and the good women behind them.

Brother Adams has fully taken hold of the Centenary Church, and is making things lively. He is no stranger to the people of New Bern, and has the elements about him to build up the congregation in spiritual things.

Wishing you and the Advocate a successful year, I am,

Yours truly, B. G. CREDLE.

January 1, 1904.

New Bern District Missionary Institute.

The following is the program of the Missionary Institute of the New Bern District to be held at New Bern, N. C., February 25-26. Some changes may have to be made in the names of those who are to speak, as none of them have yet been consulted:

Thursday, February 25.—10.30 a. m.—Opening Exercises, by Rev. P. Greening.

What we wish to accomplish this year, by the Presiding Elder.

The motives for mission work, by H. M. Eure.

The missionary outlook, by J. W. Potter.

2.45 p. m.—Devotional services, by L. S. Etheridge.

The responsibility of the pastor for the collections, by J. P. Pate.

Should the pastor feel that his duty is done when he secures the assessment? by E. C. Sell.

The equipment of the pastor, by E. H. Davis.

What plan I am using to secure full collections, by all the pastors.

7.30 p. m.—Sermon, by Mike Bradshaw.

Friday.—9.30 a. m.—Religious services, by D. C. Geddie.

Why we should take early collections, by J. E. Saunders.

Are heavy demands at home an excuse for doing less for the work abroad, by T. A. Green.

The value of mission work to the home church, by G. T. Adams.

How can we help the mission work in our own district? by J. M. Caraway and T. W. Mansfield.

2.45 p. m.—Opening services, by F. E. Dixon.

Sunday-schools and missions, by W. H. Townsend.

Epworth Leagues and Missions, by Y. T. Ormond.

The value of Woman's Societies, by H. B. Anderson.

Prayer and Missions, by F. S. Beeton.

The obligations of this generation to the heathen, by R. H. Willis.

Consecration service.

If any of the lay brethren will attend, and we will be glad to have them do so, write to Rev. G. T. Adams and he will provide homes.

F. D. SWINDELL, P. E.

An Important Question.

Dear Bro. Ivey:—I do not bother you much with nonsense. I asked the question through our North Carolina Christian Advocate at Greensboro if any one would answer this question: "Are not our city pastors who put their appointments in the Sabbath papers breaking Sunday and violating the commandment found in 8th to 11th verses of the 20th chapter of Exodus? No one has had the backbone to answer it. Will some of my dear friends in the North Carolina Conference answer this and grant me this one favor? Maybe J. V. Williams will.

Truly, JNO. F. BUTT.

Orlando, Florida.

A Pleasant Occasion.

Dear Advocate.—Please allow me space in your good paper to inform my dear old friends of the many friends we have in Washington. On the night of Jan. 21, the Ladies' Aid Society, with the pastor, visited our home, and when they left, there were bundles upon top of bundles of good things left behind for us. It would be tedious to try and mention all the many good things. Our pantry was well filled. We wanted to thank them, but our hearts were too full for words.

This is not the first time they have helped us. They are always making our hearts glad, and we don't fail to give them our prayers, as that is all we can do, and may the richest blessings of heaven rest upon them. May it be restored unto them four-fold, is my prayer.

I must say they are the best people in the world.

With best wishes for the Advocate, I am

Yours in faith,

MRS. J. G. PEGRAM.

Washington, N. C., January 23, 1904.

A Rebuke and an Appreciation.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—I want to begin this note by giving you and my former Presiding Elder a good "scolding."

My Presiding Elder happened to be on Ocracoke last fall when there was a good little breeze and a little swelling of the tides, and he went off and reported the thing through his own eyes. And then you had to go and color what he said by referring to him as having been in some of the "straits" of Paul. We don't like this kind of a thing; it makes people afraid to come to see us, and it especially impresses our preachers.

I know my beloved Presiding Elder was scared, and I was sorry for him, and on this ground (fright) I suppose we will have to excuse him; but don't either of you make any more flings at us.

The year has begun favorably, and we are expecting progress along all lines of church work during the year.

There are times when a goodly number of our congregation get together and come in a body to fill the parsonage larder with good things. One of these times was on our return to the parsonage after the Christmas holidays. But our poundings don't stop there—somebody is continually bringing us under renewed obligations by bringing in something nice for the table.

May copious showers of blessings, both temporal and spiritual, come upon these good people during the year.

Yours fraternally,

R. R. GRANT.

Ocracoke, N. C., January 28, 1904.

Program of Missionary Institute, Elizabeth City District, to be Held in Columbia March 9—11, 1904.

March 9th.—7.30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. M. H. Tuttle.

March 10.—9.30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.

10.00 a. m.—Bible Reading. Subject: Missions, by Rev. W. F. Craven.

10.30 a. m.—The measure of responsibility in giving, by Rev. J. Y. Old.

11.00 a. m.—St. Paul as a Missionary, by Rev. D. H. Tuttle.

3.00 p. m.—Devotional Exercises.

3.15 p. m.—The Sunday-school and Epworth League as factors in missionary work, by Rev. R. H. Willis.

3.30 p. m.—Prayer and missions.

(1) Place of prayer in the mission work of the early church, by Rev. C. L. Read.

(2) Influence of prayer in the modern missionary movement, by Rev. W. E. Hocutt.

7.30 p. m.—A voice from Brazil, by Rev. W. B. Lee, of Brazil Mision.

March 11.—9.30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.

9.15 a. m.—The place of money in the work of missions, and how to get it, by Rev. H. M. Jackson.

10.00 a. m.—The necessity of united effort in the missionry work of the district, by Rev. A. J. Parker.

10.30 a. m.—How I secured full collections on my charge last year, by Rev. W. F. Jones.

11.00 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. F. L. Church.

3.00 p. m.—Devotional Exercises.

3.30 p. m.—Objections to missions, answered by Rev. H. M. North.

7.30 p. m.—Prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit with us in the work of the district, by Rev. J. E. Underwood.

The late Rev. Dr. James Pullman, of Lynn, was brother or George M. Pullman, the famous sleeping-car inventor and millionaire. When young in the ministry he was besieged by his brother to forsake it and enter business and become rich in worldly goods. "This does not appeal to me," was the young preacher's reply, as he asserted the supremacy of the spiritual over the material. The time came, years after, when the millionaric visited his brother in Lynn, that the earlier colloquy was recalled. "James, you were right and I was wrong. You have chosen the better part," was the tribute of the magnate to the prophet.

The Family.

Future Life.

In this great universe of God,
There is a place called "Heaven."
Just where no one has said,
But God's Word asserts it certain.
There angels, and redeemed of earth,
Unite in song and hymns of praise.
There thousands go soon after birth,
And tune their harps in endless lays.
Where is Heaven? No matter where,
For 'tis a part of God's domain.
A place "I go," said Jesus, "to prepare,"
Where all who love me meet again—
And there will be no weeping eyes,
In that pure place of endless bliss;
No fainting hearts, or startling cries,
In that fair land where Jesus is.
And shall we know each other there,
When on that rich and glorious shore,
With naught to fear, or cause a care?
Yes; we shall know, and with them adore.
There may be in the world to come,
Angelic labors most sublime.
The King will plan and lead us on
To victories, during endless time.
This boundless universe of God
Will ample space give each and all.
And to all its riches will afford.
Then Christ to each be "all in all."

—By John Thompson, D. D.

River Song.

I heard a river softly sing
A song to lull impatient youth;
I felt the brush of angel's wing,
And learned the angel's name was Truth.

Forever as the river flowed
It turned the mill-wheel, slaked the thirst
Of man and beast along its road,—
Kept green what, else, the sun had curst.

And always on its broadening tide,
By peopled city, steepled town,
The white-sailed ships in safety ride
To rest, and drop their anchors down.

No sad complaint nor murmuring
To mar its measures or its word,
No yearning for Niagara's swing,—
And this the song the listener heard:

"Count not that day as one misspent
Which claims not some achievement won
To fix the world in wonderment,
And reap the plaudits of 'Well done!'

No steep Sierras sheer and bold,
No snow-capped peaks for eagle's wings,
Are life's endeavors,—but the old,
The trivial, tasks that each day brings.

Whose hands and hearts are filled with these
At last the victor's wreath shall wrest;
He hears celestial harmonies
Who lives the noblest, dies the best."

This was the song the river sang,
Then vanished in God's ocean,—when
There floated down and sweetly rang
An angel's silvered note, "Amen."

—By the late Joseph Walworth Sutphen.

Perspective, or Teaching a Brother Minister How to be Humble.

In 1882, I happened to be a member of a District Conference held at a small country village in the State of Georgia. A young preacher, whose name for the time being I will call Jones, was also a member of the same body. He was tall, handsome,and weighed one hundred and ninety pounds, more, or not much less. Physically, he was a splendid looking fellow. There was a degree of composure and an air of self-satisfaction about the young man particularly noticeable, but having no other foundation for its existence, so far as I could see, than that of excellent health. This was made all the more prominent and definite by this fact, that upon motion, Jones was unanimously elected secretary of the meeting. I shall never forget the seeming sense of infinite worth, and the evident consciousness of almost universal significance, under the weight of which the secretary-elect appeared to be laboring, as he deliberately moved down the aisle to take his place at the desk in front of the audience. Nothing less than the brush of a master could do the subject justice. For one, being a young man, and struggling for a place to stand, I was oppressed. In the presence of a secretary of such protruding and expanding tonnage, I was led to doubt, if room for any other preacher, of the same age, would be left to breathe in the district. During most of the moring session I was in trouble. The idea of being obliterated was the one I was forced to face. To see an ego, already insufferably large, further inflated to the degree of occupying about all the space in sight, because of the honor of an election to the secretaryship of a small country meeting, in an obscure country town, was more than a sensitive nature could complacently stand. It was not without a struggle that I recovered my equanimity and peace of mind. Upon regaining serenity and assurance of my rights to breathe, and to be, along with other earthly mortals, I felt it my duty, in some diplomatic and tactful way, to rebuke the secretary. He had no right, it seemed to me, to carry such poise and unperturbable balance in the presence of his equals. So coming down the steps in the bright sunshine of a cloudless Southern day, I said: "Suppose we take a little walk." To this he consented. We passed under great oak trees, some three hundred yards from the church, reaching at length a high rail fence enclosing a cotton field. Here I said: "Brother Jones, have you ever paid any particular attention to the study of astronomy?" "No," he replied. "It seems to me," I continued, "that you should take up this subject and, at least, seek to acquaint yourself with the popular phases of it." "What is the use?" he inquired. "Well," said I, "by the study of astronomy you will come to see that this earth is one of the smallest planets. From the planet Saturn, though a member of our solar system, you could not see it at all without a magnifying glass of tremendous power. And on the distant world of Neptune, one year equals one hundred and sixty-five of ours, and there, ten years represents the historic interval separting France from the Roman period; for 1,650 years ago the Romans reigned in Lutetia and Gaaul. Far beyond Neptune there are stars so distant from this earth that it takes light, traveling as rapidly as light does, ten thousand years to reach it from one of them. There are stars so much larger than this globe that if you were to visit one of them, with two such worlds as this as your personal property, you would be too poor to move in respectable society. In some of them, two worlds like this wuld not more than supply you with pocket change enough to pay your hotel bill for two weeks. Some of them are so large that the inhabitants on them would not find this world big enough for a middle man in a game of marbles." While talking to him after this style, the secretary looked at me in perfect astonishment, as if he wondered just why I should cause to beat upon him such enormous waves of immensity. "Yes," I continued, "this little earth is a mere speck in infinite space, a mere particle of dust in comparison with some of the fixed stars. And yet, on this diminutive point in space there live and struggle over fourteen hundred millions of people, and three times this number appear and pass from it every hundred years. Now," said I, "Bro. Jones, get these wide-reaching stupendous facts in your mind, and in addition to this, that you are just one of the millions on this small speck in space, and you will cease to sit back of that secretary's desk looking as though you were in doubt as to whether you are a part of the universe of the universe a part of you." Jones laughed after a mild fashion, but he had evidently been impressed. In the afternoon, I looked to see how he was getting on, and to my delight, he had lost the pompous air. He appeared simple and sane and humble. A look into the depths had sobered him. Jones has done well in the church. He is to-day a presiding elder, and I have always taken to myself the credit of giving him a perspective that has kept him balanced and thus contributed to his success.—Rev. James W. Lee, in the St. Louis Christian Advocate.

"Be Still and Know."

How can God give us visions when life is hurrying at a precipitate rate? I have stood in the national gallery and seen people gallop round the chamber and glance at twelve of Turner's pictures in the space of five minutes. Surely we might say to such trippers, "Be still and know Turner!" Gaze quietly at one little bit of cloud or at one branch or at one wave of the sea or at one ray of the drifting moon. "Be still, and know Turner." But God has difficulty in getting us still. That is perhaps why he has sometimes employed the ministry of dreams. Men have had "visions in the night." In the day-time I have a divine visitor in the shape of some worthy thought or noble impulse or hallowed suggestions, but I am in such feverish haste that I do not heed it and pass along. I do not "turn aside to see this great thing," and so I lose the heavenly vision. If I would know more of God, I must relax the strain and moderate the pace. I must "be still."—J. H. Jowett.

The Faultless Christ.

C. F. SHERRILL.

The world has no arch infidel to-day. Its Tom Paines and Voltaires and Ingersolls are no more. The form of infidelity at present is agnosticism. This is an insidious and subtle foe. Its indifference to Christianity is our dread.

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What think ye of Christ? Christ called attention to himself. Christianity is founded on a Person. It is not a Creed, but the Christ that is our life.

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The world's greatest teachers have never said, "I am the truth." The best of them only claimed to point to the realm of truth. They were content to point out great—veritics. They had a vision of the light. Christ is so different from the greatest men. He was the Light. He never discovered truth. He was the Truth.

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Two things determine a man's greatness—the purity of his character and the realm and extent of his influence. The greatest men are the best and most useful. Here Christ is supremely great. No man was so pure as He. None have exerted so wide an influence. Both these elements of greatness meet in Him in their perfection.

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"I find no faut in Him." Pilate's verdict of the Christ abides. We cannot say of Jesus that He had less sin than other men. Nor can we say He had more virtue. We cannot compare Him with men. Virtue had its perfection in Him. There was no stain in His life. He was perfect man and perfect God.

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No moral stain ever fell upon the character of Jesus, even from the lips of His enemies. The accusation, "This man eateth with sinners," had no moral evil in it. He was crucified because He claimed to be the Son of God. He has made His claim good. This is the one Character in all the ages that has had no moral stain on it. Jesus was God.

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None of us wish to be judged at the weakest point in our lives. Jesus had no weak point. He was always at His best—in life and in the awful trail of His death, in the sunshine of applause and in the dark gloom of apparent failure. He never spoke a word that ought to be left unsaid. He never performed a deed we could wish undone; though we do worship Him as God. There is no weak point in His life. Judge Him at any time or place, and He is the one sinless and perfect Being.

Have you a burning desire to make the world better and happier? Begin in the little world in which you live. Make your own home cheerier, and from that work outward. Only what one is in his own home can he be effectively outside.—Wellspring.

Our Boys and Girls.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Feb. 1, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years of age. As I have never written to you, I thought I would write. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My Sunday-school teacher is Miss Ella Ledford. I like her very much. Our pastor is Mr. Hunt, and I like him very much also. I go to the graded school. Miss Embra Morton is my teacher.

Now I will close by asking a question. Who baptized Jesus?

Your friend,
MAUD HILL.

Tuscarora, N. C., Jan. 30, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folk's letters very much. My papa and mamma are both living. I have two sisters living and one brother dead.

I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My papa is our superintendent. Our pastor is Rev. W. H. Townsend.

I go to every-day school also. My teacher is Miss Sarah Baum, from Roanoke Island.

Enclosed find five cents for the Orphanage from an unknown friend.
JULIA WETHERINGTON.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Feb. 1, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years of age. As I have never written to you before, I thought I would write.

I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. Our pastor is Mr. Hunt, and our superintendent is Mr. Peacock. My Sunday-school teacher is Miss Ella Ledford, and I like her very much. My school teacher is Miss Eliza Parker.

Now I will close by asking a question. Who went to heaven without dying?

Your unknown friend.
MAMIE HUNLEY.

Oxford, N. C., R. F. D., No. 6, February 1, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little ten-year-old girl. I go to every-day school. My teacher's name is Miss Emma Rhew.

I have four married sisters and five single sisters. I have one brother.

I will answer Emma L. Taylor's question. King Og was so heavy that he had to have an iron bedstead.

I will ask a question. Where were the disciples first called Christians?

I will close by asking another. Who was the first martyr.

SALLIE FULLER.

Richlands, N. C., Jan. 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. Papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the boy's and girl's letters very much.

I have a sweet little correspondent—her name is Ella Jessie West. She writes some real sweet letters. She is one of the Advocate cousins. She lives at Ruskin, N. C..

Rev. V. A. Royall is our pastor, and we all like him very much. I go to every-day school. My teacher is Prof. A. G. Walton. I study spelling, advanced arithmetic, civil government, geography, grammar, and U. S. history. We have a fine school here. There are several boarders here. I would like to have some of the Advocate cousins to come to school down here. I had better stop before the waste-basket gets me.

I close, hoping to hear from more of the cousins soon.

From an unknown friend.
LILA H.

Clayton, N. C., Feb. 1, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. I enjoy reading the children's letters in the Advocate.

I go to school. We have a large school. I go to Sunday-school. I like to go very much. Our superintendent is Mr. E. B. McCullers. Our pastor is my papa. We were delighted to have Dr. Ivey with us last Sunday. His sermons were much appreciated. I hope he will come again.

I will answer Emma L. Taylor's question. Og, King of Bashan. Deut. 3, 11.

ALMA FISHER.

George, N. C., Jan. 30, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—We are little girls, ten and seven years old. Papa takes the Advocate, and we love to read the Children's page. We attend Sunday-school at Pinners. Mr. W. E. Spivey is our superintendent, and Rev. J. T. Stanford is our pastor. He is fond of children, and we love him, too. We also go to every-day school. We think and talk a great deal about the orphans. Enclosed please find ten cents for them.

We will ask a question. How many days did Noah remain in the ark?

MAGGIE LASSITER, and
JOSIE LASSITER.

Jasper, N. C., Jan. 30, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little folk's letters very much. My mamma died when I was seven years old. I have a step-mother, who is very good to me, and I love her very much.

I have two brothers living and a brother and sister dead.

I go to school every day. My teacher's name is Miss Estelle Pigford. Our pastor is Rev. W. H. Townsend. He has been our pastor for three years.

Enclosed find five cents for the Orphanage.

An unknown friend,
BESSIE DAUGHERTY.

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"O let all the soul within you
For the truth's sake go abroad!
Strike! Let every nerve and sinew
Tell on ages, tell for God."

To the Bright Jewels, and to the members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference:

Our own missionary, Elizabeth Davis, sends love and greetings from her far-away home in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She says: "God bless them, and prosper the work of their hands, fill their hearts with His joy and love, and make them to know His will. Ask them," she says, "to pray for me—I want to do God's work acceptably."

Since this is our missionary whom we support, may not an earnest prayer accompany every contribution to her salary?

S. D. SWINDELL, Cor. Sec.

Attention is called to the following letter from the pastor of the Methodist church at Elizabeth City:

Dear Sister:—"Aunt Lucy" writes me to give you shortest and best route to Elizabeth City."

For New Bern and Wilmington Districts, by way of New Bern, taking steamer "Nenso" on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, at 6 p. m., arriving in Elizabeth City next morning early.

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Hoping for a "big turn out" of God's hand-maidens at the meeting, I remain yours truly,

D. H. TUTTLE.

Thanks are hereby tendered to Brother Tuttle for his prompt response to the request of our beloved President.

It will be well for the sisters to preserve this letter for future reference. To many it will be the first trip to Elizabeth City, and the above instructions as to schedules will be important and helpful.

"Notes from the Secretary's Desk," which appear in the numbers of the Woman's Missionary Advocate, should be read and digested by every member of our Auxiliaries.

They are always brimful of interest and instruction. Many points of missionary work and policy, about which we often hear questions and discussions in our monthly meetings and elsewhere, could be finally settled and absorbed, if these "items" were read and remembered by all our members.

The mantle of our sainted Mrs. McGovock is resting upon a talented and worthy successor, and her monthly contributions to the Missionary Advocate are calculated to impart, not only the information we need about our work at home and abroad, but the inspiration and enthusiasm which are so necessary to successful work.

She says "our mission stations are flourishing wonderfully, for the amount of money supplied, and the few workers sent out. There are encouragements to continue the great work to which we have been called. Many prayers go up to the throne of God, many noble women are full of joy in the service, but many who profess the love of God in their hearts seem indifferent, and do little or nothing to advance its interests. Special prayer should go up for these, that God would open their hearts, touch their sympathies, and quicken their consciences.

Prosperity marks the work abroad, but corresponding prosperity at home, so essential to the increase abroad, does not characterize all our Conference Societies. The Son of God goes forth to war, but His church at large deserts at the pinch those who follow in His train, and watches them a moment with cold indifference as they climb the steep ascent alone with peril, toil, and pain, and then turns back unmoved to its own self-interests and amusements!

How can these indifferent ones be aroused to the serious condition threatening us as a Woman's Board? Will not those who realize the situation besiege the throne of grace that God's Spirit may work upon the hearts of the indifferent and quicken their consciences?"

The Union Missionary organization will hold its second meeting at Edenton Street Church some time during this month—the time will be announced later on.

Every member of the various missionary societies of the city is cordially invited to be present. This includes all the workers in the Home Mission cause, as well as the Foreign.

The main feature of the program will be the address by Miss Mary Pescud, missionary to Brazil.

END OF BITTER FIGHT.

"Two physicians had a long and stubborn fight with an abcess on my right lung," writes J. F. Hughes, of DuPont, Ga., "and gave me up. Everybody thought my time had come. As a last resort I tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. The benefit I received was striking and I was on my feet in a few days. Now I've entirely regain my health." It conquers all Coughs, Colds and Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50 cents, and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

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A Composite Picture of the Twentieth Century Woman.

The morning mail was handed in—messages from absent loved ones, monthly bills, business letters, literary magazines, church papers, Foreign Mission literature. I was preparing our Home Mission column at the time, and as my eyes fell on the housekeeper's keys at my belt and the darning basket just beyond, this flash-thought came: "A composite photograph of the twentieth century woman!"

BUT IT IS NOT A NEW PICTURE

Recalling my gifted mother's daily life, and her mother's, about which she used to tell me, I see similar experiences. Are they not the same in every age, with all Christian women, who strive to lead high, useful lives?

I think we have long realized that the circumstances of our environment make it impossible for many to dive deeply into abstruse subjects.

There Is Work for All, Even the Most Ambitious, in the Home Mission Society.

Shall we spend our days regretting our environment, or like some sweet sisters, envying our blessed brothers?

No! Rather let us rejoice in our many-sided opportunities (a notable one of which is the power and pleasure of counseling and comforting these brilliant brothers), and see to it that they all find channels through our beloved Home Mission Society.

Auxiliary Third Vice-Presidents.

Our Board Superintendent of Press Work, Mrs. Luke Johnson, has reminded you that many Florine McEachern Brigades have been organized, but have not been properly reported. Please read the February items carefully, and carry out the directions correctly and quickly.

Two Reasons.

There are two reasons for doing this—both urgent: One to have a full report ready for March 1st that our faithful Conference Superintendent of this Department, Mrs. J. A. Spiers, may happily carry to the Board meeting at Kansas City; the other, to advance this great and loving work in memory of the little girl in heaven.

I think all mothers, who engage in it through their children, may feel that it is, in some degree, in memory, also, of their own precious ones who are with little Florine.

Boxes of Supplies.

How many Auxiliaries have this winter sent boxes to the needy pastors on the non-paying charges? In January, "Our Homes," our Board Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. Yarborough, tells of twenty-two calls that she cannot answer. This is distressing and depressing.

The Remedy.

Our Orphanage is our first heart-charge, but the brave men and their families in the hard places should not be allowed to suffer. We know that the "laborer is worthy of his hire," and we Christian women should strive to answer this call of the church, which is the call of God. Several Auxiliaries could unite and send a box together. It is not too late, for winter is not yet over, and the March winds are to follow, but work should be begun immediately.

Amazing Growth.

We hear every week of Home Mission successes, but the growth of City Missions seems almost amazing. In reading of it, we feel that God is waiting to do great things for us in this line.

The door is wide open to our town and city Auxiliaries. A Needed Pamphlet on City Missions has been prepared by Miss Helm and is ready for distribution. Order from Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Nashville, Tenn.

HAPPINESS.

What is your opinion of happiness?

What are the essentials upon which you think it depends? Money, love, health—nine out of ten persons would say. Reverse the order of the three and you'll have them as they should be. You cannot be happy if your health is bad. Neither can those around you. Ever notice how grouchy a man or woman is who has dyspepsia or any form of stomach trouble? They cannot help it. It's the result of weakened nerves. Don't judge him too harshly. You cannot expect to find a sunny disposition where pain is gnawing away the body, mind and nerves.

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C. H. GATTIS, C. P. T. A.
Raleigh, N. C.

Editorial.

Pride with fortune makes misfortune. True humility with misfortune makes a blessing.

Alfred Henry Lewis, the brilliant newspaper correspondent and author, says that the one unchanging test of a man's greatness is his unchangeableness in all the varying conditions of life.

The New York correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says that there is great demand at present for the rear seats in theatres and music halls. Wonder if our church congregations have not been under a fire scare all these years. There are two fires, however. The dread of one drives people to the front. The dread of the other drives them to the rear.

To the brethren and sisters who claim that preachers are taking all the money out of the country: Dearly Beloved:—A very wise man who never speaks rashly and who is none other than Chancellor Day, of Syracuse University, says that it costs $15,000,000 to support the ministers of the gospel and only $25,000,000 to support pet dogs. Think on this.

We read in one of our church papers that a certain minister who had reported his field as thoroughly gleaned in the way of new subscribers, concluded to make another effort. He found twelve families and secured six new subscribers. The grandest results in the civil and ecclesiastical world are, as a rule, found among the fragments. Hesitate long before you announce that your field is thoroughly worked either for new subscribers or conversions.

The Panama Canal is going to be dug. We might as well give up all doubts on this subject. It is going to create for the churches possibilities which are amazing and inspiring in their scope. We are glad to see that the eyes of our episcopal watchmen are on such strategic centres as New Orleans, Mobile, Galveston, and other Southern points. The Canal will make another South, and the Church will be found ready to utilize her grand opoprtunities.

Rest is a very strongly emphasized word in the Christian's vocabulary. The longer we live the more are we convinced that the meaning of the word is not clearly apprehended. The trouble is that many Christians locate Rest on the other side—in the grand temple of which this life is only the vestibule. The truth is that there is on the other side no rest which may not be enjoyed on this side. To long for death shows a spirit which is neither practical nor heroic. If you wish to dwell in the sunshine of your Savior's presence you can do so here. If you long for the heavenly peace, remember that he that "dwelleth in the secret place at the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty"—here on this side.

We clip the following from the Western Christian Advocate, whose editor is a writer of rare power, and we call upon Brother Woods, of the St. Louis, to clarify our vision of the whys and wherefores of the paragraph:

"In a magazine of lower criticism we note a caustic reference to 'the senseless and silly optimism of the Western Christian Advocate.' Now it just occurs to us that perhaps and sometimes the senselessest and silliest sort of optimism that was ever invented is vastly more justifiable and immensely more preferable to the sagaciousest and most eminently properly-behaved pessimism that was ever exploited for the discouragement of struggling humanity. God is called in the Scriptures the God of all hope, and the foolishness of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

LET THEM BE STRONGER NEXT TIME.

It will be noticed that, in the Resolutions adopted by the Mid-Year Meeting of the Board of Missions at Rocky Mount, there was an expression of the sense of the meeting that the Presiding Elders should use their authority more freely in sending the preachers in charge of stronger charges to aid mission charges in their revival meetings, and that the Presiding Elders themselves should render greater assistance at this point.

Now this is what we call a step in the right direction. We have advocated something like this for the last few years. There is no measuring the value of the aid that a preacher may render to a mission point in helping the one in charge of that mission in a season of revival services. It will help the mission. It will help the assisting preacher.

We are looking forward to the time when there will come from our Mid-Year Meetings or Annual Conference a still stronger resolution to the effect that much larger appropriations be made to our domestic mission points and that our very strongest men be placed in charge of these points. We confess that we have never been able to understand why the assessments for domestic mission work in our Conference should not be at least equal to the assessment for foreign missions. We sat in a meeting not long ago in which there was a kind of jubilation over the fact that the Conference had over paid its foreign mission assessment. Of course the jubilation over such an event was natural and legitimate. But there were two facts which had a tendency to throw a kind of blight on the general rejoicing, and they were these: (1) The assessments for domestic missions were much lower than the assessments for foreign missions; (2) The assessments for domestic missions were not paid in full. There was a reproachful anomaly in all this, and it haunts us during the months, especially when the vision of waste-places in our Conference territory bursts on our view.

If the call of the spiritually destitute places in our midst is as urgent as that from the spiritually destitute places in heathen lands, we cannot be justified in running to answer the one, and walking to answer the other. If the need in the foreign field is really primary, then the only way to establish its primacy is to strengthen fully the source of strength—the home field. The truth of the matter is, the true spirit of missions knows no such words as domestic and foreign. It sends the gospel into every waste place around and beyond.

With a larger appropriation for domestic missions—an appropriation at least equal to that for foreign missions, we could man all our domestic mission point with our very strongest men. This is the policy of our Presbyterian brethren, and their missionary conquests for the last few years in North Carolina have been almost phenomenal. One of the strongest Presbyterian preachers then in the State was sent several years ago into the very heart of our mountain country. He did mission work for four years in a section where the Presbyterian Church had hardly been heard of. They paid him $1,200 a year. Now there are flourishing Presbyterian churches in that section. Presbyterianism is strong, and we understand that quite a number of men and women who used to worship as Methodists in the little feebly supplied mission churches in that section are now the bone and sinew of the flourishing Presbyterian churches there. It will pay any man to give special attention to the weak places in his spiritual nature. It will pay just as handsomely for a Conference to give special attention to our weak, wasting mission points. The extravagance of sending that Presbyterian preacher just mentioned, at such a price, into that section turned out to be a wealth producing economy.

We trust that all the recommendations of the Mid-Year Meeting will be fully carried out. We trust that the recommendations next year will be stronger, and more far-reaching, with results that may cause the waste places in our midst to bloom and bear the richest fruit for God.

A VEXED QUESTION IN LIMBO.

The question of the organic union of the two branches of Episcopal Methodism in the United States has been discussed for over a quarter of a century. The very thought of organic union carries with it an affirmative argument, for the expression, "In union there is strength," is almost axiomatic.

For quite a while there were found both North and South quite a number who strongly believed and emphatically taught that the organic union of Methodism is the ideal consummation, and that whatever obstacles might lie in the way now, this consummation is inevitable.

But many who thus believed and taught have revised their doctrine on this point and have come to the conclusion that,while on general principles unity is strength, in American Methodism division is strength. The passing years are proving that separate battalions of Methodism can accomplish more in the extension of Christ's kingdom than can one congested body.

This aside, the fact of our grave race problem must render impractical the scheme of organic union. This view is plainly and strongly advanced by Dr. A. J. Lamar, Publishing House Agent, in an article in the last number of the Northwestern Christian Advocate. Dr. Lamar writes from a Christian standpoint. He believes in cultivating the warmest fraternal feelings toward the Methodist Episcopal Church, but he is too well acquainted with the social status of affairs both North and South not to affirm with the utmost emphasis that organic union is nothing at present but a wild tantalizing vision.

The writer called attention to the fact that for one of the Bishops of the M. E. Church who have been so enthusiastic in their advocacy of social equality to hold a Conference in Mississippi would breed a kind of earthquake which would be duplicated when one of our Bishops who do not believe in social equality would hold a Conference in New England.

THE BALTIMORE FIRE.

On last Sunday morning one of the most destructive fires that ever occurred in this country started in the building of John E. Hurst & Co., Hopkins Place, Baltimore, Md. A high wind was blowing and in a short time the fire was beyond control. It spread rapidly from block to block and was not checked until Monday night.

The territory bounded by Lombard, Light, St. Paul, and Howard, Streets, has been laid waste. Thirty blocks containing about three thousand buildings, have been consumed.

The loss of property is immense, and is variously estimated from $100,000,000 to $200,000,000. The wholesale district was entirely destroyed. Among the fine buildings burned were the courthouse, cost $3,000,000; the Calvert building, costing $1,250,000; the Equitable building, costing over $1,000,000; the general offices of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, costing $1,125,000, and many other valuable buildings.

Very fortunately, only one death has been reported. This seems almost miraculous in a fire which raged thirty-six hours and destroyed so many million dollars of property. In this, Baltimore is to be congratulated.

The unfortunate city has the sympathies of the whole nation. In a short time disaster robbed her of the bulk of her accumulated wealth, bankrupted the largest and most reliable firms in the country, and threw thousands out of employment.

In point of property destroyed ,the Baltimore fire was more disastrous than that of Chicago. A much larger area in Chicago was burned, and several hundred lives were lost.

These disasters which are coming so thick and fast should cause us to feel very humble in the sight of God. Man and his works seem very insignificant in the presence of these appalling disasters.

On account of the sickness of our efficient mailer the corrections in labels which should appear this week will not appear until next week.

North Carolina Methodism.

Rev. Walter Holcomb has closed a very successful meeting at Mount Airy.

The Durham District Conference will be held at Graham, embracing the fourth Sunday in March.

The brethren will have to be patient with us in the publication of obituaries. We have quite a number on hand.

The Trinity-Emory debate will be held at Oxford College, Ga., at some time during the Easter holidays. Trinity won last year.

Mr. W. H. Hall, son of our Rev. J. H. Hall, of the North Carolina Conference, has been appointed to an Annapolis cadetship.

The following brethren placed us under obligation to them for a pleasant visit last week: Revs. G. W. Fisher, G. T. Adams, W. L. Grissom, and Mr. W. B. Cooper.

Read carefully the programs of New Bern District and Elizabeth City District Missionary Institutes. The former will be held in New Bern, February 24-25; the latter at Columbia, March 9-11.

Rev. Albert S. Barnes is warm in his appreciation of the kind people on Cinton Circuit. He says that this work is very rapidly developing and that it will soon be among the best in the Conference.

Rev. W. B. Lee, of the Brazil Mission, and at present residing temporarily in Greensboro, N. C., is furnishing for the North Carolina Advocate a very interesting series of articles on "Romanism As It Is."

Our Methodist preachers in Raleigh and Wake County have organized a Preachers' Meeting. It will meet on the third Monday in this month in the Sunday-school room of Edenton Street Church. A full meeting is desired.

Mr. H. D. Guerrant, one of our worthy Methodist laymen of Danville, Va., sends for a Handbook, and adds: "A native of North Carolina, I love everything connected with the grand old State, especially in church matters."

The two tracts of land which have been received as a bequest by the Methodist Orphanage from the estate of the late Samuel P. Cross, of Gatesville, N. C., lie in Alabama, and will prove valuable property for the Orphanage.

The late Dr. J. A. Sherrill, of Catawba County, provided in his will that all his real estate, valued at about $5,000, should go to the Foreign Missionary Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on the death of his widow.

The marriage of Rev. E. K. McLarty, of Concord Station, W. N. C. Conference, to Miss Mary W. Brown, of Asheville, is announced for two o'clock, February 19, in Chestnut Street, Asheville, N. C. Our congratulations and best wishes in advance.

Rev. J. H. M. Giles writes that he expects to send in his share of new subscribers. Of course He is as true in his aim at a new subscriber as at a Carteret swamp bear. He preached in his new church—Bethel—on the fifth Sunday in January, and is happy.

We are glad to learn that Davenport Female College has now a larger number of boarders than it has had in a quarter of a century. Dr. Tigert will preach the commencement sermon, and President H. N. Snyder, of Wofford College, will deliver the literary address.

Rev. W. C. Merritt has our deepest sympathies in the loss by death of his father, on January 27. The deceased was one of our most faithful laymen, having been a member of the Methodist Church for nearly fifty years, and a steward and trustee for more than half of this time. He had a strong influence in his community, and he will be greatly missed. We regret that the news of his death was received too late for publication in last week's Advocate.

General Notes.

The Pan-Presbyterian Assembly will meet this year in Liverpool.

Bishop H. C. Morrison has been unexpectedly called to California.

The Scarritt Collegiate Institute, located at Neosho, Mo., has closed its doors.

Dr. James Atkins will preach the commencement sermon at Columbia Female College.

The Woman's Building of the Epworth Orphanage, S. C. Conference, is finished and occupied.

Dr. Whisner reports that the Conferences heard from report a gain of $1,500 for Church Extension.

Dallas (Texas) Methodism is preparing to erect a stone church edifice to cost not less than $120,000.

The Boston Journal has discontinued its Sunday issue and is issuing an edition on Saturday afternoon.

The Theological Seminary of Princeton University shows an enrollment of one hundred and seventy pupils.

Rev. J. O. Branch, one of the most prominent ministers of the South Georgia Conference, died on January 24th.

Rev. Claude Chilton has withdrawn from the Alabama Conference. The question of holiness was the operating cause.

At the solicitation of Bishop Candler, the Y. M. C. A. has sent a secretary to Cuba. The Bishop is a great believer in the Y. M. C. A.

The famous University Library at Turin, containing over 250,000 printed volumes and over 4,000 manuscripts, has been lately lost by fire.

Bishop S. M. Merrill, the jurist in the Cabinet of Bishops of the M. E. Church, will retire from active work at the approaching General Conference.

The work of preparing a catechism and order of worship for the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church, South, will be completed during this month.

A Chinese oratorical contest was recently held in Chinatown, San Franscisco. Subject: "The relation of Chinese students in foreign lands to China."

The Vanderbilt Correspondence School now has more than three hundred and fifty students enrolled, which is one hundred more than the total enrollment last year.

Dallas (Texas) Methodism gave Bishop Hoss a great reception at the First Church, in January. The Bishop and his family are now occupying their new home in that city.

Dr. J. A. Burrows and Mr. O. W. Patton, of the Midland Methodist, Mr. D. M. Smith, of the Publishing House and Dr. H. M. DuBose of the Era sailed this week for Cuba.

President Harper explains publicly that Chicago University is not a Baptist institution. He has been lately honored with the French decoration of the "Cross of the Legion of Honor."

Dr. Charles Augustus Briggs, who some time ago left the Presbyterian for the Protestant Episcopal Church, is criticising the doctrine of Apostolical Succession. It is thought that he will soon be in the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. C. H. Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, has in the February Atlantic Monthly a very wise article on the subject of lynching. He takes the ground—and, we think, very justly—that the evil cannot be corrected until certain legal reforms be instituted.

The Nashville Christian Advocate is making an earnest appeal for 10,000 new subscribers. We trust that this appeal will find a ready response. Within the last year the New York Christian Advocate has added nearly 15,0000 subscribers to its mailing list. The Methodists of the South can, and should, do as much for the General Organ.

Publisher's Column.

AS IT STANDS.

The following shows how many new subscribers have been received from each District since December 1st.

Raleigh District	26
Fayetteville District	15
Washington District	13
Elizabeth City District	13
Rockingham District	8
Warrenton District	13
New Bern District	9
Wilmington District	22
Durham District	4

The Conference has requested each District to furnish 150 new subscribers by May 1, 1904. The report for each District will be made weekly in this column. The District reporting the largest number of new subscribers by May 1, 1904, will receive a present not costing less than $25.00, to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

OUR ANNUAL SEED OFFER.

During the month of February we will send to every subscriber who sends us $1.50 for a renewal eight packages of garden seed to be selected from the following list. Please write plainly your selection and your name and address on a separate sheet to be sent with your letter.

Asparagus—Columbian Mammoth White.
Beets—Egyptian Blood Turnip, Eclipse.
Cabbage—Early Jersey Wakefield, Early Drumhead, Early Flat Dutch.
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Cucumber—Early Russian, Extra Long.
Collards—Georgia, N. C. Short Stem.
Celery—White Plume, Evans' Triumph.
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Onion—Giant, Red Weatherford, Round White Silver Skin.
Okra—White Velvet.
Pepper—Red Cherry, Ruby King.
Parsnip—Hollow Crown.
Rhubarb—Roquette.
Radish—Deep Scarlet, Scarlet Globe.
Tomato—Atlantic Prize, Optimus, Acme.
Watermelon—Georgia Rattlesnake, Florida Favorite.

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society has constituted the Open-Door Emergency Commission for 1904, the commission to have the same membership as in 1903. Authority was given to the commission to employ the same field secretaries as present. The commission is composed of the following: Bishops Andrews and Fowler, Drs. A. B. Leonard, H. K. Carroll, Homer Eaton, John F. Goucher, James M. Buckley, and Frank D. Gamewille; Messrs. Anderson Fowler, S. Earl Taylor, and John R. Mott.

The New York correspondent of The Advance wittily describes Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, formerly of our church, and now pastor of the Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, as "a unique composite of English bluffness, American tact, Methodist fire, Puritan firmness, and Congregational common-sense."

We have received the Pulpit Number of the Wesleyan Advocate. This number contains twenty pages, with an admirable sermon from Bishop Fitzgerald. This enterprise of the Wesleyan is to be highly commended. It is a credit to Southern journalism.

Mr. F. D. Swindell, Jr., a graduate of Trinity College, and a son of Dr. F. D. Swindell of the North Carolina Conference, is now occupying the chair of English in Weaverville College.

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How to Have a Good Business Meeting.

The weak spot in our Epworth Leagues is the business meeting, and for this reason I have given the entire space allotted us, in this issue of the Advocate, to this very real and perplexing problem, as I feel sure our workers will welcome any light on this subject.

We quote the following on this subject from the pen of Rev. Albert S. Bromer:

"An important consideration," he says, "is the

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

"Whatever may be the inclination of some of the members, the business meeting should not be held on Sunday. Exceptions may be made in the case of special meetings, but the regular business meetings ought not to be held on the Lord's Day.

"As to the place, we should always decide in favor of the church. A home might be selected as the place of meeting, but there is more or less danger of the social feature being magnified to the detriment of a good business meeting. The business to be transacted pertains to the Lord's work, and the Lord's house appears to be the most appropriate place to meet.

It may be said that in most cases the cause of a poor business meeting may be a

LACK OF INTEREST.

"The spiritual side of the society's life is so emphatically presented that the young person who is received into membership has no conception of his responsibility to attend the business meetings, and to participate in the transaction of business. The attention of the new member is not called to the business meetings. Frequently the announcement is made only in a perfunctory way. To improve these meetings it is absolutely necessary to arouse a deeper interest in the members, who ought to be made to feel that the business is theirs and that they ought to participate in the transaction of every item. An aroused interest will naturally result in

A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY

"When once you have made a member to feel his personal responsibility in a matter it is easy to secure his co-operation. A great improvement could be made in all organizations of the church if every one could be made to feel a deeper responsibility. Many persons suffer from self-depreciation and keep themselves in the back-ground, while others, of less ability and more self-confident, assert themselves. If you are a member of a young people's society, you ought to regard your presence as required at every meeting, and feel yourself personally responsible for what is transacted at the business meetings.

"Again, business meetings should be

CONSTITUTIONAL

That is, our meetings ought to be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the constitution of the society. This will have a tendency to create a deeper interest, and to promote the efficiency of every officer and chairman of the various committees. We cannot expect the president of the society to be an adept in parliamentary tactics, but in every business meeting the simplest parliamentary rules should be observed. What is worth doing at all is worth doing well.

"The president should also insist on

THE COMMITTEE REPORTS

"Too little importance is generally attached to this part of a business meeting. When the constitution calls for a written report the president should insist on its fulfilment. Often the question is asked by a chairman of a committee: 'What shall I report?' Mr. Wells says that a good committee report will tell four things:

"(a) What the committee planned to do;

"(b) What it succeeded in doing;

"(c) What it wants to do during the next month, and

"(d) How the society can help it.

"A good report will show evidence of having been prepared very thoughtfully, and carefully as to the arrangement. The habit of hastily writing reports during the progress of the business meeting cannot be too severely condemned. The disposal of the report is a matter in regard to which a difference of opinion may exist. Generally speaking, it is sufficient to receive and file the reports of committees, instead of recording every report on the minutes. A good plan to aid the secretary in filing reports and insure uniformity in size of paper, is for the society to furnish the chairman of every committee with the stationery required. The reports of the secretary and treasurer, however, ought to be received and entered on the minutes.

"The responsibility for good committee reports, however, rests not alone with the various chairmen, but with the members, who ought to

DISCUSS THE REPORTS

"Time ought to be provided for the discussion of the reports, and the co-operation of the members ought to be secured by every committee in any special work they may have in contemplation. This is the time to help one another. If a member, for instance, would like to see a certain thing accomplished, but which comes under the head of another committee, this is his opportunity to speak. Generally, the committees at their meetings require all the time at their disposal to transact the business in hand, and all suggestions as far as possible from members outside of the committee should be made openly in the business meeting. The time at the business meetings may be too short to discuss the work of every committee. An excellent plan has been suggested, and by many societies successfully carried out, of selecting the work of one committee as the subject for a meeting."

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Sunday School.

Lesson for February 14, 1904.

Jesus Forgives Sin.

(Mark 2: 1-12.)

Golden Text:—The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins. (Mark 2: 10.)

After the events recorded in our last lesson Jesus made his first circuit through Galilee, preaching and casting out demons and healing all manner of diseases. Only one of these miracles is narrated in full, namely, the healing of the leper, which is reported by each one of the Synoptists.

A Thronged House.—Returning to Capernaum, after this tour of Galilee, Jesus resumed his teaching. The news that he was again at home spread rapidly through the city, and soon the house in which he was speaking was crowded to its utmost capacity, "so that there was no longer room, no, not even at the door."

A Needy Soul Brought to Jesus.—It was under these conditions that a man in sore need was brought to the house where Jesus was. He is described as sick of the palsy. The word palsy is a contraction of the word "paralysis." The term palsy or paralysis was used by the ancient physicians in a much wider sense than by our modern men of science. It included not only what we call paralysis, but also cramps and lock-jaw. We are not aware what particular form of paralysis had seized the sufferer who was brought to Jesus, but it is evident that his was a serious case.

On their arrival at the house, the four friends who were bearing the paralytic found the access to Jesus was impossible in the ordinary way. They were, however, equal to the emergency, and soon they had made their way to the roof, had made a hole through the flimsy material of which an Oriental roof is usually constructed, and had let down the paralytic at the feet of Jesus.

A Sinner Forgiven.—With divine insight Jesus at once saw that the man before him had a twofold need. He was both diseased in body and sinful at heart. This does not mean that the paralytic was a greater sinner than other men. It shows, however, that Jesus recognizes forgiveness as the supreme need of every human soul.

Certain of the scribes who were present at once questioned the power of Jesus to forgive sins. The assumption of this power was indeed a claim to divine attributes which could not be misunderstood, for as the scribes truly intimated, there is no one who can forgive sins, save God only.

The Paralytic Healed.—In vindication of his divine right to forgive sins, and to reward the faith of the paralytic and his four friends, Jesus now pronounced the words which made the paralytic a well man. The cure was instantaneous and complete. It was a perfect vindication, and the beholders, we are told, were all amazed, and glorified God.

The Application of the Lessons.—Though Jesus has ascended into heaven, he still has the power to forgive sins which he exercised while on earth. There is no sinner beyond the reach of his love and mercy.

We may still, as did the four who bore the paralytic of old, aid in bringing others to Jesus. The example of these four men who carried the paralytic is often referred to as an illustration of personal work. Let us be assured that every effort made in faith to bring inquirers to Christ will meet with his divine benediction.

Faith is and must always be the fundamental condition of our acceptance with God. We show our faith by believing in Christ, and coming to him for the supply of all our need.

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$25.50, plus 25 cents, from Raleigh to New Orleans, La., and return, account of Mardi Gras February 10th to 16th. Tickets on sale February 9th to 15th, inclusive, and bear a final return limit of February 20th, leaving New Orleans. Stop-overs will be allowed on these tickets.

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4.15 a. m.—"Seaboard Express" for Charlotte, Atlanta, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Tampa and all points South and Southwest.

No. 41.

4.00 p. m.—"Seaboard Local Mail" for Charlotte, Atlanta and all local points. Connects at Atlanta for all points South and Southwest.

No. 27

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Secular News.

STATE.

The price of cotton has slightly fallen.

President Hobgood will rebuild his Seminary at Oxford.

The hotel at Pinehurst is overrun with winter visitors.

A bank is to be established at Ashpole, Robeson County.

Smallpox is reported in several localities in this State.

The Christian Church will soon locate an Orphanage in this State.

Senator Overman announces that he will oppose the Panama treaty.

The Baptist Midsummer Meeting will be held at Jackson Springs some time in June.

The Elks of Raleigh have purchased a site preparatory to building a temple.

Salem Odd Fellows have bought a lot on which it is proposed to erect a handsome building.

Quite a lot of damage was caused in different sections of the State by the severe wind last Sunday.

The election held in North Wilkesboro on the proposition of graded schools, resulted in a victory for the schools.

The thirteenth annual meeting of Junior Order of United American Mechanics will convene in Charlotte, February 22nd.

Geo. K. Pritchard, of Bakersville, this State, brother of Ex-Senator Pritchard, has been appointed United States Marshal of Indian Territory.

Mr. E. J. Best, of Raleigh, has brought suit against the Aetna Life Insurance Company of New York for $20,000 damages to his character.

Architects are submitting plans for buildings to take the place of those recently destroyed by fire at the State Normal College of Greensboro.

R. H. Carter, a boy in his teens, was given a verdict of $17,500 by a jury at Durham, against the North Carolina Railroad Company for the loss of a leg.

Representative J. M. Gudger, Jr., of the Tenth North Carolina District, will retain his seat in Congress, which was contested by the late Representative Moody.

An electric railroad will be built across the Blue Ridge from Mt. Airy to connect with the Norfolk and Western Railroad at Roanoke, Va. It will be eighty-five miles long.

T. S. Rollins, Esq., was re-elected Chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee at its meeting in Greensboro. The State Republican Convention will be held in the above city.

The Trustees of the University of North Carolina held their annual session in the Governor's office, February 5th. The reports of the officers show great progress for the University.

The State Board of Education has notified 32 counties of the amounts it gives them to keep their schools open four months in the year, the money to be paid March 1st. The other 26 counties applying will be made allowances this week.

GENERAL.

The whipping post is still used in Delaware.

The United States pays Brazil $42,000,000 a year for coffee.

The last of the United States troops in Cuba, left last week.

Senator Hanna is suffering from a not very severe attack of typhoid fever.

Isador Rayner was elected United States Senator by the Maryland Legislature.

Senator Overman made his maiden speech in the United States Senate Tuesday.

The bodies of 150 victims of the Harwick mine explosion have been recovered.

Maryland will vote on a Constitutional amendment limiting the right of suffrage.

The special agent of the government says it is impossible to stamp out the boll weevil.

Hon. William C. Whitney, Secretary of the Navy under President Cleveland, is dead.

A $400,000 fire occurred in Knoxville, Tenn., Tuesday night. Two firemen lost their lives.

The naval appropriation bill as prepared by the House, carries an aggregate of $95,000,000.

It is proposed by neutral powers to place a limit on the arena of the Russo-Japanese conflict.

The provision for the loan of $4,500,000 to the St. Louis World's Fair, was adopted by the Senate.

Hon. William J. Bryan will erect in Salem, Ill., a library building in memory of his father and mother.

The United States naval authorities have ordered a number of war vessels to the scene of war in the far East.

An entire town on the island of Java, Dutch East Indies, has been destroyed by a volcanic eruption, and hundreds of people killed.

The vote in the Mississippi Legislature on the question of a prohibition amendment to the Constitution, was 53 for it to 39 against.

In response to Senator Gorman's resolution President Roosevelt has sent a batch of correspondence concerning the Panama revolution.

A number of towns along the north bank of the Susquehanna River, in Pennsylvania, are under water. Considerable damage is being done.

Quite a number of gunners and engineers whose terms of enlistment have expired in the United States Navy, have gone to join the Japanese Navy.

Liverpool, England, has closed one-third of her saloons in the last ten years, and in consequence a reduction in her police force has effected a saving of $40,000.

Thomas Peterson, the first colored man to vote in the United States under the amendment to the Federal Constitution giving to his race the right of suffrage, has just died at his home in Newark, N. J.

Resolutions Passed at the Mid-Year Meeting of the Board of Missions.

I.

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows:

In view of the deficit in the assessments for missions in our Conference and the great need for a forward movement, we recommend:

1. That the preachers and people be requested to unite in earnest prayer for the success of our work this year.

2. That the Secretary of the Board be requested to send a circular letter to each preacher in the Conference urging a united effort to raise the assessments in full in every charge and district.

3. That we urge the pastors to co-operate with the District Missionary Secretaries in their work.

4. That we urge the importance of placing that excellent periodical, "Go Forward," in every home possible.

5. That if the President of the Board find it practicable to hold such a meeting, or deem it wise, the Board be called to meet on Tuesday before Conference to confer with the Presiding Elders.

6. That it is the sense of this meeting that the Presiding Elders should use their authority more freely in sending the preachers in charge of stronger charges to aid mission charges in their revival meetings, and that the Presiding Elders should themselves render greater assistance at that point.

J. F. MILLER, Chairman.
N. H. D. WILSON, Secretary.

II.

Your Committee on Resolutions would recommend:

That, as we have in our midst a large number of another race whose spiritual welfare should appeal to our sympathies, we urge our preachers and people to do all in their power to promote the development of the Christian character and spiritual life of the negroes in their several communities. J. F. MILLER, Chairman.

N. H. D. WILSON, Secreary.

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Thanksgiving Again.

Besides the bountiful Thanksgiving dinner referred to in the last Advocate, the following was given us by Raleigh friends: Messrs. Crowder & Rand, box of candy; Messrs. Dobbin & Ferrall, bolt of ginghams; Mr. A. Dughi, two bunches of bananas.

Numerous boxes came in from different directions, an account of which is seen in our list of donations in kind.

What One Man Can Do.

Bro. E. R. Mixon, of Washington, N. C., has busied himself for two years past in Washington in our behalf, with very great success. This year he shipped three boxes. Two have arrived, bringing flour enough for a month, sugar for two months, and coffee enough for nearly twelve months, besides other things. We will report on the box yet to come next week. Will not others do likewise, next time?

Did Not Get There.

Had an appointment for Mount Gilead for the second Sunday. It is sweet for us to have an appointment at this time of year. The preachers are so hard pressed in the homestretch. Rising at 2.30 a. m., we hastened away to board the S. A. L. train, due at 3.40. 'Twas said the train was one hour and thirty minutes late. That passed. They then said: thirty minutes more. That passed. Seven o'clock came. They then said they did not know when it would come. So we sadly turned our face homeward. We hope to see the good Mt. Gilead people some of these times. They have heard of our Orphanage over there, for W. W. Rose has been there.

A Suggestion.

Let some good woman or man in each congregation be appointed to wait on the merchants and the people generally for Thank offerings. Do it on Wednesday before Thanksgiving day. Let this sister or brother call in any help needed. If no one is appointed—won't you, brother, sister, take it in hand? Brother Mixon, of Washington, (Little Washington, it used to be called), took the matter in hand and sent us one of the largest and most valuable boxes ever sent here.

Be sure not to let the sugar and rice mix.

Nor would sugar and soda make a very good mixture.

Roper and Pleasant Grove.

I had long essayed to go to Roper City. But hitherto had been let. But putting myself under the wing of Rev. A. J. Parker, our little Asa, I found myself there after a short ride of nine miles from Plymouth. It did not take Maggie and Mattie, a beautiful span of blacks, long to make the trip. The clock pointed to 9.30 p. m. when we reached there. We were soon tucked away in Brother Kessinger's snug home, and found ourselves in the land of dreams. It was pleasant to look into the face of that live, bright Sunday-school, and thank them for taking care of an orphan here for two past years. We found a nice, and an appreciative congregation at Pleasant Grove. They gave a good collection. A good congregation greeted us at Roper at night. Of course the collection was taken. Rising at five o'clock and an early breakfast by sister Roper, sent us on to Plymouth in time to take the 7.20 train for home. It was sweet to be with Brother Craven, and most pleasant to meet that people. We shall be glad to go again.

Division of Work at the Orphanage.

In the last arrangement for work at the Orphanage, the kitchen fell to Lillie Dill. She is boss of the culinary department. LeRoy Nash makes her fires and brings her water, and makes himself useful generally.

Frances McGirk is in charge of the dining room. Preston Peacock is her fire-maker, and Malinda Bradshaw, Bettie McGirk, and Mabel Bradsher, are her helpers.

Mabel Bailey and Bessie Vernon are the laundry girls, and Joseph Nash and Ebin Bell make their fires and keep them supplied with water.

Cassie Bright attends to the Matron's and the Teacher's room.

Louise Sivilis and Lola Bell are a sort of all work girls; and Carrie McCaskill, Bessie Faucett, Margaret Bradsher and Willie Vernon are the yard girls.

Preston Peacock is leader of the morning working force, and Nash Cox, Berry Ashley, Frank Webber and Clay Huddleston are his comrades with the ax.

Wade Ashley is the leader of the evening working force, and Gus McCaskell, Charlie Gay, Paul Peacock, Tommie Cox and James Gay his companions in labor.

Jimmie Ledbetter and Warner Vernon are the kitchen wood carriers, and supply the pig pen with leaves.

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FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Goldsboro, Bethlehem, Feb. 5
Lillington, Parker's Grove, Feb. 13, 14
Duke's Bridge, Feb. 21
Fayetteville, Hay Street, Feb. 21
Tramps at Clio, Feb. 27, 28
Newton Grove, Ebenezer, March 6
The District Stewards will please meet in Methodist church at Sanford Jan. 8 at 7 p. m.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Perkin Circuit, at Sardis, Feb. 2.

SECOND ROUND.

Maxton and Caledonia, Caledonia, Feb. 6, 7
Lumberton, Pine Grove, Feb. 13, 14
Rockingham Station, Feb. 21, 22
Robeson Green Lake, Feb. 27, 28
Richmond, Zion, March 5, 6

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Wilson, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Aurora Circuit, Feb. 1
Jonesville Circuit, Feb. 7, 8
Matta Quake Circuit, Feb. 13, 14
Fairfield station, Feb. 17
Creek and Portsmouth, Feb. 20, 21
Swan Quarter Circuit, Feb. 20, 21
Belhaven Circuit, Feb. 27, 28
Pasquotank Station (night), Feb. 28
Farmville Circuit, March 5, 6
Greenville (night), Mar. 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, March 12, 13

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Grace, Feb. 7
Onslow, Maysville Feb. 13, 14
New River, Folkstone, Feb. 15
Richlands, Feb. 16
Pender Circuit, S. C., Feb. 17
District Steward's will please meet at Grace Church, Wednesday, December 30, at 4 p. m.
District Missionary Institutes will be held at same place February 9 and 10.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Roanoke Island, Feb. 6, 7
Kitty Hawk, Feb 8
Kenkeet Feb. 9
Hatteras, Feb. 11
Dare and Nun's Arbor, Feb. 13, 14
Pantego and Belhaven, at Pantego, Feb. 20, 21
Roper, at Roper, Feb. 27, 28
Plymouth, Feb. 28, 29
Currituck, at Asbury, March 5, 6
Columbia, March 12, 13
The District Stewards of Elizabeth City District will please meet in the Sunday school room of the First Methodist Church, in Elizabeth City, on Wednesday, January 6, at 3 p. m.

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Dover, Kinston, Feb. 5
Trenton, Edwards, Feb. 6, 7
Snow Hill, Snow Hill, Feb. 12-14
Hookerton, Hallsboro, Feb. 13, 14
La Grange Circuit, Feb. 20, 21
Beaufort, Feb. 27, 28
Morehead, Feb. 28, 29
Carteret, Newport, March 5, 6
Atlantic, Atlantic Mar. 12, 12
Straits, Summerfield, March 12, 13

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Magnum Street, Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Roxboro Circuit, at Roxboro, Feb. 6, 7
Burlington Circuit, Bethel, Feb. 13, 14
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw Burlington, Feb. 14, at night.
Alamance Circuit, Saxapahaw, Feb. 20, 21
District Stewards' meeting at Trinity Church, Durham, Tuesday, December 15, at 11 a. m.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Oxford Station, Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Millbrook, Millbrook, Feb. 6, 7
Brooklyn and Macedonia, Feb. 7, 8
Youngsville, Youngsville, Feb. 13, 14
Granville, Salem, Feb. 20, 21
Carey Garner, Feb. 27, 28
Epworth, Feb. 28, 29
Kenly, Buckhorn, March 5, 6
Wakefield, March 6
Tar River, Kittrell, March 12, 13

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Battleboro and Whitaker's Battleboro, Feb. 7, 8
Weldon, Roanoke Rapids, Feb. 14, 15
Roanoke Circuit, Tower, Feb. 17
Halifax, Hobgood, Feb. 20, 21
Scotland Neck, Feb. 21, 22
Garysburg, Garysburg, Feb. 27, 28
Henderson, Feb. 28, 29
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 19, 20

Marriages.

GRANT—PAIR.—By the same, January 20, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. L. Pair, Weldon, N. C., Mr. H. L. Grant and Miss Cora C. Pair.

MILLIKEN — TWISDALE.—By the same, December 2, 1903, at the parsonage, Weldon, N. C., Mr. D. J. Milliken and Miss Sallie Twisdale, all of Halifax County, N. C.

UNDERWOOD — SLEDGE. — Married by Rev. W. W. Rose, November 11, 1903, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. V. A. Sledge, Weldon, N. C., Mr. Charles T. Underwood and Miss Bessie E. Sledge.

Obituaries.

Obituaries containing not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

JOHNSON.—Maria J. Johnson, wife of Junius W. Johnson, was born near Conway, N. C., Northampton County, May 3, 1867, and died October 27, 1903, in the thirty-seventh year of her age.

Sister Johnson began life with the advantage of pious parents. She professed faith in Christ at about fourteen years of age, and joined the M. E. Church, South, remaining a faithful member until death. Her life was one of beautiful service. In disposition, she was unassuming, —even retiring. But her devotion to the church was steady and loyal. In things pertaining to faith she held an exalted place. In the spiritual realm she moved on high ground.

It was the privilege of the writer to number her among his friends for nearly three years. We saw her often, and we think we knew her well. She was always the pastor's friend.

On November 4, 1886, she was happily married to Junius W. Johnson. To this union God gave six children—four girls and two boys. The children's legacy is rich. Her influence will abide. We expect to meet her amid the hills of light!

She was carried to her last resting place—a quiet country graveyard—followed by a long train of sorrowing relatives and friends, and was quietly laid away to await the call of God. May our heavenly Father sustain the husband and direct the little feet of the children till we all meet in our home above.

W. C. MERRITT.

NOELL.—Mary Arabella Noell (nee Moore) was born February 9, 1827, and died December 25, 1903.

Sister Noell said some days before her death that she was not afraid to die, and that God's will must be done." She died like she lived—peacefully and quietly. Her very life was a crown of loving kindness, and her home was the home of the preacher, and not only the Methodist itinerant, but of all denominations. She was a member of the M. E. Church, South, nearly sixty years, and in that relation she lived a very consistent Christian of the pure type. She was loved by all who knew her; so kind and affectionate to her neighbors and kinsmen, and so devoted to her children that the stroke in her death makes the grief greater.

She was the salt of the earth, and that kind which had not lost its savor. Her character, all lit up with the light of God, was like a city on a hill which can not be hid. May her life, kind deeds, and words, be golden sunbeams to fall on the pathway of her loved ones to cheer them and guide their feet in the same good way.

She leaves a heart-stricken husband, W. T. Noell, to mourn his loss, and five sons, Jas. S., J. L., J. W., Thos. A. Noell, of Mount Tirzah, and Paul Noell, of Durham, and three daughters, Mrs. Susan East, of Mount Tirzah, Mrs. Virginia Speed and Mrs. Lucy Tillett, of Durham, and a large number of grandchildren. May the Lord comfort and sustain with His grace the sorrowing ones.

M. D. GILES.

BULLOCK. — Bessie Windham, daughter of David and Appie Bullock, of Edgecombe County, was born May 12, 1873. At the tender age of three, her mother died. This was a heavy blow to little Bessie. Often she would look up toward the stars and wish for mamma, and often would she bathe her pillow with tears, while her heart broke and bled, crying, "Mamma! Mamma!" The influence of her angel mother's love was still with her, and a faint memory of that face and passionate love followed her through life. At the age of fifteen, she joined the church at old McKendree, under the ministry of Rev. E. C. Glenn.

On June 24, 1902, she was happily married to Junius McDaniel Windham, of Farmville, N. C. This was a happy union.

When Farmville Church was organized two years ago, she transferred her membership here, and was a consistent and loyal member till death. As a member of the Church Builder's Society, she was tireless and earnest, loyal and true. She was not sick long, but her illness was severe. When the little babe came, he brought sunshine and gladness; but, alas! the shadows followed soon, so soon,—the tender babe of three days died on Monday night,—a new sorrow; another burden; another fond mother's heart touched.

Raising up in bed, she called for her babe, and pressed it gently to her bosom, as only mothers can, in an affectionate farewell. But the parting was not for long, for on Sunday evening, December 27, as the gathering shadows chased the departing rays of the setting sun, she fell on sleep—that blessed sleep from which none ever wake to weep.

She knew she was going to die; made her will, and bade her loved ones good-bye.

We laid her gently to rest in the new cemetery, beside her little one, where alone they sleep, side by side. Peace to their ashes!

L. E. SAWYER.

HOLT.—Mrs. Nancy M. Holt, wife of Dr. E. M. Holt, died of pleurisy, December 23, 1903, Had she lived until the last day of December, she would have been seventy-one years of age.

Sister Holt was endowed with a good mind and took lively interest in the events engaging the public mind.

She was an unusually industrious woman. "To her it was a sin to be idle." As a neighbor, she loved and was loved. Ready to help the poor, glad to accommodate the stranger and always happy in making the children happy.

Though admired and loved by the outside world, it was in her home that she was best known and best loved. As a wife, she was affectionate and helpful; she made home the happiest place on earth to her husband.

She was one of the most thoughtful mothers that we ever saw—she was more concerned about her children's welfare than her own comfort. Two little motherless grandchildren had found shelter and protection in her. Their fondness for her only reflects the tender love she had for them.

Best of all, Sister Holt was a true Christian. She loved the church and was an ardent and loyal Methodist. Many a weary itinerant has found rest, cheer, and encouragement in her home. Fully believing in the universality of the atonement, she was anxious about the souls of the unsaved.

On Sunday before she died I saw her and she said, tell the people at my funeral that I said "There is virtue in religion and that I am not afraid to die." She also told me that every day for forty years she had tried to live in a state of constant readiness to die.

No wonder she could lean on her son and breathe her last that he might say, "Mother's death was triumphant."

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Whereas, in the providence of an all-wise God, our friend and colleague, Prof. W. H. Pegram, has been called to mourn the loss of his beloved wife.

We, the faculty of Trinity College, desire to express to him and his family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement. In doing this we feel that we are voicing the heartfelt sentiment, not only of ourselves, but also of the large number who have known her during the many years in which she has been so closely identified with the life of the college.

In a time of such deep affliction we feel the inadequacy of human expression and offer our earnest prayer that the hope and consolation of our Christian religion may be theirs in its fullest measure in this their hour of need.

A. H. MERITT,
WILLIAM H. GLASSON,
C. W. EDWARDS,
Committee.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom and mercy, has seen fit to take from us our beloved brother, co-worker and friend, James Meldrum Winstead; and,

Whereas, it is with the deepest sorrow and sincerest regret that we are compelled to chronicle his death, and consequent separation from us and from the work in which he has been so faithful and efficient.

Therefore we, the Roxboro Methodist Sunday-school resolve:

1. That while we bow to the decree of the Divine will, yet we sincerely mourn our loss, and deeply deplore the fact that he has been taken from us.

2. That in him our Sunday-school has lost a faithful member and zealous worker and our church a member whose life was consistent with the Christianity for which it stands. We feel that his life was always for good in our Sunday-school and elsewhere, and that he was a model young man and was always to be found at the post of duty. In life he was pure and courageous; in death, he was not afraid.

3. That we tender our profoundest sympathies and condolence to his bereaved sister and brothers and other members of his family who, in his death, have suffered a loss that cannot be repaired.

4. That in this act of Providence, this community has lost a good citizen, a true man, and a Christian gentleman, and one whose influence will be sadly missed.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Sunday-school; that a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and that a copy each be sent to the Roxboro Courier and the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

N. C. NEWBOLD,
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10:30 a. m. No. 108, daily for Goldsboro and all local points; connects at Selma for Wilson, Rocky Mount and all Eastern North Carolina points. At Goldsboro for Wilmington, Kinston, New Bern, N. C., and Norfolk, Va., where close connection is made with Chesapeake Line for Baltimore and all other outgoing steamers.

3:25 p. m. No. 135, daily for Greensboro and intermediate stations; connects at Durham for Oxford, Clarksville, Keysville, daily except Sunday. At University Station for Chapel Hill, daily except Sunday. At Greensboro with train No. 29 for Columbia, Augusta, Savannah, Charleston, Jacksonville. Pullman sleeper and first-class coaches Washington to Jacksonville, Fla. No. 35, "U. S. Fast Mail," for Atlanta and all points South and Southwest. Pullman drawing-room sleepers to Birmingham and New Orleans; day coaches Washington to New Orleans, also with north-bound trains Nos. 34 and 38 for Washington, and all points North. Pullman drawing-room sleepers and observation car to New York; connection is also made at Greensboro for Winston-Salem and at Salisbury to Memphis.

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To the Farmers.

In an address to the farmers of the State, some time since, I said:

"It is gratifying to those who stood by the Alliance in its adversity as well as in its prosperity, ever faithful and true to its Declaration of Purposes, to feel that the fruition of their hopes is so near at hand—that the farmers of the State are again to be knit together by fraternal obligations. The fires have been kept burning on the altar, and a light in the window awaiting their return. When the farmers have again assembled in the Alliance halls, and re-dedicated themselves to its work, may there be no looking backward, but only a determination to push upward and forward until they shall stand in the front ranks of American citizenship.

If the order has made mistakes heretofore it has profited by them, and their injurious effects have put it on its guard against repeating them."

Since those words were first written, last fall, hundreds of North Carolina's best and most progressive farmers have been added to the list of active members of the Alliance, and today hundreds now are asking: "When can you send Lecturer Cates to our county? Our people feel the necessity of organization and want the Alliance reorganized."

Within the last week I have had reports of four sub Alliances being organized, all of them with a strong, active membership, and, without waiting for the State Organizer, I commend the example of these good people to the farmers of the State.

In view of the wide-spread interest in the Alliance and its reorganization, coming to me from the different sections of the State, I suggest that Saturday, February 27th, be made a general farmers rally day for the Alliance. Let the farmers of every neighborhood in the State meet on that day at their respective school houses or other places of meeting and get together in organization. It matters not if your Alliance has not met in years, get together and reorganize it. I will gladly send blanks or other information at my command to any one asking for them. A postal will do. Say you want to reorganize the Alliance, giving your name and postoffice address, and I will do the rest. Do not wait for some one else to take the lead, but you go to see your neighbors at once and suggest to them the meeting.

T. B. PARKER,
Secretary State Farmers' Alliance.
Raleigh, N. C., February 8, 1904.

CABBAGE CULTURE.

A prominent truck farmer of the South Carolina coast gives the following directions for the cultivation of cabbage for market:

Lands should be plowed deep, harrowed and marked out in rows two and a half feet apart. A very necessary precaution is to thoroughly ditch the land so that at no time water will stand on it.

A liberal application of fertilizer is necessary, say fifteen hundred pounds to the acre. This fertilizer should consist of a high grade fertilizer, analyzing 8 per cent ammonia, 7 per cent phosphoric acid and 5 per cent potash. It is applied in the marks laid off for the rows and a scooter or bulltongue plow run through it, so as to thoroughly mix it with the soil. Two furrows are then thrown together to make a medium-sized bed, which is then rolled, to firm the ground, and plants set out on the rows eighteen to twenty inches apart. As soon as the plants are started growing, the field is harrowed with an iron age harrow and dressing of five hundred pounds of fertilizers to the acre is applied in every other row, followed with a subsoil or some other plow which will thoroughly break the beds until you can see the cracks extending across the same. In about ten days the other furrow is treated in exactly the same way. After that the land is kept open by constant work, using a plow, harrow, cultivator or some like tool that will not break the soil deeper than two inches. Cultivation should occur every week or ten days until the cabbages are headed, or the foliage completely covers the ground. Under ordinary conditions crops worked in this way yield an average of one hundred crates of cabbages per acre.

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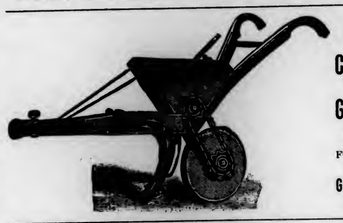

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THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT.

A State election, coming as it does every four years, is generally regarded as a great strain on morals and business. There are some considerations, however, that tend to relieve the situation just now in North Carolina. Among them are these: There are no primaries to be held for the State officers; the nominations are to be made in an early convention; the gentlemen who are seeking the nomination for Governor are all Christian gentlemen who would grace any chair within the gift of the people. These gentlemen will tolerate no "red fire" and submarine torpedoing.

The death of Mark Hanna, which occurred on last Monday night in the city of Washington, removes from the public stage one of the most prominent actors in the great drama of business and political life. Mr. Hanna was a most successful business man. While not a statesman in any sense of the word, he was an astute politician, and wielded a continent-wide influence. In private life, Mr. Hanna was known as a true friend. He was much less black than he has been painted. Mr. Davenport, the famous cartoonist, is responsible for a large part of the general misapprehension of Mr. Hanna's character.

The spirit which the city of Baltimore maintains in the face of the great disaster of last week, and the plans that are being formed and carried out in the rebuilding of the burned district are bearing testimony to the business wisdom and energy of the great city. No outside help has been called for. Nearly all the firms whose buildings were burned are doing business in extemporized quarters; thousands of workmen are clearing away the debris which is carried away over temporary tracks extending to the very heart of the burned district; curves and diagonals in the streets are being eliminated, and many other things are being projected for the building of a greater Baltimore. This fire will prove a blessing in more ways than one.

Greensboro Female College has had a most eventful history, especially since last June. After the notice of the closing of its doors was given by the Directors, it was sadly assumed by the public that the career of the noble institution was at an end. But it is remembered with what superb faith and energy the Alumnae Association set to work to re-establish the institution. They succeeded, and the record of this success forms one of the brightest pages of North Carolina's educational history. The College is now running successfully, with a brave, talented woman at its head, and employing an experienced Faculty. The number of pupils is very gratifying. Last week, the property was practically accepted by the two North Carolina Conferences through regularly appointed commissioners. The sky is bright, and the future is assured.

The question of unsafe theatres, most tragically brought into prominence by the late fire in Chicago, has caused a wide-spread and exhaustive discussion in the religious journals of the moral side of the drama. The general impeachment of the drama from a moral and religious viewpoint is usually answered by a commiserating smile and a reference to Puritanism; or if it receives a more considerate attention, by the statement to the effect that the church is over-zealous and somewhat provincial.

The church would be wise in allowing its point to be proven by the stern arguments of events or the statements of those who are most intimately connected with dramatic life. A few weeks ago, the daily papers were filled with the story of a civil case in France in which a theatrical manager was suing an actress for refusing to wear an indecent garb. Indecency, we are sorry to say, is money in the hands of a manager. This fact, without going into logical details, tells much that helps the church in its argument.

Mr. Clement Scott, the leading dramatic critic in England, said a few years ago in an interview "that it would be nearly impossible for a woman who adopts the stage to remain pure," adding that "the freedom of life, speech, and gesture behind the curtain renders it almost impossible for a woman to preserve that simplicity of manner which is her greatest charm. What is infinitely more to be deplored," he said, "is that a woman who endeavors to keep her purity is almost, as a necessity, doomed to failure in her career. It is an awful thing to say, and still more terrible that it is true, but no one who knows the life of the green-room dare deny it."

If the church, in its opposition to the theatre be narrow and puritanical, so is Mr. Clement Scott and others who have a still more intimate knowledge of it.

Russia fired the first shot in the present war. On the morning of February 8th, the Korietz, a Russian battleship, meeting the Japanese squadron en route to Chemulno on the western coast of Korea, fired on the Japanese torpedo boats. Late the same day the Japanese fleet engaged the Russian fleet and beached two battleships and a cruiser. The next morning the attack was renewed and one Russian battleship and four cruisers were put out of action. The next day the Japanese fleet captured three transports carrying 2,000 Russian soldiers. Three out of the four Russian ships of the Vladisvostok fleet were blown up by mines in their attempt to reach Hakodate, a seaport town in northern Japan. One of the Russian ships was sunk by the Russian land batteries.

The Japanese losses, so far, have been comparatively insignificant. In the attempt to land at Talienwand, 400 Japanese soldiers were sabred by the Cossacks.

The Japanese, unhindered, are landing by thousands in Korea. They have mobilized their army on the peninsula above Port Arthur, and have strengthened themselves on the Yalu river which separates the peninsula from Manchuria. Here or at Dalny a few miles north of Porth Arthur, the first land battle is expected to take place. In the meantime almost daily attacks are being made by the Japanese fleet on Port Arthur, which is entirely cut off, having the Japanese army behind, and the Japanese fleet in front.

Preparations are being made by Russia to convey troops over the Siberian railroad. The Baltic fleet is shut up and cannot pass the Dardanelles. It seems as if Japan in the first few days of the war has Russia at her mercy.

At the instance of Mr. Hay, our Secretary of State, England, France, Germany, Italy, Denmark, China, and Japan have declared that China with the exception of Manchuria must be neutral ground. Yet the indications are that China will lend her aid to Japan. The Powers are very anxious to localize as far as possible the field of operations. What will take place is altogether problematic. The situation is very critical. Japan has simply startled the civilized world by her strength. The feeling of sympathy for Japan is now changing into a vague fear that there is something after all in the talk about the "Yellow Peril." If China should fall into the hands of victorious Japan, the map of the world would be changed.

It may be interesting to our readers to know that the population of Japan is larger than that of the United States in 1860. Japan claims forty-three million people. She can easily raise an army of a million men. She has adopted the most modern methods of warfare. Wireless telegraphy is being used to great advantage by her ships.

"We are hourly helping or harming our fellows. We may not have a thought of one who is near us. We may not say a word, or give a look, kind or unkind, to him. Yet we may cheer and help him, or sadden and dishearten him, by our countenances as he looks at us, as we look at him. No one of us stands or falls to himself alone. Our influence is continuous. There are those who are constantly help their fellows by their loving looks or words. And there are those who are a constant cause of depression, by not being thoughtful to do this. What have you done for others in this way today?"

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Georgia Letter.

G. G. SMITH.

It is my custom to begin every day with the reading of the Bible. Before I read the daily papers I find it profitable to read some part of the Word of God, and to read it for devotional and not for homiletical purposes. I have been reading for some time, an analysis of the Bible in which the various matters of which the Bible treats are put under respective heads, and I have been reading today under the head of "Morals" what the Bible says of ministering to the poor.

Whatever men may say of the God of the Bible, and however the working people of the world may be taught by their leaders to deny him, the poor have had no such friend as is revealed in this book. From the first book of the whole sixty, there is not one which does not defend the poor and seek to protect him against oppression, and secure for him relief and kindly care when he is in need. There is in this world a fearful amount of poverty, and the poor have been with us always, and the hopeless poverty of many who seem to us to be guiltless of any crime calling for punishment is a sad sight to see. The man who can read of the slums of the great cities, of the starving of the masses in the far East, of the condition of the peasantry of Russia and of all Europe, and feel no twinge of pain in his heart, is sadly lacking in human sympathy, but these we must leave where God has placed them, and come to our own land and study the question of poverty and the alleviation of it from our own standpoint. Up to the war between the States and its sad ending as far as the South was concerned there was no part of the world so free from pauperism. There was great simplicity of life in many sections, a want of everything like luxury and great discomfort as men would call it resulting from leaky cabins and tables spread with very homely food, but there was a full supply of all that was really demanded to allay hunger and provide for warmth. The farming people of the middle classes, and the rich planters and the slaves were none of them in want. There was but little call for general benevolence. The poor houses were empty, there were no orphanages nor need of them, and the old and decrepit were always cared for.

There were no large cities and the slums were unknown. There were but few factories, and the operatives were well provided for. There was not a negro beggar in all the land, and not a poor wretch amongst them ever died from want of food or fuel. But the war came, the negro was freed because his master chose rather that he should be free, than the liberty for which the master fought should be lost. Then the poor fellow without money or friends or protector, unwilling to be controlled, unwilling to control himself, was set at liberty to drink and gamble and debauch at will, and he rushed madly like a silly moth to an electric globe to the cities. The money the master had hitherto expended in securing provision for his dependents he now had to invest in factories and enterprises, and so cities grew, and poor people congregated, and now we have thousands of paupers, and there is real want or great privation on every hand. The State does much. It has its poor farm, and poor houses. The people generally do much. There are orphan homes among Jews, Catholics, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Masons, and those with no church connection, crowded with helpless children. We have homes for the friendless, sheltering arms, dispensaries of medicine, and scores of other ways to relieve the poor among us. And all is due to the old book we call the Bible.

The question I have been pondering all day is what is my duty to the poor about me, and what can I do to relieve them.

First of all, I must have a heart to sympathize with them, and must open my eyes to the fact that they are here. I must not, because the sight is distressing, refuse to open my eyes, nor must I quiet myself with the thoughts that they are what they are, because they have chosen to do the things that lead to destitution, or have refused to do those which thrift demands.

On the other hand, I must have no absurd fantastic notions of what my duty to the poor demands, in the way of what we call self-denial. I may eat my beefsteak and my roll in comfort, even though I know the poor negro in the alley below has neither. I may wear my comfortable flannels even though I know he has not good clothing. It is God's will I should, and the butcher and the farmer and the tailor, and the shepherd, are all dependent on me or such as I am, for the supply of their needs, but though I cannot give the pauper all I have, nor even employ him and pay him for his work, as I do my servants, I can help him wisely and kindly after I have paid those who supply my needs, and have furnished of my means to assist the State, and the organized charities, in helping the destitute; there are special calls which I must meet. There are movings of the good Spirit in my heart to which I must respond. Once my heart turned toward a preacher, on a mission. I had not heard from him, but I had a yearning to do something for him. I had but little money, but I sent him a part of that. When he saw me, he said that money came when he was destitute of everything, and came just in time. Once when I was myself in real need, a lady I had never heard of and of another church, sent me a barrel of flour. I met a poor Irish woman in New York once who looked so hopeless and distressed that I put my hand in my pocket for a small coin, but hesitated to offer it to her. She came to me, and said: "An' sir, will ye give me a cint. I have been away up town for wurruk, and have not had a bit of bread today?" Of course I relieved her want without a question further, but when one who was the son of one of my dearest friends, after a debauch came to me for a quarter, I positively refused him. He said he was hungry, and I told him I would buy him a breakfast (which he did not want), but would not give him a penny.

We cannot hamper ourselves by iron-bound rules. Nor are we to be absurd enough to take the Savior's word literally, and give to every one that asks of us an alm.

The church is the best organized charity in this world, if it only realized it. If every church of every name in this land looked after the poor within its survey, there would be no real poverty which would be unrelieved.

But no church ought to be bound by its own limits in dispensing charity. There are churches where there is much money and few poor. There are others where there is but little money and many poor. Then there should be union. Take Richmond up town and down town. If Trinity, in sight of the market, where George Wiley is at work, and its surroundings should have all the burden of his mission to bear, it would soon find itself bankrupt; while if Centenary was to wait to find in reach of it the poor demanding relief, it would have to wait a long time. We will find in our rural settlements but few really destitute among the whites, but the poor black people call loudly for our help.

It is God's plan to make us like Himself, and he gives us hearts to feel for the destitute, and means with which to relieve them. The machinery of the church, its missions, its orphanages, its Conference funds, for the widows, orphans, wornout and invalid preachers, provide a way by which we can do our best work for the poor.

But after all, the best way to remedy poverty is to prevent it, and if we can only make the world generally religious, we will abolish poverty with all its ills. Only in the life of obedience to God's law is there to be found a true sociology.

I wonder why it is that we are not all kinder than we are. How much the world needs it! How easily it is done! How instantaneously it acts! How infallibly it is remembered! How superabundantly it pays itself back!—Southern Churchman.

The Present and Personal Christ.

C. F. SHERRILL.

In the human heart is the feeling that if we are to live near Christ we must live better.

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Purity, love, forgiveness, and humility, are the Christian's crowning graces. These virtues had their perfection in Christ. How little did the pagan know and long for either. The life of Jesus has filled these words with a new meaning. How humble is the genuine Christian. To live near Jesus we must live pure. It has come to mean that the Christian spirit is one of forgiveness. Our Lord was love.

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How beautiful is humility when found in its perfection. The lordly conceit of a Caesar is so different from the matchless humility of the Christ. He who was "Lord of all" was the "servant of all." The Master ministered. The Savior served. Infinite love labored. Humility had its perfection in Jesus. He taught us the true grandeur of life. He was meek and mereiful and masterful.

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What makes the genuine Christian? Not the mere external forms of Christianity. What makes the true patriot? Not to pay his taxes, or to imitate a Washington, or command a regiment. There must be something more than this: the patriotic spirit. Such a spirit will make a patriot. The spirit of the Christ makes a Christian. The Christian character must have the genuine spirit. The patriotic spirit is a lofty thing. The Christian spirit excels it. It is beautiful to love one's country. It is a finer thing by far to seek first the kingdom of God.

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Jesus' mission on earth was more than to teach morals and exemplify virtues in his own life. He taught great moral truths. He excelleth in this respect all earthly teachers. He lived beautifully every great truth he taught. But this was not the chief purpose of his coming. He came to put a new spirit in man. Paul caught the spirit; and John; and Wesley. It is in our reach. To believe the moral truths of Jesus is only a part of our duty. The greatest and most blessed thing of all is to receive the spirit of Christ.

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How great is the power of a strong personality. A brave man will inspire us with strength. To live with one genuinely pure will make us better. Christ is the greatest of all personalities. To live near the Great Companion makes us purer, more loving, humble, and of a forgiving spirit. Napoleon had great influence with his men. The influence of Jesus is greater.

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The influence of a great personality weakens and wanes at death. The Tenth Legion fought no battles for a dead Caesar. Cromwell's Ironsides are no more. Napoleon's Old Guard is only a name. Christ lost nothing by his death. Contrary to all human laws, he gained infinitely by it. The cross has become the crown of his power. He left no glory in the grave. The circling ages increase the potency and power of his unique personality. "I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

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Jesus is the ideal of every noble life; and he is the power that inspires to it. He sets the example, and his spirit in us helps us to live up to it. Christ is both Patron and Power. All the fine sayings of Seneca, Socrates, Confucius, and Epictetus, about a good life, fall far short of the words of Jesus. In this life there is inspiration to a noble life. Love lifts.

"Seeing is believing." Ah, turn it about the other way: "Believing is seeing." Jesus Christ will reveal Himself to that "inner eye which is the bliss of solitude" and the joy of the Christian life—will reveal Himself to that inward eye so clearly, so closely, so certainly as there will be no room left for doubt.—Alex. MacLaren, D. D.

A Personal Estimate.

J. T. GIBBS.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—I have just read your suggestion that there be sent to the Advocate some personal estimates of Rev. A. D. Betts, D. D., while he is still living. My recollections of him when I was his Presiding Elder causes me to estimate him as, perhaps, the most unselfish man amongst us, regarding his fields of labor. Once at Conference, when it was understood between us that he would move, he waited until the appointments had been read, and final adjournment had been had, to deliver his wife's message of love to me, and yet kindly suggested that I could not have been consciously influenced in the making of his appointment by knowledge of such affectionate esteem. On another occasion when developments after an early fourth Quarterly Conference impressed him that some of the brethren would prefer a change in preachers at Conference, he by letter asked me to authorize him to make appointments for me to preach at some of his churches in the week, his Circuit being located between the Circuits I had published quarterly meetings for including the Sabbaths preceeding and sueceeding the week named, and thus be brought me again to his Circuit that the brethren should have opportunity to talk with me, and that I should have opportunity to further study the needs of the work, and he himself magnanimously and cheerfully consented that the change be made, and as to where he should be sent I could only learn from him that he was ready to go anywhere. Indeed, I found him always the very embodiment of the spirit of our itineraney.

Another recollcetion of Dr. Betts. It was at Trinity College at a commencement. I had gone to his room, and my son coming for me I arose to go, when the Doctor laid his hand on me and asked me to wait and have a word of prayer with him, and closing the door we three knelt together and it was not difficult to lead in that prayer; for I was in the prophet's chamber. I love this man of God.

But, Mr. Editor, in writing as above of a living preacher I feel constrained to name another, whose name went for the first time on the list of the superannuates at our last Conference. That other is Rev. J. E. Thompson. Brother Thompson has been the faithful pastor of myself and family, and I have been his Presiding Elder. I have known him long and well, and in my opinion our Conference has had no more guileless man, and he has been too broad to entertain narrow views of his brethren. Once I saw his courage tested, and he, whose modesty had made him at times appear timid, was seen to be the very soul of valor, and yet none the less the disciple of the meek and lowly Jesus. He has been a very useful man, as many in every pastoral charge he has served will attest; his presence will still be a benediction to any community, and his judgment valuable.

What I have written, Mr. Editor, has been prompted by love, and it is not a fulsome tribute to either of these brethren.

Number One.

J. V. WILLIAMS

Your suggestion in last Advocate that we write of our esteem of "Uncle Betts," and bring some of the flowers while he lives, is a good one.

I was with him nearly five weeks, three years ago, and no man ever impressed me more, as being Christ-like. Living holiness.

His success, as the world counts success, has not been very great, yet thousands whom he has led to Christ, call him blessed, and will be a crown of rejoicing in the better world.

A little girl saw the crape on the door, and noticed that they carried in many flowers. The next day she tied crape on her door.

A neighbor came over and asked who was dead. The mother, surprised, called her little girl and scolded her. The little girl in tears, said: "Mamma, I wanted them to bring in flowers before you die."

You remember, Doctor, the day I met Bro. B. B. Culbreth in your office about four years ago. I had been away from North Carolina about ten years, and Brother Culbreth seemed delighted to meet me.

I said: "Brother Culbreth, Ivey is going to say some fine things about you when you are gone. Look how he holds that pen now." He looked and seemed to say: "I wonder if he will?" "But," said I, "my flowers must be brought in now. You have made a grand success in life. You have not made much money perhaps, but the love of thousands for you all over North Carolina is beautiful. Thousands will speak and write lovingly of you when you are gone, but I'll bring in the flowers now."

The tears stealing down the cheek told how I had touched his heart.

A low "thank you" was all he said, and we talked of other things pertaining to the kingdom. "He that winneth souls is wise."

Some Facts About Missionary Collections.

F. D. SWINDELL.

At the Wilmington Conference there was a readjustment of the missionary assessment on the Districts, and resulted in an increase on some districts and a deercase on others.

The increase was as follows:

Raleigh District, $56.00; Durham District, $111.00; New Bern District, $217.00; Washington District, $49.00; Warrenton District, $365.00; Elizabeth City District, $47.00.

Decrease:

Fayetteville District, $73.00; Rockingham District, $237.00; Wilmington District, $344.00.

The increase in collections above the previous year was:

Raleigh District, $63.00; Durham District, $66; Fayetteville District, $175.00; Rockingham District, $154.00; Wilmington District, $571.00; New Bern District, $278.00; Washington District, $221.00; Warrenton District, $270.00; Elizabeth City, District, $160.00.

The largest gain was on the Wilmington District, and the next largest on the New Bern.

The deficits were:

Raleigh District, $329.80; Durham District, $221.36; Fayetteville District, $381.10; New Bern District, $217.58; Washington District, $577.00; Warrenton District, $388.00.

Paid beyond assessment:

Rockingham District, $80.03; Wilmington District, $8.81; Elizabeth City, $76.46.

If the assessments had stood as they were the year previous, the New Bern District would have paid out on missions.

The decrease of assessments on the Rockingham and Wilmington Districts was so large that they were enabled to reach the amounts assessed them.

The Elizabeth City District, with a slightly increased assessment, went beyond, and is the banner district of the Conference in its collections.

Selma Auxiliary.

About three years ago there came to our little town a lovely Christian lady from Weldon, and organized in our church the Woman's Home Mission Society. All who know Mrs. Henry Spiers can understand what an inspiration it was for us to have had her with us at the beginning of this work which has been such a source of blessing and pleasure.

The first two years our membership ranged from sixteen to twenty-two, but for the past year (until a month or so ago) we have had only eleven names on our roll. During the three years of our labors we have never failed to collect every cent of the dues. Since our District meeting in Smithfield, our membership has more than doubled, for we have twenty-five members now, and we mean to have more.

The children in the church have for some time had a local organization connected with our Home Mission Local Department. We are to reorganize this month into the connectional. We are looking for great results from our children, for they are well trained in efforts for the Master, and this will be truly a work of love.

At our last meeting the agent for Our Homes reported five subscriptions. Almost every member of our Auxiliary has access to this excellent paper.

We have been clothing for nearly three years a little boy at the Orphanage in Raleigh, and on last Thanksgiving the children of our church gave a recital and collected $21.25. Most of this the children earned. We tried to make them feel that they were giving their own money. Two little girls made theirs by doing the family washing one week, and it is a large family; we consider this one of the bravest undertakings we have ever known. One little boy made his contribution by carrying in wood, and the little fellow worked manfully, for he is only five years old. Numbers of older ones did the same thing. Little Mary Guerrant Mitchener earned her money by singing and reciting for the boarders and then taking up a collection. She and her sister Rosalie, made $1.13 each, the largest amount made by any one child. We felt very proud of our little folks, and God blessed their efforts.

For the last year we have had numbers of cottage prayer meetings, taking as our subjects the Sunday-school lessons. We are going to meet every week, and after the devotional exercises some member will read while the others sew. In this way we can take in our Reading Course. The garments made at these weekly meetings are to be sold for the benefit of our treasury.

On our Baby Roll there are seven names, and the Mitebox Brigade has eight members. This department has not been given the attention we could wish as we have had no Superintendent for several months. At our last meeting Mrs. Ellis, who has just come to us from Kittrell, was selected as Superintendent of Baby Roll, and we feel sure the work will prosper in the hands and heart of such a noble Christian.

As to the spiritual influence the Home Mission work has had upon our church—this can be said; we love each other better, and there is less selfishness among us. We are broader in our views, and all seem to have more of the love of Christ in their hearts than ever before. We have an excellent Sunday-school and a model Aid Society. Of course we cannot claim credit for all the good influence, but we certainly feel that a large share of it belongs to the Home Missionary Society. We used to dislike sending our money from our own town, we were too much interested in seeing results, but now we feel differently, and our members contribute liberally to almost every call. Being spiritually better, there is little trouble financially. We sent this year $10.00 to the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and also a contribution to Brevard. Our local work has been excellent.

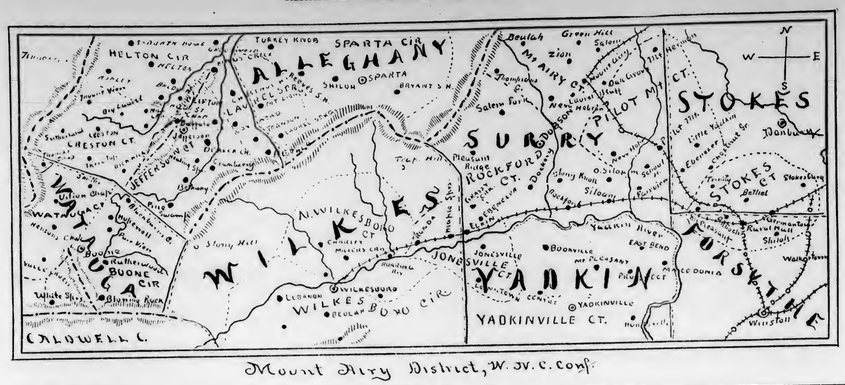
We have tried to give a sketch of our work, feeling sure that our sister Auxiliaries will be glad to read. We all feel happy and very, very thankful that God has so blessed us. We ask all of the Auxiliaries to pray for us, that we may continue in love and fellowship with Christ. We are anxious to meet the laborers in this branch of the Lord's work, and we will gladly welcome the Annual Meeting this year. May it be a source of richest blessings to us all.

MRS. N. E. EDGERTON,
Corresponding Secretary.

Selma, N. C., February, 1904.

Let not soft slumber close your eyes,
Before you've recollected thrice
The train of action through the day!
Where have my feet chose out their way?
What have I learnt, where'er I've been,
From all I've heard, from all I've seen?
What know I more that's worth the knowing?
What have I done that's worth the doing?
What have I sought that I should shun?
What duty have I left undone,
Or into what new follies run?
These self-inquiries are the road
That leads to virtue and to God.

—Isaac Watts.



Mount Airy District, W. N. C. Conf.

A Good Word from Clinton.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—Our pastor, Rev. A. S. Barnes, has completed his second round on the Clinton Circuit, and we have all fallen in love with him, regardless of denominational lines; especially we of the Keener Church.

We are expecting great things this year along all lines of church work, and especially of spiritual blessings. Why not? Is not our Lord able to do great things if we will only put ourselves into His hands and submit to His will?

J. A. F.

Siler City Circuit.

Our first Quarterly Conference was held February 6th and 7th. Brother Hurley in the chair and pulpit gave entire satisfaction. The pastor had to leave him in charge on Sunday to preach to a small congregation, as we were on the road, or under it, for seven hours, and for one hour or more storm lashed and rain splashed as we have not been in twenty years. This part of our religion we did not enjoy; nor next day, on and under the same kind of roads for eight hours. The path of duty is safe, spiritually, but often painful, and even dangerous to the body.

J. SANFORD.

Gates Circuit.

Dear Editor:—I have not written anything from the Gates Circuit, not because I have not been most kindly treated, for while I have not had what might be called a pounding, I have received innumerable tokens of appreciation. The liberality of these most excellent people is not spasmodic, but it abounds the year round. I have been in the Conference twenty years, and every charge that I have served has been a good one (better than I deserved), but I have found no better type of Methodism than we have in Gates County.

The stewards have very kindly raised my salary to $800, which indicates progress, and which I very greatly appreciate.

We are planning to build a new church at Gatesville, and hope to complete it during the year.

The "Old Raleigh" is in high favor in these parts, and you may look for more subscriptions and renewals soon.

Yours truly, T. J. DAILEY.

Front Street, Burlington.

Last night the occupants of Front Street Church parsonage were taken completely by surprise when a large number of friends came into the dining-room and gave us a liberal pounding. About one year ago we were pounded by this same good people. Since we first came to Burlington, we have received, continually, practical evidences of love from this dear people. Beginning back in December and continuing up to last night, we have received many substantial gifts from them.

I have never served a people who treat their pastor with more consideration and who have given me more nice things than some of our Burlington people. I would that I could express to them just how I feel in this matter, but words are not adequate to express my very deep appreciation to them for all their consideration for me and mine.

Mrs. Caviness joins me in fervent prayer that blessings from above may be showered copiously upon them. D. N. CAVINESS.

February 8, 1904.

Craven Circuit.

While on this circuit no occasion has come for using the slang word "pounding," yet the heart has been frequently made glad by generous gifts from godly souls. These have come opportunely as gentle showers, which are beautiful, useful, and inspiring. This year has broken all previous records. The genuine grace of giving is attested by the fact that this is known to but three parties—the giver, the receiver, and the all-seeing One.

Plans are being laid for progress in all departments of church work, including the Conference "organ." We hope to see this militant host nearer the mount of God in 1905 than they are to-day.

W. H. TOWNSEND.

Aurora Circuit.

Since our arrival, the middle of December last, we have been the recipients of much kindness. While we have had no stampede in the way of a pounding, our people have visited us with presents, also such as good things to eat; and their good will and favors continue.

The first day of February, the time of our first quarterly meeting was a cold, snowy day, yet the stewards met and provided liberal things for us, increasing the salary for this year. A committee was appointed to look after the painting of the church and parsonage. In view of the District Conference to be held here during the year, our people are arranging to improve our church and parsonage by a nice coat of paint on each.

Rev. J. D. Bundy, our new Presiding Elder, made a good impression upon us, both as a presiding officer and preacher. He delighted our people. They will be glad to see him come again. Of course we expect you with us Dr. Ivey at our District Conference.

J. M. LOWDER.

Grifton Circuit

Dear Dr. Ivey:—After having spent three years on the Aurora charge, among as good people, in many respects, as you will find anywhere, for I can truly say that we had many strong friends and it was real hard to part from many of them, (but Bishop Candler, at Goldsboro, said go, so we obeyed), we came to Grifton about the middle of December, 1903. We have been received kindly at all points on the work.

On Christmas eve a good number of young people came to the parsonage and gave us a real pounding, consisting of many things for the outer-man, and from that time to the present, they have shown us many acts of kindness. Now I desire to express my gratitude to them all for every act of kindness shown to me and mine, and may God so help me to dispense to them the truth that it may be a great blessing to them all.

Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 6th and 7th. Dr. Swindell was on hand and preached in his usual way, which was profitable and encouraging to all.

All the business of the Quarterly Conference was attended to, the salary was increased and a better payment made than for years past. The Advocate was not overlooked, and we shall continue to do what we can for it. You are giving us a good paper and it ought to be in every Methodist home, but we cannot get every one to take it. May God bless you.

Yours truly. P. GREENING.

Grifton, N. C., February 9, 1903.

Youngsville Circuit.

Dear Advocate:—After four years' service on Elizabeth Circuit, among a people, many of whom attested their love in various ways, my family and I reached our new circuit—Youngsville—about noon on December 16th, and were met by quite a number of ladies and gentlemen, who gave us a cordial welcome, and there being no parsonage on the circuit and no vacant house in town, took us to the hotel and sent our horse to the livery stable until a home could be rented January 1st, the church paying all expenses.

On the following Monday we left to spend Christmas at my old home in Halifax; my first Christmas at home since 1887. After a stay of twelve days there, and at Littleton Female College, I returned to my charge, and have been warmly received at every appointment. My family returned on Thursday, January 28th, in a snow-storm, and on the following Saturday night, notwithstanding the snow, kind hearts—Christians, Baptists and Methodists—found their way to our rented home and left many tokens of appreciation, upon which tokens we expect to subsist for sometime to come. May God bless such people.

Yours sincerely,

GEO. T. SIMMONS.

Learn to laugh; a good laugh is better than medicine. Learn how to tell a story; a well-told story is a welcome as a sunbeam in a sick room. Learn to keep your own troubles to yourself; the world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows. —Exchange.

Of all combats the sorest is to conquer ourselves.—Thomas A. Kempis.

Assessments Raleigh District, 1904.

Raleigh, Edenton Street.—Presiding Elder, $300; Bishops, $43; Conference Claimants, $111; Foreign Missions, $292; Domestic Missions, $231; Church Extension, $105; Education, $138; General Conference Expenses, $15; Paine and Lane Institute, $12. Total, $1,247.

Raleigh, Central.—Presiding Elder, $100; Bishops, $14; Conference Claimants, $41; Foreign Missions, $84; Domestic Missions, $72; Church Extension, $39; Education, $48; General Conference Expenses, $12; Paine and Lane Institute, $3. Total, $413.

Raleigh, Brooklyn and Macedonia.—Presiding Elder, $40; Bishops, $6; Conference Claimants, $10; Foreign Missions, $13; Domestic Missions, $10; Church Extension, $12; Education, $5.50; General Conference Expenses, $2; Paine and Lane Institute, $1. Total, $99.50.

Raleigh, Epworth.—Presiding Elder, $45; Bishops, $6; Conference Claimants, $13; Foreign Missions, $19; Domestic Missions, $14; Church Extension, $16; Education, $10; General Conference Expenses, $3; Paine and Lane Institute, $2. Total, $128.

Cary Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $100; Bishops, $15; Conference Claimants, $49; Foreign Missions, $91; Domestic Missions, $72; Church Extension, $32; Education, $54; General Conference Expenses, $7; Paine and Lane Institute, $5. Total, $425.

Clayton Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $80; Bishops, $14; Conference Claimants, $14; Foreign Missions, $86; Domestic Missions, $63; Church Extension, $38; Education, $56; General Conference Expenses, $6; Paine and Lane Institute, $3. Total, $390.

Smithfield Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $65; Bishops, $17; Conference Claimants, $46; Foreign Missions, $100; Domestic Missions, $78; Church Extension, $36; Education, $45; General Conference Expenses, $6; Paine and Lane Institute, $4. Total, $397.

Selma Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $45; Bishops, $10; Conference Claimants, $28; Foreign Missions, $60; Domestic Missions, $46; Church Extension, $21; Education, $27; General Conference Expenses, $3; Paine and Lane Institute, $3. Total, $243.

Kenly Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $65; Bishops, $12; Conference Claimants, $24; Foreign Missions, $34; Domestic Missions, $31; Church Extension, $17; Education, $35; General Conference Expenses, $4; Paine and Lane Institute, $2. Total, $224.

Millbrook Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $80; Bishops, $14; Conference Claimants, $49; Foreign Missions, $70; Domestic Missions, $52; Church Extension, $24; Education, $51; General Conference Expenses, $5; Paine and Lane Institute, $2. Total, $350.

Youngsville Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $70; Bishops, $12; Conference Claimants, $24; Foreign Missions, $60; Domestic Missions, $52; Church Extension, $37; Education, $40; General Conference Expenses, $4; Paine and Lane Institute, $3. Total, $302.

Franklinton Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $110; Bishops, $17; Conference Claimants, $73; Foreign Missions, $115; Domestic Missions, $108; Church Extension, $36; Education, $57; General Conference Expenses, $9; Paine and Lane Institute, $5. Total, $530.

Louisburg Station.—Presiding Elder, $90; Bishops, $15; Conference Claimants, $53; Foreign Missions, $92; Domestic Missions, $84; Church Extension, $62; Education, $61; General Conference Expenses, $8; Paine and Lane Institute, $5. Total, $470.

Tar River Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $100; Bishops, $17; Conference Claimants, $48; Foreign Missions, $84; Domestic Missions, $88; Church Extension, $48; Education, $49; General Conference Expenses, $7; Paine and Lane Institute, $5. Total, $446.

Granville Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $100; Bishops, $16; Conference Claimants, $44; Foreign Missions, $106; Domestic Missions, $93; Church Extension, $48; Education, $57; General Conference Expenses, $7; Paine and Lane Institute, $5. Total, $476.

Oxford Circuit.—Presiding Elder, $100; Bishops, $18; Conference Claimants, $49; Foreign Missions, $115; Domestic Missions, $83; Church Extension, $48; Education, $44; General Conference Expenses, $7; Paine and Lane Institute, $5. Total, $469.

Oxford Station.—Presiding Elder, $110; Bishops, $21; Conference Claimants, $58; Foreign Missions, $138; Domestic Missions, $103; Church Extension, $57; Education, $57; General Conference Expenses, $10; Paine and Lane Institute, $7. Total, $561.

Wakefield.—Foreign Missions, $10; Domestic Missions, $10. Total, $20.

Recapitulation.—Presiding Elder, $1,600; Bishops, $267; Conference Claimants, $761; Foreign Missions, $1,569; Domestic Missions, $1,290; Church Extension, $676; Education, $857.50; General Conference Expenses, $115; Paine and Lane Institute, $72. Grand total, $7,190.50.

DR PECK'S ASSISTANT PASTOR.

[The late Dr. J. O. Peck was one of the strongest men ever produced by the M. E. Church. It will be seen that he did not consider himself too great to give attention to his Assistant Pastor.—Editor.]

After prayerfully considering the real conditions in my charge, I felt it was an important duty to take my assistant pastor in hand and present our relations to the whole membership and congregation. The first thing I did was to present some straightforward facts to my people from the pulpit. I did this, of course, in the presence of my assistant.

I first gave a short account of some of the experiences in some of my former charges with assistant pastors, proving to my congregation that working together was the only sure way of getting into a kingdom of success. My people listened as never before. They believed what I was saying. In a gentle manner I spoke of my assistant as being effective, efficient, intelligent, and loyal to the church, but would be unable to accomplish much good without my co-operation and that of my people.

I threw my brains, soul, tact, and enthusiasm into my utterances. I talked as if I was in a revival. I had every soul in the house wide-awake and the assistant pastor's mouth and ears wide open. I spoke of the beauties and helpfulness of the work done by my co-worker, and stated how, if we became a part of that work, we would become more intelligent Methodists. I became so in earnest in what I was driving at that I actually appealed to the loyalty of my people and urged them to stand firmly by both—the pastor and his assistant. Then I made a drive at the disloyal. I drove a nail clear in and covered the head with putty. I told them they were not true to their convictions to support neighboring pastors and let their own starve. I swept the whole keyboard of incentives to support our own church and all its interests. I could see by the expressions of faces all over the congregation that I had won a victory. The assistant pastor so enthusiastically praised was pleased, but could not speak.

Everything was said and done that was necessary, I announced that the pastor and his assistant would visit every family in the church as soon as possible and begin sharp-shooting at close range.

We went together—myself and my assistant—The Christian Advocate. I took a clean copy of this great official church paper with me into every home. I even went into stores, shops, and factories. Subscribe! subscribe! was my appeal. The few that hesitated I stayed with till they saw a "great light" and did subscribe. Only here and there a soul escaped. There were always a few people who were too poor to take the paper.

I attended to the work personally. I would no more allow some sister, brother, or unemployed preacher to do such a work for me than I would invite them to lead a revival for me. I always met with success when I made a house-to-house canvass. It was a great work for Christ. O that every pastor would push the circulation of the church paper!

The pastor's assistant is The Christian Advocate.

OUR ANNUAL SEED OFFER.

During the month of February we will send to every subscriber who sends us $1.50 for a renewal eight packages of garden seed to be selected from the following list. Please write plainly your selection and your name and address on a separate sheet to be sent with your letter.

Asparagus—Columbian Mammoth White.
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Parsnip—Hollow Crown.
Rhubarb—Roquette.
Radish—Deep Scarlet, Scarlet Globe.
Tomato—Atlantic Prize, Optimus, Acme.
Watermelon—Georgia Rattlesnake, Florida Favorite.

"Count your mercies, count your mercies, my dear," was good old Grandbother Comforts never-failing advice when things went wrong with those around her. She was not unsympathetic or unkindly—quite the reverse; but she was a philosopher, in her homely fashion. She knew that, if she could only get people to count their "mercies," the list would be so long that it would crowd out altogether the ill that at first sight loomed up so large. It is a simple remedy for real or fancied ills, and easily applied—"Count your mercies."

The Rev. Frank Swainson, of All-Saints' Church, Sheffield, enjoys the distinction of having the largest Bible class in England, if not in the world. He started his men's class at All-Saints' in 1898 with a membership of nine; in two years the number had increased to 500, and in three years to 900; at the commencement of the present year the figure stood at 2,003, and last month it had further increased to over 2,200—a total which is said to put it ahead of Mr. Rockefeller's famous class in New York.

An opal lay in the case, cold and lusterless. It was held a few moments in a warm hand, when it gleamed and glowed with all the beauty of the rainbow. All about us are human lives of children or of older persons, which seem cold and unbeautiful, without spiritual radiance or the gleams of indwelling light which tell of immortality. Yet they need only the touch of a warm human hand, the pressure of love, to bring out in them the brightness of the spiritual beauty that is hidden in them.—J. R. Miller, D. D.

Beauty, truth, love, are the realities which abide. Goodness has slowly proved itself in the world—is every day proving itself to be that to which reason tends, in which it realizes itself.—Mrs. Humphry Ward.

A maiden lady, an enthusiastic admirer of the pastor's wife, said: "If I were given the choice of being somebody else than myself, I have often thought I would like to be our pastor's wife."

Our Boys and Girls.

Snow Hill, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy eight years old, and I go to Sunday-school. My teacher is Miss Iola Patrick. I have two brothers and one little sister. I like to live at Snow Hill.

Will close by asking this question. Who was the strongest man?

Yours truly.

ERL T. SELL.

February 2, 1904.

Camden, N. C., Feb. 3, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks letters so much. I have two brothers and one sister. I go to Sunday-school and every-day school too.

Will close for this time by asking a question: What army killed king Og?

Your unknown friend.

FANNIE M. SATTER.

Snow Hill, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—My brothers are writing to the Children's Column, so I got mamma to write for me. I am five years old, and go with papa to church often, and enjoy it. I am not going to school yet, but will go when I am old enough. I hope that old waste-basket will not catch me.

With love and best wishes for the Advocate, and all the little folks, I am,

Your friend,

MARVIN MOORE SELL.

Smithfield, N. C., Feb. 2, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—My mother takes your paper and I enjoy reading the little folks letters. This is my second letter. I go to school and Sunday-school. I never miss Sunday-school unless I am sick or away any kind of weather. I have the same school and Sunday-school teacher. It is Miss Mabel Coltrane, our pastor's daughter.

I will answer Mary Inez Pruden's question: John's head was given to the daughter of Herodias and his body was buried by his disciples. I will ask a question: Who was the first martyr?

Enclose you will find ten cents for the Orphanage.

ERMA E. STEVENS.

Sanford, N. C., Feb. 1, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I would like to enter your warm circle of boys and girls once more. I have not written in so long a time that I daresay none of the correspondents remember me. I will answer Miss Emma L. Taylor's question. King Og of Bashan slept on an iron bedstead. It was nine cubits long and four cubits wide.

I will also answer Mary Inez Pruden's question. John the Baptist was beheaded by the command of Herod, and the head was given to the daughter of Herodias, who carried it to her mother. The body was buried by Jesus' disciples.

I have two questions to ask, and am requested to ask a third.

How many times is the word "grandmother" mentioned in the Bible?

Methusalch was the oldest man known of, yet his father lived longer than he; also how many people known of ascended to heaven alive?

Will some one answer these questions?

With best wishes to the Advocate and Brother Jenkins and his orphan children, I remain.

Your true friend,

SAMUEL J. STEPHENS.

Snow Hill, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy nine years old. I go to Sunday-school every time I can. My teacher is Miss Iola Patrick. I also go to the public school here. Miss Mattie Albritton is my teacher. I like my teachers very much. I am studying grammar, geography, speller, arithmetic, and am reading Robinson Crusoe.

I have two little brothers younger than myself, and one pretty little sister. Her name is Kathleen. She can talk plainly.

We spent Christmas with Grandma Allen, and had a nice time.

Will ask a question. How old was Moses when he died?

Yours truly.

ALLEN MUNSEY SELL.

February 2, 1904.

Seaboard, N. C., Feb. 1, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eight years old my next birthday. I have been to hear our new preacher twice. His name is J. G. Johnson. We like him so much. He has not called on papa yet, but he will soon. Rev. Mr. Fox was our preacher last year, and his flock liked him on each of his charges and spoke highly of him. I think Brother Johnson will fill his place as a preacher, but we hated so bad to give Brother Fox up. He served us faithfully for two years, but on account of his health, he got a transfer to the Western North Carolina Conference.

I am going to school every day. My teacher is Mr. J. E. Woodroof.

Success to the Advocate. I remain,

Yours truly,

EMMA F. HARRIS.

Vandemere, N. C., Jan. 25, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl thirteen years old. I go to school every day. I study arithmetic, spelling, grammar, history, geography. My teacher's name is Mr. Daniel Caffery. I go to Sunday-school, and I like to go. My teacher's name is Miss Annie W. Cabell, and I like her very much.

I will answer Lilla May Trower's question. Joseph had twelve brothers.

Now I will ask a question. Who was it spoken of in the Bible that had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot—twenty-four in all?

If this escapes the waste basket, I will write again. I will close.

Your unknown friend,

NANNIE MORRIS.

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"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."

The regular monthly meeting of the Edenton Street Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. was held last Monday afternoon, with a large attendance of members.

The routine of work, as called for in the program, showed a satisfactory state of things in the Auxiliary. Our Corresponding Secretary being detained at home by illness, her sister, Miss N. Hutchings, read for us the leaflet, "The Unemployed In Our Churches."

Mrs. B. F. Dixon delegate, and Mrs. R. O. Burton alternate, was the result of an election for a representative to our Annual Meeting in Elizabeth City.

Arrangements were made also for the meeting of the Union Missionary Association which will be held at Edenton Street Sunday-school room, February 15th. These meetings are interesting and helpful to all who attend—"in union there is strength."

Miss Mary Pesend will have eager listeners as she recounts her experiences and the condition of affairs in her field of labor in Brazil.

The following earnest appeal from our Corresponding Secretary should be carefully read and considered. Is there a member of our missionary societies who will not be impressed by the serious facts that confront her; and will she not at once respond to the urgent need of our cause? Is there a woman who would be willing or pleased to know that her failure to meet her obligations to the Missionary Society was bringing failure to her Lord's cause, and depriving our workers abroad of the means to spread the light and joy of the blessed gospel? There surely cannot be one; and it will only be necessary for our women to read about the real condition of things in the following appeal, to cause them to examine closely what they have done in the past, and to resolve to act at once in making good any delinquency. Remember that there is imperative need for every cent of Dues and Conference Epense Fund, as well as the Pledge assessment money—some have no idea of the importance of these.

May the following words reach the heart and conscience of every reader:

Goldsboro, Feb., 1904.

Dear Sisters:—The crisis is not only upon the Woman's Board, but it has come to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference; and with bated breath, we are watching the issue of the crucial hour.

Our pledge is behind $721.45; the fund for the Isabella Hendrix Home and School, $66.45; the Student Loan Fund, $41.45; and the Conference Expense Fund, in arrears.

You see by these figures how much we are behind in our collections, and you doubtless feel that something must be done. What we do must be done quickly, even in a few days, as the first of March will close our fiscal year.

Let me appeal to you in the name of our Christ and for the sake of those poor unfortunates who have never heard of Him, to open your hearts and your purses, and pour out a generous offering to the Lord, who has dealt so bountifully with you.

You who have not given to these collections, do so now; and you who have given, double your contributions, and thus "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

This appeal is to each individual. The responsibility is upon you; make some real sacrifice that you may help in this hour of need. Will some woman who is able, make a special gift now? Ah! what a help it would be! But let all give something, remembering the blessing that came from the widow's mite.

To repeat, we need $721.45 to bring up our pledge; this includes the salaries of our missionaries and the Children's Hospital, the Mary Black Memorial, in Soo Chow, China. This hospital, as you know, is supported by the Bright Jewels of the North Carolina Conference.

We need to finish out our assessment to the Isabella Hendrix Home and School in Juiz de Fora, Brazil. $66.45; and to meet the remainder of our amount promised to the Student Loan Fund in the Scarrett Bible and Training School we must raise $41.55.

And as to our Conference Expense Fund, the treasury is really empty. the amount on hand is only $12.60, and all of that and more too, is due for printing blanks and for other expenses.

We really have nothing in the treasury to meet the running expenses, and the expense of the Annual Meeting of our Conference Society in April.

Let me doubly urge every member to pay her twenty-five cents for Conference Expense Fund without fail, and just as soon as possible.

If any neglected to pay this fund last year, let them pay that also.

I think we have never been in such a strait since our organization twenty-five years ago; and since the times have not been stringent, we cannot understand the deficit.

My faith in you is strong; I believe that our women will come at once to the rescue, and will respond cheerfully and liberally to the call of Him who said: "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me."

Yours in His name,

SUE D. SWINDELL,
Corresponding Secretary.

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Daily Study of the Word of God.

We cannot be successful missionaries unless we follow the teachings of the first and greatest Missionary. And we are infinitely blessed in having His life so plainly set before us. But do we study it as we should? Unless we do, and from it gain nourishment and strength, there will be nothing to give others. I think many of us desire to be intelligent, well-equipped Christians, but there are many duties, it is not easy to find time for much study. Let us, then, look for helps.

BIBLE STUDY IN "OUR HOMES."

I know of no better than the carefully prepared, comprehensive and conscientious lessons in our organ, and commend them to every Auxiliary, indeed, I urge every one to take up at once and pursue faithfully. Fremont is the only one that has written me of the regular using of them. How many more can make the same sweet confession? I am glad to say our Edenton Street Auxiliary at the January meeting decided to begin at once, and I believe much will be gained.

OUR HOME MISSION ORGAN.

What would result if there were fifty thousand women daily pursuing this Bible Study? Such spiritual development as we have scarcely been able to realize, and such an advance in mission methods as we have never seen? Let us earnestly strive to increase the circulation of "Our Homes." Every woman may have a hand in this effort and it would be time well spent.

Boxes of Supplies.

Since my item on this subject in last week's Advocate, the joyful news has come that Mrs. Yarborough's appeal brought a sufficient number of responses to supply the needs of all applicants. Is it not direct answer to prayer? Next summer, or early fall, let us begin to prepare in time, that we may be ready for the first calls.

Our School at Brevard.

What a pleasure to look on the picture of Brevard School in our February issue? And it is an imposing building, but by no means complete within. The brave teachers and pupils have endured hardships there this winter with poor heating arrangements, and few appliances for work; but the furnace is now almost in place, comforts and conveniences are increasing, order is coming out of chaos, and the people are showing their appreciation of the work.

100 PUPILS

There are now one hundred pupils, nine boarding in the house, and more are expected.

How stand the subscriptions? It is important that every Auxiliary see to it that the report for the fourth quarter contains these happy words, "Brevard subscription paid in full." And I trust both Conferences are working manfully to lift the entire debt, that it may be ready for presentation to the Board in April. There is only a little more than a month longer to work.

Mrs C. Price Brown, Superintendent of The Horner-Tobernan Home.

There was general rejoicing when this fine woman accepted the position of Superintendent of this Home. Her knowledge of the community and her long experience as a Christian worker will be most useful, while her judgment, tact and piety fit her pre-eminently to advise and lead the young Deaconesses.

Selma Auxiliary.

It is a great pleasure to give you on another page Mrs. N. E. Edgerton's admirable sketch of her Auxiliary. As we read of its sweet spirit of fellowship, and beautiful words and works, we rejoice anew that our Annual Meeting is to be held with these choice Christians.

HOW TO ENJOY BREAKFAST.

"Just a roll and coffee, is all I ever eat for breakfast." How often you hear this statement, especially among women. Some men talk the same way. What's the trouble? Breakfast should be one of the best meals of the day. It is needed to get up steam for the body and nerves for the daily toil. When a person doesn't enjoy breakfast, there's something wrong with the stomach. In the majority of cases it is tired out and weak in the morning from working overtime trying to digest things which should never have been put into it and in fighting to get rid of poisonous, catarrhal waste matter. While this rough and tumble goes on in the stomach, the brain is made unnaturally active by weird dreams, some of them frightful in nature. Result—mental and physical exhaustion in the morning.

The stomach of a healthy person rests at night, so does his brain. If your appetite is bad, if you are restless at night, if you have bad dreams, if you are distressed after eating, if your breath is bad in the morning, if you are troubled with catarrh, if you are bilious, if you are constipated, if your kidneys do not act properly, and if you are generally run down, you need Vernal Palmetona (formerly known as Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine). Only one dose a day is required. Take it on going to bed. You will have perfect rest at night, a good appetite for breakfast and enjoy all your other meals. You can get it at all drug stores. If you want a free sample bottle, to try before you buy, send us your name and address. It will be sent promptly, postpaid. Vernal Remedy Co., 538 Seneca Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

SPECIAL RATES VIA S. A. L.

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C. H. GATTIS, C. P. T. A.
Raleigh, N. C.

Editorial.

It is so painfully common for some Methodists who take up their residence in a new locality to be seemingly oblivious to the fact that they have a church certificate in their pockets that when we do see a new resident placing his certificate at once in the hands of the pastor we receive a positive refreshment. We heard a pastor say a few days ago that some Methodists moved one day into his town and the next day (Sunday) deposited at the church door with the usher their certificates to be handed to the pastor. This is what we call Methodism.

A recent report of the Ohio State Penitentiary classes the inmates as follows: Methodist, 409; Catholic, 321; Baptist, 302; Lutheran, 140; Congregationalist, 129; Disciples, 53; United Brethren, 49; Episcopalian, 36. Of course these prisoners do not claim membership, but affiliation through parentage. There being more Methodists in Ohio than any other denomination, it falls to the lot of Methodism to wear the unsavory honor of numerical primacy. But let us drop this subject. It is extremely embarrassing. The "figgers" are disreputable.

There is a fraternal order known as the Knights of the Golden Eagle whose membership is about 75,000. Many of the "Eagles" are saloon men, and the order has been rather priding itself on its broadness on the liquor question. But there is now a movement to reject all applicants who are connected with the manufacture and sale of liquor. The "Eagles" know how much they can stand. This is one of many striking illustrations of the fact that liquor selling in this country is doomed. The tidal wave of temperance is going to sweep the whole country.

We often hear of a revival "breaking out," just as if it were measles or small-pox. We feel sure that there is no such occurrence as the "breaking out" of a revival. A revival comes as an answer to deep, earnest, soul-hungry prayer. It is the result always following the exercise of elements working in a human heart which with a mighty faith takes hold on God. If there seems to be a "breaking out" without human premeditation and expectation, you may feel sure all the same, that some one has been preparing for it. A true revival is always a "breaking in"—of divine light and life.

Bishop Galloway, in his admirable address on "Methodism's To-morrow," delivered recently in St. Louis, advocated a plan for the easy transfer of ministers from one branch (North or South) to the other without a surrender of credentials on the one hand or the formal recognition of orders on the other. The Bishop thinks that the present plan is an "ecclesiastical incongruity," and somewhat after the fashion of the good brother who, at one of our Annual Conferences, gravely said, "I and the Bishop have agreed on this point," we would say that Bishop Galloway agrees with us in his views as stated above.

Several of our church papers across the line are discussing the religion of Abraham Lincoln. We cannot find any evidence that Mr. Lincoln was anything more than a moralist. He believed in the existence of God and in the inspiration of the Bible, just as does the great majority of Anglo-Saxon people, but that he was a Christian, we cannot believe. Yet we must say that Mr. Lincoln never in his life applied to Jefferson Davis, General Lee, and other Southern men the bitter epithets of "traitors" and "murderers" which were applied to these men by the great Bishop Simpson who delivered the celebrated funeral oration on Lincoln.

The two acts necessary to God in the birth and development of Christian character are surrender and obedience.—Rev. I. Mench Chambers.

A FLYING SCUD.

The principle of lay representation in our higher Conferences began to work a long time ago. The "little handful on the mountain" has increased mightily until now we have the laity represented in every official body of our Church. And it is right. The wisdom of lay representation has been amply demonstrated.

But we see a flying scud in the sky. It is capable of bellying and blackening into a storm-cloud stretching from horizon to horizon. We cannot tell. The Methodists believe in an electrically charged atmosphere. They believe that such an atmosphere stimulates pious energy, accelerates the speed of the wheels of progress, and promotes spiritual digestion.

But it is probable that the present flying scud will sail away into the west to drape the sunset temple. We at least trust that it will emit no lightning nor procreate a hurricane. We do not think that it will. It is only a low lying cirrus—we trust.

There is on the part of some a demand, on the part of others only a suggestion, that laymen be accorded a place in the Bishops' Cabinet. The place, of course, is to be measured, cleared, and swept by an enactment of the General Conference. We hardly see how the General Conference can do this, inasmuch as the law of our church recognizes no such thing as a Bishop's Cabinet. We have what is called a Bishop's Cabinet, but it is a creation of the Bishop, himself who has it in his own power to foster or destroy this creation of his. Like our good brother, Dr. Boswell, of the New Orleans, we see at present in a legislative enactment providing for this lay representation in the Cabinet several anomalies and the birth of ecclesiastical embarrassment.

If, however, this call for lay representation in the Cabinet be the demonstration of the popular spirit which desires a full opportunity for the laymen of the church to express their views to the Bishop, we see nothing but what is sound, practical, and Methodistic. It has been understood from the very first that no Bishop is able to make any just and wise disposition of the preachers without learning adequately the needs of the various fields and the equipment and capabilities of the various preachers. Claiming no infallibility, the Bishop must obtain the necessary information outside of his own head and heart. He must get it from those best qualified to know—the Presiding Elders. This is one great function of the Presiding Eldership which makes the institution a necessity in Methodist polity. Inability to exercise this function and carry it out to its beneficent conclusion in giving the Bishop that information which in some cases he could not otherwise get would be the reductio ad absurdum of an Episcopal polity.

But Presiding Elders are fallible. At times they make lack information which laymen could furnish. We see nothing in our economy which would debar the latter from conferring with the Bishop with the assurance that the conference would be welcome to the man on whom the heavy responsibility of making the appointment finally rests.

We heard one of our Bishops practically say that before making the appointments he welcomed the views of any Methodist sincerely desirous of advancing the best interests of Methodism and seeking the glory of God.

We feel sure that the spirit is Methodistic and wise. We also feel sure that when the laity learn that they may feel free in talking not only to the Presiding Elders but to the Bishops about the needs of the various fields of labor, all talk about official representation in the Cabinet will cease, and the "flying scud" will become a dream.

NOTICE OF THANKS.

I desire to thank the friends who have responded to my letters, and to say to those who have not answered that I am hopefully waiting to hear from them. Fraternally,

A. McCULLEN.

MAKING A MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

We have just received from Rev. R. H. Willis, Conference Secretary of Missions, a copy of a circular letter which has been sent to every preacher in the Conference. It is full of encouraging information and earnest exhortation.

The tables show that, during the last six years, the collections for Foreign and Domestic Missions have increased from $15,215 to $23,531. In the last two years the increase has amounted to $4,439. Six years ago, the deficit was $8,482. Last year it was $1,969. Six years ago there were only thirty-four charges that paid their missionary assessment in full, and only five that overpaid this assessment. Last year one hundred and seven charges paid in full, and of these twenty-seven paid in full. Previous to 1902, no District had paid its missionary assessments in full. Last year three Districts, the Elizabeth City, the Wilmington and the Rockingham, overpaid the assessment.

Certainly, it is nothing but natural and reasonable for us to expect that, if proper methods be used with consecrated energy on the part of the preachers, the Journal of the next Conference will show the assessments of every District paid in full. This consummation should certainly be the goal for every preacher and layman in the Conference. We can and should reach it. The love of God which is shed abroad in the human soul by a Heaven-descended Spirit is the love which yearns for the salvation of every lost soul, and goes out to meet it. The love which glows in any soul or church is measured therefore by the missionary exploits of that soul or Church.

Begin early in taking collections, organize the Sunday-schools into Missionary Societies, preach the gospel in the waste places at home, draw energy and enthusiasm from the dyamo of a true revival in every church, and the work will be done.

This Mid-Winter Missionary Meeting was a most happy conception. We feel sure that great good will flow from it. This and the District Missionary Institutes will help mightily not only the missionary heart of our Conference, but will break in rich blessings on every interest of the church.

A LETTER THAT CHEERS.

We are in receipt of more than an ordinary number of letters expressing appreciation of the Raleigh Christian Advocate. It is clear that it is the consensus of opinion that the motto of the paper, "Better and Better," is being lived up to. We wish that we could publish all these letters, but lack of necessary space forbids. We, however, append the following from one of our patriarchs who in his old age has lost none of his loyalty to the church and love for God.

"Please find check for $1.50 to run to January 1, 1905. I have been a regular subscriber to the Advocate about fifty years, commencing with the beginning, joined the Methodist Church 18th September, 1843. Rev. Joseph Goodman in charge (then Roanoke Circuit, I think), Nathan Anderson, Jr., preacher, at Zion Church; was steward 33 years. Wife and I passed our golden wedding 12th October, 1898. Wife now 74; I am in my 79th year. The Lord has been very good to us, for which we are thankful. We have enjoyed the Advocate a long time, but more than ever now.

Yours truly, etc.,

W. W. WHITE.

Manson, N. C., Feb. 2, 1904.

On February 22, Hon. R. B. Glenn, of Winston, will deliver the anniversary address before the Neithean Literary Society of the Louisburg Female College. On May 22, at eleven o'clock a. m., the new Methodist Church in Louisburg will be dedicated by Bishop W. W. Duncan, of South Carolina, and at eight o'clock p. m., of the same day, the Bishop will address the Young Women's Christian Association of Louisburg Female College. On Tuesday, May 24, at eleven o'clock a. m., the Bishop will preach the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class and young ladies of the college. On commencement day, May 25, at eleven o'clock a. m., Hon. Thomas W. Mason, of Garysburg, will deliver the literary address.

North Carolina Methodism.

Rev. F. M. Shamburger, pastor at Oxford, was given a reception by his members last week.

The members of Centenary Church, Greensboro, N. C., are preparing to erect a large and handsome edifice in a choice part of the city.

The New Bern District Conference will be held at Beaufort, beginning June 30, and embrace the first Sunday in July. Bishop A. Coke Smith will preside.

Rev. J. M. Rice writes: "My health is still very poor. I can read but little, but I enjoy the visits of the "Old Raleigh." It seems to get 'better and better.'"

Rev. E. C. Glenn will assist Rev. W. E. Hocutt in a meeting at South Mills, to begin February 18. Brother Glenn has just closed a successful meeting at West Durham.

The Spencer Methodist Church has closed the contract by which the building of the Presbyterian Church in East Spencer becomes the property of the Methodist Church.

There will be a special meeting of the Methodist preachers of Raleigh and Wake County on next Monday at 11.30 a. m., in the Sunday-school room of Edenton Street Church.

The Executive Committee of the Methodist Orphanage met here and ordered four hundred opera chairs for the chapel. The chapel will be one of the most elegant auditoriums in the State.

Rev. J. W. Bradley, P. C. Rowland Circuit, who has spent several weeks in Louisiana on a business trip, has returned to his work, and he writes us encouragingly of the prospects of the "Old Raleigh" on his work.

Rev. W. L. Grissom was in Raleigh a few days, ago and in his visit to the office, he told us that he was very busy on his History of Methodism, which will be published at an early day. This will be a very valuable book for the church.

The following brethren were appreciated visitors during the last few days: Y. T. Ormond, Esq., Kinston; Rev. A. P. Tyer, Wilson; Dr. J. C. Kilgo, Durham; Mr. W. D. Hunter, of Sanford; and Dr. E. H. Bobbitt, of Franklin County.

The following nice note has come from Rev. E. R. Welch, Hope Mills Circuit: "I am very busy, having lately come here, but you can count on my doing what I can. Among other duties, I have a free night school—three nights per week. Am getting started off well with my work."

Rev. J. A. Lee received a telegram Tuesday from Henrietta, N. C., conveying the sad news of the death of his father, Mr. J. H. Lee, at his home in that place. Mr. Lee left Tuesday afternoon to attend the funeral service. Brother Lee and the other bereaved ones have our deepest sympathy.

Mr. J. M. Jones, one of our truest laymen, says in a recent letter, enclosing subscription: "I can't do without the dear 'Old Raleigh;' it is a great help to me spiritually, and I lay it by when it comes to enjoy especially on the Sabbath when I can enjoy its good reading matter. Your are giving us a splendid paper."

The North Carolina Christian Advocate announces that some one has stolen the typewriter of Dr. T. F. Marr, pastor of Tryon Street, Charlotte. The theft of a typewriter belonging to certain of our own correspondents (if they had one) would be as great loss to the "Old Raleigh" as to the owner of the machine.

To any of our young preachers who are in need of theological books, Rev. L. M. Brower, of Liberty, N. C., will sell anything he has in a large selection of our standards at a very low price. Write, stating what is wanted, and he will quote prices in reach of the smallest salaried brethren. He has a well selected library, accumulated in the last twenty years, and will take pleasure in writing to any who are in need of books.

General Notes.

The Universalist Church has sent a missionary to Japan—Miss Shock, of Akron, Ohio.

The Epworth Era, with its new Associate Editor and its artistic heading, is taking on new life.

There were five thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight additions in North Georgia Conference in 1903.

Dr. Lambuth, Missionary Secretary of the M. E. Church, South, has been doing some very valuable work in Georgia.

The Madison Square Presbyterian Church, of which Dr. Parkhurst is the pastor, reports an endowment of $204,434.

Bishop Galloway has accepted an invitation to preach the commencement sermon at the Tuskegee Institute on May 22.

One thousand applicants have filed their petitions to be elected as Dr. Gregg's successor at Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church.

The suggestion comes from the Baptist Argus, of Louisville, that a World Conference of Baptists be held in St. Louis in July of this year.

In the Superior Court in Augusta, Ga., last week, twenty-four jurors on a panel of thirty-eight were disqualified for service as jurors in divorce suits.

Last year six hundred and four men and boys professed conversion in the meetings held under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association of Atlanta.

The sixth Congress of the Disciples of Christ is to be held at Chicago, March 22-24, 1904. The address of welcome will be delivered by President Harper, of the University of Chicago.

On the return of Chancellor Kirkland to the Vanderbilt campus, after a tour abroad of seven months, an enthusiastic reception was given him on the evening of January 25, in the University chapel.

The American Missionary Association is raising a special twentieth century fund of $250,000 to be drawn upon in years that legacies fall below the normal. About $125,000 has already been raised.

One of the lawyers, Korachefsky, who represented the Jews of Kishineff, Russia, in the prosecution of those who massacred the women and children there some months ago, has been sent to Siberia for five years.

The Board of Trustees for the Wesleyan Memorial Hospital, which is to be located in Atlanta, has been organized with Bishop W. A. Candler, president; W. L. Peel, treasurer, and Dr. Floyd W. McRae, secretary.

There are about 80,000 Southern Methodists in Arkansas, divided into three conferences. Bishop Hoss thinks they should by all means combine and form two conferences, with one hundred and sixty ministers and forty thousand members each.

Rev. N. B. Dagenhart, of the Clyde Circuit, who was admitted on trial at the last Annual Western North Carolina Conference, we are sorry to announce, has had to give up his work on account of poor health. He has returned to his home in Alexander County.

During the period of eighty-one years the printing of Dr. Morrison's Chinese New Testament with the circulation was about 3,500,000. During the last eight years the circulation has been over 4,660,000 volumes, of which 51,000 were the whole Bibles and 184,000 New Testaments.

Rev. Dr. S. A. Steel, of the M. E. Church, South, favored the Chicago Preachers' Meeting on Monday of last week with an address on "Home Life in Dixie During the Civil War," giving childhood impressions, personal reminiscences, and vivid descriptions of the every-day life and experience of the Southern people during those four dreadful years of civil strife.

Publisher's Column.

ONLY FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

We would say that the offer to send the Raleigh Christian Advocate and the Progressive Farmer one year for $2.00 applies only to new subscribers. The offer never was designed to apply to renewals. We would also say that when we make these low rates the seed offer does not apply. If you are not a subscriber to the Raleigh Christian Advocate, send us $2.00, and we will send the Advocate and the Progressive Farmer for one year.

THE DISTRICTS THIS WEEK.

It will be seen that the Raleigh District stands ahead so far in the number of new subscribers sent in. The Wilmington District stands next. The Washington District stands third. Elizabeth City and Warrenton tie. Durham District stands lowest, but is only gathering reserved strength to surprise the other Districts, we imagine. Only the unusually bad weather has kept out of the regular table much larger figures for each District. Let us see how it will be next week.

SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE.

The continued bad weather has checked the flow of remittances that usually pour in at this time of the year. We trust that all our subscribers whose renewals are due will not wait for fair weather, but will let us hear from them at once.

In a few days we will begin to send out statements to all subscribers who are behind. Remember that we cannot afford to send out such a paper as we are now publishing at the rate of $1.50 a year unless this price be paid in advance. We are compelled to use business methods, and no one can justly complain if he receives a statement of his indebtedness to the Advocate. We are compelled to collect at once.

AS IT STANDS.

The following shows how many new subscribers have been received from each District since December 1st.

Raleigh District	27
Fayetteville District	15
Washington District	18
Elizabeth City District	14
Rockingham District	8
Warrenton District	14
New Bern District	13
Wilmington District	24
Durham District	5

The Conference has requested each District to furnish 150 new subscribers by May 1, 1904. The report for each District will be made weekly in this column. The District reporting the largest number of new subscribers by May 1, 1904, will receive a present not costing less than $25.00, to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

THE HANDBOOK MAPS.

The maps showing the location of all the Methodist churches in the State constitute one of the valuable features of the North Carolina Methodist Handbook for 1904. These maps have elicited many expressions of commendation from people outside of the State. Our brethren of other denominations think that the maps are wonderful. Nothing of the kind for a whole State has ever been gotten out before. To show our friends who have not yet opened their eyes to the fact that in the Handbook they have that which they cannot afford to do without, we publish a sample map on one of the pages of the Advocate this week. The reader can see that it combines accuracy with artistic finish.

The Handbook for 1904 represents more work and contains more valuable matter than any Handbook yet issued by us. Every reader of the Advocate should have a copy which costs only 25 cents. See your preacher, and if he has none on hand, order at once from this office.

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We hope to hear soon from some presiding elder who has thrown the weight of his influence in the Epworth League scale. Who'll be the first?

The squibs in this column are not to fill space. We mean business—League business. Let us all be up and doing. Let us say, we, His servants, will arise and build and remove the reproach that now overshadows us.

Before these columns fall under the eyes of the readers two Leagues will in all probability be organized. One at Goldsboro and the other at Smithfield. We hope to report quite a number of new Leagues this year. Brethren, let the good work go on.

What are the Leagues doing? We would be glad to have items of interest, each week for these columns, from all the chapters. Do not wait to write a page. Tell us in few words, on a postal card, something of interest that has transpired in your chapter. If anything has gladdened your hearts, it may be helpful in some way to others. Tell it out! Tell it out!

It may cost you, brother pastor, much work, much hard work, to organize and set a-going properly and successfully an Epworth League, but it is worth all your effort to train intelligent workers for future Methodism. The League is a providential arrangement; its success means volumes for our beloved church. If you cannot see it that way, try just one successful League, and I will underwrite a resolution of your League thought.

Shall we hold a Conference League? When and where? What say the brethren?

What districts contemplate the holding of District Conference Leagues? The Wilmington District held such a successful League last year the brethren of that district will of course hold another this year. The New Bern District will be the second. Which District will be the next?

Father Jenkins, of the Orphanage, complains that our Leagues do not take the Orphanage to heart. It is not that we are indifferent to the great cause he represents, but because we have not yet been in position to do the good we wish to do. We young people are very fond of babies, and when we are strong enough we will want to help care for them and "spell" Father Jenkins a little.

He also says: "The church has not taken the League to heart much." Does he mean that the mother has cast her child out as a waif? Well, we will not play the part of a waif. As we are able, we will contribute to the mother's comfort. We are strictly loyal to her that gave us birth; we love her with an undying love.

A Hunger for Souls.

There is no work in which Epworthians may engage that is freighted with such joy to the worker, and at the same time so fruitful of good as personal work for souls. We are indebted to the Enworth Herald for the following helpful words on this subject:

The half-hearted Christian is never a soul-winner. In the very nature of the case he cannot be. The task is too great and delicate for the indifferent one. The whole heart and life must be involved. We must be consumed with anxiety to bring souls home to God. Consumed. Yes, that is the word. It must be the principal thing in life. Everything else must be of minor importance. Everything else must give way to it.

This is especially so when we attempt the work of personal evangelism. The same kind of consecration might possibly be dispensed with when we are making public appeals to a crowd. But when we are seeking to reach sinners one by one this hunger for souls is an essential condition of success. We can do little with individuals unless we yearn for their salvation.

In one of his addresses Bishop Goodsell relates this incident concerning the late Dr. J. O. Peck: "While I was pastor at First Church, New Haven, Dr. Peck having succeeded me at Trinity, it was my custom to go to New York on an early train Monday morning to read proofs of a department in The Christian Advocate, of which I then had charge. One morning I met Dr. Peck before six o'clock, plowing his way through the sand a foot deep. 'What calls you out so early, doctor?' I asked. 'I am going to see a man who has lied to the Holy Ghost, and speak with him before he goes to his work. He promised God and me yesterday that he would seek pardon at the altar last night, and he did not come, and I am going to see about it.' I shall never forget the wonderful light in his eye and his determined stride, as he plowed on after the neglectful soul. Was it any wonder that he was a great evangelist?"

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Sunday School.

Lesson for February 21, 1904.

Jesus and the Sabbath.

(Matthew 12: 1-13.

Golden Text.—It is lawful to do well on the Sabbaths days. (Matt. 12: 12.)

After the healing of the paralytic, the next event of which we read in the life of Christ is the calling of Matthew, the publican, to be one of his disciples.

Next comes the healing of the impotent man at the Pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. This incident is narrated by John alone (John 5: 1-47). It should be carefully read, however, as a prelude to our lesson.

A Walk Through the Fields on the Sabbath.—Shortly after the healing of the impotent man, Jesus went with his disciples through the fields in the vicinity of Capernaum. Their destination is not mentioned, yet it is not an unfair inference to suppose that they were on their way to the synagogue, which it was Jesus' constant custom to attend on the Sabbath day.

The Criticism of the Pharisees.—It was a field of grain, through which Jesus was walking with his disciples, and his disciples plucked the ears and ate, as they walked along. Now rabbinical tradition had thrown around the Sabbath a multitidue of burdensome and trivial restrictions, and in plucking the ears of grain, rubbing them with their hands, and eating them, as they walked along, the disciples had committed an infraction of these rabbinical regulations. The Pharisees thereupon eagerly seized upon this as a ground of criticism, hoping thereby to discredit Jesus who had allowed his disciples to do this without rebuke on his part.

Things Allowable on the Sabbath.—In answer to the criticism of the Pharisees Jesus threw some light upon what was allowable on the Sabbath. He would not rebuke his disciples, but he called the attention of their critics to what David had done under the stress of hunger and to the work done in the temple by the priests on the Sabbath day. Having cited these as illustrations of what is allowable on the Sabbath, Jesus showed that the Pharisees themselves had sinned, for in their criticism of the disciples who were innocent both as to act and intention of any Sabbath desecration, they had shown a conspicuous lack of the spirit of gentleness and mercy, which is one of God's chief requirements.

The True Principles of Sabbath Observance.—Jesus in his teaching about the Sabbath and in his own personal example emphasized broad principles, not petty details. He showed first and always that the Sabbath was intended for worship and for rest. Works of necessity were never prohibited by our Master, and works of mercy were specifically enjoined.

A Concrete Illustration.—A practical demonstration of Jesus' views upon the right observance of the Sabbath was given in the synagogue, where there was a man with a withered hand. Here was a clear case of human need. Eagerly did his enemies watch to see if Jesus would exercise his healing power. Indeed they questioned him, saying: "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" Jesus' answer to this question was in the nature of a parable, unanswerable in its logic. A sheep that had fallen into a pit on the Sabbath day would certainly be rescued. How much more then should a sick man be healed on the Sabbath day? And while they wrestled with this irresistible logic, Jesus healed the withered hand.

The Sabbath Question in Modern Times.—One of the great problems of the age is that of Sabbath observance. There is a real danger of the desecration of the Sabbath. The present peril is not so much that of overburdening the Sabbath with restrictions as of neglecting even the broad principles laid down by our Master. Let us always remember that the Christian Sabbath is for worship, for rest and for works of charity and mercy.

Good laws cannot always make good people, but good people ought always to make good laws.

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7 00	4 15	.....Raleigh.....	9 30	5 30
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7 25	4 70	F.....*Sylvania.....	9 15	5 07
7 35	4 40	F.....† Barnes	9 05	5 00
7 40	4 45	F.....Hobby	9 00	4 55
7 55	4 50	M.....† McCULLERS..	8 55	4 50
8 00	4 55	F.....Banks.....	8 45	4 30
8 05	4 57	F.....Austins.....	8 40	4 26
8 25	5 05	S...†Willow Springs .	8 35	4 20
8 30	5 15	M...† JOHNSON MILL	8 30	4 02
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9 15	5 30	S...† Pingney Springs.	8 15	3 50
9 20	5 35	F.....Buckhorn.....	8 05	3 35
9 25	5 40	F.....Rawls	8 00	3 25
9 40	5 50	S.....† Chatham.....	7 55	3 15
9 50	5 55	S.....Bradley	7 45	3 00
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No. 38.

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No. 36.

11.35 a. m.—"Seaboard Mail" for Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston. Connects at Richmond with C. and O. for Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis; at Washington with Pennsylvania and B. and O. for all points.

No. 57. SOUTHBOUND.

4.15 a. m.—"Seaboard Express" for Charlotte, Atlanta, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Tampa and all points South and Southwest.

No. 41.

4.00 p. m.—"Seaboard Local Mail" for Charlotte, Atlanta and all local points. Connects at Atlanta for all points South and Southwest.

No. 27

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Secular News.

STATE.

Cotton has taken a downward shoot, and is now selling for 13 cents.

An entire block of buildings were destroyed by fire in Winterville, February 12th.

The government allowance for the National Guard of this State is now about $35,000 a year.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati will be held in the State Library at Raleigh, February 22nd.

The Merchants and Farmers' Bank of Dunn closed its doors on last Wednesday. It is said it will be able to meet its liabilities in full.

An $80,000 dormitory will be built at the Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro, to take the place of the one recently burned.

A portrait of Senator Vance will be presented to the public school at Greenville Sound on Friday, the 19th. North Carolina Day celebration will be held on the same date.

The Supreme Court last week licensed 36 new lawyers. Forty-three applied. Among those who failed were four colored men. One colored man passed.

The rural public school teachers of Guilford County have perfected an organization. An enthusiastic meeting was held, over which Superintendent Sharpe presided.

William J. Bryan will lecture Monday night at the Metropolitan Hall in Raleigh, under the auspices of the Athletic Association of the A. & M. College. Subject "The Value of An Ideal."

The last outstanding dollar against the Baptist Female University was paid last Wednesday, and the mortgage for $31,000, held by the Raleigh Savings Bank on that institution, was cancelled.

A meeting of a committee of the North Carolina Bankers' Association will be held in Greensboro, February 22nd. for the purpose of naming a date and selecting a place of meeting. Invitations have been extended from Raleigh, Greensboro, Charlotte, Winston, Waynesville, Asheville and Wilmington.

GENERAL.

There are 249 women doctors in Great Britain.

Congress has been asked to appropriate $96,338,038 for the Navy.

President Roosevelt has issued a neutrality proclamation during the war between Russia and Japan.

The fire in Baltimore destroyed 140 acres of business buildings, and the loss is estimated at $125,000,000.

The contents of the vaults and other safe deposits of the Baltimore banks in the recent fire were found to be in good condition.

Conditions are rapidly improving in Baltimore; owners of burned buildings are anxious to get to work removing debris and rebuilding.

The National Educational Association meets in Atlanta, February 23-25. Prominent North Carolinians are on the program for speeches.

The House voted to concur in the Senate amendment to the urgent deficiency bill authorizing the loan of $4,600,000 to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Secretary of State Hay has submitted to the Powers a proposition to request Russia and Japan to confine their fighting to a certain territory, and guaranteeing that nothing will be done toward the dismemberment of China.

One local insurance company of Baltimore has gone into the hands of a receiver on account of the great loss in the late fire; application was also made for a receiver of another.

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Belated.

The little piece that we wrote before Thanksgiving, telling our friends how they could help us, appeared in the Advocate of last week. I suppose the hopper was over full, and the mill ground slowly; or did it take the Egyptian editor that long to decipher our enmeiform characters? If so, we give it up on our fist and will set to learning "verticle."

We have high hope of seeing our receipts on the thirteenth page yet. We will reduce the grist in quanity and try to improve it in quality.

Personal Presents.

We have not been reporting these in the Advocate; but they have come in so nicely recently, that we deem it well to notice them at this time.

That box of nice things from Mrs. Barrett's class in the Sunday-school at Windsor to Charlie Gay was nice indeed. That nice doll from Geneva Cheatham to little Mary Bradshaw, and that of a beautiful doll from Mary Cleavis Daniels to our little Bessie Faucett, were highly appreciated by these little girls.

We have planted our sempernongs. Thanks to Brother Sam Reeks, of Macon, for them. We have turned out two persimmon trees. Who will send us apple, pear, peach or other fruit trees? Our neighbors might bring us shade trees—sugar maple, ash or something of the kind.

Big Money.

We are delighted to see so many rich men and women putting big money in charitable institutions. But it hurts us that but one man has put big money in this Orphanage. But while so few have put large amounts in it, it is pleasant to know that so large a number of persons have put some money in it. Besides the magnificent gift of the late A. F. Page, there have been but two persons that have given us over a thousand dollars. One gave $2,000, one $1,125, one $1,000, one $800, one $750, one $600 and nine $500 each, and some $200 or more, and a goodly number $100 or more. But the vast aggregate foots up well. The blessedness of giving has been widely diffused.

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Fayetteville, Hay Street Feb. 21
Lumberton, Feb 27 28
Newton Grove, Bethesda, March 6
Tar Heel Newark will please meet in Methodist Church at Sanford Jan. 8 at 7 p. m.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E. Rockingham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Rockingham Station, Feb. 21 22
Roberdel Green Lake Feb. 27, 28
Richmond, Zion, March 5, 6

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Wilson, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Fairfield Station, Feb 17
Ocracoke and Portsmouth Feb. 20, 21
Swan Quarter Circuit, Feb. 20, 21
Belhaven Circuit, Feb. 27, 28
Washington Station (night), Feb. 28
Farmville Circuit, March 5 6
Greenville Circuit Mar 5 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, March 12, 13

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E. Wilmington, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Fort's Fill S. C., Feb 17
District Stewards will please meet at Grace Church, Wednesday, December 9 at 1 p. m.
District Missionary Institutes will be held at same place February 9 and 10.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Pantego and Belhaven at Pantego, Feb. 20, 21
Roper, at Roper, Feb 27, 28
Pleasant, Feb. 27, 28
Morehead, Feb 28 29
Cedar Grove, at Asbury, Mar ch 5, 6
Columbia, March 12 13
Atlantic, Atlantic Mar h 11, 12
Straits, Summerfield, March 12, 13

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs P. E., Durham, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at East Burlington, Feb. 14, at night.
Alamance Circuit, Saxapahaw, Feb. 20, 21

SECOND ROUND.

Hillsboro, McTyeire, Feb. 27, 28
Milton Cranfly's, March 5, 6
Chapel Hill, March 13, 14
Durham, Trinity Church, March 20, 21
Carr Church and Asbury, March 20, at night

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Youngsville, Youngsville, Feb. 13, 14
Granville Circuit, Feb 20 21
Caney Garner, Feb. 27, 28
Epworth, Feb 28 29
Knightdale, Buckhorn, March 5, 6
Wakefield, March 6
Tar River, Kittrell, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Edenton St., March 19, 20
Benson, Spencer Hope, March 26, 27
Smithfield, March 27, 28
Franklinton, Wednesday, April 2, 3
Central, April 9, 10

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Roanoke Circuit, Tabor, Feb. 17
Hobgood Hobgood, Feb. 19, 21
Peachland Neck, Feb. 21, 22
Garysburg, Garysburg, Feb. 27, 28
Hendersonville, March 5, 6
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 19, 20

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND

Hookerton, Rainbow, Feb. 13 14
Lenoir Institute, Feb. 20, 21
Pender, Feb. 27, 28
Morehead, Feb 28 29
Cateret, Newport, March 5, 6
Atlantic, Atlantic Mar h 11, 12
Straits, Summerfield, March 12, 13

Marriages.

O'NEAL — GIBBS. — At Amity Church, January 27, 1904, Mr. Walton O'Neal and Miss Florence Giggs, Rev. B. H. Black officiating.

METTS—WOOD.—At Trenton, in the store of Dixon Bros., 27th of January, 1904, by Rev. D. C. Geddie, Martin V. B. Metts to Miss Anna Wood.

BERRY—BRINN.—At the parsonage, January 17, 1904, Mr. Samuel A. Berry and Miss Nancy C. Brinn, Rev. B. H. Black officiating.

SPARROW—SWINDELL. — In Bethany M. E. Church, January 13, 1904, Mr. Lonnie Sparrow to Miss Gertrude Swindell, D. A. Futrell officiating.

BERRY—JOHNSON. — In the Methodist Church in Pinetown N. C., December 23, 1903, Mr. Joseph Berry to Miss Bettie Johnson, D. A. Futrell officiating.

CHAUNCY—STYLES.—In the Methodist Church in Pinetown, N. C., December 23, 1903, Mr. C. A. Chauncy to Miss Eva Styles, D. A. Futrell officiating.

WHITE—DeLOACH.—At Gates, N. C., on January 19, William C. White, of Windsor, Va., to Miss Annie DeLoach, of the same place, Rev. W. H. Brown officiating.

BARNES—WHITLEY.—On the 26th inst., in Fremont, N. C., Mr. W. M. Barnes and Mrs. Minnie D. Whitley, of Fremont, N. C., Rev. D. L. Earnhardt officiating.

ELLIS—REA.—At the home of the bride, on January 20, at four o'clock p. m., Mr. William Ellis was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Rea, Rev. W. H. Brown officiating.

DIXON — KOONCE.—At Trenton, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Arpate Koonce, Mr. Daniel J. Dixon to Miss Mary Koonce, D. C. Geddie officiating, on January 27, 1904.

HINSON—EVERETTE.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. L. E. Everette, Farmville, N. C., on January 27, 1904, Mr. Geo. Thos. Hinson to Miss Maud Everette, Rev. L. E. Sawyer officiating.

YELVERTON—WALSH.—On the 28th inst., Mr. Edgar Yelverton and Miss Ethel Walsh, the former of Wilson County N. C., and the latter of Fremont, N. C., Rev. D. L. Earnhardt officiating.

CHAMBERS—LOWE.—On Sunday, December 20, 1903, at George W. Lowe's, father of the bride, Mr. Ellis E. Chambers, of Pasquotank County, to Miss Mattie Lowe, of Perquimans County, F. L. Church officiating.

FERRELL—LOWE.—On Wednesday, January 20, 1904, at the home of G. W. Lowe, the father of the bride, Mr. Joseph W. Ferrell to Miss Roxanna Lowe, both of Perquimans County, F. L. Church officiating.

FERGUS—CRAIG.—At the residence of W. G. Fergus, on Myrtle Grove Sound, on the 10th day of January, 1904, Mr. Wm. Gordon Fergus to Miss Katie L. Craig, all of New Hanover County. Rev. Y. E. Wright officiating.

YARBOROUGH — ROBERTSON.—At the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. T. Ezzelle, Graham, N. C., January 24, 1904, Mr. Jno. Yarborough, of Burlington, N. C., and Miss Bettie Robertson, of Graham, N. C., were united in marriage, Rev. Chas. M. Lance officiating.

Obituaries.

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HARGETT. — Sarah Hargett, about sixty-eight years of age, and one of our best women, died November 25, 1904. She joined the M. E. Church, South, when young, and remained a consistent member till death. She was married May 21, 1857, and there were six children, four of whom are now living. Their names are John M., William L., Abner J., and Miss Mary E. Hargett. There are fourteen grand children.

May God's blessings come upon the sorrowing loved ones.

D. C. GEDDIE.

PUGH.—Mrs. Emma Pugh (nee Murrill) was born at Town Creek, in Brunswick County, N. C., February 11, 1845, and was married in Wilmington, N. C., in the year 1869 to Mr. W. W. Pugh, of Hyde County, N. C., and died very suddenly at her home, Lake Comfort, Hyde County, N. C., December 21, 1903.

She was an invalid very nearly all of her life, but she was a faithful follower of her Master, and died in the triumph of a gospel faith. May the Lord be very near and dear to the sorrowing ones, and may they, as an unbroken family, meet in the happy beyond.

Y. E. WRIGHT.

JOHNSTON.—The subject of this sketch, Mrs. Mary S. Johnston, wife of Wm. O. Johnston, was born in Duplin County, June 9th, 1851, and died at her home on Harrison Creek, Pender County, December 10th, 1903. The mother of ten children, seven of whom, with her husband survive her. She was greatly afflicted in body and mind for about twenty years, and death to her was a great relief. She was a true wife and mother and an exemplary Christian, genuinely converted, and identified herself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at about twelve years of age, and remained a devoted member until death. May the Lord greatly bless and comfort the husband and children, and may they be prepared to meet her in that land far away where all is joy, and peace, and love.

Y. E. WRIGHT.

LANE.—Julia Harris Lane, the oldest daughter of J. J. and Mrs. E. H. Lane, was born July 13, 1895, and was called to leave this tenement of clay for a home of bliss October 14, 1903. Little Julia was a good, bright and beautiful child, a star in the home, and a constant joy to all her many friends and relatives. It was a sad providence that called away one so young and hopeful; but she has gone before to be a beacon light to guide all the dear ones to that clime where all is light and love.

May a gracious Father bring all the bereaved to Himself when the storms of life are over.

W. H. TOWNSEND.

BROWN.—Mrs. Eleanor Brown (nee Kilpatrick), wife of James Brown of Craven County, was born March 26, 1830, and entered into rest July 26, 1903. Sister Brown was converted under the ministry of Rev. H. H. Gibbons, in 1848, and united with the M. E. Church, South.

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Sister Brown was a devoted wife, a fond mother, a kind neighbor, and an undimmed light in the church of God.

A husband and many relatives and friends and the church of Christ are bereaved by the departure of this noble soul.

W. H. TOWNSEND.

WINSTEAD.—Joseph Winstead was born February 6, 1883, and died at his home at Winsteadville, August 18, 1903. It was my privilege to know this brother for nearly two years prior to his death. He was a regular attendant of our services at Bethany Church, and Secretary of the Sunday-school for several years. He was one of the noblest young men I ever knew. I have never known one that was more generally beloved nor more sincerely lamented by those that knew him. His devotion to his mother, his brothers and sisters, and his friendly disposition toward all with whom he came in contact have given him a place in their memory and affections that will never be filled by another. Although in an agony of suffering, when he realized that the end was near he called his loved ones, one by one, thanked them for their kindness, made them farewell and exhorted them to meet him in heaven. Trying as this was, it was done with a composure and heroism that was truly sublime. By the grace of God we hope to meet him in the better world.

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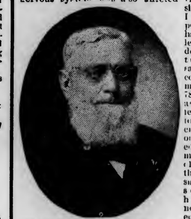

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THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT.

Hon. John H. Small, who has been persistent and unwearying in his efforts to secure the Inland Waterway, of which we have written much in these columns does not regard the enterprise as doomed to failure. Mr. Small says that "the Inland Waterway is one of the most meritorious projects connected with internal improvements now before the country, and that it has never been presented to any intelligent individual or to any commercial organization without receiving unstinted approval."

If patience, energy, and wisdom can do anything toward bringing this great enterprise to a successful consummation Mr. Small may congratulate himself—for he possesses these important qualifications.

If John J. Ingalls were alive, he would doubtless revise his doctrines on the iridescent dreaminess of the ten commandments in politics. The action of John F. Shafroth, a member of the House of Representatives, last week indicates that there is at least a conscience in politics. Mr. Shafroth had represented the Tenth Colorado. District for ten years. He become convinced that he was illegally elected to a seat in the Fifty-eighth Congress, and one day last week he gave Shafroth had represented the Tenth Colorado This action of Mr. Shafroth will strike some as being sentimental and foolish, but to those who believe in the absolute sway of morality anywhere and everywhere, his action will appear noble and encouraging.

Anything that affects the welfare of humanity, especially suffering humanity, in North Carolina is of primary importance. That our legislators have seemed indifferent to this fact is one of our misfortunes. We cannot feel that our charitable institutions have received that practical sympathy and help which the generosity of North Carolina in other respects has never failed to manifest.

Why is it that any movement in the direction of a reformatory for juvenile criminals has inevitably been placed in legislative cold storage?

Why is it that the State Hospital for the Insane at Morganton, with one hundred vacant rooms, is compelled to turn away so many pitiable applicants for admission? The rooms are ready, but the State has never given the money sufficient to support the occupants of these rooms. Hence, Superintendent Murphy has been compelled to turn over to the care of our jails, poorhouses, and homes of relatives those for whose care the State, and the State alone, is responsible.

Dr. McKee, the Superintendent of Central Hospital, tells us that every room in this institution is filled, and that, like Dr. Murphy, he is compelled to turn away, many insane men and women, who need the treatment that can be obtained in the Hospital.

These are plain significant questions, which the people of North Carolina must answer. We speak of temperance as the great question which must receive attention by our next Legislature. And it is. But, men and brethren, this care of the insane of our State is another great question. It must receive attention.

In this connection, we will say that in the last few days there has been a conference of the Superintendents of the two Hospitals. The situation was thoroughly canvassed and discussed, and the Boards which will meet in April will be earnestly requested to supply the deficiency which is crying aloud to the people of the whole State. There is no doubt, we trust, that the request of the Superintendents will be more than granted.

The rain came down in torrents; yet the spacious auditorium of the Presbyterian Church was crowded to its utmost capacity. Hon. Wm. Jennings Bryan had come to the capital city to deliver an address to the students of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. The time we speak of in the begining of this paragraph was on Sunday afternoon. The distinguished orator spoke to the Y. M. C. A. of the College. The immense audience, coupled with the fact of down-pouring torrents, spoke eloquently of the continuing hold of the great apostle of Free Silver on the people. In fact, the principle grievance of the people against Mr. Bryan is that his remembrance of the dead is ultra-loyal and abnormal. But this, surely, can be forgiven.

We could not see Mr. Bryan as he spoke. One of those Brobdignagian, yet beautiful hats, whose use in a public audience should be estopped by law, hid not only the speaker, but almost the whole platform on which he stood. By a painful strain of the cervical vertebrae, we could catch fitful glimpses of the speaker's face. We were anxious to see it, for we desired to know what changes two Presidential defeats had wrought upon it. There was a change. The face was fuller and had a ruddier color. The eyes had a more contemplative expression. The lion mane on his head was as black and full as ever. The voice, though superb in its richness, had somewhat of weariness in it. The first few sentences betokened that the speaker was not "on his mettle," and that some of his audience would be disappointed.

Yet Mr. Bryan made a strong, helpful address to those young men. It throbbed with moral, and at times, a spiritual force. As he showered those wealthy sentences upon us, we could not avoid the mental exclamation, "What a wondrous preacher he would have made!" He spoke on several subjects. That on which he dwelt the longest was "The Prince of Peace." We must say that Mr. Bryan's most implacable enemy could not be in his presence without escaping the conviction that the Defeated One has a mental and moral storage battery which is possessed by but few men.

Up to a week ago the war between Russia and Japan was full of stirring events which satisfied the hunger of the most avid sensation hunter. Pictures of anchoring transports, manœuvering war vessels, and torpedoed cruisers danced in horrid insistency before the mind's eye.

But within the last week nothing startling has occurred. If anything startling has occurred, we know nothing of it. The Japanese, in their secretiveness, have cut all cables of communication, both electrical and verbal. The censorship obtaining in Russia prevents even the Russians from knowing what is going on. In the last few days, however, the censorship has been annulled, and a few days of liberty has dawned for Russia.

We know that Japan has landed a large number of troops in Korea, which has not yet aroused from its indifference. The Japanese troops at the present writing, have massed themselves on the Yalu River, which separates the Korean peninsula from Manchuria. Some of the troops have passed over to Harbin, which is near the intersection of the Vladivostock and Port Arthur branches of the Trans-Siberian Railroad. It is hardly likely that the Japanese troops will venture as far North as Harbin.

Russia is just beginning to move troops eastward. When it is remembered that these troops will have to be transported over a line of railroad six thousand miles long, the reader can form some idea of the time that must intervene between now and the opening of extensive hostilities on land. The difficulty in transporting troops and supplies to the scene of conflict is one of the greatest disadvantages with which Russia will have to contend.

The Russian feeling against England and the United States is very bitter. The most intelligent observers fear a general international complication. There are so many interests involved that this fear is well-founded. There are a great many dispatches, however, which are false. The yellow journals must have grist, you know. We will try to give our readers only that which they may accept as fact.

McClure's for March adds still further to its well established reputation as a torch-bearer in the magazine world. It is still going before, lighting the way. In this number the light is shed on several of the nation's dark places greatly to the interest of the public. Especially startling in its illumination is a powerful article on "The Case of the State of Kentucky versus Caleb Powers," by Samuel Hopkins Adams, who tersely and dramatically reads the lines of this dark page in Kentucky's history. For the first time on a printed page Mr. Adams presents the facts concerning the bitter political feud which cost the life of William Goebel, the man who raised himself by his own boot-straps into the governorship of a great State, and the efforts of his followers and friends to revenge his death in reckless and wrathful disregard of every other consideration.

Contributions.

Soul-winning Our Work.

REV. R. H. WHITAKER.

More stress was laid on "Gifts and Graces," in the early history of Methodism, in reckoning of the qualities needed by the person who was to go out as an ambassador for Christ, than in this our day. We are bordering upon that condition of things which was very plain to Mr. Wesley, and was, by him, made very apparent to the Protestant world, a century and a half ago, when the preacher's qualifications were supposed to be education and ordination. Consequently we are drifting away from the idea that "gifts and graces" are essentials.

The reader must not jump at the conclusion that I am going to depreciate education, for I am not. I detest, as much as any one can, the idea that one must be an ignoramus to become a teacher in sacred things; and I deplore the fact that so many of us, who are endeavoring to let our light shine, have so little light to give out, in the way of better education; for, I am conscious that, in this age of reasons and scientific research, when the Jew asks for a sign, and the Greek seeks after wisdom, that the man of God, who is to measure lances with sceptics of every kind, should be thoroughly prepared for the task he undertakes.

But, I do insist that to be successful soul winners (and that after all is the main object of preaching), we must not so exalt education as to minify "gifts and graces;" nor should we admit, because one is educated he therefore possesses them. They are not one and the same, but as different as things can be. A man may be educated in all the wisdom of the world and in all the religions of the world as well, and he may be a theologian, able to teach all the doctrines of the Bible, and to route all the heresies that ingenuity can devise; and yet he may not be a soul-winner.

St. Paul drew some distinctions in the 13th chapter of first Corinthians, when he said: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbol. Though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

It is very evident that, in Paul's estimation, something more is needed, to fit one for successful gospel work, than eloquence, gift of prophecy, faith, liberality or even giving one's body to be burned. He must have the grace of love.

Without undertaking to give definitions of the two words separately, I assume, that, taken together, they become a term which suggest to the mind that which is spiritual as contradistinguished from that which is acquired, from instructors and by the reading of books. In short, "gifts and graces" stand for that charity which Paul says: "Suffereth long and is kind; envieth not; vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up; doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth."

If I am correct in my definition, then, it stands to reason that a minister's qualifications for soul-saving labors are sadly deficient, how eloquent soever he may be, without "gifts and graces."

I, therefore, come to this conclusion, that successful soul winning is not the result of that education of the head which places one man above another in the realm of science, or gives one the advantage over the masses in public speaking; that, eloquence of tongue, nor elegance of style, nor logic, nor rhetoric, nor all together, can take the place of that important something which "gifts and graces" alone can supply.

The best equipped gospel minister is the one who has learned to utilize all his powers and gifts. A small gun, carrying small shells, if well manned and skillfully handled, will do better execution than a larger gun so unwieldly that it cannot be brought down to a proper range, but throws its great shells over the head of the enemy, doing him no harm, and accomplishing nothing beyond making a great noise. In support of the above proposition I will take the liberty of referring to two preachers, whom I knew well, and for whom I had, while they lived, the very highest regard. One of them was a preacher of very high order, and always drew fine congregations. His thorough book knowledge made him the peer of any man in discussing, learnedly, any phase of theology, or any question of science, or any system of government; and, it was like reading an encyclopedia, to hear him preach one of his well studied sermons. But, when the benediction was pronounced, it fell upon hearts that had not been touched. I heard that he said before he died, that if any soul had been brought to Christ by him he was not aware of it.

The other preacher to whom I refer did not have in early life those educational advantages which are supposed to be necessary to fit men to preach; but, he used all the knowledge he had, and all that he could acquire, daily adding to his store, until he grew to be a giant; not in theory, merely, but in practice. He acquired as he had need, and brought into immediate use every thing acquired; so that, theory remained theory no longer than it took him to put it into practice. Consequently he had no theories: with him, life was intensely practical, and soul-saving being the height of his ambition, he went at his work in a practical way, using practical means. In his mind had been fixed Bible statements that he could not doubt; therefore, his creed was as simple as were those Bible statements, and he wasted no time in trying to reconcile those statements with theories, the eggs of which were laid by "Advanced Thinkers" and hatched out by "Higher Critics."

His creed was, God made man in His own image; man sinned, therefore last that image; but, God so loved the world, the sin-cursed world —that He gave His Son, that whosoever believeth might not perish, but have eternal life.

With a creed so simple, so easy to understand, and with a logic that aimed not to bolster up theories, but to impress truths; and with a soul-purpose aflame with love, he went out seeking and saving, and thousands, through his efforts, were brought out of darkness, into the marvellous light and liberty of the gospel.

The only point I am trying to make is, that a little knowledge well used, is a great deal better than knowing so much, and using so little to the glory of God. And this leads me to say, that too many very good people, in order to keep up with advanced thought, are filling up on stuff they can never use for God's glory; and, instead of its being a means of spiritual growth, it weakens their faith, and destroys their taste for spiritual food.

"In the last days perilous times shall come," said the Apostle Paul, writing to Timothy, just before his death; and then he goes on to describe the conditions which would exist in those perilous times saying: "Men shall be lovers of their own selves." * * * "Having the form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof;" * * * "Ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth:" * * * "Will not endure sound doctrine;" * * * "Shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

In view of so sad a state of affairs in the church of God, the sainted Apostle, rising in his feelings to the height of his earnest desire to stay the flood tide of error, utters these solemn words: "I charge thee, therefore, before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom; PREACH THE WORD!" And not only preach, but "reprove, rebuke, exhort."

Dear old Paul; how anxious he was to see his Master's kingdom established; yet, how sad to his heart the prophetic view of the perilous times, when the so-called people of God would have "itching ears," and because they could not endure sound doctrine they would "heap to themselves teachers" who would lower the standard of the Gospel to suit their back-slidden condition!

I do not say that the period to which Paul referred, in his last letter to Timothy, has come; but, I will say, these are perilous times; and if we would transmit the church of Christ, in as good condition as we found it, to our children, we must heed the Apostle's earnest injunction: "Preach the Word!" And, in so doing, give no attention to scientific theories, nor to advanced thinkers' speculations; but use as our motto Paul's declaration to the Corinthians: "I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified!"

A Message from Wilmington.

Dear Bro. Ivey:—Let me send you a short message from Wilmington—the City by the Sea.

This is a delightful residence place for a Methodist preacher; the people honor him as the servant of God and it is their choice pleasure to make him feel that they are glad to have him minister to them in holy things. The hearty, loving welcome given me as pastor of Fifth Street Church should satisfy anybody. I have never been more kindly received, or had more substantial evidences of appreciation. I feel highly honored to be the pastor of this heroic band of tested workers. I shall under grace do them the best work in my power. The field here is one of the most hopeful I have ever seen. Ten years from now the preachers will be falling over each other trying to get this charge.

The Methodist preachers in Wilmington are a noble band. (The writer will try not to lower the average much.)

First in place and importance is our Presiding Elder. Rev. R. B. John fills the place as leader. He is big of body and brain, with a heart to match. We love and fully trust him. As a wide-awake, sensible, energetic worker, he has no superior. He feels the great responsibility of his office, and the district is being rapidly and wisely developed under his skillful guidance. The preachers on this district will have to move fast to keep up with this hustling Elder. We thank God for him, and pray God's blessing upon him.

Grace Church has the peerless Watson as pastor. In the strenuous language of President Roosevelt, the people of Grace are "delighted" with Watson. He is wearing out shoe leather in the week and straining brain cells on Sunday. Everybody loves this sunny natured, tender hearted, big brained man. Can he? Yes, sir! Those Grace people say he can preach.

Market Street Church is proud of Haltom. He looks after all their interests with fidelity; humble, lovable, consecrated, he is a blessing to any community. Long may his bow abide.

Bladen Street Church has a Webster for pastor. His relation to Noah and Daniel I do not know. He is a hustler—he loves the church, and the word failure has been cut out of his lexicon. Rich blessings upon him.

We are all comrades in the work of our Lord, and are hoping and praying for great things this year.

Our Missionary Institute was held in Grace Church the 9th and 10th of February, and was a success. Our Presiding Elder had things ready for practical work. I think much good will result from our deliberations.

Come to see us this year, eat and sleep in our homes, preach in our churches, take subscriptions for the Advocate from our members, bathe in our ocean and return to Raleigh a wiser, cleaner and richer man.

Success to you in your work.

Affectionately, A. McCULLEN.

February 13, 1904.

Memoir of Rev. Levi Branson, D. D.

BY REV. ROBAH F. BUMPAS.

The subject of this sketch was one of the most widely known local ministers of our church, and for half a century had been prominently connected with the material and intellectual development of his native State. He organized the Local Preacher's Conference to promote the greater efficiency of the local ministry. He belonged to that class of men who were the pioneer home missionaries of our church, who cultivated the waste places, gathered congregations and organized churches. They had behind them no board of missions and looked for no pecuniary reward. Unfortunately it is a class that is rapidly passing away.

Levi Branson was born in Randolph County, February 5, 1832. He was reared by pious parents, and when a boy gave his heart to God and joined the Methodist Church. In 1856 he graduated from Trinity College, and in 1857 was licensed to preach the gospel, and in due course ordained deacon and elder.

In 1858 he was happily married to Miss Edith Cunninggim, a sister of the late Rev. Jesse A. Cunninggim, D. D., and the Rev. Wm. H. Cunninggim. Seven children were born to them, three of whom survive, Eugine C. Branson, of the State Normal, Athens, Ga.; Mrs. Lillian B. Simmons, wife of Rev. George T. Simmons, of the North Carolina Conference, and Mrs. Daisy B. Marchman, the wife of a minister of the North Georgia Conference.

Upon leaving college Mr. Branson was for some time Principal of Lenoir Institute. In 1862 he removed to Raleigh and opened a book store, which he continued for many years. During the Civil War he published a series of school books some of which were edited by his sister, Mrs. Mary B. Moore: The Dixie Speller, Reader, Arithmetic and Geography. He also edited a religious paper called "The Enterprise." For many years he published the Agricultural Almanac, the calculations for which were made by Dr. Braxton Craven until his death. He also published the State Directory, York's Grammer, three volumes of North Carolina Sermons, and a number of other books.

This summary, brief and incomplete as it necessarily is for lack of fuller data, is nevertheless sufficient to indicate that through a long life Brother Branson labored assidiously to develop the material resources and advance the intellectual and religious interests of his native State. The one great desire of his heart was to do something for the uplifting of humanity, that his life might prove a blessing to his fellow men.

His Alma Mater honored him with the degree of A. M., and Rutherford College with that of D. D.

Three years ago his health began to fail, but so gradual was the progress of disease, that he often entertained the hope of recovery. Last April he became helpless. He was carried to his daughter's in Atlanta, but continued to grow feeble. He became weary of life, yet continued patient and submissive. A few days before the silver cord was loosed, he called his wife to his bedside and said: "I shall not be with you many more days." She asked: "If it is the Father's will to call you are you ready and willing to go?" "Yes, willing," he replied, "and my hope is in Jesus, my Savior."

His funeral was conducted by the writer from Central Church, Raleigh, with which he was so long identified, and his body awaits the resurrection trumpet, in our beautiful Oakwood Cemetery.

Temperance.

Let us face the situation now, just as it is.

I, and a man of the world, start with loaded wagons for a still. He has corn for the still and I have corn for the still. I want to know now the difference between our lights. We are both sowing the seed of distruction. My seed that I am sowing side by side with this ungodly man, will spring up, and develop every species of wickedness known to God or man.

My associate is doing just the thing the world and everybody expects of him. But am I? No, indeed religion don't look for this sort of work, from a church member. As I wagon my corn to the old still house, James 3:11,12, speaks to me in these words: "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place, sweet water and bitter?"

Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? Either a vine figs? So can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

Then James lets me know that I can't serve God and the devil, out of the same heart, if I am a church member. My example is a thousand times more degraded than the ungodly, who make no pretentions to religion. This is the way I see it, and I firmly believe that I see it right. There is enough professed Christianity to banish the liquor curse from the land if it were pure; but the religion that will flood the world with the whiskey curse will not stand at the judgment day. Hence all such pretended religion is a curse to any people. Pure religion blesses the nations of the earth.

Then if I sow seed that comes forth and develops every species of wickedness known to man Ezekiel would come to me and all other such slack twisted professors of religion in these words, 18:24: "But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned. In his trespass that he hath tresspassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die."

The great need of our country today is "Nathans." Yes, men who will stand up and say to slack-twisted church members: "Thou art the man." R. Q. A. TEAGUE.

Farmington.

A Protest and Correction.

Dear Advocate:—I wish to correct the misstatements of Brother Grant—for he has most assuredly misrepresented me. I never wrote one word to any paper about my trip to Ocracoke. Brother Whichard, editor of the Greenville Reflector, knew I had been in that direction, and asked me about it. Parties on Ocracoke had stated to me the tide was higher than it had been since August, 1899. I told simply what residents of Ocracoke had told me.

As to being frightened while there, that is the first suggestion I have ever heard about my being frightened in that section. A regular sea turtle seldom fears a storm—it is only the highland terrapin that cannot stand salt water and wind at the same time. The old Elder has been used to boats and water from babyhood, and the idea of a high-land speckle-back terrapin calling an old weather-beaten salt-water turtle frightened at a cats paw is simply absurd.

I wonder what the elements had to do with the great loyalty of Brother Grant to the appointing power when he was really willing to move out on the main land?

I respectfully suggest that before my young brother arraigns an old man up for cowardice that he try at least to secure the facts, and state only what he knows to be facts, in order that he may not misrepresent an innocent brother. I really enjoyed being at Ocracoke, and so manifest was my pleasure at the scene that my good brother, Capt. J. W. Howard, thought I ought to stay on the water.

I think Dr. Grant is about the only one on the island who ever dreamed that the Elder was frightened. That old saying that the man drunk thinks every one else is drunk, is the only plan on which I can excuse Dr. Grant for his misrepresentations.

Very truly.

F. A. BISHOP.

Pat: "Hov' ye made a will?" Mike: "Shure, and I hoive." Pat: "And moight I be askin' in whose favor?" Mike: "Yis, Oi lift everything to the dochtor that saves me loife."—Sunday School Visitor.

Rev. Dr. A D. Betts.

A man by nature richly endowed—a fragrant and generous soul, to whom goodness is easy and natural under the sunshine of grace. He does not have to study to be good—goodness is not a thing that he has to purpose in his soul—it is the opening of his soul in its purely natural life under grace, just as beauty and fragrance are the opening of a flower in its own sweet life. Dr. Betts is the born gentleman—full of all human excellence—unselfish, large-hearted and noble, ready for every good word and work.

He has lived to make the world brighter and purer and sweeter. He is a lifter of burdens from the hearts of his fellow men. His pathway is a pathway of light. He is the child of the day. Good-will to all men has been the song of his life. The love of Christ has been the sweet constraint of his labors. And in it all he has had the peace of God in his heart and has been one of the happiest of the servants of the King.

A man without an enemy—a man that never lost a friend—a man beloved by everybody, and that himself loves everybody, and that loves God best, is the venerable Dr. Betts.

JOHN N. COLE.

Elise Circuit.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—Will it be pardonable in a preacher who has not been pounded to write to the Advocate? It seems, as we are not to blame, we might be allowed the privilege. We came to our work about two months ago, have made two rounds, met a great many of our people, kindly received and treated everywhere.

Our first Quarterly Conference was the fifth Sunday in January. The weather was so unfavorable that few could attend, but it was far from being a failure, for Brother Hurley was on hand. You know Brother Hurley, and you know where he is concerned there is no such thing as failure. We have held a four days' meeting at one of our churches—Bascome's Chapel. We feel that much good was accomplished, old animosities buried, three joined the church, with others to follow, and a Sunday-school organized.

We send one renewal to the Advocate.

We think we have a field in which much may be accomplished for the Master, and we pray that God give us knowledge and strength for the work.

J. W. HOYLE.

Hemp, N. C.

Enjoy the blessings of this day if God sends them, and the evils of it bear patiently and sweetly, for this day is only ours; we are dead to yesterday, and we are not yet born to tomorrow. But if we look abroad, and bring into one day's thoughts the evil of many, certain and uncertain, what will be and what will never be, our load will be as intolerable as it is unreasonable.—Jeremy Taylor.

Remember that charity thinketh no evil, much less repeats it. There are two good rules which ought to be written on every heart—never believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it is true; never tell even that unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary, and that God is listening while you tell it.—Henry van Dyke.

Trust in yourself, and you are doomed to disappointment; trust in your friends and they will die and leave you; trust in money, and you may have it taken from you; trust in reputation, and some slanderous tongue may blast it; but trust in God, and you are never to be confounded in time or eternity.

The presence of mind of an impecunious lover was illustrated recently at a bazaar where there was a stall for the sale of watch charms. "O George!" she said, "buy me a charm." "Sara," answered he, "you have too many already."—Christian Guardian.

Durham District Conference.

This Conference will convene in the Methodist Church in the town of Graham, N. C., at 9 a. m., Thursday, the 24th of March. Introductory sermon at 8 p. m. Wednesday, by Rev. J. H. McCracken, which should be heard by all and religious preparation sought for the work.

Thursday afternoon session will be in the interest of Sunday-schools, to be arranged for by Prof. Ernest J. Green. Special sermons will be preached by Revs. W. L. Cuninggim and M. T. Plyler, respectively, on "Missions" and on "Conserving Our Resources."

At 11 a. m., Sunday, Dr. J. C. Kilgo will preach. Throughout the Conference prominence will be given to the preaching of the Word and other religious exercises.

Let the pastors have brief written reports. It is expected that all missionary assessments will have been paid in full.

Committee on Examination are composed of Revs. C. P. Jerome, J. H. McCracken and F. B. McCall.

J. T. GIBBS. P. E.

A Winter Revival.

Dear Advocate:—I left Wilmington this morning where I've been helping Brother Webster in a meeting for two weeks.

It has not been a very great meeting, yet we have had perhaps a dozen professions. Eight were at the altar for prayers last night, and the meeting will continue. May they yet have a time of great ingathering of souls.

Bladen Church is coming. There has been a big improvement under the pastorate of Webster.

They need a new church badly to house the congregation and Sunday-school. It ought to be built at an early day.

This is three years in succession I have held a meeting at Bladen Street, and my faith is still growing in regards to her future.

Am with Brother Benson this week at Nashville helping at one of his country churches. We expect a real summer-time revival.

Who but a Hdye County man would hold revival services in February at a country church? Benson will do, and so will all the Hyde County people.

Yours for salvation,

J. V. WILLIAMS.

Letter from Dr. Whisner.

My Dear Doctor:—I am grateful to be able to state , for the encouragement of our people in the North Carolina Conference, that the collections for Church Extension for 1903 are over $92,000, which is an increase over the preceding year of over $14,000. The increase in your Conference is $774 over the preceding year.

I learn from your minutes of 1903 that you have 704 societies and 674 churches, or thirty societies that are without a church. Your Conference has paid in the twenty-one years of the history of our Church Extension organization in the annual collections, a total of $45,532.94, to Special $2,318.85 and to the Loan Funds $97.85, and during the same period one hundred and ninety-five, or largely more than one-fourth of your churches, have been aided with donations amounting to $30,209, and loans amounting to $7,750. This shows how large a proportion of the gifts of your people to this cause has been spent on the churches of your own Conference. I hope your readers will note the fact too, that large as is the increase in the contributions by your Conference in 1903, they have a deficiency of $1,115 on the Church Extension collection. And large as is the increase in the church at large, the deficiency is also large. The assessment was $125,000 and the payment less than $93,000 for Church Extension.

I am rejoiced at the disposition shown by many to pay assessments for missions in full, and I hope the same interest will be manifest to pay Church Extension assessments in full. The demands made upon the Board of Church Extension are very far beyond their means, and this demand is more and more from the mission fields, and unless our income is largely increased, the work of our church in the foreign, as well as in the home field, is certain to be very greatly embarrassed. May I not hope, therefore, that the Presiding Elders in your Conference will see to it that proper emphasis is put upon the Church Extension collection in their District and Quarterly Conferences, and that collections in full for Church Extension will be the motto of pastors and people in every charge in the North Carolina Conference for the year 1904?

Most truly yours,

P. H. WHISNER, Cor. Sec.

In Memoriam.

The Rev. Jesse Hayes Page was born in Wake County, North Carolina, May 23, 1831. He was a son of Anderson Page, who was one of the oldest Methodists in the State when he died, only a few years ago, at the age of ninety-four. This Methodist patriarch reared several sons and daughters, nearly all of whom were staunch members of the M. E. Church, South, and were all influential in their day and generation. The subject of this memoir gave a long life to the work of the church as teacher and preacher, and no man ever had more friends, and fewer enemies, within a circle of a large acquaintance han he. He was educated at South Lowell Academy and Randolph-Macon College, and thereby thoroughly furnished for his life work.

He went to Brinkleyville, Halifax County, N. C., where he opened a school in 1855. There he married Miss Martha Eliza Wills on the second day of December, 1856. She was a daughter of the Rev. William H. Wills, D. D., who was a leading minister of the Methodist Protestant Church. Brother Page taught school at Brinkleyville until 1861. He joined the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in 1858, and was elected Secretary of that Conference in 1859. He established a female school at Brinkleyville, N. C., which he taught until he enlisted and went into the Confederate Army, which he did as a private in the First Regiment of North Carolina troops. He served the six months time for which he volunteered; then came home and taught his school for a while, he then voluntered as a private in the Forty-third Regiment of North Carolina troops, and was afterwards appointed chaplain of his regiment. After the close of the war, he returned to Brinkleyville and taught his school in 1865. In 1866, he traveled the Tar River Circuit of the Methodist Protestant Conference. In 1867 and 1868 he taught again at Brinkleyville; in 1869 he moved to Whitakerstown, N. C., where he taught two years, and traveled a circuit. He moved to Guilford County in 1871 and taught there two years. In 1873 he moved to Cary, N. C., where he taught until 1877. In 1878 he traveled the Halifax Circuit of the Methodist Protestant Conference. In 1879 he was made President of the Methodist Protestant Conference. In 1880 he moved to Winston. In 1881 he united with the North Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, South, after which he filled the following appointments:

Lenoir Station and Circuit, 1881-2; Rock Spring Circuit, 1883-4; Rockingham Station, '85-6-7; Kinston Station, 1888; Concord Station, 1889-90; Statesville Station, 1891-2; Morganton Station, 1893-4; Aberdeen Circuit, 1895-6-7; Rockingham Station, 1898; Laurinburg Station, 1899. At the Conference held in Elizabeth City in 1899, he asked for and obtained a superannuated relation. His active ministry came to an end, as he was literally worn out in the work. After he retired from the active work, he lived for a year and a half in Laurinburg, one year in Rockingham, and then settled in Henderson, N. C., where he died December 10, 1903, in the seventy-third year of his age.

Brother Page was an able minister of the New Testament. He was remarkable as an expositor of the Word, and an eminent Biblical preacher. His sermons were always edifying and instructive. He was an Israelite indeed, in whom there was no guile. He was simple and childlike in manner, but as firm in purpose as as a rock. When he thought he was right, he was absolutely fearless and immovable. He was a man greatly beloved by a host of friends and acquaintances.

During the last few months of his life his mind gave way so completely that he frequently did not know his dearest friends. He gradually grew weaker in body and mind, until the weary wheels of life stood still at last, and he quietly retired to Abraham's bosom.

He leaves a devoted wife, one son and five daughters, besides a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

Earth has known few truer and purer spirits than that of Rev. Jesse H. Page. When he fell, one of the tallest trees of the forest went down, and as we look up we can see more light through the opening. For there is an indefinable spiritual influence that goes out from such a life; although a cloud may hang over the intellect as it withdraws, yet, there is a spiritual radiance that was never seen on land or sea. His face, after death wore a serene expression, that impressed all who saw it.

"Though from the borne of time and place,
The flood has borne him far;
We know he met his pilot face to face,
When he crossed the bar."

L. L. NASH.

The Handbook and Infant Baptism.

"Editor Ivey, of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, has issued a Year Book for the Methodists of great value. He has laboriously made maps of every District in the State. The only thing in the book out of date is an article endeavoring to prove that infant sprinkling is baptism. The intelligent world has long ago abandoned this position, and it is about time North Carolina Methodists were coming around frankly."—Josiah William Bailey in Biblical Recorder, February 17th.

No, Brother Bailey, you are mistaken. The fools are not near all dead yet. Nine-tenths of all the nominal Christians of the world, denominationally speaking, still contend for the church rights of children. Some immerse them in water under the mistaken notion that water is a symbol of the grave, others let the water fall upon them symbolizing the descent of the Spirit in spiritual baptism, but nearly all preach the old doctrine that Jesus preached that infants belong to the kingdom of God above, and are therefore entitled to be recognized in the kingdom here. We Methodists don't know any better way than the Old Testament way of training up a child in the way he should go, or starting him in the road we would like for him to continue in. We have no better sense than to imitate the example of Jesus who was brought into the visible church by His parents when He was eight days old. (Lk. 2nd chapter), and who staid in the church and died for it. The "intelligent world" may do as it pleases, but we will stick to the ways marked out by divine authority until ordered to do otherwise. No such orders have ever been given.

Truly,

D. L. EARNHARDT.

Fremont, N. C., February 22, 1904.

District Missionary Secretaries.

The following have been appointed District Missionary Secretaries:

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Rockingham District—N. H. D. Wilson.
Wilmington District—A. S. Barnes.
New Bern District—.....
Washington District—J. A. Hornaday.
Warrenton District—C. W. Robinson.
Elizabeth City District—A. J. Parker.

These brethren have their heart in the work, and, if they have the co-operation of the preachers in their respective districts, the fruit of their labors will be seen at the close of the year.

R. H. WILLIS,
Conference Secretary of Missions.

The Family.

"And as feeble babes that suffer,
Toss and cry, and will not rest
Are the ones the tender mother
Holds the closest, loves the best—
So when we are weak and wretched,
By our sins weighed down, distressed,
Then it is that God's great patience
Holds us closest, loves us best."

God's Care.

("The Lord preserveth them that love Him.")
Though a gift of sorrow.
Crown the year,
What shall be to-morrow
Do not fear;
Nothing need alarm thee.
Sorrow cannot harm thee.
God is near.

What of thy departed?
Safe are they;
Be not thou faint-hearted.
Trust and pray:
When the shadows gather
Hasten to the Father
Every day.

Lose no time in sighing.
Trust and love;
Happy living, dying.
Thou shalt prove
How He changes never,
How He loves forever
Friend above.

Therefore make to-morrow
Glad with song;
Joy comes after sorrow.
Peace stays long;
In His love abiding,
In His shelter hiding.
Be thou strong.

—Marianne Farningham, in Christian World.

Whose Prayers Were Answered?

Robert J. Burdette, writing in the Baptist Commonwealth, preaches an eloquent sermon on prayer. It is well worth consideration for the sake of what it implies, as well as for what it directly says:

"I remember once upon a time, when I was a boy in Illinois, there was a long dry summer, when it seemed as though the world would be burned up. The Christian people assembled in their churches and prayed one whole day for rain.

"Prayed for rain! One day!

"For cloudless weeks the panting trees of the forest had lifted their curled and wilted leaves day after day praying for rain in the face of the blazing sun. For weeks the brown pastures, cripsed to the very roots, had cried and cried for rain. For weeks the drooping corn-blades hanging about the stalks, limp and withered, had prayed for rain. The dry bed of the little brook that crossed our farm was one long prayer. The very cattle that with the dumb and touching patience of the brutes came down every day to the caked bed of the dry pond, stood where the bank used to be, and prayed for the pond.

"Pray for rain one day! God's world of meadow and hill and brook and field and woods were praying all the time.

"And one night it rained. Soft as a benediction the drops of blessing pattered on the cornblades, and on the brown pastures; you could hear the rising wind sigh, as though it was the parched earth drawing a long breath of relife. All night long, and all next day, and the next night, it rained.

"Did we assemble in our churches, and spend another whole day in thanksgiving?

"We did not. Our pastors thanked God for the rain the following Sunday morning a few days later.

"But, oh, the gratitude of the cornfields and the pastures and the woods! Lifting their leaves and the long green blades to heaven! And the brook singing all day long—such an anthem of joy and gratitude—whispering a soft little solo through the weeds, and breaking out into such a jubilant chorus when a little runway of rocks gave chance for the cascade to lift up its voice. What a joyous, glad, exultant world it was! And the cattle, standing knee-deep in the pond, as though they would say, 'We knew it would fill up again;' drinking and bending their heads to drink again, and thence once more drinking as though they would drain the pond, and then lifting their heads with a long sigh of fullness and contentment—Oh, how glad and how grateful they were!

"And we men said, 'Well, our prayers brought rain.' Every man who had grumbled abont the long drought, every man who had murmured against God, and found fault with his weather for two months, and then offered one prayer in that all-day meeting, thought he had brought the rain.

"Whose prayers do you suppose God answered?

"'Your Heavenly Father knoweth ye have need of these things.'"

Thoughts for the Thoughtful.

Many Christians get cold warning themselves at the world's fires.—Clayton.

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If religion has done nothing for your temper, it has done nothing for your soul.—A. J. Gordon, D. D.

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A man who does not know how to learn from his mistakes, turns the best schoolmaster out of his life.

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The only greatness is unselfishness love. * * * There is a great difference between trying to please and giving pleasure.—Henry Drummond.

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Everything related to our happiness depends upon our point of view. We may lift up our eyes to the hills, even when walking in the valleys of the shadow.

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We ought to be grateful first of all and with the deepest gratitude that God does not guide us according to our own plans or send us those experiences which we crave.—Dr. Lyman Abbott.

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But is it given to us sometimes, even in our everyday life, to witness the saving influence of a noble nature,the divine efficacy of results that may lie in a self-subduing act of fellowship.—George Eliot.

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The Christian faith is a grand cathedral with dimly lighted windows. Standing without, one sees no glory, nor can ever imagine any possible. Standing within, every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendor.—Hawthorne.

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He who walks through life with an even temper and a gentle patience, patient with himself, patient with others, patient with difficulties and crosses, he has an every-day greatness beyond that which is won in battle or chanted in cathedrals.—Dr. Dewey.

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When men touch each other with the touch of God and love each other with the love of God and serve each other with the sacrificial heart of God, then the race will be one concordant family. The solvent of every problem of society is the love of God.—George D. Herron.

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Every individual will be the happier the more clearly he understands that his vocation consists, not in exacting service from others, but in ministering to others; in giving his life the ransom of many. A man who does this will be worthy of his food and not fail to have it.—Tolstoi.

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I know nothing can make up for such a loss as yours. But you will still have love on earth all round you, and His love is not dead. It lives still in the next world for you and perhaps with you. For why should not those who are gone, if they are gone to their Lord, be actually nearer us, not farther from us, in the heavenly world?—Charles Kingsley.

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What is true rest? Not idleness, but peace of mind. To rest from sin, from sorrow, from fear, from doubt, from care—this is true rest. Above all, to rest from the worst weariness of all—knowing one's day and yet not being able to do it. Perfect rest, in perfect work; that surely is the rest of blessed spirits, till the final consummation of all things.—C. Kingsley.

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There are those who acquire the habit of helping others, of comforting, of adding cheerfulness and strength, wherever they go. To those who thus give much is given in return—contentment, trust in God, confidence in their fellow-men, sweet hopes, peaceful memories.—James Freeman Clarke.

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Do not think of your faults, still less of others' faults; in every person who comes near you look for what is good and strong; honor that, rejoice in it and, as you can, try to imitate it. For the rest you will find it less easy to uproot faults than to choke them by gaining virtues. If, on looking back, your whole life should seem rugged as a palm-tree stem, never mind so long as it has been growing and has its grand green shade of leaves and weight of honeyed fruit at the top.—Ruskin.

Echoes from Dr. Torry.

It is good to be honest, but it is safe to be sure.

What the whole world is hungering for is the pure word of God.

The first purpose of the ministry is to seek and to save the lost.

Out of Christ man is a mere caricature of what God meant him to be.

You cannot have peace down in the depths of your soul unless you take Jesus Christ.

One of the most important functions of ministers is to train and perfect the saints for service.

The minister who is not seeking and saving the lost is a failure so far as his ministry is concerned.

You don't know what real happiness and sunshine are unless you have the love of Christ in your heart.

A real Christian who is out-and-out for Christ has joy unspeakable and full of glory, and no one else has.

If you want the deepest, highest, purest, and most unspeakable joy on earth, take Jesus Christ this very moment.

Just so surely as you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost will you receive power for service in that sphere to which God has called you.

By a Christian I understand anyone who comes to Christ as a lost sinner, surrendering his will to him, and confessing him before the world.

To be a real Christian you should be ready to go anywhere God wants you to go, do anything he wants you to do, and be anything He wants you to be.

If a minister engages himself in every social function and philanthropic movement to which men invite him, he will leave himself no time for the work God wants him to do.

The Lord's Prayer.

I used to think the Lord's Prayer was a short prayer; but as I live longer, and see more of life, I begin to believe there is no such thing as getting through it. If a man, in praying that prayer, were to be stopped by every word until he had thoroughly prayed it, it would take him a lifetime. "Our Father"—there would be a wall a hundred feet high in just these two words to most men. If they might say, "Our Tyrant," or "Our Monarch," or even "Our Creator," they could get along with it; but "Our Father"—why, a man is almost a saint who can pray that. You read, "Thy will be done;" and you say to yourself, "Oh! I can pray that;" and all the time your mind goes round and round in immense circuits and far-off distances; but God is continually bringing the circuits nearer to you, till He says, "How is it about your temper and your pride? How is it about your business and your daily life?" This is a revolutionary petition. It would make many a man's shop and store tumble to the ground to utter it. Who can stand at the end of the avenue along which all his pleasant thoughts and wishes are blossoming like flowers, and send these terrible words, "Thy will be done," crashing down through it? I think it is the most fearful prayer to pray in the world.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Our Boys and Girls.

For the Little Ones.

Two little stars are peeping
Down on the snow,
While fleecy clouds are leaping
Over them so.
And there is another
Just gleaming behind,
Soon will the vault of heaven,
In countless numbers shine.
The silver stars are twinkling
Down on us here,
While their little eyes are winking,
We have nothing to fear.
The little heavenly candles
Are shining to-night;
Who taught them to shine
With radiancy bright?
They only are pointing
The way to the skies,
Our thoughts they are beckoning,
Upward to rise.

MRS. E. M. ANDERSON.
Durham, N. C.

Keener, N. C., Feb. 9, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. I am going to school now, and my teacher is Miss Bessie Herring. Our school is just one more week longer. We are going to have an entertainment the last day. We all like Miss Bessie very well.

I will close. Good-bye.

Your little friend.
METTIE B. CARR.

Sanford, N. C., Feb. 12, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy eleven years old. I go to Sunday-school and my teacher's name is Mrs. T. L. Bass. I also go to every-day school and am in the third grade.

My papa takes the Advocate and I read the letters of the little folks.

I will answer Maud Hill's question in this week's paper—Jesus was baptized by John in Jordan.

Now I will ask Maud Hill a question: Who in the Bible called his wife a heifer?

Yours truly,
OTIS MOFFITT.

M. E. Orphanage, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am a boy fourteen years old. My mother and father are both dead, and I miss them very much. I am a member of the Methodist Church, and expect to remain a member as long as I live.

I haven't but one pet, and that is a little sister.

We are having a good time reading our Christmas books. I like arithmetic best of my studies.

What was the last animal God named?

With best wishes for the Advocate.
GUS McCASKILL.

Onville, N. C., Feeb. 14, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy nine years old. My papa don't take the Advocate but my Aunt Virginia Bruton takes it and I go to her house and read the cousins letters. Oh, I do enjoy reading them so much. I am going to school now and am learning very fast. My teacher is Miss Mittie Green, and we all like her very much. Our Sunday-school went into winter quarters and I hope it will open in the spring. Mr. H. G. Stamey is our pastor and we all like him very much.

My papa and mamma are both living. I am papa and mamma's baby.

I have one little pet pig and his name is Joe. I like him fine.

I hope some of the cousins will correspond with me.

I will answer Maud Hill's question—it was John the Baptist that baptized Jesus.

I will ask a question: What little man climbed the sycamore tree, and what did he clim it for?

I will close, with much love to the Orphanage.

Your little friend,
DAVID A. BRUTON.

South Washington, N. C.,
February 14, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. As I have never written to your paper, I thought I would write. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little girls and boys letters very much. I go to every-day school, and my teacher's name is Miss Gertrude Lebarb. I like her very much.

I have two sisters and four brothers.

Our pastor is Rev. C. C. Brothers. We all like him very much.

I will answer Mamie Hunley's question—Enoch went to heaven without dying.

I will close, hoping this will not find the waste-basket.

Your friend,
FLOSSIE ANDERSON.

Keener, N. C., Feb. 16, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. I am going to school now. My teacher is Mrs. Barbery. Our school is just two more weeks longer. We are going to have an entertainment the last day. We all like Mrs. Anne Barbery very well. She said she was never going to teach for us again. We all are sorry.

This is my third letter. I am in a hurry, so please excuse bad writing.

My little cousin, Mettie B. Carr, is writing one too, and it is her first letter to the Advocate, so please excuse her bad writing, and perhaps she will do better the next time.

I will close for this time, wishing to see this in print.

Your little friend,
MARY JULIA GORE.

Clayton, N. C., Feb, 4, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My teacher is Mrs. B. F. Williams. I like her very much. Our superintendent is Mr. E. B. McCullers, and our pastor is Rev. G. W. Fisher.

My father takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folk's letters very much, so I thought I would write.

I go to every-day school also. I study the fourth reader, arithmetic, grammar, geography and spelling. My teacher is Mrs. R. F. Williams.

Dr. Ivey preached here last Sunday and Sunday night. I like him very much.

I hope to see this in print.

An unknown friend,
MINNIE POOLE.

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"Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move o'er the waters' face
By thine almighty grace;
And in earth's darkest place,
Let there be light."

From the North Carolina Advocate we clip the following: "A cable message to New York from Seoul, Korea, reached the office of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city on the 16th inst., announcing the safety of all the Methodist missionaries in Korea, and the safe arrival from Shanghai of Bishop David H. Moore."

News of war in the far East causes anxious thought for our faithful workers there. The above message is reassuring to the home friends.

Miss Mary Pescud and Mrs. Battis had very attentive listeners at the Union Missionary Meeting at Edenton Street Church last Monday afternoon. Their addresses were full of interest and instruction on Brazil and the inter-denominational meetings in Denver.

The duet, "The Lord is my Shepherd," sung by Mrs. Albright and Miss Nina Green was very much enjoyed, as was the solo by Mrs. Kephart.

Members of the Young Woman's Society and Bright Jewels served the refreshments so bountifully provided by the Edenton Street Auxiliary.

Altogether, it was a very pleasant, instructive, social gathering.

Time and place of next meeting will be decided by the Committee later on.

The shocking news of the burning of Greensboro Female College has just reached our city. How many sad hearts there are today, all over our State, and especially in the Methodist Church, and the Missionary Societies of both Conferences! A large percentage of their numbers are either alumnae, or true, loyal friends of the dear old College.

The Presidents of our Conference Societies, Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson and our own "Aunt Lucy" Cunninggim, have been for years closely allied with the interests of the College; and they have in this hour of utter desolation, the sincere sympathy and earnest prayer of all their sisters.

How many of our Lady Managers read "Aunt Lizzie's" letter to them in the Raleigh Advocate in February? Only one response to her request has been received, but there will be others, if but the importance of the children's work can be sufficiently emphasized. No department of our work is more vital to future usefulness, and we urge the Lady Managers to comply with Mrs. Hendren's request.

Read the following from Miss Hutchings:

My Dear Mrs. Dixon:—In our Advocate of February 3rd, I find a letter from our dear Lady Manager of the Bright Jewels, "Aunt Lizzie."

Now as a loyal Bright Jewel, I must hasten to comply with the little modest request she makes to us Lady Managers.

Edenton Street Bright Jewels have lived the life of the average Societies, I suppose—some times on the mountain tops, then down in the valley; sometimes in the sunlight, ever so many more times in the shade; for some time I am glad to say we have been in the sunlight.

We have good meetings despite the past few weeks of snow, sleet, and rain.

We love the Missionary work. As Lady Manager for many years, I have closely looked into the best methods of interesting the children in the work, and I find the very best way possible is to keep them thinking of it from day to day, and week to week; hence we hold a Jewel meeting every Sabbath afternoon. It is too long to wait four weeks for a meeting—the children lose interest.

While it is work for the Lady Manager, yet it is the life of the Jewel Band—I find it so. It is sweet to work for the Master whenever He calls.

We have had several accessions dur ing the past year—we welcomed two new members last Sabbath.

Our President, one of the girls, conducts the meeting—that, I find, is a great educational school along the line of future Missionary zeal in the years so soon to come, when our Woman Societies are to be officered and the work carried on efficiently.

We take ten copies of the Little Worker and the children enjoy them very much.

I must not make my letter too long or dear Mrs. Dixon will wish she had not made her proposition to "Aunt Lizzie," as she wants space for other letters.

But, in conclusion, I must say I have the children to do all they will in the meetings, even to pray if possible, and that we are educating them up to do.

I will write another letter before long if this is accepted.

The Lady Managers will please write—I am anxious to hear and borrow others' methods.

May God's blessing rest on Aunt Lizzie and the work of the children.

Sincerely yours in the Master's cause.

NARCISSA HUTCHINGS,
Lady Manager Edenton St. Bright Jewels.

CHEAP SETTLERS TICKETS.

On the first and third Tuesday of each month till April, 1904, the Frisco System (Saint Louis and San Francisco Railroad) will sell reduced one-way and round-trip tickets from Birmingham, Memphis and St. Louis to points in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Texas. Write W. T. Saunders, General Agent Pass. Dept., Atlanta, Ga., for full information.

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Full Reports for the Fourth Quarter.

In one week full reports of the fourth quarter, and all other work that has not been mentioned before should be in the hands of our Conference Corresponding Secretary; also, all communications concerning literature and press work should be in my hands.

Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers, are you ready? I trust so, and that your reports will bring pleasure and encouragement.

A Reminder.

Lest you may have overlooked my urgent personal requests sent in both January and February, and because I will not be able to send a third, I ask all who have not answered concerning the Press Exhibit to please do so at once. Elizabeth City, Smithfield and Selma have responded beautifully, but I am looking fondly for letters and newspapers from others. Please do not disappoint me. It is right to take pride in our Lord's work, and I believe you feel as much as I do.

Mrs. R. W MacDonnell.

Our General Secretary is now touring the Southwest, in order to thoroughly understand the work there, that she may make a clear and comprehensive presentation of its needs at the meeting of the Board. Her itinerary includes the Cuban schools of Tampa and Key West, the Paine Annex for negro girls in Augusta, Ga., and a number of city missions en route. I know that all the Auxiliaries unite in the earnest hope that her physical strength may continue and that she may receive a double portion of wisdom to aid her in her arduous and loving undertaking.

Read Carefully.

I have been sending items monthly since last June to every Auxiliary on the list given me by our Conference Corresponding Secretary, and have also written several times to the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries. Most of the ladies have sent sweet and gracious replies, but there are a few who have never sent me a line, indeed, I have not been able to tell our Board Superintendent if the items are used in the meetings. Sisters, why is this? I do not believe that you realize that this course is unjust to yourselves and unfair to me. It is, however, and I beg you to please send me a message, if only a line, as soon as you read this.

Juvenile Societies.

During this quarter I have been sending items to our four Juvenile Societies, believing that they would be helpful, also that they would be appreciated. Young ladies, please write me at once if I judged aright.

There is nothing more beautiful than a consecrated, useful young Christian, and I feel a specially warm interest in a young Home Mission woman.

Cuban Communications.

At Ybor City 85 children have been enrolled, and Miss Ford says the school has never been in a more satisfactory condition. She is the right woman in the right place, and rejoices in the privilege of training these children for the blessed eternity. Little Dolores and little Candida are our Cuban children who are the special pets of the Spartanburg, S. C., Society, and the Paine Memorial Juvenile Society of New Orleans.

Ruth Hargrove School.

We recall with delight a visit from the elect lady for whom this school was named, Mrs. Hargrove, wife of Bishop Hargrove.

It has recently received a gift of two handsome book cases from the same kind friend who gave a large number of books some time since—Dr. Murray, of Key West. The hall is now called the Rebah Murray Library. Another valuable gift is a horse and buggy, which is a daily reminder of the loving kindness of Mrs. Ross, of Tennessee.

Ruth Hargrove has a strong faculty and a large number of pupils. Miss Reid, the able Principal, has been compelled to turn away boys for lack of room. May Southern mothers wake up to their solemn responsibilities and sacred privileges in these matters!

Our New North Carolina Auxiliaries.

We are looking with eager interest for news from our youngest sisters. I have had charming letters from Mrs. Mims, of Trinity Church, Durham, Mrs. Fisher, of Lake Landing, and Miss Aileen Smith, of Whiteville; but what of the others of the new nine? I believe you are waiting for me to tell you here how I long to be cheered by your messengers—and now that I have done so, I shall expect to hear from you by the end of the week. Suppose you do not see the Advocate—but I shall not make such an unfortunate supposition.

A Repetition.

Many of our Home Mission members take the Raleigh Advocate (all who write to me do, I think), and I earnestly hope all will soon be on its list. I again ask all to help me get new readers for it, not forgetting to ask your friends to subscribe through me, as you know Dr. Ivey kindly allows a certain per cent for our work.

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Editorial.

GREENSBORO FEMALE COLLEGE IN ASHES.

On last Thursday morning, about 2 o'clock, Greensboro Female College was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was quickly given and the fire companies were soon present, but the supply of water was found to be inadequate, and all that the engines and individuals were able to do was not sufficient to check the flames. In a short while the loved structpre was in ashes and the noble hill was crowned only with smoking ruins.

No one was injured. No life was lost. All the property within the walls save that which was in the third story, was saved. The whole property was value at $100,000. On this there was insurance to the amount of $35,000.

The origin of the fire is unknown. There is strong suspicion that it was a case of incendiarism. Two weeks before, a fire had started in the same part of the building. Since then the management of the college had been unusually careful. The electrical engineer of Greensboro states that the fire could not have been occasioned by defective electrical arrangement. In this connection, we may say that it is very strange that in the last few weeks three of our educational institutions for women should have been burned down.

Greensboro Female College has had an eventful history. The next to the oldest college for women in the South, she has passed through vicissitudes many. Burned down once before, she arose in new pride from her ashes. Harrassed by debt and threatened by calamity she has lived through the years to bless North Carolina through the many cultured and consecrated women she has sent out from her walls.

Last summer, she faced one of her darkest crises when her doors were closed and it was announced that her career had come to an end. It was then reserved for her daughters aided by a sympathetic and generous people to come to her aid, throw open her doors, and announce to the world that the noble old institution would weather the gale.

The college opened in September with a remarkably full patronage, considering the adverse circumstances. The able President aided by a select faculty was doing fine work and preparing for a brighter era in the history of the college. Our people were beginning to feel elated over the bright prospects when the last sad story was written in flame and smoke on last Thursday morning.

But North Carolina Methodism is familiar with such disasters. Taking for a motto, "ad astra per aspera," our people have found in disaster the inspiration for stronger endeavor, and have made them the foundation stones for the most brilliant successes.

What now? Will the institution lie in her ashes? Has the historical last straw broken the back of our people's faith and energy? No, a thousand times. The college will be rebuilt. To deny this would be to affirm of our Methodism a weakness which would be her everlasting shame. Rich in material means, rich in the faith which has pushed the ark of progress forward through shade and sunshine, across hill and over plain, our people must not—will not, stagger at this blow. Out of the ashes will come a greater institution. We base our prophecy on the strong rock of our trust in the faith and loyalty of our people.

We await with deep interest the outcome of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the two Conferences. Not only the noble President, and the loving daughters of the college, but the whole State is waiting for our Methodism to show her faith and activity in this trying hour.

It is an impression with many that the Bishops of our church have an easy time, and that their only really strenuous experience is in presiding over an Annual Conference. It is a fact that this experience of the Bishops is generally the least strenuous. If our people could only realize what labors our Bishops are having now in an "off time" the general impression above referred to would speedily depart.

A CRY WE MUST HEED.

In 1861 the American Bible Society was born. The mother Society is the British and Foreign Bible Society, which had its start in 1804.

The Universal Bible Sunday is set for the 6th of March. Surely this will be a significant and important day throughout Christendom.

Since its establishment, the American Bible Society has issued 72,670,783 copies of the Bible. Last year, 2,058,989 copies were issued. The Bible is now printed in nearly fifty languages and dialects. What good has been done by the millions of copies of the Bible sent out by the British and Foreign and American Bible Society can be estimated only by the divine mind.

We are sorry that the receipts of the American Bible Society fall short last year about $50,000. Yet the Society has relaxed none of its energy in the circulation of the Bible.

These facts should be considered seriously by our people in the North Carolina Conference. Our collections for the Bible Cause in the past have not been short of a burlesque. That exhibit made by Dr. A. D. Betts in last week's Advocate was thought-provoking and conscious-stinging. The North Carolina Conference should ease its conscience this year by making a phenomenal contribution to the Bible Cause. We can never hurt any good cause by taking up a big collection for another good cause. To think otherwise is to be guilty of a heresy of which the Devil is very fond.

Surely the sixty odd thousand Methodists in the North Carolina Conference will not be content with giving less than one cent per capita to circulating the Word of God. We cannot afford it.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN H. CLIFTON.

Mr. John H. Clifton, one of our most valuable printers in the employ of the Mutual Publishing Company, was run over by an egine on last Thursday night and instantly killed. He was on his way home from the office. In an attempt to pass the rear of the train which had blocked up the regular pass-way, he was caught by a shifting engine which was not seen by him.

The funeral was on Friday afternoon, and was conducted by Rev. N. L. Seabolt, assisted by Rev. J. M. Culbreth and this writer. Although the icy rain was pouring down in torrents, there was a large concourse of people present to do honor to the memory of the deceased.

Mr. Clifton was a stockholder in the Raleigh Christian Advocate Company and was until last September, a year ago, foreman in the Raleigh Advocate plant. We always found him faithful to his trust. He took a deep interest in the welfare of the Raleigh Advocate.

He was a steward in Brooklyn Methodist Church. He was regarded as one of the most valuable members of that congregation. He was always anxious that his church should make a good report at Conference, and our last experience with him was when he came into our office to get assessments for his charge as furnished by the Secretary of Raleigh District. He is sadly missed in the office by all of his associates who, with all of us, were shoked at his untimely death.

He was in his thirty-first year, and in his robust physical manhood looked forward to enjoying a long life. But life is so uncertain. In one quick moment he passed away from us.

About two years ago, the writer united the deceased in marriage to Miss Rebecca Emory. In their comfortable little home, gladdened a few months ago by their loved infant, the happy couple made their plans for the future—plans which have been so tragically upset. But God knows best. May He send His comforting spirit to that crushed young wife, the old father and mother, and the other bereaved ones.

Mr. W. B. Cooper, Secretary of the Sunday-School Board, desires to hear from every pastor who has needy Sunday-schools within his charge. Write to him at once as distribution is to be made March 1st. This is an important matter.

A Card to Many Friends of Greensboro Female College.

In behalf of the Alumnae Association of Greensboro Female College, of the faculty and students, Mrs. Robertson desires to return sincere thanks to the many friends throughout the State for telegrams and letters of sympathy on the occasion of the recent destruction of the College by fire. In the midst of this direful calamity such kind expressions of sympathy as came from all sections of the State were indeed most gratifying to the wounded spirits of those so immediately afflicted by the loss of the honored old institution around which clustered so many associations of the past and hopes for the future.

In the confusion consequent upon the fire, involving separation from office, desk and all facilities for correspondence Mrs. Robertson regrets that she has not been able to send a response to each kind message, but hopes in the near future to send a personal letter of appreciation to every friend who has so kindly remembered her and the school in this time of affliction.

There was one truth which Mr. Bryan in his two addresses in Raleigh emphasized with striking earnestness and it is this: All true life is not a thing of accumulation but of distribution. It is not what we take out of life that makes us great in God's sight, but what we put into it. Forgetting ourselves into a glorious immortality is a privilege than which there is none higher, and thus forgetting we make green the remembrance of every high and holy thing.

"Live a natural life, eat what you want, and walk on the sunny side of the street," is the recipe for a long life, given by Dr. Robert Collyer, who has passed his eightieth birthday. The first item is a good one. We are not so sure about the second. We accept it as meaning, "eat only what you need." The third is worthy of being posted on the desk or anywhere else it may be frequently seen. The reflex influence of a bright Christian optimism on the physical man has been taught from the time of Christ. It is time that we are beginning to practice the doctrine.

Bishop Fallows is furnishing for the Ram's Horn a series of very plain practical articles on Christian Science. In the last issue, Frank Beard has used his pencil, and in a very telling way has advanced a strong argument against the Christless Science which is denominated Christian Science. He represents a follower of this deluded cult coming to a solid stone wall which prevents further progress. This stone wall is Common Sense. It seems that this wall should be sufficient to stop every Christian Scientist and cause the scales to fall from the eyes.

Several years ago, it was found that the public schools in 651 out of 808 American cities had religious exercises. In 77 cities, religious exercises were prohibited. In 602 cities, the Bible was read in the schools. In 536, prayer formed a part of the exercises. In 99, comment on the Bible was prohibited. A good showing. Yet we cannot escape at present a feeling of deep apprehension. Since the doctrine that the work of the world's civilization has shifted from the church to the schoolhouse has been preached so publicly and widely, we wonder if such a favorable showing as we have outlined above can be made.

Liberty comprehends all that God in His deepest love designs for the world, animate and inanimate. Since liberty is the possession and proper use of God-given rights and privileges; since the exercise of such rights and privileges means the supremacy of law; since the supremacy of law means the supremacy of God, every true law being nothing but the authority and expression of God's will; then it follows that liberty is no term to be lightly used, but something which swings itself into the realm of righteousness, and, planting its feet on the grand doctrine that God is love, resolves itself into the richest expression of that love and be comes the compendium of all blessings.

North Carolina Methodism.

Dr. L. L. Nash is assisting Rev. N. E. Coltrane in a meeting at Smithfield this week.

The post-office of Rev. J. D. Bundy will be Rocky Mount, N. C., until further notice is given.

Rev. E. C. Glenn reports a fine meeting at Southport. He began a meeting at South Mills last week.

Rev. R. C. Beaman and his little daughter Catharine spent last Tuesday in Raleigh, and we were glad to have them as visitors to this office.

Rev. J. H. Shore came down to Raleigh on last Monday afternoon to hear Mr. Bryan at night. Brother Shore is doing a great work on the Franklinton Circuit.

The continued bad weather is reducing the size of the Sabbath congregations. But we remember with gratitude that the last Sundays of the Conference year are generally fair.

The death of Mr. D. C. Branson, in New York City last week was a sad one. Since his graduation at Trinity he had spent several years in Europe in study. He was a very brilliant man.

Mrs. Sarah B. Guthrie, mother of Rev. J. O. Guthrie of the North Carolina Conference, died last week in Burlington. She was buried at Siler City. She was a fervent Christian, and will be greatly missed. All the children and other bereaved ones have our deepest sympathy.

Rev. C. M. Lance, Graham, desires from every preacher in the Durham District the number and names of his delegates to the District Conference, which is announced in this issue. It is very important that Brother Lance should know who expect to reach Graham by private conveyance.

Bishop Wallace W. Duncan spent several days last week at Trinity Park, the guest of President Kilgo. On Sunday he preached in Craven Memorial Hall to a large audience. Bishop Duncan is a great favorite with the college community, and his coming is always looked forward to with great pleasure.

The debts upon the church and parsonage at Maxton, amounting in all to about $360, have recently been met in full by Messrs. J. W. Carter and A. J. McKinnon. While no condition was demanded, it is understood that the other members of the charge will put the parsonage in good repair during the year.

Rev. G. R. Rood, who was in the office on Tuesday, told us that, in spite of rainy Sundays, he had filled all his appointments and had taken collections for the Bible cause which amount to over 2 cents per capita for his membership. The Stewards have increased his salary for the present year.

The report of the Librarian of Trinity College shows that during the year ending February 1st, there have been added to the library 9, 953 bound volumes and 1,123 pamphlets. During the preceding year there were added 4,419 bound volumes and 669 pamphlets. This makes the accession for the last two years 14,372 bound volumes and 1,792 pamphlets.

While appreciating the kind words used by the Biblical Recorder with reference to the North Carolina Methodist Handbook, we felt that the Recorder, in its remarks about infant baptism, was cutting an abnormally large slice of intelligence out of the church population of the world and putting it into the Baptist pantry. We were just getting ready to "deliver ourselves" on this point when the letter of Brother Earnhart, published on another page, was received. He covers the ground like a Hippodrome tent. We look for large orders for the Handbook.

News comes from from Dr. C. F. Reid, at San Francisco, that he has nearly raised the $7,500 which was necessary to secure a lot and plant an effective church at the University of California.

General Notes.

Bishop Hartzell dedicated a church in Anstali, Rhodesia, last autumn, costing $20,000.

The Young Men's Christian Association for North and South Carolina will convene in Spartanburg, February 20-23.

Bishop Hoss will hold a Bible Conference or Institute in First Church, Memphis, beginning March 20, and continuing ten days.

Dr. and Mrs. Hamil will spend the month of April on the Pacific slope in the interest of Sunday-school training work for teachers.

Rev. G. Campbell Morgan has received a pressing invitation to the pastorate of Westminster Chapel (Congregational), London, England.

The school at London, Ky., under the direction of the Home Mission Society, is doing good work. The opening for the second term is unusually good.

We regret to learn that Dr. G. C. Rankin, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, is seriously sick. We trust that there may be a speedy recovery.

Dr. Gross Alexander has been invited by the editor, Dr. Hastings, of Edinburgh, Scotland, to write a series of articles for a new dictionary of Christ.

Mr. Daniel Denham, who for fifty years had been cashier of the Methodist Book Concern in New York, was suddenly killed by a train last week.

Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the New York Christian Advocate, will lecture at the Nashville Tabernacle on the night of February 25, for the benefit of Walden University.

Dr. J. D. Hammond has just returned from a visit to Oklahoma. He describes the building for the Epworth University in Oklahoma as complete and well suited to the purpose for which it has been built.

Bishop Warren A. Candler preaches the commencement sermon at Vanderbilt University June 12, 1904. Judge J. M. Dickinson, of Chicago, delivers the literary address. Mr. Chales N. Burch is alumni orator.

Lately there have been made some very great changes in the Florida, and Baltimore and Richmond Advocates. All these changes are for the better. We congratulate the Alabama on its new and neat heading.

The New Century Knights, of which Dr. Palmore, of the St. Louis Advocate is organizer, is to have a field day at the World's Fair. The management has appointed June 25 for the marshaling of the hosts.

Governor Frazier, of Tennessee, vetoes the Dispensary Bill passed by the Legislature of that State on the ground that if it is immoral and injurious for the State to sell liquor it is equally so for the State to sell it.

The twenty-second annual session of the Monteagle Assembly will begin July 2 and close August 30. The Bible School will be in charge of Dr. George B. Eager, of Louisville, Ky., and Dr. George Summey, of New Orleans.

One of the great theologians and mathematical scholars of the world, Rev. Dr. George Salmon, provost of Trinity College, Dublin, is dead at the age of eighty-five. He was Professor of Divinity in the Dublin University, 1866-1888, when he assumed the post in which he died. Mathematical text-books, an introduction to the New Testament, volumes of sermons, and Biblical discussions of high value came from his pen.

Mr. J. A. Odell, of Greensboro, has recently purchased a $3,500 monument. On one side will be carved, "J. A. Odell;" on the other, "W. H. Branson." Mr. Branson was Mr. Odell's adopted son, and lost his life in an accident in a cotton mill at Durham several years ago.

Publisher's Column.

We want a copy of the Advocate of July 20th.

We are very much crowded with obituaries just now. Hence there must be delay in the publication of some. We try to publish them in the order in which they are received.

The preachers have been hindered sadly during February in their work for the Advocate. The receipts are evidence of this fact. We desire to make March a red-letter month.

I saw enclosed cutting in North Carolina Advocate. You seem to be quite sure that every Methodist family in the State positively needs the Handbook. I have thought it possible that one or two families out of the State might make some use of it also. Kindly send me a copy for enclosed 25 cents in stamps.—Yours very truly, Geo. T. Terrell, 90 Mt. Carmel, Ocean Grove, N. J.

The brethren continue to write to us that the lists we have sent them contain the names not only of their own subscribers, but of other preachers. We know it. Yet at the same time we do not expect the preachers to collect for another charge. Subscribers from several charges get their paper at the same office. Unless we have the church registers present, we cannot tell to what charge they belong. Hence, we have to group the subscribers according to post-offices and not churches.

We trust that the brethren understand this matter. We have explained it several times in the Advocate, but we assume that the papers containing the explanation must have missed reaching their destination. Every preacher, you know, reads the Advocate.

SOME THINGS THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT THE ADVOCATE.

We do so much enjoy its weekly visits and find it a blessing in our home. We can't do without the Advocate as long as we can get $1.50 to pay for it. May God bless you in the editorial chair, and may it be as great a blessing to others as it is to the writer.—Mrs. L. H. W.

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Enclosed you will find check for $1.50—my renewal to the Advocate. So long as I have anything to read (except my Bible), I want my "church paper," and when I read it, I want to know that it is paid for.—Miss M. R.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The Conference has requested each District to furnish 150 new subscribers by May 1, 1904. The report for each District will be made weekly in this column. The District reporting the largest number of new subscribers by May 1, 1904, will receive a present not costing less than $25.00, to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

The following new subscribers have been received since February 1:

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The following shows how many new subscribers have been received from each District since December 1st:

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EDITED BY REV. W. B. ANDERSON.

What the President of a Chapter Can Do.

Let not the president think his work is accomplished when he has presided at the business meeting. If so, he has an imperfect idea of the duties and opportunities of his office. System is the secret of success in everything, and none the less in a League chapter.

But system is not self-developing, it requires a guiding hand to establish and maintain it. The president should be the central force which combines and harmonizes the various activities of the chapter. He should be ex-officio a member of all the committees; he then keeps in touch with all branches of the work. After the election of officers he should see that each new committee has a meeting to plan the work for the coming term. He should, if possible, be present at the first committee meeting to advise and assist in the plans. He has in this way an opportunity of not only directing every line of work, but of infusing enthusiasm and energy in each department at the very outset.

Of course this will not be done in a dictatorial spirit, but in the spirit of brotherliness and with due deference to the views of the committee and the pastor, who is also a member of the committees. The president should seek to foster a mutual desire to be led into the highest and best service.

The president should also remember that initial velocity, however great, will expend itself after a time, and unless the chapter has more than the usual number of faithful members, the committee work will lag. He should know what is being done in the committee room and by expression of approval or suggestion of improvement show the chairman that he has an interest in his special work and is keeping close watch upon it. If a committee fails to take up its duties, the chapter will neglect that department of work; hence the importance of stimulating and wisely directing the committee work.

The president should, of course, attend the council meetings where all departments of League work come together for consultation and that due emphasis should be given to each department of League activities. Without the council, it is to be feared that undue consideration may be given to one branch of the League work as against another. While all things should be done with reference to the glory of God, the League should not be narrowed down to a weekly prayer-meeting, nor should it become a social club nor a literary society; yet all these should have due consideration, and in the council meeting the work of each should be planned and these plans submitted to the chapter and, after being passed upon there, the president should be, as it were a balance wheel which, while he urges forward, at the same time prevents spasmodic or erratic action and insures an even, steady movement in all departments.

What the president should not do is perhaps as important as what he should do. He should not attempt to do work that rightfully belongs to another. He should never dictate what shall be done in his chapter. He should never take an important step without approval of his chapter. He should never scold or complain. Our parents, teachers, and often preachers, do enough of this. Let us have none of it in the League.

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Hearers and Doers of the Word.

(Matthew 7:21-29.)

Golden Text.—Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only. (James 1:22.)

Shortly after the healing of the man with the withered hand, Jesus chose the twelve disciples, whose names are recorded in each of the Synoptic Gospels.

Following immediately upon the selection of the Twelve came the Sermon on the Mount, the concluding portion of which is assigned for our study in the present lesson.

It seems best to identify the Sermon on the Mount with the so-called Sermon on the Plain, which is given by Luke (chapter 6:17-7:1). The horns of Hattin are usually identified with the Mount of Beatitudes, and the configuration of the landscape presents itself either as that of a mountain or a plain, according to the precise position of the observer.

The Sermon on the Mount.—As this lesson is the only one in our present course of study of the life of Jesus that refers to the Sermon on the Mount, it will be well, especially in the older classes of the Sunday-school, to take a comprehensive view of the whole discourse, dwelling especially on the portion assigned for our study which forms the application of the sermon.

The Sermon on the Mount was Jesus' platform of principles. We may regard it as his inaugural address, for he had just chosen his disciples, and this sermon was to instruct them in the new faith whose apostles they were to be.

While the Sermon on the Mount is the longest recorded discourse of Jesus, we must not make the mistake of thinking that it contains the whole of the Gospel which he came to declare. The Sermon on the Mount dwells especially on the practical side of the Christian life. Because an important doctrine like that of the Atonement, for example, is not fully set forth in this matchless discourse, we must not say that the Atonement is not a vital part of our Christian faith and doctrine. In order to a full-rounded conception of the Gospel we must take the whole of Jesus' life and teaching, both as recorded by the Evangelists and in the Epistles of the New Testament.

Entrance Into the Kingdom of Heaven.—Having set forth in the main portion of the Sermon on the Mount the chief characteristics of the kingdom of heaven, Jesus now set forths in the concluding portion the conditions of entrance into that kingdom.

It is not mere profession but real performance that will win admission into the kingdom of heaven. Not those who say, "Lord, Lord," but those who have both heard and done the sayings of Jesus will be the chosen ones to whom the gates of the kingdom shall open, and who shall hear the voice of the Master bidding them enter in.

The Two Houses.—Jesus closes his discourse with a vivid and striking parable which must have brought home to his hearers in most realistic fashion the relative position of those who are only hearers and those who are both hearers and doers of the Word.

The house founded upon a rock represents the condition of the man who both hears and does the will of the Master. He is founded upon the rock Christ Jesus, and the fiercest storms and the most raging flood cannot overthrow him.

The house built upon the sand represents the condition of the man who is resting upon an insincere profession. He cannot withstand the tempests of trial or adversity, and in the end he is swept away into utter destruction.

The Voice of Authority.—The closing verses of our lesson are significant, for we are there told that the people were astonished at his teaching, for Jesus taught as one having authority, and not as the scribes. The words of Jesus are those of final authority. Let us hear and heed them now and always.

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Secular News.

STATE.

The price of cotton still remains about 13 cents.

The talk of leasing the A. & N. C. R. R. continues.

There is an improvement in the price of tobacco.

W. J. Bryan has been on a lecturing tour through the State.

Washington's birthday was generally observed throughout the State.

A charter has been secured for the bank of Ashepole, Robeson County.

The State Council of J. O. U. A. M., is in session at Charlotte this week.

North Carolina's exhibit at the World's Fair will occupy a space of 10,000 square feet.

Edgecombe County has collected $800 dog tax, which will be placed in the school fund.

It is announced that the city of Salisbury has been offered $103 for the recent issue of bonds, the amount of which is $90,000.

Judge Allen has decided that the $2,000 tax levied by the Winston aldermen on the trading stamp company was unconstitutional.

The education section of the Woman's Club of Charlotte decided at a meeting Saturday to begin a formal campaign against coca-cola.

The increased number of fires in the tobacco towns of the State have caused the insurance companies to issue orders cancelling all risks on toinacco.

The President could not accept an invitation to deliver an address to the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association at their annual meeting in Charlotte.

It is announced that the Democratic State Committee will meet in Raleigh March 17th, to name the time and place for the meeting of the Democratic State Convention.

Rev. Mr. Hubbard, formerly pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle of Raleigh, has given up his pastorate in Shelby and will accept a call to the First Baptist Church of Troy, Ala., his native State.

The congregation of Tryon Street Methodist Church, of Charlotte, expect in the near future to enlarge their church building, which will make it the handsomest church edifice in the State.

At a recent meeting of the Historical Commission it was decided to offer three prizes of an hundred dollars each to promote the discovery and investigation of the sources of North Carolina history.

The committee to award the two Rhodes scholarships to which North Carolina is entitled, have continued the examination of applicants to March 9th, at the State University. Applications will be received till March 1st.

Within the past three weeks three of the most useful educational institutions for women in the State have suffered greatly by fire—the State Normal and Industrial College, Oxford Female Seminary, and the Greensboro Female College. The combined loss will amount to $220,000.

Last December the Carnegie Institution made a grant of $1 000 to Dr. Charles Baskerville, professor of chemistry at the University of North Carolina, to assist him in research upon the rare earths in which he is engaged. Another grant of $1 000 has just been made to Dr. Baskerville to enable him to employ an assistant in his work.

GENERAL.

There are 270,000 Indians in the United States.

Of the 638 colleges in the United States 330 admit women.

Sixty British battleships are being equipped with new steel guns.

People at Port Arthur are panic stricken and leaving the town.

The public health and marine hospital service costs $1,000,000 a year.

The government inspected 2,000,000 cattle for Texas fever during last year.

There is great activity in European countries in preparation for any war emergency.

Mrs. Lorenz, who was indicted in connection with the postal frauds, was acquitted.

No fighting of any importance has taken place between the land forces of Japan and Russia as yet.

The United States buys from Cuba three times as much as Cuba buys from the United States.

It is claimed that the State of South Carolina has been swindled out of considerable money on its capitol.

The first trans-Atlantic steamship, the Savannah, was built and owned in Savannah and made its first voyage in 1819.

The ginners report 9,859,227 bales of cotton ginned in the United States for 1903 up to and including January 16, 1904.

Japan will refuse contributions offered in her aid from the United States; no foreigners will be allowed in the army or navy.

The steam and street cars can carry 55,000 passengers per hour from the heart of St. Louis to the World's Fair grounds.

President Roosevelt has been invited to attend, May 13th next, the celebration of the first landing of the English at Jamestown, Va.

The law prohibiting the employment of boys under 16 years of age in or about the mines of Pennsylvania was declared unconstitutional.

Mrs. Helen William Post, on trial in the Federal Court at Jacksonville, Fla., was found guilty of using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes. She was a mental science healer.

An official report says that at the time of the American occupation there was not a school house in Porto Rico; there are 50,000 children now in school, but there are 310,000 children unprovided for.

Germany has 78 persons who are over 100 years old: France, 213; England, 146; Ireland, 578; Scotland, 46; Sweden, 10; Norway, 23; Belgium, 5; Denmark, 2; Switzerland, none; Spain, 401; Servia, 575.

Sleeping cars on an electric railroad are about to be introduced on the Applevard line, running from Columbus, O., to Indianapolis. There are 10 compartments in each car—each room being nearly seven feet long by four feet wide.

Of the 1,437 unions, with a membership of 135,626, making returns to the American Federation of Labor for December there were 1.1 per cent out of employment. In the preceding month 1,119 unions, with a membership of 65,922, reported 4.2 per cent out of employment.

Coal constituted nearly 40 per cent of the total tonnage of America's railways last year. It cost $1.87 to carry a ton from Yorkshire coal fields, in England, to London, a distance of 158 miles, while coal is sent from the Carbondale coal region in Illinois to Chicago, 276 miles, for 75 cents a ton.

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FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. S. Hurley P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Duke's Benson Feb. 20
Fayetteville, Ay Street Feb. 21
Sampson Green, Ebenezer, March 6
The District Stewards will please meet in Methodist Church at Sanford Jan. 8 at 7 p. m.

SECOND ROUND.

Rockingham Station, Feb. 21 22
Robersonville Green Lake Feb. 27, 28
Richmond, Zion, March 5, 6

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E. Rockingham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Rockingham Station, Feb. 21 22
Robersonville Green Lake Feb. 27, 28
Richmond, Zion, March 5, 6

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Wilson, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Bethel Circuit, Feb. 27, 28
Jamesville (night), Feb. 28
Farmville Circuit, March 5 6
Greenville (night), Mar h 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Wilson Circuit, Black Creek, March 20, 21
Wilson Station March 21
Spring Hope, 1 P. M. and Mar h 27, 28
South Edgecombe Tarboro Circuit, April 1
Princeville, Lexington, April 2, 3
Bowers ville, Williston, April 9
Washington, April 10, 11
Bath, Pinetown (night), April 10, 11
South Mesic Mount, April 16, 17
Rocky Mount, April 7, 18
Greenleaf and Davis on April 24, 25
Swan Quarter, Sunday April 2
Matthews ville, April 30 and May 1
Fourth Round (night) May 1
Pasquotank, York Chapel, May 7, 8
Aurora (District Conference), May 14

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C

FIRST ROUND.

Pantego and Belhaven, at Pantego, Feb. 20, 21
Roper, at Roper, Feb. 27, 28
Plymouth, Feb. 28 29
Carrituck, at Asbury, March 5, 6
Columbia, March 12 13
The District Stewards of Elizabeth City District will please meet in the Sunday school room of the First Methodist Church, in Elizabeth City, on Wednesday, January 6, at 3 p. m.

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C

FIRST ROUND.

Hookerton, Rainbow, Feb. 13, 14
La Grange Institute, Feb. 20, 21
Beaufort, Feb. 27, 28
Morehead, Feb. 28 29
Cartaret, Newport March 5, 6
Atlantic, Atlantic Mar h 11, 12
Straits, Summerfield, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Mt. Olive and Faison, Mt. Olive, Mar h 19, 20
Pink Hill Circuit, Dudley's, March 26, 27
St. Paul March 27
Jones Circuit, Oak Grove, April 2, 3
Core Creek, April 3
Craven Circuit (second), April 9, 10
Kinston April 10, 11
Public Branch, April 16, 17
Oriental, South Creek, April 23, 24

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at East Burlington, Feb. 14, at night.
Alamance Circuit, Saxapahaw, Feb. 20, 21

SECOND ROUND.

Hillsboro, McTyeire, Feb. 27, 28
Milton Circuit's, March 5, 6
Chapel Hill, March 13, 14
Durham, Trinity Church, March 20, 21
Carr Church and Johnson, March 20, at night

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Youngsville, Youngsville, Feb. 13, 14
Granville Circuit, Feb 20, 21
Carey Garner, Feb. 27, 28
Epworth, Feb. 28 29
Knightdale, Buckhorn, March 5, 6
Wakefield, March 6
Tar River, Kittrell, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Edenton St., March 19, 20
Second Summerfield, March 26, 27
Smithfield, March 27, 28
Franklinton, Sunday, April 2, 3
Central, April 9, 10

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Roanoke Circuit, Tabor, Feb. 17
Hobgood, Hobgood, Feb. 20, 21
Roanoke Neck, Feb. 21, 22
Garysburg, Garysburg, Feb. 27, 28
Henry Fork, March 6, 7
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 19, 20

Marriages.

DANIELS—FYNN.—At Wayman Church, Columbus County, October 29, 1903, Mr. B. L. Daniels, Jr., to Miss Etta Flynn, Rev. J. J. Porter officiating.

TROY—COUNCIL.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in Columbus County, December 20, 1903, Mr. R. V. Troy to Miss Lizzie Council, Rev. J. J. Porter officiating.

HELMLY—LUCAS.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in Bladen County, December 30, 1903, Mr. Benjamin Helmly, of Effingham, Ga., to Miss Robbie Lucas, Rev. J. J. Porter officiating.

CARROLL—HOLMES.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in Columbus County, N. C., November 18, 1903, Mr. John Carroll to Miss Sabra Holmes, Rev. J. J. Porter officiating.

MITCHELL—FULLER.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Franklin County, January 27, Mr. Robert Mitchell and Miss Bessie Fuller were united in matrimony, Rev. Geo. T. Simmons, P. C. of Youngsville Circuit, officiating.

Obituaries.

Obituaries containing not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit

ROGERS.—Levi Rogers was born March 17, 1835, and died February 7, 1904. For many years he was a faithful member of Hickory Mountain Church, now on Siler City Circuit.

One of his last acts was to call his loved ones around his bedside and admonish them to serve the Lord and meet him in heaven. This done, the strong man who had fought so many hard battles, committed his soul and his precious family into the keeping of God. He was one of the old veterans, highly esteemed, and many were present to honor him when we laid him to rest.

Brother Rogers was twice married, and leaves a wife and eleven children to mourn their loss.

J. SANDFORD.

PHIBBS.—Elizabeth J. Phibbs was born May 29, 1831, and died December 12, 1903. She was converted in early life and lived a consistent member of the Shiloh Church for more than forty years.

On January 7, 1858, she was united in marriage to Samuel M. Phibbs, who died December 11, 1862, while in the service of the Confederacy. To this union were born two children—Maggie A. and Julia F. Phibbs. Only one daughter, Julia, the wife of John W. Faucett, still survives; Maggie, the first wife of John W. Faucett crossed over the river about seven years ago, and will be in glory to meet her mother.

Sister Phibbs is reported to me as having been a warm friend to her pastor and a strong pillar in her church. May the life she lived be an inspiration to many others.

S. F. NICKS.

LEWIS.—Mary Margaret Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of Mr. Sam and Mrs. Roberta Lewis, was born April 19, 1884, and died January 31, 1904, living not quite one score years.

Bessie joined the Shiloh Church September 15, 1896, and from that time has lived a consecrated Christian life which is worthy of imitation. Bessie loved her church and took great delight in attending and in taking part in divine service; this she did as long as she was able. She was a loving and obedient child to father and mother and kind to brothers and sister as if her pleasure was found in doing their will.

After suffering for a long time, she gave up all hope of ever getting well, and became perfectly resigned to God's will.

Bereaved ones, take comfort in the fact that your loss is her gain. "The Lord gave, and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord." Job. 1:21.

S. F. NICKS.

ROBERTS.—Sacred to the memory of our dear mother Mrs. M. A. Roberts, who fell asleep sweetly in the arms of Jesus three years ago, Sunday next. Peace to her dear soul.

Our mother, though dead,
Will never be forgotten;
As l as life shall last
May all try to meet her in
ven.
The me of the blessed and bless.

ADAMS.—Martha A. Hasty was born April 27, 1845.

In 1882 she was happily married to W. H. Adams, a brother of the sainted Rev. S. D. Adams. In early life she professed faith in Christ, and conected herself with the Methodist Church, leading an exemplary and useful life. She was ready when the summons came. She had no children of her own, but was indeed a mother to her step-children, and a help-meet to her aged and sorrow-stricken husband. Her body rests in the cemetery at Raiford, N. C.

Farewell dear sister. We hope to meet you in the "land that is fairer than day."

T. H. WALTERS.

February 10, 1904.

McKINNON.—Died at her home, Cumberland, N. C., January 9, 1904, Sister Mary McKinnon, aged seventeen years.

Two years ago, under the ministry of Rev. H. G. Stamey, she gave her heart to the Lord in the true sense of the word, and joined Beaver Creek Church. Since then, till death claimed her, her Christian life was true and beautiful. She enjoyed the love and confidence of all who knew her. She loved her Saviour and her church.

Her illness lasted for several months, but she bore it all patiently and cheerfully. During her last days, the writer visited her and found her "standing on the promises." She stated that if it were God's will, she was ready and willing to go. This was her continual testimony. She passed her last hours in rejoicing, and "fell on sleep," that sleep "from which none ever wakes to weep."

"God's finger touched her and she slept."

May consoling and sustaining grace be vouchsafed to the bereaved family.

E. R. WELCH.

Tracy Whitcomb.

This nobly built, noble hearted and sunny-faced servant of Jesus Christ, and His church, was born in Ontario, New York, January 19, 1835, and went to his mansion in the city of God on the 20th day of October, 1903. He was twice married—first about 1863 to Mrs. Lottie Hazlett, who died June 18, 1898. The second happy marriage was with Miss Mary Allen, September 18, 1899, who now remains in lonely widowhood sustained and comforted by the Holy Spirit. The last thirty-four years of his life was spent in this Southland, and these were about the number of the years of his life that were spent in the service of his Lord. His was a "great conversion," for said he: "I received the spirit of adoption whereby I cried Abba Father."

His membership was in the First M. E. Church, South, Elizabeth City, N. C., until October, 1902, when he, with one hundred and twenty-six others, was transferred to the new City Roads M. E. Church, South, becoming its charter membership. It was a sad choice to him, but he went from a loyal sense of duty to Christ and His cause. He was an intelligent and persistent church worker, filling with great acceptability for many years the offices of steward and trustee. As trustee of church property, he was a worthy example to many who nominally fill the office, knowing little or nothing of duties committed to them. He was most favorably known and loved for his splendid power of song—so spiritual, so enthusiastic, leading for years, but at different periods, both the church and Sunday-school music. As for his Lord, so for his country, was he a brave and true soldier on the side of the Union during the Civil War, but on coming South identified himself with all our interests, temporal and spiritual, laboring wisely for their upbuilding. He died in the fullest esteem and confidence of all our people. The same being fully manifested in the great company that followed his remains from his residence to his church, and from the church to the cemetery, where we laid him to rest in hope of a glorious resurrection.

Brother, we loved thee here among men, and expect to recognize you among "the spirits of just men made perfect" in the "general assembly and church of the first born."

D. H. TUTTLE.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst by death our little friend, Eva Strickland; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we, the members of Cokesbury Sunday-school, do deeply deplore the loss of such a young, earnest Christian life.

2. That in her loss there is a universal bereavement for which there is no consolation except in our faith in the wisdom and justice of God.

3. That we extend to the family in this dark hour of bereavement our deepest sympathy, with the earnest hope that they may be comforted and sustained by the loving tenderness of that God who does not willingly bring sorrow to our hearts.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the minutes of our Sunday-school, a copy be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

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5.25 a. m. No. 112 daily for Goldsboro and local stations; connecting at Goldsboro with Atlantic Coast Line for Wilmington, N. C., Wilson, N. C., Tarboro, N. C., Norfolk, Va., and intermediate stations; also, at Goldsboro with Atlantic and North Carolina Railway for Kinston, N. C., New Bern, N. C., and intermediate stations.

8:40 a. m. No. 107, daily for Greensboro and local stations; connects at Durham for Oxford, Henderson, Keysville and Richmond. At University Station for Chapel Hill, daily except Sunday. At Greensboro with train No. 36, "U. S. Fast Mail," for Washington and all points North; Pullman drawing-room sleepers to New York and Richmond. Close connection for Winston-Salem, Mocksville, and local stations, with train No. 7 for High Point, Salisbury, Charlotte and local stations.

10:30 a. m. No. 108, daily for Goldsboro and all local points; connects at Selma for Wilson, Rocky Mount and all Eastern North Carolina points. At Goldsboro for Wilmington, Kinston, New Bern, N. C., and Norfolk, Va., where close connection is made with Chesapeake Line for Baltimore and all other outgoing steamers.

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An Address to the Friends of Temperance.

I am authorized by the State Central Committee to make the following address to the men and women in North Carolina that are interested in all reasonable endeavors to save our people from the curse of strong drink:

THE SALOON IS GOING.

We are encouraged by the growing sentiment in opposition to the saloon. The saloon is going, and it must go. We must press on in this field of endeavor. The saloon is one chief aggravating source of the drink evil. Under its fostering care the amount of liquor consumed per capita in the United States has doubled in twenty years. This is sufficient to alarm every citizen. The saloon destroys annually more than one billion dollars of wealth and more than 100,000 men, and with them the peace and happiness of hundreds of thousands of innocent parents, wives, and children. The saloon now takes for its share one boy in every five. The saloon is now demanding the right to divide our Sabbath day with the churches and it also demands an ever-enlarging influence in our halls of legislation. Intelligent citizens must agree that they cannot afford to acquiesce in the policy of the saloon; but on the other hand, that they owe it to themselves, to their own welfare, to our country, to their children and to God Almighty to take measures to put the administering of the traffic in liquors either beyond the recognition of law or in a system that will tend to restrain rather than to increase that traffic and its inevitable woes.

I am hopeful that the present year will record the passing of the saloon in its last strongholds in North Carolina. From every quarter I receive assurances that the people are rapidly coming to agree that the saloon is the one agent set for the increase of the drink evil, and that, therefore, common sense, as well as love for humanity, impels them to rise against it.

PLEDGES: PERSONAL WORK.

But our work must not stop with this. No man's full duty is public. Every man has a personal duty. When we shall have closed the saloons and even while we are endeavoring to close them, we must seek to save the drunkard himself, and also to save the rising generation from the curse of drink. Advocates of saloons and distilleries have often bidden us to do our duty, attend to our business and preach temperance. We propose to take them at their word. To this end, we are now instituting a personal campaign. This will be our most effectual and inspiring service.

In a word, we would revive the old-time good and noble work of pledging ourselves and our friends and our children against the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. We expect every genuine friend of humanity to enlist in this cause. We call upon every pastor in North Carolina to preach a temperance sermon and to have pledges circulated amongst his people. We call upon Sunday-school superintendents and Sunday-school teachers and day-school teachers also to enlist in this most noble work of bringing up in our Commonwealth a generation safe-guarded against strong drink. We likewise call upon fathers and mothers. Let it be understood that we are not abandoning our work against the saloons. We are reinforcing that work with this personal enlistment of a vast army pledged against it. Nor are we abandoning the drunkard. Save him wherever possible; but let us be wise and save our children from becoming drunkards by pledging them against drink now in the day when they may be saved.

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We desire that this work shall begin as early as possible, and by all means that throughout March and April it shall be most energetically carried on.

I suggest that wherever possible the leaders get up a Temperance Rally, and, if it seems wise, organize a permanent local temperance league.

Nothing short of a campaign, which will reach every soul in the Commonwealth, will suffice to acquit us of our obligation in this most important matter. We have the workers in every community. We have churches and schools and good people everywhere. Let every one do his or her duty. This is a work in which every one can be of service; and it is the very highest possible work. Let us go into it in full view of its high meaning. Let us understand that God calls upon each of us with the highest motives that He has at command, namely, His love for us, our duty to Him, His love for others, the coming of His kingdom upon earth and the saving to Him of the creatures of His making. And let us understand that in that day He will not holds us guiltless if we have withheld our arm from His cause. And so, seeing that it is no small matter, but exceedingly great and noble, and seeing that it appeals to every Christian with the very power of God, I look for an awakening and an enlistment from one end of our beloved Commonwealth to the other.

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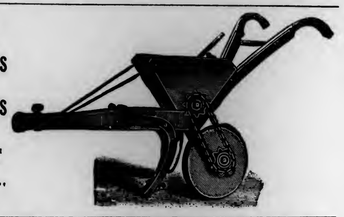

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THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT.

Those people who complain that there are so few honest, truthful biographers, writers of obituaries, and preachers of funeral sermons, may surely derive some comfort from the following short obituary which recently appeared in the Southwestern Christian Advocate:

"Mr. Mat Lewis, an old sinner and citizen of Willis, died December 31st, aged sixty-three years. His death was timely. He was taken with heart trouble in the night about 2 a. m., and died at 5 a. m. He leaves a faithful and loving wife, seven children, and three brothers."

A large majority of the Senate voted for the ratification of the Panama Canal treaty. Of course this was according to expectation. No dominant party could divide on such a question. It is too big with beneficent possibilities for any responsible party to become a headsman for its decapitation. Sixteen Democrats voted for the treaty; seventeen voted against it. Among the former was Senator Simmons whose speeches on the question were decided features of the debate. Among the seventeen was Senator Overman, who made a strong, conscientious speech in support of his position. The fact that our North Carolina Senators were divided on this question does not argue any lack on the part of either Senator of loyalty and statesmanship. It simply shows that we have men who are strong enough to rise above party and vote according to their judgment and conscience.

It requires no special intellectual acumen to perceive that defective divorce laws in North Carolina are responsible for the abnormally large number of divorce cases which weekly congest our Superior Courts. Three divorces were granted in one day last week at the Wilson Court. We can hardly read a paper without seeing some mention of the number of divorces granted at some court. It looks as if North Carolina were trying to outdo South Dakota in this respect. Thus it will continue under our present laws. So another question to be considered in the coming election when members of the Legislature are to be elected is the divorce question. Be sure to vote for no man, who, however honest he may be in his convictions, has loose notions on the divorce problem. There is too much at stake. When the sanctity of the marriage relation is attacked, the pillars of our Christian civilization tremble.

It looks as if the recently enacted suffrage laws in several Southern States—laws which practically disfranchise the illiterate negro citizen—are not to be affected by any decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. A test case from Alabama was heard last week before the United States Supereme Court and was thus decided in the opinion written by Justice Day.

"Now it is perfectly settled that unless a Federal right has been set up and denied in the State court, we have no right to review its decision, and after a very careful examination of this matter and a due appreciation of the gravity of the charge made as to the political action of that State, we see no ground to distinguish it from the universal rule as applied in this court affecting writs of error of this kind.

The case was that of Jackson Giles vs. The Board of Registration of Montgomery County, Alabama, and involved the suffrage clause of the new Constitution of Alabama. Discrimination against the colored race, of which Giles is a member, was charged.

We have written much in these columns concerning the negro and collateral questions. Indeed we have written so much, and so much has been written in other papers and magazines on this subject, that we have become very weary of reading and being read when the unfortunate phases of our unfortunate social problem is being discussed.

But we must raise our voice against that crime which has blackened the face of humanity in Mississippi during the week just passed. We refer to the burning at the stake of three negroes—two men and one innocent woman. The crime which the negro men committed was murder. There was no outrage of woman. No matter what the crime committed was, the act of taking those criminals and burning them at the stake was inspired by a feeling which cannto be designated otherwise than brutish and fiendish.

We are aware that cases of this kind occur North as well as South. This makes no difference. In the name of all that is good, let us in the South declare war against this spirit which in the name of justice descends to the lowest depths of animalism and wallows in the black mire of barbarous cruelty.

The State is stirred from the mountains to the ocean over the appointment of a Receiver for the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. The Receiver appointed is Mr. V. E. McBee, of New York, and the request was made by Mr. K. S. Finch, of the same city. It is understood that Mr. Finch is not one of the original stockholders of the A. & N. C. Railroad stock but merely acquired the stock in order that as a non-resident he might bring his request into a Federal Court.

Our readers remember that several syndicates have lately made propositions to lease the A. & N. C. R. R. The State so far has been unwilling to lease, and it is thought that the appointment of a Receiver has some direct connection with the refusal to lease.

The road is badly in debt and, in spite of the very best management, is not paying expenses. The stockholders have never received any dividends. The equipment is wearing out, and every day the road's value is being diminished. All that we have to say is that if a Receiver can make anything out of the road for the State and other stockholders, we can see no reason why there should be any objection to this latest move. Receiverships have often brought order out of chaos and revived a business which, otherwise, might have gone to the wall.

One of the most prominent features of the war situation in the East is the scarcity of authentic news. Dispatches there are in great number, but when those of today deny those of yesterday, the inevitable conclusion is, that if anything of importance is happening, it fails to reach the ears of the great sensation-loving reading public. There are several things that the public knows concerning operations during the week just closing. We will give them.

It is known that whatever arrangements may have been made concerning the preservation of the neutrality of Korea, it may be set down as certain that this neutrality will not prevent Korea's throwing all her available strength to the side of Japan. The treaty made by Japan with Korea is causing considerable restlessness among the Powers. It is clear that any hostile action of France in aid of Russia will necessitate action on the part of Great Britain. Germany will then be unable to keep from taking an active part.

It is known that one day last week the Japanese fleet tried to sink some stone-laden transports in the narrowest part of the harbor at Port Arthur, and thus bottle up the fleet. The stone-laden barges were sunk by the Russian batteries, but at the wrong place. So the attempt failed, and it was published in St. Petersburg as a great victory for the Russians. It is stated that the transports which were sunk were manned by merchantmen sailors, because there was such eagerness of the regular sailors to die for their country, that no appointment could be made from their number without stirring up bad blood among the disappointed ones. As it happened, not a single man of the Japanese lost his life.

The news that Vladivostock has been blockaded, and that the Japanese have landed at Possiett Bay and are moving in the direction of Kirin to flank the Russian forces in and around Port Arthur lacks confirmation.

It is known that the railroad across Lake Baikal, forty miles wide, has been completed, and that thousands of Russian troops are being hurried eastward over the Siberian Railroad. The Russians are massing themselves at Harbin, and it is probable that the Russian forces have not yet crossed the Yalu River into Korea.

In working soul-insurance our preachers should not neglect church and parsonage insurance. Three churches in the North Georgia Conference have been burned since December 1. Strange to say, not a single one of these churches was insured. If it is our duty to insure our own house, surely it is a double duty to insure God's house which has been placed in our keeping.

Contributions.

Neither Add To, Nor Take From.

REV. R. H. WLITAKER.

If accept Jesus as our Savior, let him be to us a complete Savior. If we accept the gospel—"the good tidings of great joy"—let it be to us, as Paul describes it, "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." If we accept the Bible as the revelation of God to men, let it be to us a sacred book that must not be garbled nor emasculated, much less warped and twisted to bring its requirements down to our carnal desires and purposes.

It is good for a man to realize his ignorance, for then he is in a condition to learn. If we think more highly of ourselves than we ought, we deceive ourselves. "Professing themselves to be wise they became fools." * * * "Vain in their imagination" and 'changed the truth of God into a lie," is the way that Paul writes to the Romans, describing that kind of educated infidelity which "worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator."

Speaking of Israel, his own people, with whom God entered into covenant, Paul says: "I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, they have not sumbitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." Too true of some in this our day.

The plan of salvation is plain and easy; so plain the wayfaring man though a fool need not err therein, and so easy that the weakest soul may overcome the combined powers of earth and hell, and wear the victor's crown, in heaven.

But the plan of salvation is plain and easy, only so long as men are learners. In these days, as in Paul's time, those "professing themselves to be wise become fools;"—in other words, they become "vain in their imaginations," going about to establish their own righteousness; or what is no better, trying to establish some new theories.

To sum up in few words and make plain what I mean, if we would be saved from our sins and become heirs of eternal glory, we must, with childlike faith, take Christ, as he is represented to us, as our Savior; the gospel, as we have received it, as the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, and the Bible as it is as the revelation of God to men.

Building upon that foundation, millions of souls have reared their spiritual ladders, reaching from earth to heaven, upon which they have ascended to be with him who said: "To him that overcometh, I will grant to sit with me in my throne." And millions more will go up as they went, until, as John describes: "A great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues" shall stand before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palms in their hands."

But, it always has been, and always will be, a rough way to heaven, to those who are not childlike in faith; especially to those who "profess themselves to be wise," and are "vain in their imagination;" who allow their vanity to lead them off into the wilds of free thought, where they lose sight of all the old landmarks, and imagine, because God has endowed them with intelligence, and they have had advantages above their fellow mortals, that it becomes their province to show off, by trying to unsettle the world's faith in those things which, hitherto, have been accepted as truths, divinely taught.

With all my heart I believe that the Apostle's Creed is a correct presentation, to the world's mind and heart, of God; and in its scope takes in every vital thought connected with the plan of salvation. And this creed is founded upon revelation, which revelation God has given to the world at various times, in sundry places, and in many ways; the record of all which, made by men whom God designated, by the impartation of the Holy Spirit, to do that work, is, what we call the Word of God—the Bible. If by believing that creed and living according to the precepts of that book, called the Bible, I have peace of mind, love God and love my fellow man, and can rejoice daily in hope of eternal life, why should I care about those things which are not calculated to strengthen, but to weaken my faith? Why need I lie awake at night racking my brain with a doubt as to whether Moses wrote the Pentateuch, or David wrote the Psalms, or the Son of Amoz wrote the prophecies of Isaiah, or Ezekiel wrote prophetically or historically? If faith, in the Lord Jesus Christ, secures the pardon of my sins, and the Spirit, answering to the blood, tells me I am born of God; and my own consciousness assures me that, whereas, I was blind, now I see, I am certain of one thing, and that is, Christ is a Savior—my Savior—and that salvation—my salvation—does not depend upon whether Moses or Job, or any other person, wrote the Pentateuch, but faith in Jesus Christ. "He that believeth is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." That's what Christ said. So I don't take very much stock in those advanced thinkers who, instead of crying: "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world," are spending sleepless nights wondering whether they are descended from monkeys, apes or baboons; about what happened in the pre-historic period, when the earth was a loblolly, mud turtles were the aristocracy, and terrapins the poor bockra; and who, with scientific speculation are shaking the world's confidence in the divinity of the Bible. I don't take much stock in that crowd.

Christ said he was the Son of God, and that the prophecies pointed to him. He didn't raise the question whether or not Moses wrote the Pentateuch. He did not say anything about evolution. But he did say: "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost." And he did say: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

With Christ (the Son of God), Moses, and Job, and Isaiah, and David, and Ezekiel, and all the other writers, seem to be pleased; at least, he makes no complaint against them, or their writings. His great concern was to make the world believe what had been written. He said: "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." That settles it. If Christ be the Son of God—the promised Messiah—his statement puts the seal of truth upon the Word as written, and by whom written, when he says: "They are they which testify of me."

I will say in conclusion, that the church has nothing to dread or to fear from outsiders; the devils fear and tremble; but our danger lies in the fact, that in our great desire to please the people, who, in these latter times, have "itching ears," we are not keeping the cross, "stained with hallowed blood," always in view, but are obscuring it by the discussion of those things which amuse and entertain, but do not make sinners fall out with their sins, nor church members lead higher and better lives.

If all the time and labor expended by Darwin, Spencer, Huxley and Tyndall, in endeavoring to establish the doctrine of evolution, and its kindred isms, had been devoted, by them, to the work of extending and building up the kingdom of heaven in the earth, how much better it would have been both for them and the world. And how much better it would be if our young Bible students, who are expecting to go out as preachers, and to whom a sinsick world is to look for that instruction in righteousness so much needed to bring it back to health and better living, if they would study Christ more and Darwin less, and spend more time in seeking a deeper work of grace in heart and in life, and less in trying to settle the question whether man originally had a tail, and whether he owned that tail as a tadpole or as a monkey.

Men who have nothing else to do, and do not care what becomes of the soul, after death, have time, of course, to discuss evolution and kindred subjects; but, I guess Paul, as a preacher of righteousness, was about right when he said: "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ;" and in effect also said: "I am here to preach and not to discuss baptism." Big guns, shooting only blank cartridges, make abundance of noise and smoke; but smaller guns well shotted with gospel truth, and touched off with gospel faith, do the execution, after all.

The Incarnate Christ.

C. F. SHERRILL.

Christianity has brought us great and ennobling truths. It has brought us a great Life. Other great teachers and philosophers have done much for the world's betterment. Christ more than they all. To his lofty truth we must add his holy Person, the Incarnate Christ.

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Christ is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last of the material and moral universe. All things begin and end in him. He is the starting point and goal of things seen and unseen. For him all things exist and by him they consist. He is the Maker and Final Cause of the physical and moral universe. All things are for his glory. To him they tend. In him they have their explanation and perfection.

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Christ is much larger than Christendom and Christianity. The latter embrace all that pertains to Christ in time: Christ in art and laws, in morals and literature, in governments and men. But there is a Christ of the eternities as well as of time.

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Some one has said that Greece was in the shape of a human hand. Here art had its origin. Here the skillful hand of man reared temples, wrote poems and philosophies, and carved statues. Italy was in the shape of a foot. Here was heard the tramp of Caesar's conquering legions. The mighty power of Rome shook the world. Palestine was in the shape of a harp. Religion is the music of the skies. Here the Incarnate Son of God spoke in heavenly melodies his beatitudes and parables. The music from the Christ-life has never died out in the human heart.

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Christ once lived on earth; but he now lives in the thoughts and hearts of men. If some vast earthquake could engulf all the libraries of earth, so that not a vestige of Christ's teachings should remain, the human heart holds enough in sacred and perpetual memory to reproduce the Bible. The teachings of the Lord are one treasure the heart will never part with. There is more of Christ in the world now than when he was in Palestine. He is with all believers in a fuller sense than he was with the twelve.

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In the creation, man was made in the image of God. In the Incarnation, God was made in the image of man. The creation is the basis of the Incarnation. If man could be made in God's image, God could be made in man's image. What communication God has made between the two natures, the human and the divine. The creation and the Incarnation both prove that we belong to God.

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Christ Jesus was the Word of God. Christ was both message and Messenger. Jesus speaks for the humble poor and for the lofty. This Word of God is intelligible to all and for all. Fresh is the Living Word to every age and to every heart.

"And so the Word had breath, and wrought
With human hands the creed of creeds.
In loveliness of perfect deeds
More strong than all poetic thought;
Which he may read that binds the sheaf,
Or builds the house or digs the grave,
And those wild eyes that watch the wave
In roarings round the coral reef."

Things in General.

W. S. HESTER.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—Will you please allow me a few words in the Advocate, that I may join company with your many writers and readers who having received a blessing, love to "pass it on."

I wish first to express my hearty thanks for the regular visit of your good paper, the "Old Raleigh," which has come so promptly with it's good cheer, through this long cold winter.

You can't know quite yet how much joy we old people, shut in by age and the weather, get out of your weekly visits. "It's like a medicine."

It is a rich repast, full of varieties, good for the soul, mind and body. I have been a regular reader of the Advocate from my youth up, and my love for it is not diminished with increase of years; and it seems to get better and richer and fuller of the things I love.

Many things in its pages I see from week to week which cheer my heart, and to which I would be glad to respond a hearty amen.

In this connection I want to thank Dr. Whitaker for his reminiscences of "The Old Time Preacher."

It recalled so vividly many scenes of like happy experiences in my own life. Then the "Old Time Preacher" made his monthly rounds and would stop at my father's home (which was always the preacher's home) for a day or two's rest, and to readjust his wardrobe. I find it profitable to review the experiences of those occasions.

The coming of such men as Goodman, the Nicholson, Wyche, Tillett and Alfred Norman, and many others of precious memory. But while we love to linger around "the sweet memories of departed days" or "sigh for the joys that will not come back," we have a live issue of to-day: How can we most successfully aid the pastor of the present day and our new preacher, to win and save the children of this generation? Who will answer? I want to thank Dr. Gibbs and Brother Williams also, for their timely expressions of appreciation of Dr. Betts's life and work.

May he and they live long to bless the church and you and your paper likewise.

Preachers and Debts.

I feel sure that the number of preachers who would wilfully leave a debt unsettled is exceedingly small. But since the sad fact stares us in the face that there are some who do, whether wilfully or not, thus sin against the cause they represent, themselves, and the good name of the ministry, it seems to be necessary that attention be directed to this matter.

Under present conditions it is almost, if not absolutely necessary, for preachers on small charges to have some indulgence during the year. The preacher is promised from $300 to $500 on these charges. And he is paid sometimes from $10 to $35 per quarter. Out of this he and the Presiding Elder are to live three months. This is soon gone and his family is in need. What is to be done? To ask for money a month after Conference is like trying to milk a cow between meals, she won't "give down her milk," and sometimes is inclined to kick. So he is confronted with the dreadful alternative of debt or hunger. But he has learned some way that Brother A who proceeded him left a small account unsettled with the grocer. And Brother B, who served this charge several years ago, owes Mr. Somebody a dry goods account, and has not so much as written him a line in regard to this debt. Then from the fact that "a burnt child dreads fire" he feels that all the merchants are afraid of preacher debts. Here is a dilemma. And how the poor heart and brain ache as he waits a few days trying to find some way out. No one can ever know the unpleasantness of this situation but he who has felt it. We are taught to be humble, but such humiliation is neither taught nor sanctioned by the Bible. So he is forced, finally, to go with burning face to one of these "burned children," the merchant, and ask to be "trusted" till the next quarter, which, when it comes, brings him another $20 with which to pay up and run three months more. Thus he is harrassed and perplexed the whole year, and kept out of the secret places of the Most High, and incapacitated for the high and holy work to which he is appointed. There is a sad picture here which no one can paint as Colonel Bruton. Would that all might hear him. But what I want to say is this: Since the present state of our conscience and education makes it necessary for many of the preachers to have "credit," this alone, to say nothing of higher reasons, ought to make our reputation as debtpayers as sacred to us as our right arm. We had better beg (the last resort) from house to house than make debts we can't pay. A 50-cent debt unpaid will spoil the labor of a four-years' pastorate, and make it hard for the man who follows. If Bros. A and B had managed to pay up, Bro. C would not have been so embarrassed when his money gave out. Sometimes it may be impossible for the preacher to pay up before he moves, but it is never impossible for him to go to his creditors like a man and leave them with at least some hope of getting their money later. Brethren, let's be more careful how we leave debts unpaid, and hope and pray for the day when we can do our Master's work without having to make debts.

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Tongue Fruit for Church Extension.

Church Extension! Church Extension! Church Extension! What is it? Why, it is putting churches where they have not been; making them better where they are. Church blessings I mean. Church Extension makes permanent the work of your missionary by housing his gospel harvest. It is your work of faith saying, when the missionary teaches and preaches, "we have come to stay." Then pray for Church Extension; talk up Church Extension when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, or when thou standest in front of the church with thy neighbors before preaching; then be sure to pay up. Give Church Extension assessment when thy pastor asketh it of thee.

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The assessment on our Conference for Church Extension last year was $5,812; we paid, $4,466.23. Dear Savior thou seest we were $1,345.73 short of a minimum standard of duty. Pardon us as we determine to do better. We must do better. Some of us are putting the Lord's tenth, the tithe, among our own stuff. God's cause suffers while we steal. Malachi 3: 8-12. Read that indictment against many of us, and conditional promise of pardon.

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During this month of February three applications for aid to the Parent Board of Church Extension have come to my hands. The Conference Board could have more than met the request of all these had our assessment for last year been paid in full. We people in the oldest Conference ought not to use all the half we keep for Conference demands, and then ask of the Parent Board for part of the half we have sent them for the wider fields of the general work. Let us not do it at least until we have met in full our Conference assessment. Half of that will meet all our applications without calling on the Parent Board, save in rare cases.

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Our Board of Church Extension was not organized as a kind of "grab-bag" from which to get cash, when with earnest effort and self-denial the money could be raised at home. "Tote fair." Willingness to receive ought to equal willingness to give. Let application for aid be "Z" in the alphabet of effort.

D. H. TUTTLE.

Dr. Alexander MacLaren, speaking of the attributes of the Christian, says: "Giving is essential to the completeness of Christian character. It is the crowning grace, because it is the manifestation of the highest excellence. It is the result of sympathy, unselfishness, of contact with Christ, of drinking in of his spirit."

Dr. A. D. Betts as I Know Him.

My personal acquaintance and association with the subject of this sketch began 20 years ago and has continued, with an intimacy akin to family ties, until a few years back when the relentless machinery of the Methodist Conference sent him to a distant field. Fortunately during this time his appointments were in this immediate vicinity enabling us to come in contact almost daily. Twenty years! Quite a span in life, and much may be accomplished; but when embraced between the 52 and 72 years, not much that is of intcrest to the public. That is a period when men begin to plan for retirement, superannuation, etc. The history making epoch is past. Bodily infirmities in case of veterans of the Civil War, at least, from exposure and hardships of various kinds, claim the attention. Instead of benefactors to the human race, they become themselves beneficiaries of a willing and generous constituency. Our hero stands out a grand exception to the rule. There is nothing in common with this class except the mere fact of age. A perfectly sound, though somewhat frail body and a mind as active as in youth—a result largely due to his strict observance of the laws of health and wonderful self-control. To properly appreciate the character of this great and good man certain facts must be borne in mind. Besides his age, there are other considerations of importance. One of the best educated men of the day, with high social and family connections; with ability to fill with ease and honor any position within the gift of the people—to deliberately turn his back upon all such opportunities and voluntarily take upon himself a work almost menial in comparison, a work fraught with danger to himself as well as great hardships—the remuneration a mere pittance. Is this not most remarkable in this age of self-aggrandizement and commercialism? A complete crucifixion of self for others and withal a cheerful and happy disposition almost angelic. A practical Christian, preaching six days what he preaches the seventh, contact with such a man, is a benediction. As preacher and pastor, citizen—in all, he is a model. But it is in the sick room—especially among the needy poor, that he shines with peculiar splendor. This is the work he selects and is never so happy as when engaged thereat.

He does not wait to be sent for, nor even for such cares to be reported to him. He is always on the alert, and where needed most, there he is to be found. Not only does he divide his money, but where that is not sufficient to relieve all the needs, he supplies the deficiency with personal service. How often has he been seen with armfuls of wood from a neighboring saw mill, buckets of water, etc., hastening to relieve suffering! This, of course, is outside his ministration to their spiritual needs.

Young men have a special interest for him. In his lodge (Odd Fellows), on the streets, everywhere, he is their friend.

The desire to help others seems to overshadow all other consideration. His favorite song as I have often heard him in his room at my home before joining the family at the breakfast table, is: "Help us to help each other, Lord." This correctly illustrates the principle of his life. Whether money or otherwise, donations to him are used to help others. But my space is limited. My estimate of Rev. A. D. Betts, formed from personal observation (for he never heralds his work to the world). Truly, his left hand is ignorant of what his right does. Of all my acquaintances, he is the best and greatest, not as the world calls great, perhaps, for he is to be measured by no such standard.

The influence for good of the very presence of this Godly man in a community can not be estimated in words; greater far than volumes of sermons and discourses.

May he be spared many years of health and usefulness is the prayer of one who loves him next to his immediate family.

N. H. STREET.

New Bern, N. C., Jan. 25, 1904.

A Preache'rs Saddened Heart and Home.

During a pastorate of only two short months, Rev. R. C. Craven has won his way to the hearts of our Tarboro people as but few men can so quickly. During this brief period his heart has repeatedly been called on to go out in sympathy to sorrowing ones. Only last Monday morning he was called from his Quarterly Conference to conduct the funeral service of a deceased young member. He knew not then that he would himself so soon be called on to walk in the shadows of sorrow, but perhaps was a little fearful, for at his home lay his first born, Grady, a bright, promising son, prostrated by intense suffering the previous afternoon and night. He had rallied some, but it was only the loosening of death's hold for a few hours to tighten his grip, which brought the necessity for an operation as an only hope. It did not suffice to release his victim, and, early Wednesday morning, Grady passed out from his happy home here up by sun, moon and stars to his new home in the skies. How quickly did he go away when his spirit began to spread its wings to fly! Poising for a few days only, he caught a glimpse of the eternal day, unfolded his pinions and was gone. Papa and mamma will look through tears at his vacant chair, but he fills another. His boyish voice is hushed to them, but it is sending forth sweeter notes. The sound of his foot-steps falls no more on their ears, but his feet press the walks of brighter shores. To them comes the sweet thought that Grady is still their boy, though taken to be kept in safety by the Father until they go home.

With Paul, Brother and Sister Craven know in whom they have believed, and, with David, look to the hills, whence cometh all their help. Their sad experience now inducts them into that circle of sympathetic fellowship where hearts are made akin in sorrow. From that circle many earnest prayers go to the Father to fold them closely in His arms to His great heart of love and tenderness, and to them flow tides of sympathy from sincere hearts that have felt the sobs of sorrow which bear them down. May the God of all grace bring Grady's weeping loved ones to a happy reunion with him at last.

J. D. BUNDY.

Rocky Mount, N. C., February 25, 1904.

Rowland Circuit.

Dear Brother Ivey:—Please allow space in your paper for a few lines from one who has long been a subscriber and enjoyed reading its pages so much.

Our Circuit this year is in charge of one of the best of pastors, Rev. J. W. Bradley. He was absent for two months (December and January), but has returned to us, very much to the delight of his congregations, all of whom love him for his kindness of manner and Christian disposition.

He came to us in 1903 a stranger, but he didn't make but a few rounds before he had hosts of friends, not only of his own churches, but other denominations as well.

The poor and the rich he visits alike.

To the aged and infirm he is gentleness itself.

To the sick room he carries a ray of sunshine as he goes.

In September he started a protracted meeting at our church, but was called to the bedside of his sister who was dying. God was merciful though, and spared her life until he could get to her, when with her last farewells she entrusted her orphan children to his care. (Their father having died some time before.)

This we know he feels a great responsibility, as he is a young man and unmarried; but we feel sure that God will bless his efforts and be a father to the fatherless ones.

Brother Bradley has visited homes in his congregations that never knew what it was to have a minister call on them. This, with so many other evidences of kindness, have greatly endeared him to his people.

I hope this will be a prosperous year with him and his churches, and that the Lord will greatly bless all his labors.

Wishing success to you and your good paper, I am Affectionately,

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Rowland Circuit.

"Pray Ye Therefore the Lord of the Harvest."

Believing that the time has come when as a united company we need to entreat Him with whom all things are possible to thrust forth laborers into the harvest, we ask that all of the members of the Woman's Home Mission Society observe Friday, March 11, as a day of self-examination and prayer.

Now, as never before in the history of the church, city missions boards, rescue homes, and schools are urgently calling to the Board for trained women—deaconesses or missionaries—to help in the work of the Lord, and there are no women ready to answer these calls. Through the Scarritt Bible and Training School the church stands ready to give the needed training. Where are the hundreds of young or middle-aged women in our church who have said at her altars, "I am willing to do whatever God wants me to do?"

Are they waiting for a more definite call? In His name we send it forth now. Let them wait no longer. "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Make the 11th day of March a day of entering into your closets for solemn, searching self-examination and prayer, and then pay your vows unto the Lord.

BELLE H. BENNETT,
President W. B. H. M.

New Bern District Missionary Institute.

The Institute was held in Centenary Church, New Bern, Thursday and Friday, February 26-27. Sixteen of the twenty-one preachers in the District were present, and several laymen. All took a lively interest in the proceedings, and the meeting was a success.

One of the subjects emphasized in the discussion was that of revivals. The need of a revival of religion in the District is felt, and, with this in view, preachers were urged to give more attention to the matter of prayer and fasting, and in their preaching to place more emphasis upon the work of the Holy Spirit.

After seeing the interest manifested in this Institute we have reason to believe that the New Bern District will pay its missionary assessment in full.

The writer was appointed Missionary Secretary for the District.

The following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That we have heard with approval of the suggestion made by Rev. W. R. Ware, of the Western North Carolina Conference, in regard to a Missionary Conference for the South Atlantic Conferences of our church, that it is the sense of this body that such a meeting would be productive of much good to the cause of missions, and that we request Dr. Swindell to present this resolution to the Board of Missions at their next annual meeting."

R. H. WILLIS.

Shallotte Circuit.

Dear Advocate:—We returned immediately to our charge after Conference, this being our second year. We have lost no time since Conference in planning for a successful year's work.

Owing to inclement weather, we have not been able to fill all our appointments.

We have already received two persons into full connection, and have raised, up to date, a part of our Conference collections. We are presenting in an earnest way the Raleigh Christian Advocate to our people, from a house to house visit, and by other methods.

Success to the "Old Raleigh."

N. H. GUYTON.

Kindness to the Preacher.

J. D. Ballentine, a merchant prince at Fuquay Springs, is not only kindness itself to all his patrons, but seems to know just what an itinerant preacher's pantry and stomach need. To have seen his pastor's buggy on last Monday, after he had taken possession of it for a few minutes, would have convinced the most skeptical mind of this fact. More still, to spend the noon hour around the board in his palatial home, in the presence of his charming wife, is not only refreshing to the inner-man, but is a sure cure for Monday blues.

G. W. STARLING.

A Grateful Acknowledgment.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—One day in three hundred and sixty-five is appointed for general thanksgiving. Yet to make suitable mention of favors received is not out of order any day in the year. Indeed the development of one's spirit of gratitude is usually proportional to the frequency of its expression.

So then, kindly acknowledge for me, through our paper the gift of a new suit of clothes from the ladies of Springfield Church. This I accept in evidence of esteem.

Mrs. Creel joins me in sending to them our most sincere regard.

Yours truly,

E. K. CREEL.

Straits, N. C., Feb. 26, 1904.

Market Street, Wilmington.

On the evening of the 8th inst., the members and friends of Market Street Church gave us a most delightful and enjoyable reception at the residence of Bro. R. H. Beery, 801 Princess Street. Fifty odd people were present and spent the evening pleasantly and profitably. They engaged in singing hymns, playing innocent games, telling stories, talking and laughing till all were invited into the dining-room and served with ice cream and cake. The refreshments were furnished by the young men of the church. After prayer by the pastor, the people turned their steps homeward.

There were as many parcels and packages left for our pantry as there were people in attendance. Hams, flour, sugar, coffee, canned goods, fruits and others staple articles fit for a king were left in sufficient quantity to supply our table for weeks. The entire affair was a surprise to us, except an invitation to meet with the stewards in their monthly meeting and spend the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Beery. This is the second time these people have "pounded" us by storm and between times there have been showers of blessings. There are no better people to serve than those in Market Street Church.

We have received five members into the church since Conference. Collections have been taken for the assessments ordered by the Annual Conference and the entire amount subscribed. The Sunday-school has been newly supplied with Young People's Hymnal No. 2. The attendance and collections are very encouraging in the Sunday-school.

All the regular meeting of the church have been well attended, and the spiritual state is in good condition. Pastor's salary is paid in full every month.

There is no better nor more beautiful location in Wilmington for a prosperous Methodist Church than our lot on Market and Ninth Streets. The time is not far distant when we shall have a house on this lot in keeping with other improvements and pleasing to Almighty God. Under Bro. J. W. Potter of last year this church led in number of conversions and accessions on professions of faith, second in number of accessions by certificate and in infant baptisms. If we can secure the co-operation of the Methodists of the city as the mission churches of St. Louis and Dallas have done the past few years, we shall, like them, soon be sufficiently strong to take care of ourselves and then help other weak and struggling churches to their feet.

A. B. HALTOM.

The Family.

The Truce of the Bear.

BY RUDYARD KIPLING.

(This poem, which appeared in 1898, set all Europe by the ears, for it was regarded as as a direct slap at the Czar's motives in proposing the Peace Conference at The Hague. Adam-zad means Russia, and the blind beggar is England.

Yearly, with tent and rifle, our careless white men go
By the pass called Muttianec, to shoot in the vale below.
Yearly by Muttianec he follows our white men in—
Matun, the old blind beggar, bandaged from brow to chin.

Eyeless, noseless and lipless—toothless, broken of speech,
Seeking a dole at the doorway he mumbles his tale to each;
Over and over the story, ending as he began:
"Make ye no truce with Adam-zad—the Bear that walks like a man!

"There was a flint in my musket—pricked and primed was the pan,
When I went hunting Adam-zad—the Bear that stands like a man.
I looked my last on the timber, I looked my last on the snow,
When I went hunting Adam-zad fifty summers ago!

"I knew his times and his season, as he knew mine, that fed
By night in the ripened maizefield and robbed my house of bread;
I knew his strength and cunning, as he knew mine, that crept
At dawn to the crowded goat-pens and plundered while I slept.

"Up from his stong play-ground—down from his well-digged lair—
Out on the naked ridges ran Adam-zad the Bear;
Groaning, grunting and roaring, heavy with stolen meals,
Two long marches to nothward, and I was at his heels!

"Two full marches to the northward, at the fall of the second night,
I came on mine enemy Adam-zad all panting from his flight.
There was charge in the musket—pricked and primed was the pan—
My finger crooked on the trigger—when he reared up like a man.

"Horrible, hairy, human, with paws like hands in prayer,
Making his supplication rose Adam-zad the Bear!
I looked at the swaying shoulders, at the paunch's swag and swing,
And my heart was touched with pity for the monstrous, pleading thing.

"Touched with pity and wonder, I did not fire then . . .
I have looked no more on women—I have walked no more with men.
Nearer he tottered and nearer, with paws like hands that pray—
From brow to jaw that steel-shod paw, it ripped my face away!

"Sudden, silent, and savage, searing as flame the blow—
Faceless I fell before his feet, fifty summers ago.
I heard him grunt and chuckle—I heard him pass to his den,
He left me blind to the darkened years and the little mercy of men.

"Now ye go down in the morning with guns of the newer style,
That load (I have felt) in the middle and range (I have heard) a mile?
Luck to the white man's rifle, that shoots so fast and true,
But—pay, and I lift my bandage and show what the Bear can do!"

(Flesh like slag in the furnace, knobbed and withered and gray—
Matun, the old blind beggar, he gives good worth for his pay.)
"Rouse him at noon in the bushes, follow and press him hard—
Not for his ragings and roarings flinch ye from Adam-zad.

"But (pay, and I put back the bandage) this is the time to fear,
When he stands up like a tired man, tottering near and near;
When he stands up as leading, in wavering, man-brute guise,
When he veils the hate and cunning of the little, swinish eyes;

"When he shows as seeking quarter, with paws like hands in prayer,
That is the time of peril—the time of the Truce of the Bear!"

Eyeless, noseless, and lipless, asking a dole at the door,
Matun, the old blind beggar, he tells it o'er and o'er;
Fumbling and feeling the rifles, warming his hands at the flame,
Hearing our careless white men talk of the morrow's game;

Over and over the story, ending as he began:—
"There is no truce with Adam-zad, the Bear that looks like a man!"

Iceberg Support.

"Why did you leave so strong a charge?" said a friend to a pastor.

"My brother, I could not stay another day. I stayed as long as I could."

"Was there trouble?" inquired the friend.

"No, there was no trouble. They met all their legal obligations to me promptly, and appeared satisfied with my work, but I felt I had no support. The people seemed to give me plenty of support, but it was the support of the iceberg. It was cold. There was no heart in it."

"Did you do anything to set them against you?"

"I was not conscious of it if I did. I never said an unkind word from the pulpit or privately."

"Do you think you fitted the situation?"

"Well, I don't think I did, and I'm sure I couldn't have stood it any longer. During my stay I pressed the matter of church membership personally and faithfully to practically all not on the roll, and the addition I had didn't represent 3 per cent of the roll per year."

"How did they attend church?"

"Fairly well I thought, considering conditions, but I couldn't seem to break up their well-bred indifference. It was as I tell you. I felt I had my back up against an iceberg. I would have died of cold had I remained."

This conversation took place between two pastors whose friendship is of long standing. The man who received this iceberg support— a man sweet in spirit and strong—has been for three years in another congregation. The additions to membership have been numerous and steady. He is receiving a smaller salary than formerly; but he is conscious of the warm-hearted support of his people and is happy in his work, though it is very heavy.

The complaint as to short pastorates is seldom heard where the pastor is made to feel he has the hearty support of his people. Pecuniary support is always a quite secondary consideration with good men. Hard work is a happiness to the man who feels his work is appreciated.—Rev. F. W. Murray, in The Christian Endeavor World.

"True and Tried."

Life's companships are full of significance for the Christian as well as for the worldling. While the determination of character is ultimately found in the will of the individual, it is nevertheless true that a man's companions, even his chance acquaintances, exercise a strong influence in directing, accentuating, or modifying his dominant characteristics. It is of the utmost importance, therefore, that a man should select his friends judiciously, and should deal with all transcient acquaintances cautiously, not admitting any to close intimacy until their worth has been surely tested and their affection proved through extended trial. One there is whose friendship for the soul is ever dependable, blessed, and, in the supreme sense, rewarding. God can be trusted. An old lady's Bible was found to be lettered on the margin every here and there with the characters, "T. & T." Asked what the cabalistic signs signified, the old saint replied: "They are writen after the verses which contain promises that I have personally tested, and which I have, therefore, marked 'True and Tried.'" God is a helper who is "True and Tried." All true human friendships, like that of David for Jonathan, are types, partial, but significant, of that most blessed divine relation which subsists between the great Creator and the soul that humbly confides in him.—Zion's Herald.

What Lemons Are Good For.

1. Give hot lemonade at bedtime to cure a cold.

2. Bake a lemon, take out the inside and mix with sugar to make a thick syrup. Keep it warm, and take a teaspoonful frequently to drive away a cough.

3. Lemon juice is good to rub on the hands and face at bed-time to remove tan and clear the complexion, but dilute it with water, else it will darken the skin.

4. Lemon juice will quickly remove stains from the hands.

5. A glass of lemonade taken every morning will sometimes prevent bilious attacks.

6. Lemon juice is more wholesome than vinegar when used in salads, sauces, etc.

7. A slice of lemon bound on a corn at night will remove the soreness.

8. Don't waste the lemon rind. A little of it grated when fresh, and added to apple-pie or apple-sauce is an improvement. The rind of a fresh lemon grated and added to bread-pudding will make a different dish of it.

9. Lemons may be kept nice and fresh for a long time if placed in a jar of water; but the water should be changed every day.—Farmer's Advocate.

It May Have Been a Dream.

It may have been a dream, a dream full sweet—
But, once, I stood inside the gates of pearl;
And there I saw soft, snow-white flags unfurl,
And ranks of angels tread the golden street;
And as those bright ones marched, they sang, and sang
Till all the vibrant air with music rang.

"Where are the little ones?" at last I said;
"The children of the kingdom, where are they—
Who came to earth and quickly went away,
Leaving fond human hearts uncomforted?"
One led me on where fields grew green outside,
And there I saw the children who had died.

Through death, they entered life divine and fair,
Christ-lilies grew about them tall and sweet,
Soft moss a carpet spread before their feet;
And oft the Master walked among them there,
And rose and lily bloomed with rarer grace
Beneath the tender smiling of his face.

In terraces the gardens lay each side
The rippling river, limped, pure, and bright,
Where often harpers played to give delight:
And many a mother-angel served as guide,
From pleasure unto pleasure, bliss to bliss,
For naught of joy the heavenly children miss.

—Emma A. Lente.

Rowland Dots.

Look out for renewals and new subscribers to the "Old Raleigh" pretty soon. I think every subscriber will renew.

The foundation for our new church at Rowland is being laid. All our people are enthusiastic over it.

We are trying to repair our church at Centenary before the quarterly meeting.

Purvis Church will be painted inside soon.

At Oak Grove we hope to paint the church this year.

So you see the "Raby Circuit" is anxious to grow. And may this year be marked with not only material growth, but spiritual development as well through His servant by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Yours and His for service,

J. W. BRADLEY.

Rowland, February 22.

Our Boys and Girls.

February 15, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy twelve years old. I have never written to you; I will write now.

I go to school and my teacher is Miss Phelps. I like her very much.

I will close by asking a question: How many years was Noah building the ark?

From an unknown friend.
LUTHER MADDOX.

Garysburg, N. C., Feb. 18, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. I will write to you as I have never written before. I go to every-day school and Sunday-school, too. Our superintendent is Mr. T. W. Mason, and our pastor is Mr. J. G. Johnson. I study arithmetic, spelling, history, fourth reader and geography.

I will close my letter now.

Your little unknown friend,
SARAH V. ELLIS.

Wanchese, N. C., Feb. 5, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl four years old. My grandpa takes the Advocate and I enjoy hearing him read very much. My papa and mamma are both living. I have one little sister and her name is Myra Bell. I go to Sunday-school most every Sunday. Our superintendent is Mr. W. S. Baum, and our pastor is Rev. A. J. Parker. My teacher is my Aunt Mariana Simpson, and I like her very much.

Well, I guess I will close. I will try again.

LAURA DAVIS.

Milton, N. C., Feb. 10, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As it has been sometime since I have writen a letter, I feel like I want to help the little orphans again.

So you will find enclosed ten cents for the Orphanage.

Our preacher is Mr. Dailey, and we love him dearly. I am eight years old now; when I wrote you before I was only six, and you see I am larger, so I send you more money this time.

I go to school when the weather is good enough, and have a real good, sweet teacher. Her name is Miss Martha Taylor.

I will close, with best wishes to the Advocate and the orphans.

ESSIE LEE GRIFFIN.

Pates, N. C., Feb. 13, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy nine years old. This is my first letter to the Advocate and I hope it will not find its way to the waste-basket.

My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy the little folks letters very much.

I live so far from a church that I do not go to Sunday-school and church regularly. I go to week school. My sister is my teacher. I have one sister living and two brothers and one sister dead.

I will answer Mamie Hunley's question—Elijah went to heaven without dying.

I will ask a question: What are the first five books of the Bible called?

Enclosed find fifteen cents for the orphans.

With best wishes to the Advocate.

Your little friend.
HUBERT STEED.

Enfield, N. C., Feb. 15, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy twelve years old. My mother died when I was ten. My grandma stays with us. She takes the Advocate. I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. I go to the graded school, too. My Sunday-school teacher is Miss Horn. My grandma belongs to the M. E. Church and papa belongs to the M. P., and I go to both. In closing, I will answer Maud Hill's question: John the Baptist baptized Jesus. I will close.

Your unknown friend,
WHIT TAYLOR BENTON.

Sunbury, N. C., Feb. 12, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am just twelve years old. My mother died the past October. I miss her very much. My father is living. I live with my uncle, Mr. J. F. Cross. He is very kind to me. I go to Sunday-school every pretty Sunday. Our superintendent is Mr. J. M. Cross, my uncle. We are very fond of our pastor, Mr. T. J. Dailey.

I have a sister and one brother living and two brothers dead.

I enclose ten cents for the Orphanage.

Your unknown friend,
HATTIE S. WHEDBEE.

Clayton, N. C., Feb. 15, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. Our pastor is Rev. G. W. Fisher and our superintendent is Mr. E. B. McCullers. We like them both very much. Mrs. R. F. Williams is my Sunday-school teacher. I go to every-day school also. Mrs. Williams is my teacher at both schools.

I will answer Maud Hill's question: Now, I will ask a question: How many of Jesus' disciples were baptized?

I will enclose ten cents for the orphans.

Your little friend,
MIDRED BARBOUR.

Methodist Orphanage,
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 22, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a boy thirteen years old. My father, mother and two of my brothers are dead. They all died of typhoid fever. There are five of us living now—two girls and three boys. Two of us are here at the Orphanage. We are members of the Methodist Church and have joined Grit's Golden Rule Club.

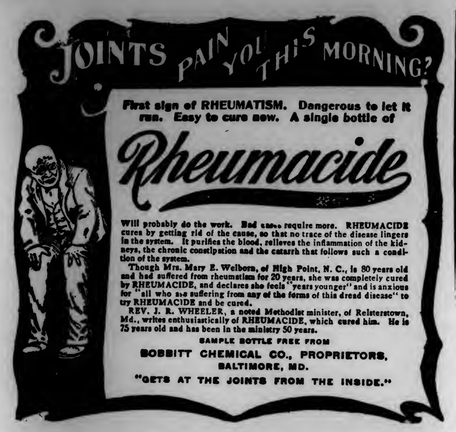
We came from Ashpole, Robeson County, N. C.

We are always glad when the Advocate comes. We all thank Dr. Ivey for sending it to us.

We are getting along well in our studies. We all had a glorious Christmas.

I will ask a question: By how many names is the Saviour called in the Bible?

With best wishes for the Advocate.
JAMES BERY ASHLEY.



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"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him."

Mrs. R. H. Whitaker, our District Secretary, sends this message to her Auxiliaries and Bright Jewel Bands:

I have sent both quarterly and annual blanks to each Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and to each Lady Manager of the Bright Jewels in the Raleigh District.

I earnestly hope that the reports will be made promptly, and that all collections may come up in full. The leaflets will be forwarded as soon as I receive them.

Do not neglect to elect your delegates to the Annual Meeting which will be held in Elizabeth City, April 20-25.

Yours truly,
MRS. R. H. WHITAKER,
District Secretary.

Will not some others of our District Secretaries talk to their Auxiliaries through this column?

The Golden Links have been honored with a department in our Woman's Missionary Advocate. It is well, for every facility for growth and intelligence should be given to this important sphere of usefulness in the missionary cause. Out of their ranks must come—in a few years, perhaps,—efficient, consecrated women to fill the places now occupied by those who have labored faithfully for years, for the prosperity of "woman's work for woman," and who must needs retire from active service.

From close association with the members of our own Young Woman's Society (they prefer to keep their old-time name) it cannot be doubted that in these organizations may be found every element of character necessary for capable, loyal leaders.

Our column is open for news from the Golden Links of our own Conference Society.

Through the courtesy and hospitality of our Corresponding Secretary Miss Julia Hutchings, the literary meeting of the Edenton Street Auxiliary was held at her home last Tuesday afternoon, and a pleasant, interesting meeting it was; only one objection to it all could be found, and that was the rather small attendance of members. So much unfavorable weather this winter has robbed our missionary meetings of the presence of many who have been, heretofore, faithful attendants.

No doubt some of our readers think Edenton Street Auxiliary appears very frequently in this column, and they would like to read, sometimes, of what other Auxiliaries are doing—so would we. If you, dear sister, find it in your heart to make a criticism of this kind, remember you are to blame for the nonappearance of news from your own Auxiliary. Right gladly would items be received and published, from every point in our Conference Society.

The beloved Recording Secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference Society, Mrs. Jno. R. Brooks, is now in our city the guest of her sister, Mrs. Garland Jones. We trust her health will permit her to attend all our missionary meetings—Home and Foreign—while she is here. Her long service in this cause, and her ripe experience in all phases of Christian work, make her a wise counselor, and a valuable acquisition to any business or social gathering.

Next Monday closes our fiscal year, and a few days thereafter every report of the year's work must be sent in. Will there be an Auxiliary that will pay in full its obligations for the whole year? If there be such an one, our Treasurer, Mrs. Adams, is requested to send the name of Auxiliary to this column for publication.

There must be some fault in our financial system, that it would be well for us to discover and remedy, if possible. The matter of postponing payment of dues and Conference expense fund from time to time and from quarter to quarter, thus causing an unusual and embarrassing rush of work for the Treasurers at the close of the year, is becoming a serious one; and it will require consideration and adjustment—if such thing is possible—at our approaching Annual Meeting. All our sisters who have a talent for managing business matters, should give this subject their serious thought, that some plan may be formulated requiring the prompt payment of funds as they become due each quarter.

It has been said that women, as a general thing, are always ready and willing to meet their obligations in secular affairs—how much more should they be so in their church work!

When we put our names on the roll of the Missionary Society, it is our bounden duty to pay every cent it demands for the prosecution of its work. "Counting the cost," of which our Savior at one time spoke to His disciples, should be done before our names are given in; and when, after due deliberation, we cast our lots in with God's own chosen laborers, and are faithful to Him and our vows. He will see that we have sufficient to meet all demands.

FEARFUL ODDS AGAINST HIM.

Bedridden, alone, and destitute. Such, in brief was the condition of an old soldier by name of J. J. Havens, Versailles, O. For years he was troubled with Kidney disease and neither doctors nor medicines gave him relief. At length he tried Electric Bitters. It put him on his feet in short order and now he testifies: "I'm on the road to complete recovery." Best on earth for Liver and Kidney troubles and all forms of Stomach and Bowel Complaints. Only 50c. Guaranteed by all druggists.

W. H. M. S. Department.

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. R. O. BURTON, Raleigh, N. C.

Officers of W. H. M. S. of the N. C. Conference.

President—Mrs. J. E. Underwood, Elizabeth City.
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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. S. H. Scott, New Bern
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Superintendent of Supplies—Mrs. Ivan Proctor, Raleigh.
Superintendent of Literature and Press Work—Mrs. R. O. Burton.

March Questions.

When was the Deaconess work begun in the Southern Methodist Church? In May, 1902.

Upon whom do the control and equipment of the Deaconesses rest? Upon the Committee of Control which consists of the officers of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, the Principal of the Scarritt Bible and Training School and two additional members from the Society at large, quadrennially elected by the Board.

Who placed the responsibility there? The General Conference, assembled at Dallas, Texas, when it created the office of Deaconess in connection with the Woman's Home Mission Society.

High Authority.

We see that these elect women go out with commissions from highest authority, and they can be trusted to follow them conscientiously and intelligently, for, before receiving, they are required to pass satisfactory examinations both as to religious and educational qualifications.

Continual Calls.

So rapidly are the Deaconesses gaining acknowledgement and appreciation, they are receiving numberless calls in every department of Home Mission service. They are needed to lighten the burdens of the poor, to nurse the sick, to train the orphans, to teach the ignorant, to carry sympathy to the sorrowing, to go out after the wandering and the sinful—and in all these ministrations they are following in the footsteps of the great Teacher just as did their sisters in Holy Writ.

May our young women realize the almost illimitable privileges that are in their power, and gratefully and joyfully use them.

Windsor Auxiliary.

I take great pleasure in giving you Miss Helen Gilliam's report, which is full of good works and glad cheer:

"In the past year our Auxiliary has increased in numbers and interest. Our officers are faithful and efficient and the outlook for the new year is encouraging.

"Our Mite Box Brigade numbers thirteen, and though organized only a short time since, raised $6.03 during the third quarter. There are ten names on the pay-roll.

"Several of our officers and teachers are unable to get to the meetings until after schools hours; for this reason our winter sessions are short, giving little time for the excellent monthly program. As the days grow longer, however, we hope to carry it out more satisfactorily.

"At our December meeting the Superintendent of Literature (Miss Gillam herself filled this position at that time—Editor) arranged a quiz upon the work as presented by her on former occasions. It was decided to be an excellent method for fixing the work in our minds.

"Amount raised during the year in dues, mite-boxes, week of prayer offerings and for Deaconess Fund, $45.13. We clothe an orphan at our Orphanage, and during this quarter have expended $8.00 on our parsonage.

"HELEN E. GILLAM,
Corresponding Secretary."

Officers of Windsor Auxiliary.

When I tell you that until recently this Auxiliary numbered only fifteen members, you can understand why their faithfulness deserves special commendation. I must introduce the officers:

Mrs. H. V. Dunston, President.
Mrs. E. S. Dail, First Vice-President.
Mrs. J. B. Nicholls, Second Vice-President.
Mrs. R. L. Davis, Third Vice-President.
Miss Maude Gurley, Recording Secretary.
Miss Helen Gillam, Corresponding Secretary.
Mrs. Mary F. Gillam, Treasurer.
Mrs. W. E. Copeland, Superintendent of Literature and Press Work.

Winfall Auxiliary.

We give the glad hand of welcome to this new Auxiliary. The fact that its President, Mrs. F. L. Church, wife of the pastor, came from the North Georgia Conference, insures its success, and, I doubt not, her sisters officers will prove faithful and helpful. Allow me to present them all:

Mrs. F. L. Church, President.
Mrs. M. L. Twine, First Vice-President.
Miss Mattie White, Third Vice-President.
Mrs. M. S. Rollins, Recording Secretary.
Mrs. W. L. Jessup, Corresponding Secretary.
Mrs. Joseph White, Treasurer.

Largest [Number of Auxiliaries in the Elizabeth City District.

Winfall makes the ninth Auxiliary in the Elizabeth City District—the largest number in any District of the North Carolina Conference.

Is not this eloquent testimony to the faithfulness and industry of our Conference President, Mrs. J. E. Underwood and the District Secretary, Mrs. C. M. Hollowell? I trust it will be an object lesson by the other District Secretaries and other Conference officers.

"Stop your groaning." Rheumacide will cure you, and make you feel ten years younger. Get it at your druggist's.

DO YOU TAKE YOUR CHURCH PAPER?

For the last few weeks, the Raleigh Christian Advocate has been going to the home of thousands who are not subscribers to the paper.

The question which stands at the head of this column is addressed to these thousands. Of course the only answer to this question is "No." You do not take your church paper, but we trust that, after reading this article, you will resolve in your heart that hereafter you will be able to say "Yes" in answer to this question.

YOU SHOULD TAKE IT

Because it is a weekly messenger from Christ. It is set for the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth. To take the paper which belongs to Christ himself is to obey that great command, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." Not to take such a paper when able, especially when you take the papers of the world, is to disobey the command, and rob yourself of the promise, "and all these things shall be added unto you."

You should take it because by so doing you will strengthen your church. Every working body of men and women has its newspaper organ. The saloon association has its organ, because it cannot get along without its paper. It circulates by its hundreds of thousands. Why is it that your church is not more useful and powerful than it is? Simply because there are so many like you—not taking the church paper. Every subscriber to the church paper adds strength to the church itself. Why? Ask the preacher who finds that ease in holding revivals, building churches, and collecting church funds is in direct proportion to the number of church papers taken in his charge. Ask the steward, the Sunday-school Superintendent, and other officials who find that the most loyal official boards, the best Sunday-schools and prayer meetings and largest congregations are found among the people who take their church paper.

You should take your church paper because it will help you intellectually and spiritually. You cannot read the Raleigh Christian Advocate, with its varied contents, without becoming a better man or woman—a more intelligent man or woman—a more loyal man or woman. You need to know more about your church, her people, and her operations. You cannot love that which you know nothing about. The more you know about a lovable thing the more you will love it. The more you know about your church, the more you will love her and the happier you will be.

Your family needs the church paper. The wife needs it in the midst of her household duties and cares. The husband needs it. He may say that he has no time to read it. But that husband forgets that Almighty God intends that every child of His shall take time to read His paper. That child of yours needs it. It is going to read something. If it cannot read the right thing, it is going to read the wrong thing. There are men and women in heaven today because their parents took the church paper. There are men and women in perdition today, because there was no church paper in their childhood's home.

THOSE SAMPLE COPIES.

We trust that you have read every one of them. In order that you might do so we have spent hundreds of dollars.

You ask if the papers you have received free of charge are average samples of the paper for the year 1904. We frankly say that they are not. Providence helping us, the Advocate three months from now will be far better than the one you have just received. The paper next fall will be better than the paper of next summer. You know our motto, "Better and Better." We propose making the pages for the family and the children special features this year, not to speak of other departments in which we purpose to make beenficial changes.

Sit right down and send us one dollar with your name and post-office address, and the Raleigh Christian Advocate will visit you until January 1, 1905.

This is a great offer we are making you. You cannot afford to miss it. We are determined to place the Advocate in 1,500 new homes.

We Methodists think that we are a great people, and we are. But how do you like this? One Presbyterian out of every eight in North Carolina takes his church paper; one Missionary Baptist out of nine in North Carolina takes his church paper; only one Methodist out of every fourteen in North Carolina takes his church paper. As a Methodist you do not like your showing in this comparison. Neither do we. So primarily for the reasons given already, and secondarily, because we suffer fearfully in comparison with other denominations in the State in the matter of supporting church papers, we again ask you to send us at once one dollar and receive the Raleigh Christian Advocate until January 1, 1905.

"THE FOREIGN PEOPLE A-FIGHTING."

Those who are safely removed from the arena of a war in which they are not directly involved are apt to be swayed by two feelings which themselves are very closely allied—that of partisanship and self-complacency.

It is difficult for one to look at a dog fight without taking sides. Much more difficult is it for one to see two great nations fighting each other on that awful stage reddened with blood and shaken by the thunder of great guns and not be overmastered by a desire to see one side come out victorious. The desire is natural, human, and almost inevitable.

Then there is a feeling of a self-congratulatory nature. The picture of suffering is brought out in bold relief—the picture of men slain on the field, dying in hospitals, starving in prisons; of orphaned children, and weeping widows; of burning cities, maddened mobs, and other hideous forms in the black procession of War. How natural and easy it is for us to say, "We are truly blessed. We are not called upon to suffer."

Goethe knew something of this dominant feeling of self-complacency. In Scene II. of Faust, he pictures the people before the city gates, and represents one citizen as saying:

"On Sundays, holidays, there's naught I take delight in
Like gossiping of war and war's array,
When down in Turkey, far away
The foreign people are a-fighting."

To which another citizen replies:

To which another citizen replies, showing that he fully appreciates the sentiments of his well-fed, selfish friend:

"Yes neighbor! that's my notion too.
Why let them break their heads, let loose their passion,
And mix things madly through and through,
So here we keep our good old fashion."

Those citizens represent a large number of people who at a distance are now looking at the mighty struggle of Japan and Russia. "Why let them break their heads, so here we keep our good old fashion" is the feeling of too many.

Suffice it to say, this self-complacency is altogether barbarous, and consequently does not begether barbarous and consequently does not become a Christian nation. It develops a nature in whose dark undergrowths all the finer, nobler feelings are poisoned and stifled.

Rather let us at this time, while we thank God that the clouds of war are not darkening our sky, develop a feeling of strong sympathy for the thousands who must suffer, both Japanese and Russians. May it be a time for strengthening our faith in that God who has promised to, "beat swords into plough shares and spears into pruning hooks." Let sorrow that the mandates of the "Prince of Peace" are not being obeyed only deepen the trust that the time will soon come when the last echoes of the battle's thunder shall die away over the hills of Time, white with the waving flags of eternal Peace.

"RESURGAM"—G. F. C.

The trustees of Greensboro Female College lost no time in holding a meeting and making their plans. The College was burned on Thursday morning and on the following Tuesday the Trustees held a meeting which was enthusiastic from every standpoint. Every trustee was present with one exception.

After having thoroughly looked into the condition of things, the trustees found themselves prepared to make the following announcement:

1. The bonded indebtedness is $40,000.
2. The insurance on the property destroyed by fire is $35,000, which is sufficient to pay off the bonded indebtedness, except $5,000, held by the alumnae association in trust for the education of needy students.
3. We have pledges and cash in hand sufficient to pay the balance of $10,000 due for the purchase of the capital stock of $25,000.
4. We have appointed a committee to collect the insurance and pay off the bonded indebtedness.
5. We have decided to rebuild the college, and have appointed a building committee, for that purpose, to begin work as soon as $35,000 shall have been subscribed, to be paid when called for by the building committee.
6. We have appointed a special committee to co-operate with the Alumnae Association for the purpose of raising the needed funds for rebuilding.
7. We appeal to all the friends of the college to come to the rescue in this time of her sorest need, and to raise the needed subscriptions in thirty days, so that the work of rebuilding may begin at once.
8. The building contemplated, which will have modern improvements, will cost about $50,000, exclusive of furniture.

The rebuilding of Greensboro Female College is a matter in which all North Carolina Methodists should feel glad to take a part. There should be no dependence on the contribution of large sums. The Methodist people as a whole should help and realize that the small as well as the larger sums will be welcomed.

The Trinity College Glee Club made its first appearance in Raleigh on last Monday night in Metropolitan Hall. The audience was large and appreciative. The young men gave a first-class entertainment. Their dignified bearing and the almost perfect rendition of the various parts reflected great credit on the Glee Club and the college they represent.

Dr. G. C. Rankin, we are glad to state, is improving, but at this writing is not able to leave his room. He has enjoyed (?) a serious spell of sickness. For one who has enjoyed for many years such excellent health as has the Doctor, it is a very trying ordeal to be pent up in a sick room for many days. We hope to be able to record in next issue his entire recovery.—Texas Christian Advocate.

Dr. Rankin has been compelled to forego making his trip to Europe as had been planned.

North Carolina Methodism.

The Missionary Institute of Fayetteville District will meet in Sanford, March 9-11, 1904.

It is announced that Rev. Sam P. Jones will lecture in Rockingham on Monday night, March 7th.

If any one has the idea that the friends of Greensboro Female College are in the least discouraged, let him dismiss the idea at once.

Rev. R. G. Barrett, known to a great many in the North Carolina Conference, was married last week in Statesville to Mrs. Jennie C. Rickert.

According to the last Journal the only absent lay delegate of the North Carolina Conference at Goldsboro was the lamented F. B. Gibson, who died during the session.

We are glad that we can announce that there is in the North Carolina Conference a marked disposition to increase the preacher's salary. This fact is brightly auspicious.

Mr. R. M. Phillips is to be congratulated on his part in the Greensboro edition of the Morning Post. Brother Phillips is one of the expert reporters and newspaper men of the State.

From present indications we would judge that the preachers of the North Carolina Conference are preparing to make a great campaign for the Raleigh Christian Advocate during the month of March.

Rev. L. B. Jones writes us a roseate letter in which he says that he is getting on finely on his work. We like to hear these encouraging reports during this period of rain, sleet and snow, and muddy roads.

The facts contained in the communication of Rev. G. T. Simmons on the fourth page of the Advocate indicate that Youngsville Circuit is throbbing with vitality and is not lacking in appreciation of their consecrated and faithful pastor.

In the various missionary institutes now being held throughout the Conference there should be for our preachers and laymen great inspiration not only for missionary work, but for work in all departments. The missionary institute is a great thing.

Rev. W. B. Lee, a returned missionary to Brazil, preached on last Sunday to the Edenton Street congregation in the morning and to the Central congregation in the evening. This was Brother Lee's first appearance before our Raleigh people, and his sermons were highly edifying.

Our hearts go out to Rev. W. F. Craven and wife in the loss by death of their young son Grady which occurred on February 4th. Appendicitis was the cause. The deceased was a bright, lovable boy, and his death is a great blow to his parents, who we feel sure, are bearing it in the strength of Christian faith.

Who should step into our office the other day but the unique J. V. Williams the continent trotting commercial tourist and evangelist. He was in his usual good spirits. He was on his way to Texas to be gone about four months. He wishes to return to North Carolina in time for the District Conferences. Bro. J. V. is a great Methodist.

Rev. R. F. Bumpas, pastor of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, enlivened his prayer-meeting on last Wednesday night by a talk in which he showed the connection between some prophecies in the Bible and the present Eastern trouble. Brother Bumpas and the other Methodist pastors in the city are doing a great deal of hard work just now in spite of the rough weather.

Dr. L. L. Nash, who went to Smithfield on the 22nd to assist Rev. N. E. Coltrane in a meeting, had to return to Henderson on the following Friday on account of his being too ill to preach. In passing through Raleigh on his return he paid the Advocate office a pleasant visit. He said that the prospects for a good meeting at Smithfield were very bright, and Rev. N. E. Coltrane has Smithfield Station in excellent condition.

General Notes.

The circulation of the Epworth Herald, published in Chicago, is now 125,000.

The Nebraska Supreme Court has decided that dealing in options in grain is gambling.

We are rejoiced to know that Bishop J. C. Granbery has regained his wonted health.

The combined sales of the two Book Concerns of the M. E. Church for the year 1903 are $2,210,666.42.

J. E. Hubbard, who has just been appointed Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for Havana, has sailed for that city.

Rev. G. Campbell Morgan has declined to become the pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

All the missionaries in Korea seem to be safe. They are ready to leave at short notice when leaving becomes necessary.

The sixty-seventh anniversary of the birth of Dwight L. Moody has just been celebrated in the Moody Church, Chicago.

Bishop Hoss who has been appointed fraternal messenger to the Conference of the British Wesleyan Church, will sail in July.

We are glad to know that Dr. W. F. Tillett, who has been suffering greatly with an affection of the left eye, is able to be at work again.

Dr. James Atkins makes an address this week in Washington, D. C. Subject: "The Field of Hope in the Work of Religious Education."

Norfolk Methodism has recently sustained a severe loss in the death of its two most valuable laymen, Messrs. B. T. Booker and C. W. Pettitt.

Dr. George E. Howe leaves the editorship of The Watchman (Baptist) to occupy the chair of Modern Christianity in Newton Theological Institute.

Rev. E. B. Chappell, D. D., pastor McKendree, Nashville, Tennessee, has been offered the Presidency of Epworth University at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Rev. W. A. Guerry is in the field to raise an endowment fund of $40,000 for the endowment fund of the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tennessee.

Dr. P. H. Whisner, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, states that the increase this year in contributions to that cause is over $14,000.

Dr. James Cannon, Manager of the Baltimore-Richmond Christian Advocate, is furnishing for that paper an admirable series of articles on the Educational Needs in Virginia.

The Southern Methodist Church has inaugurated a Sunday-school movement in Japan by appointing Rev. K. Mito, of Uwaiima, Japan, to travel in Japan and organize Sunday-schools.

There are in the Methodist church throughout the world 48,815 preachers, 89,430 churches, 81,580 Sunday-schools, 6,523,230 Sunday-school officers and teachers, and 7,801,311 church members.

There are 62,000 Methodists in Ireland. While during the last decade the Roman Catholics, Protestant Episcopalians, and Presbyterians, show a decrease, the Methodists show an increase of eleven per cent.

Joe Ramsay is holding meetings in Nashville, Tenn. We trust that Joe, who has heard it thunder a good many times, has stopped calling himself the "boy preacher." Joe is a power, though, wherever he goes.

It is difficult for anything on a big scale to happen without involving in some way a Methodist preacher. In the late Baptimore fire, a preacher of the Baltimore Conference lost a dress suit. Just think of it, ye shades of Asbury!

Have you seen the paper called "Work"? It is published and edited by Dr. S. A. Steel, at Lumberton, Miss. It is fresh, original, unique. Its very typographical character is of a new kind. It is as invigorating as an electric battery—the kind that you cannot turn loose.

Publisher's Column.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The Conference has requested each District to furnish 150 new subscribers by May 1, 1904. The report for each District will be made weekly in this column. The District reporting the largest number of new subscribers by May 1, 1904, will receive a present not costing less than $25.00, to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

The following new subscribers have been received since February 24:

D. C. Geddie, 1; W. L. Cunningim, 2; E. Z. R., 1; F. L. Church, 2; W. H. W., 1; P. Greening, 1; F. M. S., 1; W. F. Galloway, 1; J. D. Pegram, 2; W. H. Townsend, 1; J. H. M. Giles, 2; B. C. Glover, 13; B. E. Stanfield, 2; Rufus Bradley, 1; N. H. Guyton, 1; W. D. Sasser, 1; T. A. Smoot, 1; H. E. Tripp, 1; J. E. Saunders, 3; R. F. W., 1.

The following shows how many new subscribers have been received from each District since December 1st:

Raleigh District	42
Fayetteville District	26
Washington District	25
Elizabeth City District	17
Rockingham District	10
Warrenton District	17
New Bern District	98
Wilmington District	27
Durham District	12

THE CAMPAIGN.

We have no doubt that all the preachers in the Conference are determined on carrying out the Conference resolution and securing by the first of May 150 new subscribers for each District.

We have no doubt that they all realize that we cannot afford to fail in this enterprise.

But we would suggest that we have no time to lose. Right now is the time to secure new subscribers.

One preacher writes us that he is going to lay aside everything else for a few days this week and work for new subscribers. He will succeed. So will every other preacher who will go at it in this determined and business-like way. Try it and see for yourself. The effort will break in with blessings on every department of church work in your charge.

THE HANDBOOK.

The edition of the Handbook is being rapidly depleted, and there are many of our readers who have not yet secured a copy. The probability is that your only chance to secure a copy is to send 25 cents to this office and secure one.

We publish below what the Nashville Christian Advocate and the Sunday-School Magazine have to say of the Handbook:

"Dr. T. N. Ivey, who edits the Raleigh Christian Advocate, has become so expert in his calling that it no longer exhausts his energies to get out, week by week, one of the best papers in the Church. For the good year 1904 he springs upon the fraternity of hard-worked editors a surprise in his North Carolina Methodist Handbook. It is a good Handbook for any Methodist, containing connectional data, summaries as to membership, etc., of the whole Church, and other matters of general interest. One of the novel features for the two Carolina Conferences are the district and circuit maps. Such a book will be invaluable to the future historian."—Nashville Christian Advocate.

"The issue for 1904 is at hand, and is a beautiful and valuable piece of work. The book contains many things of interest, among others the condensed minutes of both the North Carolina Conferences. This gives a full and accurate survey of Methodism throughout the State. Another most convenient item is that which gives the official bodies and officers of the general Church.

"Dr. Tillett, Dean of the Theological Faculty of Vanderbilt University, contributes quite an appropriate and searching paper on 'Why I Am a Methodist,' while Rev. M. H. Tuttle, of the North Carolina Conference, writes luminously on the very important subject of 'Infant Baptism.' Both papers are admirable in themselves and in their timeliness.

"One of the most impressive and valuable features of the work is a section of twenty pages, giving maps of every county in the State, with the location of every Methodist Church. This feature alone must have required a large amount of work and pains.

"Dr. Ivey has done a truly good thing, and it will be well for Methodist progress and Methodist history if he shall find a worthy imitator in every State covered by our Church."—S. S. Magazine.

The Era.

This most ably edited League organ is indispensable to the success of an Epworth League Chapter. It is filled from start to finish with matter helpful, in many ways, to all our young people, especially to Epworthians. Let the agents press the canvas until the Era is in every family.

The Prayer Meeting.

Reader, do you take part in the prayer-meetings? You do not know who may be awaiting the impetus of your example, or to whom your words may be the message of the most high.

Make careful preparation. The best results are to be attained through prayerful study.

Call into requisition your best talents. The best is none too good for the great work the Epworth League is engaged in. Here, particularly, is the old adage true, "That which is worth doing at all is worth doing well."

The leader has studied the subject and chosen the truth to be emphasized. Help him to concentrate all minds on his leading thought.

By all means avoid a "hobby." It is good always to be holy; but it is not good to be always talking about it. It is good always to pray; but it is not always good to be thrusting your opinions about prayer on others. Be an all-round, symmetrical Epworthian, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Be brief and to the point. Others ought to take part. Give them a chance.

Always stand while speaking. It manifests greater interest in what you have to say and begets an interest in others.

In all you have to say remember that Christ is the most attentive listener; seek the praise of the Master.

Brother pastor, you said when you read our request, I will send name of League president and secretary. But you forgot. As soon as you read this, draw a postal card and write on it the information desired, and post it at once.

Thanking you in advance for the favor, I am,

Yours in League bonds,
H. B. ANDERSON,
Goldsboro, N. C.

Chapter Items.

Secretary Thornburgh reports the League of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, as having taken on new life. They have a fine Epworth Era agent in the person of Miss Jennie Powell.

The Southport League now has 112 members who rendered valuable assistance in their recent glorious revival there. This League is wide-awake, both to the financial and spiritual interest of the church. An intelligent member said recently: "An old fossil will say the League is a failure.' Better not say that in Southport."

A BOY'S WILD RIDE FOR LIFE.

With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, 18 miles, to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, W. H. Brown, of Leesville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma; but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds and Grip prove its matchless merit for all Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free at all drug stores.

NEW TOURIST SLEEPING CAR LINE TO CALIFORNIA.

Commencing December 9th, the Frisco System will inaugurate through Pullman Tourist Sleeping Car service between Birmingham, Ala., and San Francisco, California. Cars will leave Birmingham at 10.20 p. m., every Tuesday, and will be routed via the Frisco System to Kansas City, Rock Island System to Pueblo, Denver and Rio Grande and Rio Grande Western to Ogden and Southern Pacific to San Francisco.

Requests for reservations should be addressed to

W. T. SAUNDERS,
General Agent.

Passenger Department, corner Pryor and Decatur Streets, Atlanta, Georgia.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SPECIAL RATES.

$12.85 Raleigh to Atlanta, Ga., and return plus 25 cents, account Department of Superintendence National Educational Association. Tickets on sale February 21st and 22nd; final limit February 27th. An extension of limit can be obtained on payment of a fee of 50 cents good returning until March 31st. Stop-over privilege will be allowed on either going or return journey. For full particulars, Pullman reservations, etc., call on any agent Southern Railway or address

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Sunday School.

Lesson for March 6, 1904.

Jesus Calms the Storm.

(Mark 4:35-41.)

Golden Text.—He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. (Psalms 107:29.)

The incident which forms the subject of this lesson took place a few weeks after the Sermon on the Mount. This period, though brief, had been one of great activity on the part of our Master.

Immediately after delivering the Sermon on the Mount Jesus had healed the Centurion's servant. Then he had raised from the dead the son of the widow of Nain. About this time he received the message of inquiry which John the Baptist sent from his prison cell in Macherus. It was now also that he uttered his upbraiding words against Capernaum, Chorazin and Bethsaida. Soon after he was anointed at the house of a Pharisee by the woman who is described as a sinner. Following this Jesus went forth on another circuit through the Galilean region, during which he healed a demoniac and rebuked the blasphemy of the scribes and Pharisees. His mother and his brethren came seeking him, and Jesus taught the multitude that whosoever shall do the will of God is the same as his nearest relative. Shortly after this Jesus spoke a number of parables concerning the kingdom. These parables were uttered by him as he sat by the seaside, and the incident of our lesson followed at the close of the same day.

The Sea of Galilee.—It will greatly serve to enhance the interest of this lesson if we can gain a clear idea of the Sea of Galilee. The use of the word "Sea" is apt to mislead us as to the size of this body of water. It is in reality simply a lake, a little larger than Schroon Lake in the Adirondack Mountains, but not so large as Lage George. It is thirteen miles long and from four to seven miles broad, its shape resembling that of a pear.

In the time of Christ the shores of the Sea of Galilee were lined with busy thriving villages and towns, while its waters were dotted with the sails of many ships. The landscape presented a scene of beautiful verdure and fertility, and everything betokened prosperity.

Now much of this is changed. The leading cities of Jesus' time have either utterly disappeared or lie in shapeless ruins. The hillsides are bleak and barren and overgrown with thorns and briers, while hardly a sail is to be seen on the waters of the lake.

Only the sea itself is not changed. Its waters remains clear and limpid as of old, and fish abound in its crystal depths. The same mountains hem in its shores, and down upon its bosom still sweep storms as fierce as the one described in the text of our lesson.

A Miracle of Power.—The mighty works done by Jesus were of varied kinds. The miracle recorded in the present connection was essentially one of power. It was an act of special intervention by which he demonstrated his authority over the inanimate forces of nature. There is a wonderful beauty in the narrative as told by the Evangelists, and it reveals our Lord in a new light, as striking as it is instructive.

The Voyage of Life.—Life has often and most fittingly been compared to a voyage. Every human soul must needs take this voyage, and storms and temptests are sure to arise.

There is only one who can still the fury of the storms with which we meet on the voyage of life and who can bring us safely at the close of our course into the haven of peace.

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No. 41.

4.00 p. m.—"Seaboard Local Mail" for Charlotte, Atlanta and all local points. Connects at Atlanta for all points South and Southwest.

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Secular News.

STATE.

Hamlet suffered considerable loss by fire one night last week.

The encampment of the National Guard of this State will be held some time in July.

The leaf tobacco sales on the Winston market last week amounted to 65,807 pounds.

A young boy was torn to pieces in a cotton mill in Durham by being caught in the machinery.

The "planter" of the "petrified man" has been indicted by the grand jury of Buncombe County.

The revenue receipts at the Winston stamp office for February will aggregate more than $200,000.

The Glee Club of Trinity College gave a very creditable performance in Raleigh on the night of the 29th of February.

Senator Simmons has asked the Winston-Salem people to wait until the meeting of the next Congress to push their claim for a government building.

It is reported that the manager of the dispensary at Warrenton has mysteriously disappeared, and an investigation of his accounts shows a shortage of $400.

The Raleigh and Pamlico Railroad now has 100 convicts at work near Raleigh. Others will be put to work on the road as soon as they can be furnished by the State.

At a called meeting of the stockholders of the Gibson Manufacturing Company held at Concord, the capital stock of the company was increased from $350,000 to $500,000.

Superintendent Mann, of the State's Prison, says that 500 bales of last year's cotton crop was sold before the holidays at 13 5-16 cents, and since then 100 bales at 15½ cents, leaving about 115 bales on hand.

Messrs. Reed and Nichols, of the Carolina and Northwestern Railroad, formerly the Chester and Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad, appeared before the Corporation Commission at Raleigh on Thursday and submitted a freight tariff, the road having been changed from a narrow gauge to a standard gauge.

Revenue officers captured a large quantity of contraband whiskey at the freight yards of the Southern Railway Thursday afternoon at Asheville. The liquor was shipped from Davie County and amounted to a car load of nearly 1,200 gallons. A car load of contraband whiskey was seized at Asheville about two weeks ago.

On Thursday at Raleigh, the Corporation Commission issued its summary of the report of the condition of State and private and savings banks at the close of business January 22nd. The summary shows loans and discounts $17,451,666; capital stock, $4,707,959; surplus, $616,645; undivided profits, $773,458; deposits, subject to check, $16,861,042; the total resources are $28,434,844.

GENERAL.

Russia has almost three times the population of Japan.

Nearly every city in the interior of Egypt is now lighted by electricity.

The United States has 18,000,000 incandescent and 385,000 arc lamps in operation.

Property to the value of $170,000,000 was destroyed by fire last year in this country.

In English schools three hours a week are given to needlework; in New York schools but one.

A mountain of alum 1,900 feet high and 10 miles in circumference has been discovered in China.

The first electric interurban railway projected in Cuba is one from Cienfuegos, 30 miles, to Cruces.

Less than seven per cent of the power used in manufacturing plants in the United States is electric.

Eleven thousand automobiles were sold in this country during the six months ending with November last.

France has 464,556 saloons to supply the wants of 38,666,366 inhabitants—that is, one saloon to 83 inhabitants.

Savings deposits in Chicago banks have passed the $100,000,000 mark. In the last year they have increased more than $22,000,000.

There are 199 slate, 84 marble and 205 clay quarries in this country, and the value of their combined products is $13,000,000.

Out of 140,496,135 women in India only 543,495 are able to read and write. The total number of illiterates recorded is 246,546,176.

It is estimated that our manufacturers turn out about $104,000,000 of what might be termed "chemical productions" in a year's time.

The people of the United States eat up $150,000,000 worth of candy in a year, and there are nearly 5,000 factories making it, with a capital of $38,000,000.

For the year 1903 there were listed on the New York Stock Exchange $550,000,000 of bonds and $431,000,000 of stock; in 1901 the listings aggregated $2,536,000.

Atlantic liners to the number of 50 have wireless telegraph apparatus to communicate with 48 land stations. Sixty British and 24 Italian was vessels are so equipped.

Our imports for 1903 equal $1,000,000,000, our exports $1,465,000,000. In 1873 there were, respectively, $595,000,000 and $567,000,000. Our domestic commerce runs to $20,000,000,000 annually.

The population of the United States has for 40 years been about 12 times that of Canada; the number of divorces in the United States in that time has been 10,000 times the number of Canada.

Mexico will send to the World's Fair a model of the penitentiary of the federal district of that republic. A full set of photographs and interesting data concerning the history of the famous structure will accompany the model.

Georgia's new vagrancy law makes it lawful to put to work on the highways any adult who cannot show he has regular employment. As a result of the enforcement of this law the highways of that State are being put in the finest condition.

Corea, which is attracting widespread attention because of its part in the controversy between Russia and Japan, is one of the newer mission fields. The 20th anniversary of the establishment of missionary work there will be celebrated next September by a special conference of missionaries.

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Central Church, Raleigh.

It was pleasant to talk to the Sunday-school at Central Church last Sabbath. That is a bright and promising school. I am glad that they are taking our Orphanage on their hearts. We expect to hear good news from them soon. The talk at the eleven o'clock service was enjoyed by the speaker. How we preachers do like to hear ourselves talk and try to persuade ourselves that others do too! Well, one good sister said that she did. It may be that others did, but were too modest to tell me of it. We took a good collection for the size of the congregation. It was a bad day, you known. Central is coming. It is on its feet.

Our Wants.

Garden seeds are wanted here; fruit trees would be acceptable, and also a few sugar maples and ash trees.

The matron says the molasses is nearly out. What say our Wilmington friends?

The time for planting Irish potatoes is here. What about the seed?

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Sixty dollars will furnish a schoolroom. There are five of these. Some one is wanted to take all of them.

A Word to Subscribers.

Some friends made their subscriptions at Goldsboro, expecting to pay them about the first of February. They are due now. Will they not please send in the amount? Some are sending it in. We are getting in our material and need money to pay for it.

One more word in regard to the old subscriptions. The preachers that turned their orphans' collections into the treasurer of the Board have never reported to me how much they collected on subscriptions. As I do not know who have paid and who have not. The friends know. So, brother, will you not send it? Or if you never intend to pay it, will you not kindly drop us a note to that effect? Let us square the books some how. I tried my best to collect them last year, but failed. What shall I do now?

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Remembering the Orphanage in Will.

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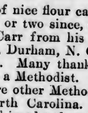

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FIRST ROUND.

Currituck, at Asbury, March 5, 6
Columbia, March 12, 13

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Fayetteville, St. Andrews, March 12, 13
Hope Mills, Cumberland, March 19, 20
Cokesbury, Salem, March 26, 27
Dunn, Black's Chapel, April 2, 3
Haw River, Merritt's, April 9, 10
Ellerbe, Tabernacle, April 15
Carthage High Falls, April 16, 17
Jonesboro, Mount Pisgah Chapel, April 23, 24
Silver City, Hickory Mountain, April 29
Pittsboro, Brown's Chapel, April 30, May 1
Lillington, Spring Hill May 6
Buckhorne, Olive Branch, May 7, 8.
Sanford, Jones Chapel, May 13
Goldsboro, Asbury, May 14, 15
Newton Grove, May 20
Dukes, Elevation, May 21, 22
Smithfield, May 27
Fayetteville, Hay Street, May 29, 30

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Hamlet, Tabernacle, March 12, 13
Laurel Burg, March 20, 21
St. John and Gibson, Gibson, March 26, 27
Rowland, Centenary, April 2, 3
Red Springs, Downore April 9, 10
Robeson, Bethesda, April 16, 17
Aberdeen, Asbury, April 23, 24.
Pekin, Shiloh, April 30, May 1
Mt. Gilead Tyer, May 7, 8
Montgomery, Ophir, May 14, 15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Wilson, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Farmville Circuit, March 5, 6
Greenville (night), March 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Wilson Circuit, Black Creek, March 20, 21
Wilson Station, March 21
Spring Hope, Mt. Pleasant, March 26, 27
South Edgecombe, Temperance Hall, April 1
Fremont, Lebanon, April 2, 3
Rosersonville, Whitaker, April 9
Washington, April 10, 11
Bath, Pine Town (night) April 10, 11
South Rocky Mount, April 16, 17
Rocky Mount, April 17, 18
Tarboro and Pitt South, April 24, 25
Swan Quarter, Soule, April 27
Mattamuskeet, April 30 and May 1
Fairfield (night) May 1
Nashville, York's Chapel, May 7, 8
Aurora (District Conference), May 14

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.

[FIRST ROUND.]

Carteret, Newport, March 5, 6
Atlantic, Atlantic, March 11, 12
Straits, Summerfield, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Mt. Olive and Faison, Mt. Olive, March 19, 20
Goldsboro Circuit, Daniels, March 26, 27
St. Paul March 27
Jones Circuit Oak Grove, April 2, 3
Cunningham, April 3
Craven Circuit, Pleasant Grove, April 9, 10
Kinston, April 10, 11
Pamlico, Barnes, April 16, 17
Oriental, South Creek, April 23, 24

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Hillsboro, McIveire, Feb. 27, 28
Milton Connelly's, March 5, 6
Chapel Hill, March 13, 14
Durham, Trinity Church, March 20, 21
Carr Church and Stanson, March 20, at night

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

[FIRST ROUND.

Kenly, Buckhorn, March 5, 6
Wakefield, March 6
Tar River, Kittrell, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Edenton St., March 19, 20
Selma, Saunders Chapel, March 26, 27
Smithfield, March 27, 28
Franklinton, Wesley, April 2, 3
Central, April 9, 10

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Roanoke Circuit, Tabor, Feb. 17
Holyood, Holyood, Feb. 20, 21
Scotland Neck, Feb. 21, 22
Garysburg, Garysburg, Feb. 27, 28
Henderson, March 6, 7
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 19, 20

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Fifth Street, Feb. 28
Market Street, March 6
Bladen Street, March 6
Jacksonville, March 12, 13
Bladen Circuit, Center, March 19, 20
Southport, March 27, 28
Waccamaw, Zion, April 1
Whiteville, Chadbourn, April 2, 3
Shallotte, Sharon, April 9, 10
Town Creek, Zion, April 16, 17
Clinton, Kendall, April 22
Kenansville, Wesley, April 23, 24
Elizabeth, Union, April 30, May 1
Magnolia, Rose Hill, May 7, 8
Carver's Creek, Hebron, May 14, 15
Onslow Queen's Creek, May 21, 22
Scott's Hill, Union May 28, 29
New River, Snead's Ferry, June 5
Burgaw, Wallace, June 11, 12
Grace, June 12

Marriages.

PUGH—PAYNE.—At Mt. Pleasant Church, February 7, 1904, Mr. J. M. Pugh and Miss Amanda Payne, Rev. B. H. Black officiating.

TRAYLER—RAND—February 14, 1904, at residence of the bride's brother, Mr. N. G. Rand, Mr. W. A. Trayler to Miss Pherebe Rand.

RUSS—WHITE.—At the Methodist Church in Shallotte, N. C., February 10, 1904, Mr. Charlie A. Russ to Miss Maggie M. White, N. H. Guyton officiating.

YARBOROUGH — ROBERSON. —At the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. T. Ezelle, Graham, N. C., January 24, 1904, Mr. Jno. Yarborough, of Burlington, N. C., and Miss Bettie Roberson, of Graham, N. C., were united in marriage, Rev. Chas. M. Lance officiating.

TART—MORTON.—Newport, N. C., February 10, 1904, at six p. m., Prof. Braston I. Tart, A. M., formerly of Dunn, N. C., but now principal of the Harvy North School at Morehead City, N. C., to Miss Effie Geneva Morton, of Newport, N. C., J. H. M. Giles officiating. (North Carolina Christian Advocate will please copy.)

Obituaries.

Obituaries containing not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

RAINS.—Bro. Wesley Rains was born January 29, 1875, and died January 24, 1904. He was remarried to Miss Sibbie Brown June, 1901, with whom he lived happily till his death. He professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in early life. He was a faithful husband, a true friend, and loyal to his church and Sabbath School.

When he found he must submit to the death summons, he said he was ready and willing to go, realizing "the best of all is God is with us."

CHAS. M. LANCE.

SYLIVANT.—Died, near Hookerton, N. C., February 10, 1904, little Herbert Elbert, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sylivant, aged six months and twenty days. He was a bright little boy and his departure was a sad one. In the casket he reminded us of a sleeping babe. The ground, when we gathered around the grave, was white with snow, typical of the snow-white realm to which the little spirit has gone. May God's grace sustain the grief-stricken parents, and may they meet their little boy in the land of rest, where parting will be no more.

"Death may the bands of life unloose,
But can't dissolve my love:
Millions of infant souls compose
The family above."

E. C. S.

BRUHL.—Clifford J. De Bruhl was born August 11th, 1876, and was called to his reward by pneumonia January 6th, 1904.

Young Clifford was converted at the age of thirteen under the ministry of Rev. J. G. Johnson, and united with the M. E. Church, South. Through life he was a worthy, consistent member. Modest, faithful, true, Brother De Buhl lived, it is said, without an enemy and died lamented by all who knew him.

His father died when he was but a boy, but to his mother he was ever a dutiful and affectionate son, and a wise and generous provider. This nobleman of nature and grace was happily married October 9th, 1898, to Mrs. Nannie E. Monett. Their wedded life ran as smoothly and harmoniously as the planets in their orbits. To them two handsome boys came to cheer their hearts.

An aged mother, wife, and two sons, a brother and a sister are bereaved by the departure of this son of the Redeemer. Many a gracious Father keep them all unto eternal life.

W. M. T.

HOLMES.—Mr. James T. Holmes died at his home, Snow Hill, N. C., February 1, 1904. He was about fifty-eight years of age. His last days were spent in wrestling with diseases —pneumonia and throat affection— which were more than he could bear. He was a good, quiet citizen, and a consistent member of the Methodist Church. A widow and six children are left to lament his death. May the good Lord comfort them, and may they finally come to the "rest that remains for the people of God," there to find the husband and father who has gone before.

"Though to-day we're filled with mourning,
Mercy still is on the throne;
With thy smiles of love returning,
We can sing, 'Thy will be done.'"

E. C. S.

BRUTON.—God in His wisdom has seen it best to take from us our much-beloved sister, Emma L. Bruton.

On last Tuesday news reached me that sister was burned. O, how it broke my heart to think such a dear, good woman had met with such a bad accident. She was married fourteen months ago to Mr. Marvin Bruton. Happiness reigned supreme in their home. Unto them was born one sweet little boy; and why God took her, we can't understand, but He knows best. It is so hard to give her up. She was converted in her girlhood and lived in peace with God all her life. She leaves many relatives and friends to mourn her loss. May our heavenly Father comfort the bereaved ones.

A SISTER.

BARROW.—Mrs. Mary Barrow, aged seventy-three years, left this world for the world above on the third of January, 1904. She lived and died near Mount Hermon Church, Snow Hill Circuit. When about eighteen years of age, she united with the Methodist Church, and continued true and faithful unto the end. Three children survive her. They miss a mother's presence and counsel. Their loss is irreparable. May they look to the God of all grace, and finally meet their sainted mother in heaven.

"Borne by angels on their wings,
Far from earth the spirit flies,
Finds her God, and sits, and sings,
Triumphing in paradise."

E. C. S.

DOZIER.—Mrs. Charlotte N. Dozier died at the home of Dr. J. E. Patrick, Snow Hill, N. C., February 1, 1904, in the eighty-first year of her age. Early in life she professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Church. Her life was consecrated to God. Our sister had crossed the line of four-score years. Good old age. While she appeared to be in her usual health, it is probable that she tented on the river's brink for some weeks prior to her death. None realized that the crossing was so near. She was resigned and ready to go. At last, in the still hours of the night, the Saviour came, and called His waiting child, and she passed over the river. She is now safe on the other shore, where she can join the saints made perfect in singing:

"Glory to God! all dangers are o'er,
We stand secure on the glorified shore:
Glory to God! we will shout evermore,
We're home at last."

E. C. S.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, it has pleased our kind heavenly Father in His wisdom to take from us our former beloved secretary and treasuer, Joseph P. Tinnin, we, as the Sunday-school of Pittsboro Methodist Church, desire to express our appreciation of his long life of faithful service in this school, as pupil, teacher and officer, and our admiration of the beautiful example of Christian patient endurance as shown forth in his daily life amonst us; therefore be it resolved

1. That the Sunday-school has lost one of its most faithful members, the church one of her sweetest singers and the community at large one of its best Christian characters.

2. That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

3. That we extend to the bereaved wife and widowed mother our love and sympathy.

4. That copies of these resolutions be sent to the county papers and the Raleigh Christian Advocate and to the family of the deceased.

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Our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Parsonage Aid Society will miss her presence and sweet fellowship. Each and every member was a personal friend of our dear sister, and with the entire community we mourn her loss. But sorrow shall be turned into gladness in the resurrection morn, and in anticipation of the glad meeting in that blessed day, be it resolved by these Societies:

1. That God is all wise and all merciful, and our will is His will, therefore "all is well."

2. That we will so live that when our summons comes, we, too, shall be "not afraid," but ready, and listening, for the call.

3. That to the bereaved family, husband, children, sister and brothers, we extend our deepest sympathy and pray God to be their comfort in sorrow and salvation in the life to come.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family, one to the Raleigh Christian Advocate and be spread upon the minutes of our Societies.

MISS BELLE TANNER,
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Literary Notes.

The beginnings of that great American enterprise, the express business, which, fifty years ago, was unknown and now almost cobwebs the entire world, are interestingly described by Edwin Markham in the March "Success." Mr. Markham's article is entitled, "On the Trail to the Golden Gate," and is the second of the epics of industry which he is writing specially for "Success." Among the fiction of this issue is the first installment of what promises to be an absorbingly interesting serial story, by Joseph A. Altsheler, and two short stories, "With Plenary Power," by E. Spence De Puc, and "Six Pounds Short," by Chauncey Thomas. "George Ade, Maker of Fun," is the subject of an article by Roger Galeshore, and a happy illustration of Mr. Ade's inimatable style is given in "The Fable o fthe Honest Money-maker," which appears as an accompaniment to the article. A glowing tribute to Harvard's much-esteemed president, Charles William Eliot, is paid in a character-sketch by Martin M. Foss, and the story of Madame Marchesi, the woman who has helped to develop so many of the world's most famous singers, is told by William Armstrong in the first of a series of articles to appear about "Women Who Have Won." "What's the Use of Poetry?" by Richard Le Gallienne, is a poet's plea for a better understanding of "the spirit of the muse," and in a department conducted by Arthur Stringer, the best books of the month are ably reviewed. There are also poems by George Shephard Burleigh, Alice Webster, William J. Lapton, Robert Mackay, and Captain Jack Crawford, and a helpful editorial by Dr. O. S. Marden, entitled, "Over-sensitiveness as a Barrier." Other articles of interest are, "As the Twig is Bent," by Marion Foster Washburne, "Jane Adams' Noble Work," by Jane A. Stewart, "The Poplar Side of Science," by Garrett P. Serviss, "The Latest Wonders in the World of Science," by Arthur E. Bostwick, "Use Good English," by Walter Wellesley, and "Yucatan, a Country of Contrarieties," by Thos. R. Dawley, Jr. Some simple exercises for the improvement of one's physical condition are given by Wm. R. C. Latson, in an article entitled, "Vitality and Success." A juvenile story, "How Uf-Red-Hair Became a Chief," by Edwin L. Arnold, and "Sam Loyd's Brain Teasers" are also features of the March "Success."—From "Success," for March, 1904.

A Good Recipe fo Those Who are Sensitive.

Morbid sensitiveness requires heroic treatment. A sufferer who wishes to overcome it must take himself in hand as determinedly as he would if he wished to get control of a quick temper, or to rid himself of a habit of lying, or stealing, or drinking, or any other defect which prevented his being a whole man.

"What shall I do to get rid of it?" asks a victim. Think less of yourself and more of others. Mingle freely with people. Become interested in things outside of yourself. Do not brood over what is said to you, or analyze every simple remark until you magnify it into something of the greatest importance. Do not have such a low and unjust estimate of people as to think they are bent on nothing but hurting the feelings of others, and depreciating and making light of them on every possible occasion. A man who appreciates himself at this true value, and who gives his neighbors credit for being at least as good as he is, cannot be a victim of over-sensitiveness.

When a prominent Congresman was told that a member of the House of Representatives had insulted him, he replied, "No gentleman would insult me, and no one else could." "But I am not derided," calmly replied Diogenes to one who told him that he was derided. The philosopher knew that onl those are ridiculed who feel the ridicule and are hurt by it.—O. S. Marden, in March "Success."

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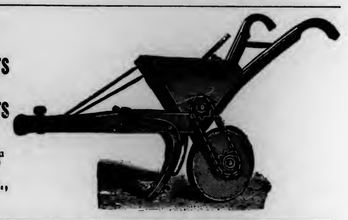

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THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT.

The answer of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, through Governor Aycock and Attorney-General Gilmer, to the complaint of K. S. Finch upon which the road was placed in the hands of a Receiver, was filed last week. The railroad answers that Mr. Finch was not a stockholder at the time when the transactions alleged took place.

The railroad further answers that for several years it has produced revenue sufficient to declare dividends, but that the net profits by action of the Directors have been applied to the improvement of the road-bed, rolling stock, and other equipments; that the report for 1903 shows a net profit of $75,800. The case will be heard by Judge Simonton about the middle of March.

Years ago—not so many—we had among our pupils in the little town of Shelby a bright-faced, handsome boy, who, while not painfully studious, yet managed to give his teacher a minimum of trouble both in studies and deportment. That boy, now advanced several years into mature manhood, stood several days on the floor of Congress and exploded an old story that told how Mr. Cleveland, while President, had dined a negro man. A belief in this story had served to break in some degree the force of the criticism of President Roosevelt's action in dining Booker Washington.

Mr. Scott, from Kansas, one day last week in a speech charged that Cleveland, when President, had dined a negro man by the name of Taylor. Hon. E. Y. Webb at once wrote to Mr. Cleveland and secured a denial of the statement. The letter was read on the floor of Congress by Mr. Webb, who followed the reading of the letter by appropriate words. This incident was the sensation of the week in Washington City. There is nothing of political significance in the incident.

The election of Mr. Smoot to the United States Senate will doubtless prove the match to fire the fuse that will lead to the explosion and utter destruction of Mormonism as a polygamous institution. Ever since Utah was admitted to the Union and passed under the law prohibiting polygamy, it has been seen that polygamy is still practiced. When Mr. Smoot, who is an Apostle of the Mormon Church, was elected to the United States Senate, a movement to make a complete expose of the principles and practices of Mormonism was started by determined lovers of righteousness. Through the efforts of these men, the Senate ordered an investigation. The Committee met early last week and continued, and is still continuing, its investigations. Only one man, so far, has been examined—President Smith, nephew of the founder of Mormonism. President Smith has shown up badly. He has proved to be a bad witness. In answer to questions from the Committee, he has stated that he believes that polygamy came to Mormonism as a divine revelation. Yet he says that the manifesto of President Woodruff abolishing polygamy had its origin in divine revelation. He had five wives in 1890, and admits that he has been practicing polygamy since 1890. When asked why he broke the laws of the State in this respect, he answered by saying that when it came to an issue between the State and revelation he chose to hold to the latter. The light is being turned on Mormonism, and whatever may be the outcome as to Mr. Smoot, it may be safely asserted that enough will have been brought out to deal the death blow to Mormonism as a polygamous church.

No attempt will be made to prove that Mr. Smoot is a polygamist, as it is very clear that he is not. But it will be proved that he is an apostle of a church which allows an infraction of the laws of the State, and has utter control of any member, whether he be a private citizen or a United States Senator.

One of the strangest and most valuable victories for temperance ever achieved in the State lay in the decision of the Supreme Court last week which declared that the place of delivery anywhere in the State is the place of sale. This, of course, makes an anti-jug law for the whole State, and no liquor can be shipped into prohibition territory.

The outcome is strange in that it was not premeditated by the Legislature. An attempt was made several times during the last Legislature to pass an open anti-jug law for the State, but in each case the attempt proved unsuccessful. Such a law, however, was passed for four counties. This is indicated in the caption. But somehow in the body of the law there crept in the phrase "in the entire State," and in a test case brought up from the Durham Superior Court, the Supreme Court decided that this phrase makes the law to apply to the whole State.

The Legislature passed an anti-jug law for the whole State, and did not know it, just as it passed two years before a law requiring a preacher, selling a Bible or hymn-book, to pay a peddler's tax. A bad law in one instance, but it had to stand until it was changed by the next Legislaturer. In the latter instance a most salutory law was passed, and like the other it must stand until repealed. Every temperance advocate should see that the present law be confirmed by the Legislature which is to be elected next fall.

It must be remembered, however, that liquor can be shipped still into prohibition territory in North Carolina from points outside the State. This can be done under the provisions of the Inter-State Commerce law. The Hepburn-Dolliver Bill, which is now being considered by the proper Congressional Committee is likely to be reported favorably. If reported favorably, it will pass both Houses, and will prevent liquor being imported into prohibition territory from points outside the State. There are many prayers going up that the Hepburn-Dolliver Bill may pass.

There are three centers of public interest in the Russo-Japanese war area. These points are Port Arthur at the southern extremity of the Liao-tung peninsula; Vladivostock, the ice-bound terminus of the Siberian railroad; and that section lying almost in a straight line between Dalny and Harbin, which latter place is where the Port Arthur line of railroad meets the line which extends to Vladivostock.

Nothing of interest has happened during the week at the first point, with this exception: A few days ago the Japanese fleet dashed within range of the shore batteries and bombarded Port Arthur furiously for two hours and then withdrew without being damaged or inflicting any damage. It appears that Russia is preparing to evacuate Port Arthur as its capture is imminent and certain. The supply of food is said to be very limited.

The latest news is that the Japanese fleet on Sunday bombarded Vladivostock without any injurious effect, as the lyddyte shells of the Japanese ships failed to explode. It is also said that the Russian fleet has been locked outside of the harbor, but this late news lacks confirmation and is hardly true. Vladivostock seems to be in as dire straits as is Porth Arthur.

Reports of clashes between Russian and Japanese forces in the territory around Mukden are very frequent. In the meanwhile large Japanese forces are being massed in Korea, and Russia is hurrying forces as rapidly as possible eastward.

It is said that the hostile feeling of the Russians against the United States is less pronounced than it was one week ago. Feeling, however, against England is very bitter.

In a speech before the Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. R. T. Miller said, concerning church papers: "I challenge the country to show better papers than those which our church furnishes. For dignity, culture, helpfulness, devotion, they cannot be surpassed. If they do not circulate as widely as they should, it is not because they are not worthy, or able, or bright, but because we have failed to adopt the best means of reaching the people and securing their subscriptions."

Rev. G. F. Smith, P. E., has requested us to issue a Warrenton District edition of the Advocate. We will cheerfully comply. The edition will be issued the last week in March. It will be filled with special articles and will be finely illustrated. It will be dedicated to full collections, great meetings, and 300 new subscribers for the Warrenton District. A large number of extra copies will be circulated throughout the District. Look out for this issue.

Contributions.

Hard Fighting Ahead.

REV. R. H. WHITAKER.

If the world was not better than it was sixty years ago, this at least is true: it has more and better churches, a better educated ministry more schools and colleges, larger missionary operations, and vastly more wealth than our fathers ever dreamed of; being able to spend, for the necessaries and the luxuries of life, dollars where they could spend only dimes.

Some think the world is growing better, every day, and that it is only a matter of time when Satan will have been driven out, and this sin-cursed world will be as Eden was before the fall. I cannot vouch for that. As the signs appear to me, sin is more securely entrenched in the earth than ever before, and the hardest fighting is still ahead. The family government is to be reorganized and the church to be purified before the final great battle can be fought. As matters now are, Satan has the church at a terrible disadvantage. The church has so adjusted itself to the world, and the world has so insidiously wormed itself into the church, that there seems to be no line of demarcation. No need of and no place for repentance on the part of the sinner, because he is already, in his estimation, quite as moral as he would be in the church. And then the young Christian, who was taught to believe that card-playing, drinking, dancing, Sabbath-breaking and profanity are awful sins, has come to learn, from the conduct of some other and older church members, that there is no great harm in any of them, and to conclude that the old fathers, who insisted on men's living pure and sinless lives, were narrow in their views, and required a great deal more of church members than was necessary. As a consequence, the average church member, instead of growing in grace, labors hardest to bring his church down on a level with his own worldly mindedness, and to so regulate conscience as that it will offer no protest against back-sliding.

The old negro who said, as evidence that he was growing in grace, "when I first jined the church my conscience wouldn't let me cut a stick of wood on Sunday to make a fire; but, bless the Lord, I've growed in grace so I can even make baskets all day long on Sunday, and conscience don't say a word," was about on a plane with the average Christian sentiment that has well-nigh lost its reverence for the Sabbath day; and, in many other things, strayed from the old paths.

The worldly Christian, instead of expanding, and growing up to, and filling out the old gospel pattern as it was made by Christ and His apostles, seems to be engaged in trimming the pattern down to fit his size.

If there be any truth in what I have written, I am sure that I am not wrong in saying that the hardest fighting is ahead of us—the remodeling of the family government and the purifying of the church. We cannot do much with or for the church until the family government has been remodeled; because nothing in morals can rise higher than the family. Godless homes make Godless churches; and Godless churches are doing more harm than good in the world. It was a grand thing to be a Jewish father or mother, when the family of God was in its infantile state, going from place to place, dwelling in tents; when the law had been given; when they were in the wilderness; when they crossed the Jordan and entered into the promised possession, and through the times of the Judges and the Kings; and all through those periods of God's providence that preceded and pointed to the coming of Christ. And why? Because it was the duty of parents to keep a live church in the home.

Parents did not, however, always do it. Old Eli seems to have been a good man, in some respects, but his home government must have been deficient, for no father ever raised worse boys than Hophni and Phineas—Eli's sons. When we read of the wickedness of those boys, and remember that they were the sons of a priest, and acting as priest themselves, we do not wonder that the church was corrupt.

I am not able to tell parents how they should manage their children, for I do not know how to conduct my own household as it should be done; nevertheless, I contend that the church cannot be purified and made ready to fight its last and hardest battle against the enemy of souls, until there is a radical change in the homes of the people. And this change must begin in the lives of the parents.

What do I mean? I mean that parents, like the Spartan, who reared children for the State only, are placing too little value on their children's spiritual training. So they are well fed and clothed and their minds are trained for the conflicts of time and sense, parents seem to think they have fulfilled their duties and fully met the requirements of their high and sacred positions.

Of course, it is but natural parents should desire that their children should be good, in a sense; but I fear that the standard of goodness, in many so-called Christian homes, has been lowered and lowered until it means no more than being civil or genteel. When God gave the law it was expressly conditioned that it should be remembered and lived up to by those to whom given, and also their children, and all children to the latest and last born. The command made it imperative upon parents to acquaint themselves with God's will so they might be able to teach their children. "And these words," said God, "which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart." Hear it, father, mother—"thine heart. The trouble begins right here. We cannot say with the Psalmist: "Thy word have I hid in my heart;" therefore we have, as parents, to acknowledge we have not obeyed God's command: "These words shall be in thine heart." Unless we have the "words" in our hearts we cannot do what God further commands: "And thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children." No, we cannot teach what we do not know; and the children soon find out that we don't know, and lose confidence in us, and just in proportion as they lose confidence in us, their parents, they lose faith in God. But, hear it all: "And shalt talk of them where thou sittest in thine house." Tell the children as they gather under the home shelter what God is to them, and requires of them; and how blest they are in having such a heavenly Father; and how grateful all of God's children should be, and how good they can be, and how happy they may forever be, by simply obeying him.

Little children, do your parents talk to you of God and His goodness, and of your duty to Him, when you are at home? Does the father take the Bible and read and explain a chapter, to you dear children, at night; and does he tell you that he loves God and that he and mother have tasted of the good words and of the powers of the world to come? How is it at your homes, children? Are your parents doing their duty by you?

In many homes, it is a lamentable fact, the Word of God has been banished from the centre-table to make room for cards. And it is also a fact that many mothers, instead of teaching the children "when they walk by the way," hasten by the boys (some of them their own little boys) who are playing and betting on their marble games and ripping out an oath almost every time one shoots; I say it's a fact that many mothers hasten by their boys, who are learning the rudiments of gambling, to some society home where they, the mothers, go through the motion of gambling. Would you speak to one of those little boys about playing "for keeps," and tell him that it is a species of gambling, he would reply by saying, "We gamble at home."

It is a difficult matter to define church membership. I used to think that a church had the right to prescribe a rule of faith and a code of laws; and that its members were in honor-bound to observe them. But these are days of the illimitable freedom of thought, speech and action; and so, it is very difficult to determine just where we are; what we believe, and which way we are heading. John the Baptist started a reformation when he said to the Jewish church members: "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand!" Those Pharisees and Sadducees thought they were the salt of the earth; but John said they were a "generation of vipers." O, how the cause of God suffers on account of the vipers in it!

The funniest sight to the devil, on this earth, is a card party made up of a parcel of women who are church members and whose children are being neglected at home, playing for a prize. He knows how to manage them. Makes them believe that card playing puts them into "society," and society can do as it pleases. And so, sister Methodist and sister Bantist, and sister Presbyterian and Sister Episcopalian, sit around a card table and shuffle cards, when they all know that, in so doing, they are violating the rules of their several churches, and know furthermore, they are setting examples that will likely lead to the ruin of their children. The devil could not ask a funnier sight. But, how said it must be to the angels. Yes, there is hard fighting ahead to drive sin from its strongest holds—the family and the church.

Southport.

Dr. Ivey:—We have good news—Southport is waking up. We have climbed from the dead-level of our worldliness and indifference to the promontory of consecration and faith where we can take a prayerful and hopeful survey of our duties and possibilities. We have quickened our pace in the march of life. In grace, as well as in nature, our Father is making all things new. It reminds us of a California spring morning. You, I believe, have an idea of that paradisical figure. Who ever witnessed the green pomp and splendor of a western landscape, fragrant with bursting bloom, instinct with animal life, and resonant with the voices of countless feathered vocalists, but that felt a new inspiration to trust: "So is every one that is born of God." Surely it is the type of a new birth, as well as of Easter glory. "Old things are passed away, behold all things are become new" with us in our church life. Our Sunday-school is new. It is doing better work than ever before, and is large and increasing. Our League is new. We have the largest membership in the North Carolina Conference. We have received more than fifty recruits in this young soldiery since Conference. It would soften even an editor's heart to hear these young soldiers drill and swing their swords! Amen! Our church membership is new. We have received seventy additions since Conference. Our membership is religious. Our prayer-meetings are so well attended that we do not have a vacant seat in our annex, the place of holding these meetings. Our congregations at the preaching services are large and attentive.

These results follow a revival meeting in which Rev. E. C. Glenn labored so untiringly, prayerfully, and ably. He impressed every one as being a man of God. His preaching, unlike most revivalists whom we have heard, did not consist of stories, borrowed anecdotes, and hair-raising pictures. He began his work by laying a foundation in the doctrine of the New Birth, and upon this foundation he proceeded to build. His gospel was simple, truthful, and out of God's Word, and was greatly honored. He did us only good. We are glad he came. May he be so favored of God in every place. His wife was also a great help in the meeting and won many hearts to her, among the young people, especially.

We are making arrangements for a good District Conference, and we shall expect our editor. Come down and see our city by the sea! Come see our country, and witness our growth, and give us a message.

We expect to carry up a full report in every particular at Conference. Our hearts throb with gratitude to God for all His blessings.

Fraternally,

EUCLID McWHORTER.

The Presiding Elder as Evangelist.

BY J. V. WILLIAMS.

Recently I have read an article in the Nashville Advocate on "The Presiding Eldership," and also noted some resolutions, passed at the Rocky Mount Missionary Conference, requesting the Presiding Elders to do more preaching at weak points within the districts.

Now, I want to say a few words on this subject, but am rather afraid that some sensitive elder will think me too fresh, so I'll try to keep in the middle of the road.

For a long time the Presiding Eldership among us has been considered useless on stations and the larger circuits. Yes, worse than useless; for it is a heavy expense, without any returns whatever.

I think the idea that a Presiding Elder is needed in this day to look after the business interest of the church at the stations and best circuits, is simply ridiculous.

Our best preachers are on the stations and larger circuits, and they are the equal of the elder in every sense, and certainly know how to conduct the business of a Quarterly Conference.

Is the Presiding Elder wanted on these appointments for revival work? I think that I can see a thousand preachers smile. I have not heard of a Presiding Elder being invited to hold a revival meeting at a station for twenty-five years. They say "he's not a revivalist."

To say that a Methodist preacher is not a revivalist is saying that he is not a success, as a Methodist Church, without revivals, is a dead sort of thing. It seems, however, that we have come to the time when some Methodist Churches can exist without revivals, and some pastors can be popular without revivals. God help us!

No, I don't believe any such thing. Every Presiding Elder can hold a successful revival, and there was a day when he did. What should be done?

Every Presiding Elder should be an evangelist on his district and arrange to hold at least two revival meetings each year at all the mission appointments.

So, if there was six mission appointments on his district, and the Elder spent four weeks in revival work at each, he would have but little time to spend at stations on Sunday, where he is not wanted.

There will be a change in the Presiding Eldership within the next few years. We will elect a General Conference with fewer Presiding Elders, and then we will demand, by law, that the Elder will confine his work to evangelizing mission fields.

It is very different in the M. E. Church, North. In the New York East Conference, they have but four Presiding Elders to three hundred appointments, so that the Elder is kept busy holding Quarterly Conferences all the week.

One of our districts formulated a plan last year for an evangelist on a district all the year. It would work. It ought to be done. But in the mean time let the Presiding Elders begin the work of an evangelist and continue until called to Conference next November.

The Presiding Elder who will take up this work in earnest and continue it, will solve the problem now before the church and bring glory to God and salvation to many souls.

Rev. Thomas Cooper.

1780—1829.

My parents names were Thomas and Tahpenes Cooper. I was born in Caroline County, Maryland, December 15, 1780. My parents were God-fearing people, and taught their children prayers, read the Scriptures to us, and taught us the fear of God from infancy. Their instructions had a happy effect on my mind, for I have realized its salutary influence, in some degree, through every period of my life. In 1789, my father died. In 1794 my mother and family removed to North Carolina. In 1797 I embraced religion through the instrumentality of the Methodists and joined the M. E. Church, Smith's M. House, Guilford County. I soon felt such a weighty and solemn concern for the salvation of my fellow beings that I scarcely knew how to contain myself, being young and naturally of an uncommon timid and retiring disposition, I kept those painful exercises of mind entirely too myself (except in one intance) for years as a punishment for my disobedience to the heavenly calling; and the Holy Spirit for a time almost left me.

In 1804 my mother and the little remnant of the family which remained together, removed to Rowan County, N. C. There my peculiar situation as it relates to place and business, made it (as I thought at least) impracticable for three years to be a member of society, though I maintained my integrity, yet I sustained great spiritual loss.

In 1808, I was made class leader at McNights, Salisbury Circuit; about that time God began to revive His work again powerfully in my soul, and with powerful demonstrations, renewed my call to the ministry. My mother being now in a situation to do without me,and Providence opening my way in other respects, I now gave up myself to serve the church in any way, or place, where His wisdom might direct. At Conference held at Tarboro, N. C., in 1809, I was admitted on trial and appointed to Sussex Circuit; 1810 Amelia Circuit; 1811 ordained deacon, and sent to Gloucester Circuit; 1812 Pamlico; 1813 ordained elder at New Bern and sent to Petersburg nine months and three on Greenville Circuit; 1814 Camden and Edenton; 1815 Hanover Circuit. I think that I was in the spirit of the work. I know God was with me powerfully and His pleasure prospered. By this time I was admonished by an injured constitution . . . . that retirement was prudent and necessary.

January 4, 1816, I was joined in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Norment, daughter of Major Samuel Norment, deceased, of Caroline County, Va. In 1817 I removed to my old neighborhood in North Carolina. The 13th of May in that year, God took my blest partner to Himself, leaving me an infant son as a pledge of our union. Here Providence opened a scene of trial and anguish that I scarcely ever anticipated, but God sustained me, and His grace, through Christ Jesus, amidst all the sufferings and wastes of nature, still supported me.

In 1820, February 15th, I was united in marriage to Miss Martha Winston Dabney, daughter of Mr. Cornelius Dabney, Louisa County, Virginia.

OCTOBER 9, 1829

Brother, the reason of my troubling you with these lines, is to fulfill the request of Uncle Cooper, made on his death-bed a few days before he died. He told me when he died that he wished you to preach his funeral sermon and, also, to write his life; that he wrote the heads of it down so that you might fill it out. We are trying to get as much as we can of what he said on his death-bed together, and expect to send it to you as soon as we can.

Aunt Cooper would be glad if you would preach the funeral about Christmas, if it suits you.

Yours respectfully, L. C.

[This last note was written to Rev. Peter Doub.—Editor.]

A Great Shadow.

Dear Brother:—We are overshadowed by a very heavy cloud. Grady, our only boy, near 14 years of age, after making a brave fight for his life, against overwhelming odds, succumbed to the last enemy, and went home to God, as his last words attested.

He was bright, manly, winning, obedient, honorable. The loss is ours; the gain, his.

As he has gone home to God, we shall love other boys more, and take greater interest in them.

This is indeed the smoking furnace; but the burning light will come apace.

Sincerely yours,

R. C. CRAVEN.

The Common Order of Worship of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The following Order of Worship, unanimously adopted by the Joint Commissions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at their meeting in Ocean Grove, N. J., July 7, 1903, is hereby officially published for the use of the two churches by unanimous order of the Joint Commissions at their meeting in Nashville, Tenn. February 24, 1904:

ORDER OF WORSHIP.

Let all our services begin exactly at the time appointed; and let all our people kneel in silent prayer on entering the sanctuary.

[1. Voluntary, instrumental or vocal.] *

2. Singing from the Common Hymnal, the people standing.

[3. The Apostles' Creed, recited by all, still standing.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.]

4. Prayer, concluded with the Lord's Prayer, repeated audibly by all, both minister and people kneeling.**

[5. Anthem, or Voluntary.]

6. Lesson from Old Testament, which, if from the Psalms, may be read responsively.***

[7. The Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.]

8. Lesson from the New Testament.

9. Notices, followed by collection; during or after which an offertory may be rendered.

10. Singing from the Common Hymnal, the people standing.

11. The Sermon.

12. Prayer, the people kneeling. ****

13. Singing from the Common Hymnal, the people standing. *****

14. Doxology and the Apostolic Benediction. (2 Cor. xiii. 14.)

* Parts enclosed in brackets may be used or omitted.

** Let all our people be exhorted to kneel in prayer, keeping their faces toward the minister.

*** In the afternoon or evening the Lesson from the Old Testament may be omitted.

**** The order of prayer and singing after sermon may be reversed.

***** An invitation to come to Christ, or to unite with the church, should be given when this hymn is announced.

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J. E. GODBEY,
R. E. BLACKWELL.

Nashville, Tenn., February 26, 1904.

Greensboro Female College.

We must rebuild without delay. Methodism in North Carolina cannot afford to let her lie in ashes. We are well able to start her again by January, 1905. God help us.

A. D. BETTS.

Lillington, N. C.

Youngsville Circuit.

Dear Advocate:—Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Youngsville February 13. The weather and roads were so severe I feared it would be a failure, but the brethren came—stewards and trustees—ten, twelve, eighteen and twenty miles. All the six churches were represented, except one, and we had the most enthusiastic Quarterly Conference I ever attended. The stewards raised the pastor's salary $35.00 without solicitation from him; assumed the rent for our rooms of $60.00, and appropriated $40.00 for furniture, and the Conference appointed a Parsonage Building Committee.

Two of the brethren from Leak's Church supplemented the pounding already reported from Youngsville, with ham, sausage, dressed fowl, canned peaches and butter, and, on the following Monday, pounded the parsonage. Quilts, sheets, pillow-cases, towels, etc., were received. How good these people are to this preacher and his family. May heaven's richest blessings come upon them this year.

Yours truly, GEO T. SIMMONS.

Rockingham District.

Things discussed and action agreed upon in Conference of the pastors on the Rockingham District in their recent session in Hamlet.

1. The collections in full for all purposes this year. The District over paid on missions last year. We will endeavor to pay in full the assessment for all purposes this year.

2. A vigorous canvass for the Raleigh Christian Advocate, our own Conference organ—a hundred and fifty new subscribers by the first of May. The Church Paper in the home means the better life of the home and the strengthening of the home for Christ and for His church.

3. Education. We will endeavor to deepen the interest of our people in the education of their children; and we will counsel them to stand by their own church schools.

4. Sunday-schools. One of the most vital interests of the church. We will make a general advance movement for the larger success of this great work on our District.

5. Pastoral visiting. The home-visiting pastor is the true pattern. Every family to be visited by the pastors—without which we cannot faithfully watch for souls as those who must give account.

6. And all to the end of deepening the spiritual life of the church.

7. And all to the end of the conversion of sinners. This is the one thing to which we are called—to lead sinners to Christ.

'Tis all my business here below
To cry, "Behold the Lamb."

"Whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ."

JOHN N. COLE.

Rockingham, N. C., March 3, 1904.

Nashville Circuit.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—This is our third year on the Nashville Circuit. We have been kindly received, have made the rounds on the work since Conference, but owing to so much unfavorable weather, have had generally small congregations at our country appointments.

We have some very loyal Methodists on the Nashville Circuit.

Our first quarterly meeting was held on the 17th and 18th of January. Our new Presiding Elder, Rev. J. D. Bundy, was with us and did preaching of a high order. He looks well after all the interests of the church. Our people were very favorably impressed with him.

The attendance of official members at Quarterly Conference was very good. All of the six churches represented, notwithstanding it was held on Monday, and some had to ride twelve or fifteen miles over bad roads. Have held one protracted meeting. Bro. J. V. Williams assisted me and preached some good gospel sermons. We have not escaped a "pounding." Last Thursday night as I was sitting quietly with my wife in the study, there was a gentle rap at the door. Some of the good sisters had brought us a large box filled with so many of the necessaries of life. Sugar, coffee, flour, meat, meal, butter, dried fruit, etc.,—things which not only fill up the empty pantry, but filled his heart with joy that his people remember his temporal needs. Our hearts are full of gratitude. May God bless them.

I shall look after the interest of the Advocate as I go the rounds of my work.

Fraternally yours.

J. M. BENSON.

Bertie Circuit.

Bad Sundays and worse roads have reduced our congregations this winter. However, with few exceptions, we have held services according to appointments.

Our first Quarterly Conference was held January 23rd and 24th. Our new Presiding Elder, Brother Smith, was with us. He preached well and God used him for good. Our people are much in love with him; indeed, the affection is mutual. We had a good congregation Saturday, although the weather was bad. Sunday the church was full. Our stewards reported more than 30 per cent of the salaries for the year. They are all faithful and energetic. Such a board would make good reports anywhere. But not as good as they do here; for Bertie has a liberal type of Methodism. This scribe appreciates the fact that he serves a kind and generous people, who are constantly looking after the interests of those who live in the parsonage. Why, only last week our Windsor church gave us a pounding. God's richest blessings upon them. I desire to give them the best year of my ministry.

Our ladies are doing a great work. The W. H. M. Society is prosperous, growing and very active. The parsonage is in safe hands and faithfully looked after. They clothe an orphan and do much for missions. The baby roll and mite-box brigade deserve much credit. The pastor certainly appreciates their faithful and efficient work.

Throughout the circuit we are planning and praying for great revivals and large ingatherings. Let all North Carolina Methodism join us in supplicating the throne of grace for showers of blessings upon Bertie Circuit. Bertie Methodism is weak in members, but bold and courageous. The burden of my heart is the salvation of souls.

R. L. DAVIS, P. C.

Windsor, N. C., March 4, 1904.

Scott's Hill Circuit.

Rocky Point, N. C., March 2, 1904.

Dear Brother Ivey:—As I have not seen a letter from Scotts Hill Circuit, I thought I would write a few lines in regard to this charge. Under the pastorate of Bro. Y. E. Wright this charge is moving along nicely. I am glad that the Conference returned Brother Wright to us this year. He is the right man in the right place. I hope we can keep him four years, as he is doing such a great work with us. We have increased his salary this year some, and we hope to have a prosperous year this year in paying up in full all collections. Which I think we will do by the help of the Lord. When Brother Wright came to us our church was in the rear some; but we have come out now, and every church on the charge is in the advance now. We hope there will be much good done this year along the line of all church work. And may there be many souls won to Christ during this year. I take your paper. I think the Advocate is a fine paper. I recommend it to all Methodists throughout our State. I will now close, hoping the Advocate much success and a prosperous year.

Fraternally.

AMOS BATSON.

North Carolina Conference Brotherhood.

List of ministerial members of North Carolina Conference. Brothers who have paid all claims up to date:

J. M. Ashby, H. B. Anderson, B. C. Allred, G. T. Adams, R. C. Beaman, C. C. Brothers, R. W. Bailey, F. A. Bishop, W. H. Brown, W. L. Cuninggim, L. M. Chaffin, J. N. Cole, J. M. Culbreth, R. L. Davis, E. H. Davis, W. S. Davis, W. A. Forbes, D. C. Geddie, A. J. Groves, N. H. Guyton, T. J. Gattis, G. T. Harrison, J. A. Hornady, J. H. Hall, B. B. Holder, L. H. Joyner, J. W. Jenkins, J. C. Kilgo, J. M. Lowder, J. A. Lee, J. W. Martin, W. C. Merritt, J. H. McCracken, A. McCullen, W. E. Nicholson, A. L. Ormond, J. Y. Old, Rev. J. D. Pegram, A. J. Parker, J. J. Porter, D. B. Parker, R. H. Broom, A. D. Betts, J. D. Bundy, J. E. Bristowe, B. H. Black, R. Bradley, J. M. Benson, J. J. Barker, W. F. Craven, N. E. Coltrane, D. N. Caviness, J. S. Draper, J. A. Daily, H. M. Eure, E. M. Fox, J. H. M. Giles, R. R. Grant, J. T. Gibbs, H. A. Humble, K. D. Holmes, T. N. Ivey, J. G. Johnson, W. A. Jenkins, W. H. Kirton, G. D. Langston, W. H. Moore, L. S. Massy, M. M. McFarland, F. B. McCall, H. M. North, G. A. Oglesby, J. M. Potter, W. H. Puckett, M. T. Plyler, W. A. Piland, J. M. Rhodes, W. W. Rose, J. M. Rice, C. L. Read, E. E. Rose, F. D. Swindell, T. A. Smoot, J. H. Shore, G. B. Starling, J. T. Stanford, L. E. Sawyer, B. C. Thompson, D. H. Huttle, L. E. Thompson, A. P. Tyer, N. H. D. Wilson, R. M. Watson, G. B. Webster, E. R. Welch, G. F. Smith, H. G. Stamey, F. M. Shamburger, N. L. Seabolt, T. H. Sutton, J. Sanford, G. T. Simmons, G. W. Starling, J. E. Saunders, C. W. Smith, J. B. Thompson, R. F. Taylor, J. E. Thompson, William Towe, J. E. Underwood, R. H. Willis, R. A. Willis, N. C. Yearby, C. P. Jerome.

Eight brethren stand suspended on assessments No. 16 or 17, some on both, but will be reinstated on payment of 25c. included with the remittance for back dues. Three brethren are due from three to five assessments. If they do not intend keeping up membership I trust they will so inform me. Do not like to use money of needy widows and orphans in sending notices to brethren who have quit. Phil. 4:8. List of lay brethren next week. D. H. TUTTLE, Treasurer.

Rev. A. D. Betts.

It has been my good fortune to know, esteem and love "Brother Betts" for more than forty years, and my life has been made better for having enjoyed so rich a bounty. I flatter myself to hope that my life bears the water-marks of some, at least, of the many good qualities of this faithful man of God, who was humble, lovable and consecrated. His consecrated life, filled with love for his fellow-man, and abounding in good works, like the "alabaster box," yields a most delightful perfume.

I well remember the day of his graduation, and can recall with distinctness the subject of his graduating thesis. It was fine, and made a most marked impression. I am proud that all these forty odd years, I have been blessed with his friendship. May his evening tide be as sweet and mellow as the "sunset's radiant glow," and may he be spared yet many years to tabernacle in the flesh, that his life and example may abide as a benediction with all "who love his appearing," and when he crosses the bar, "may he meet his pilot face to face."

I am glad of an opportunity to add my tribute to one so worthy. JULIAN S. CARR.

Durham, N. C., March 1, 1904.

The Family.

The Lent Jewels—A Jewish Tale.

In schools of wisdom all the day was spent;
His steps at eve the Rabbi homeward bent,
With homeward thoughts which dwelt upon the wife
And two fair children who consoled his life.
She, meeting at the threshold, led him in,
And with these words preventing, did begin:
"Ever rejoicing at your wished return,
Yet am I most so now, for since this morn,
I have been much perplexed and sorely tried
Upon one point, which you shall now decide.
Some years ago a friend into my care,
Some jewels gave, rich, precious gems they were.
But having given them in my charge this friend
Did afterwards, nor come, nor for them, send.
But left them in my keeping for so long,
That now it almost seems to me a wrong.
That he should suddenly arrive to-day,
To take those jewels, which he lent, away.
What think you? Shall I freely yield them back
And with no murmuring? So henceforth to lack
Those gems myself, which I had learned to see
Almost as mine forever, mine in fee." . . . .

"What question can be here? Your own true heart
Must needs advise you of the only part:
That may be claimed again that was but lent,
And should be yielded with no discontent.
Nor surely can we feel herein a wrong,
That it was left us to enjoy so long."

"Good is the word," she answered. "May we now
And evermore that it is good allow."
And rising, to an inner chamber led,
And there she showed him, stretched upon one bed
Two children pale, and he the jewels knew.
Which God had lent him, and resumed anew.

At the Mission Door.

A little newsboy, weeping, stood
Outside "The Waif's Retreat;"
A shaggy dog, his only friend,
Was crouching at his feet
With attitude of perfect trust,
And tender lovelit eye.
I saw the boy bend over him
With tear-wet cheek, and sigh.

I asked him why those bitter tears:
He turned away his head,
And answered: "Dere's me only frien'
Since dad and ma is dead;
An' dose folks in de Mission say
Dat Tip, he can't come in:
Dat lovin' of a dog like dis
Ain't nothin' but a sin.

"Well, Boss, I don't know nothin' much;
But, say, when mudder died,
Tip foun' me at her grave at night,
An' laid down by my side;
An', when I cried dere all alone,
His head was on me knee,
An' somethin' in his eye jes' said
He'd be a frien' to me.

"Now, Boss, you look into dem eyes
An' say if he can't speak;
I tells yer, Tip's a gentleman.
If he ain't nice and sleek;
He don't snap like a low-down cur.
His ways is high an' fine;
An', when I t'ink how good he is,
I'm mighty proud he's mine."

Tip seemed to feel his master's praise,
He looked so very wise,
As if some sad, imprisoned soul
Were shining through his eyes.
I took the boy's brown hand in mind,
And wiped his tears away,
And told him that no nobler friend
Man has on earth to-day.

Both boy and dog crept to my heart,
And they have now become
The sunshine on my cheerless hearth,
The blessings of my home;
And all that I shall ask of Him
Who keeps the heavenly log,
May I be worthy that boy's love,—
The friendship of his dog!

—Captain Jack Crawford, in "Success."

How I Met General John B. Gordon.

I first met General Gordon in Nashville, Tenn., in 1892. He came to that city to deliver his great lecture, "The last days of the Confederacy." Of course he received an enthusiastic welcome.

My son, at that time a lad twelve or thirteen years old, had been an omnivorous reader of Confederate history, and was well up on General Gordon's record. He was eager to see and hear the war-battered hero who led Lee's advance into Pennsylvania, and the last charge at Appomattox. He had imbibed, in some way, sentiments of intense bitterness toward the North. I was troubled about it, for while I am myself a "dyed-in-the-wool" Southerner, I have only the most fraternal sentiment toward our friends "up North."

One day, in conversation with Mr. Thomas Nelson Page, I told him of my son's juvenile ultra-bourbonism, and of my inability to understand where he got his impressions. Mr. Page suggested that there was probably "a woman in the case." And, sure enough, upon inquiry, I found that a favorite aunt, who lived in Petersburg, Va., during the war, had been entertaining the little folks with stories of the siege of Petersburg. It was easy to see, then, where the boy got his views. Grant's shells, as they went screaming and bursting in lurid splendor over "the cockade city," and driving the women and children into the cellars for safety, were not very fraternal messengers.

I took my boy with me to call on General Gordon at the hotel. The General put his arm around him, and spoke to him very kindly, which of course pleased him greatly.

That evening we went early to the tabernacle to hear the General's lecture. Just as we took our seats, General T——, of the Federal Army, also took a seat just in front of us. A very large Union flag had been hung on the wall behind the platform, and we were scarcely seated when my son observed it, and said: "What have they put the flag up there for?"

I suggested in an undertone that he would better be careful; that there was a Yankee general just in front of us, and he might overhear him. He "didn't care if he did. They had no business putting that flag up there!"

The colloquy was interrupted by the manager, who discovered us, and invited us to occupy seats on the platform. This brought us in front of General T——, who preferred to retain his seat in the audience.

Immediately thereafter General Gordon came upon the platform, and while a storm of applause was shaking the very roof, he beckoned me to him, and asked if I would do him a favor.

"Certainly," I replied.

"I have left the manuscript of my speech in my trunk at the hotel. I think I know it, but, unless I have it by me, am afraid I may forget some parts of it. Here is the key to my room, and this one is the key to my trunk. I wish you would go and bring my speech."

"All right," I said, "but will I have time?"

"General Jackson is to introduce me, and I will keep him speaking till you get here," he replied.

I hurried to the hotel, opened his trunk, rummaged among a lot of papers, and finally found "The last days of the Confederacy," and rushed back to the tabernacle. A jerk on General Jackson's coat-tail arrested an eloquent oration, and brought General Gordon to the stand. He spoke two hours, with the manuscript lying before him on the table, and he never once referred to it.

At one point in his speech he paid a glowing tribute to General Robert E. Lee, which, of course, elicited loud applause from the audience. My son fairly went wild. He cheered with hands and feet and voice. So did General T——. Whereupon my son leaned over to me and exclaimed: "What is he cheering for? Lee was our man."

"Oh, yes," I said, "but the war was over long before you were born. General T—— is cheering because he admires Lee."

A little further on, General Gordon paid a high compliment to General Grant. Again there was defeaning applause, such old Confederates as Jackson and Kelley and Morton, General Forest's chief of artillery, joining in lustily. I watched my son to see if he would take part. He did, but in a feeble way. He was probably thinking of Grant's shells, and of his mother hiding from them in the cellar. Poor fellow!

Several days passed and I was walking with my boy in the woods around our home in the neighborhood of Nashville, when he said: "Papa, I think I have a subscriber for the Youth's Companion in that house yonder.

"What!" I exclaimed, in assumed surprise. "Are you circulating that paper?"

"Yes, sir," he said, "isn't it a good paper?"

"Oh, yes," I replied, "it is an excellent paper. But it is printed in Boston; and I didn't think you would circulate a Yankee paper."

"Oh, pshaw, papa!" he said, "what in the world is the use of keeping up the fuss?"

And then I saw that General Gordon had done his work well. The example of this old hero of a hundred battles, bearing the scars of the conflict on his body, pleading for fraternity and speaking of the Northern soldiers as brothers, had exoreised the evil spirit of sectional prejudice, and left the boy free—not the less a Southerner, but more an American. I have always been profoundly grateful to General Gordon for the valuable service he rendered me on that occasion.

I believe that was the effect of his speech on all who heard it, and I know it was the aim of his work as a lecturer to promote love and good fellowship between the North and the South.

By the way, I think my son hit the nail on the head when he said: "What in the world is the use of keeping up the fuss?" The great conflict has passed into history. No one ever dreams of reopening the issues it decided. The fame of the great actors in the drama belongs to the whole country. General Gordon, one of the noblest characters on either side, was allowed to live for a whole generation after the close of the struggle, that he might exemplify the patriotism that rises above all sectionalism and embraces the nation in its loyal devotion. In every great battle in Virginia from the first Manassas to Appomattox; in the very vortex of the hottest of them; shot eight times; rising from the ranks to be a lieutenant-general; the commander-in-chief of the Confederate veterans; a typical Southerner in every respect—no man in America loved the Union or the flag with a sincerer or more ardent love than General John B. Gordon. His whole career from the time he sheathed his stainless sword at Appomattox, recalls General Grant's epigrammatic words: "Let us have peace." The men foremost in the fight were the first to quit.—Rev. S. A. Steel, D. D., in Epworth Herald.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

Durham District.—Graham, embracing 5th Sunday in March.

Rockingham District.—Lumberton, embracing 5th Sunday in May.

Elizabeth City District.—Sunbury, Wednesday, July 13th; embracing third Sunday.

General Booth has been much occupied with preparations for the International Congress of the Salvation Army, to be held in the summer. This will doubtless constitute the most important series of gatherings the Salvation Army has yet held, and will be most intimately bound up with the future welfare of the organization.

News comes from Dr. C. F. Reid at San Francisco, that he has nearly raised the $7,500 which was necessary to secure a lot and plant an effective church at the University of California. The West must move forward by infusing Christian principles into the young men, who are going out yearly to take the positions of power in the community.

Our Boys and Girls.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl five years old. My papa takes the Advocate. My school is out. Miss Bessie is my teacher. Good-bye.

Your little friend,
ZENOBIA GORE.

[This letter was written by the little girl in her own hand.—Editor.]

Sanford, N. C., Feb. 22, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy eight years old. My papa takes the Advocate. I love to read the children's page. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher's name is Miss Sue Weatherspoon. I go to every-day school. My teacher's name is Miss Addie St. Clair. I am in the second grade.

I will close, hoping to see my letter in print.

Your friend,
JOHNNIE BRANTLEY.

Orc Hill, N. C., Feb. 16, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a boy twelve years old. I go to Sunday-school when I can. I go to every-day school also. My teacher's name is Mr. J. R. Rives. He is very kind to us and we all like him.

I will answer Maud Hill and Mamie Hunley's questions: John the Baptist baptized Jesus and Elijah and Enoch went to heaven without dying.

Now, I will ask a question: How old was Methusalah when he died?

ALSTON BROOKS.

Rehoboth, N. C., Feb. 22, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl thirteen years old. I go to Sunday-school every time I can; I also go to every-day school. I study arithmetic, spelling, grammar, history, geography and civil government. My teacher's name is Mrs. Holomon. I like her very much. Our pastor is Rev. E. E. Rose and we like him very much.

Well, I will close by asking a question: Who was the only person, according to the sacred Scriptures, who raised a voice in behalf of Jesus during the trial?

Your unknown friend.
RUTH DRAPER.

Sanford, N. C., Feb. 22, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl thirteen years old. My brother takes the Advocate and I like to read the little girls' and boys' letters very much.

My mamma and papa are both dead. I have one brother and three sisters living and two sisters dead. I go to Sunday-school most every Sunday. My teacher's name is Miss Sally Ray; our superintendent is Prof. D. L. Ellis and our pastor is Rev. M. D. McNeil.

I go to the graded school. My teacher's name is Mrs. B. P. Smith.

I will close for fear of the waste-basket.

Your unknown friend.
BESSIE BRANTLEY.

Hillsboro, N. C., Feb. 22 ,1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy eight years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I so much enjoy reading the letters from the little folks.

I go to Sunday-school, and my teacher is Mrs. Rubie Brown. I like her very much. Our superintendent is Mr. Joseph A. Harris, and our pastor is Rev. N. C. Yearby, and we all like him very much—we simply love him devotedly.

I will answer Earl T. Sell's question: Sampson was the strongest man.

Now, how many will answer this question? How was it that Mathusclah was the oldest man and died before his father?

Sincerely,
ROBAH NOBLE.

R. F. D. No. 1, Feb. 17, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am twelve years old and I love the Advocate and love to read the Cousins' letters. I go to Sunday-school, and our Sunday-school has kept up all the winter, though the weather has been bad. Our superintendent is Mr. R. H. Lyde, and my teacher is Mrs. Annie Whitlock. Our pastor is Rev. J. W. Bradley, and we all like him very much. We are glad he was sent back to us.

I will answer Sallie Fuller's question: The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.

I will ask a question: Who were the first disciples?

Your little friend,
VASSIE WEBB.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Feb. 22, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will take much pleasure in writing to you this afternoon, as I have never written before.

I am a little girl eight years old, and I enjoy reading the children's page very much.

My father and mother are both living, and I have two brothers.

I go to Sunday-school every Sunday, and my teacher is Miss Ella Ledford. Our superintendent is Mr. Peacock, and our pastor is Mr. Hunt.

I go to school and I am in the second grade.

I will answer Mamie Hunley's question: Elijah went to heaven without dying.

I will close by asking a question: What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

Your friend,
IRYMA WASKEY.

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Our column is enriched this week by words from our President, and Superintendent of our Juvenile work—special attention is called to both.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

To the W. F. M. S. of the N. C. Conference.

My Dear Sisters:—The time for our Annual Meeting is rapidly approaching—April 20-25—will soon roll around. What we do must be done quickly.

I hope there will be found women in every auxiliary who will be willing to make a sacrifice, if need be, to attend this meeting.

Let us not disappoint those good, hospitable sisters of Elizabeth City, who are looking forward to our coming with pleasure.

Be sure to elect as your delegate and alternate, women who will go unless providentially hindered; and do so at your March meeting.

Our two missionaries from Brazil, Rev. W. B. Lee and Miss Mary Pescud, will add much interest to this meeting.

We are anticipating a good time in every respect. Let there be united, earnest prayer for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit upon us all.

Yours loving co-worker,
LUCY A. CUNINGGIM.

To Bright Jewel Societies.

Dear Jewels:—I was gratified to see in "our column" last week so interesting and encouraging a report from the Lady Manager of Edenton Street Bright Jewels; and am hoping that others will soon follow her example, and tell something of the work of their Societies.

In the report from Edenton Street there are some very valuable suggestions, which I doubt not will be helpful to other Lady Managers.

I have just received a check for $6.00 from Raeford, N. C. There is, at that place, a Union Missionary Society for children, composed of Methodists and Presbyterians. At a recent mite-box opening, this amount was in the boxes given out to the Methodist children, and was sent with the request that it go on our Pledge, in response to Mrs. Swindell's recent statement of the large deficiency therein.

I am glad to know of this interest in missionary work at Raeford, and hope it may increase to such an extent that our children there shall soon be organized into a Bright Jewel Band, and report their work regularly. We should be happy indeed to welcome them among us.

The $6.00 will be placed on our Bright Jewel Pledge for the Mary Black Memorial at Soochow, China; and we pray that it may be so directed as to minister to the needs of some suffering child in the hospital of that far-off land. And thus may it be to them the glad messenger of the blessed effects of the gospel of Christ!

Of course you are all preparing for the celebration of Easter in the interest of our work. I would advise you to send to "The Lorenz Publishing Co.," Dayton, Ohio, for "The Easter Promise," a most beautiful and appropriate program, the music of which is especially bright and inspiring. The price of the programs is five cents per copy, fifty-five cents per dozen, postpaid.

Be sure to elect a delegate to our Annual Meeting at Elizabeth City, April 20-25.

Hoping to meet many of you there,
Lovingly,
AUNT LIZZIE.

Despite the inclement weather on last Sabbath morning, Edenton Street Church contained a good congregation of eager listeners, as Rev. W. B. Lee, missionary to Brazil, portrayed in forceful language the real condition of Christian (?) life and customs in that country; also the vast need for the pure gospel as enunciated by our Savior, and all the institutions there which are working for its promulgation.

His appeal for means to furnish a new building of the Granberry College in Juiz de Fora was responded to by a contribution of seventy-two dollars.

In the evening service at Central Church a contribution of eight dollars was made for the same purpose.

The Annual Meeting at Elizabeth City in April is going to be—to many—a test, not only of our love for, and faithfulness in, our missionary work, but of our desire and capacity to meet squarely our obligations; and as "Aunt Lucy" says, "be willing to make sacrifice, if need be."

At this juncture of the missionary work of our Conference, there is urgent need for a full representation of all the societies in the Conference. A determined effort on the part of our women can accomplish the sending of a delegate from every Society, and thus make the meeting at Elizabeth City what it should be—the best we have ever had.

If, in this matter, we bring into use all the business tact, industry and judgment with which we accomplish things in secular matters, our desire for a successful meeting will be gratified; but, from some unknown cause, when we come to church work, we have a vague idea that our desired results will be accomplished by some supernatural means. Be assured, however, that it is only when we have exhausted our own God-given resources, that He may, perchance, levy upon those of a fish or a raven to tide us over some dire necessity.

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A Home Experience.

I am glad to give our readers a bit of homelife from the pen of one of our new Corresponding Secretaries, Mrs. M. M. Fisher, of Lake Landing Auxiliary. The sweet simplicity and gentle graciousness of the incident appeal to us all, and the plea for more of the Christ-spirit in our daily lives finds an echo in all the hearts of true Home Mission women.

"The Gospel in the Kitchen."

"I had just come in from my kitchen after a hard job of two days' duration, and was very tired. As I sat down I took from the table our dear little paper, The King's Messenger, to read as I rested.

The first thing that caught my eye was "the Gospel in the Kitchen.' Curious to know if some other sister had enjoyed an experience similar to mine, I read what followed—and as I read, my heart was filled with gratitude to God for His omnipresence. He is in 'Miss Pearl's' kitchen, He is in my kitchen, and, sisters, He is in your kitchens. Do you look for Him there? If you have never looked, you do not know how much you have missed. Begin now and look till you find Him: it may be, you will discover Him in your servants—possibly the one that is giving you most trouble. It was there I found Him, and I will tell you about it. I had before me some difficult and undesirable work, and sent out for several colored women, that it might soon be finished. It was very cold and I succeeded in hiring only two women and one girl, so was forced to help as well as direct. The girl became so absorbed in her duties she unconsciously began to hum one of her church hymns, and the women soon joined her; suddenly one turned and commanded the child to hush, adding, "You should have more manners than to sing in Miss ———'s kitchen.' I said, 'Sing, Bettie, I like to hear you, and I wish the others to sing with you.' Their faces beamed with pleasure, and as they sang one hymn after another, their hearts grew light (and mine also), while the work sped swiftly on, and was soon well accomplished. My daughter had joined me, and at the close we thanked them sincerely, because we had enjoyed the day and, better still, realized that God was with us. 'The Gospel in the kitchen'! Is not this real Home Mission work?

Would to God more of it could be found there! Let us strive to be so full of the spirit of Christ we cannot hide it at any time or in any place, but must let it shine in the parlor, in the kitchen, everywhere. Sometimes we smother it in the parlor.

When Christ said, 'Begin at Jerusalem,' what did He mean but to begin at home? 'Go ye out into all the world' was the next command. We may not be able to go, but we can show to all around us the spirit of Christ, and they, in turn, can teach others."

MRS. M. M. FISHER.

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No one can say the contributions keep pace with the needs in the Home Mission Society. But we should have the abiding faith that help will come. We must not fail to tell of these matters, however, that they may be fully understood when the man or woman and the opportunity meet. How beautiful to furnish this room and name for some loved one in Heaven or on earth!

Auxiliary Brigade Managers.

Read carefully please, in the March Bulletin the item, "What Might Have Been," and quickly send on your reports, full and correct, to Mrs. J. A. Spiers, Selma, N. C.

A Magnanamous Offer from a Western Brother.

Mr. N. W. Harris, of Chicago, already widely and gratefully known through his kind help to the Chicago Training School, offers to pay all expenses (except transportation) of twenty young women who may desire to attend the Spring Normal Course, beginning March 10. This special course in Bible Study and Methods of Christian work is very fine and very beneficial, and he desires to aid our young women to become leaders in establishing centers of work in our great Southern Church.

Those who desire to improve this beautiful opportunity should at once communicate with Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, General Secretary of Woman's Board of Home Missions, Nashville, Tenn.

This seems almost a challenge from one of our royal Soldiers of the Cross—may there be a score of speedy responses from others enlisted in the same great army!

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Editorial.

THE COMMON ORDER OF WORSHIP.

In another column of this paper may be seen the Common Order of Worship of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It was adopted by the Joint Commissions at their meetings held at Ocean Grove, New Jersey, July 7, 1903, and at Nashville, Tennessee, February 24, 1904.

An order of worship, though having no precedent in the days of the Apostles, is nevertheless a thing to be desired for reasons that belong to the eternal fitness of things and appeal most strongly to common sense. Yet we must not lose sight of the fact that an order of worship may be so unvarying and fixed as to defeat some of the very purposes of worship itself. The Methodist Church has never favored, and never will favor, a rubric so inflexible as not to admit the utmost freedom and spontaneity in public worship.

That there is an advantage to Methodism in the United States in having a common order of worship must be evident to every mind. Methodism is a unit. The Northern and Southern branches of the church, having the same doctrines, and the same polity, are simply manifesting an existing homogeneity by having the same order of worship.

It will be noticed that the Apostles' Creed may be omitted. It would have not been amiss, it seems to us, to make the recitation the rule. We fear that many Methodists do not know the Apostles Creed. In some Sunday-schools it is rarely heard. As a condensed expression of Christian belief it is unsurpassed, coming as it does from the very heart of the early Christian Church. To repeat the Creed, Sabbath after Sabbath, is to add not only to the impressiveness and usefulness of the whole service but to the intelligence and spirituality of the congregation.

The Gloria Patri may be omitted. We are glad that the Commissions did not make this Gloria the rule. It is a benediction set to music, it is true, but it is a benediction which can claim no origin save in the Roman Catholic Church. There are thousands of Methodists who would be unable to sing the Gloria with any spiritual fervor.

We are also glad that there is nothing in the Order of Worship which calls for that peculiar and Romish usage observed in some Methodist Churches—that of making the appearance of the preacher in the pulpit a signal for the people to kneel or bow in prayer. We believe in the rule according to which the worshipper bows in silent prayer as soon as he takes his seat. But it has always given us a spiritually "uncanny" feeling to see a congregation bowing or kneeling at the entrance of the preacher. It never fails to suggest the idea that some of the more worldly ones will look upon such action as obeisance to the preacher rather than humility in the presence of the Lord of Hosts. But this is only the way we look at it. Our readers may look at it with other eyes.

The suggestion that the people kneel on entering the sanctuary is so patiently wise and practical that it is to be hoped that it may be followed as closely as any regular rule laid down in the Order of Worship. But there is another suggestion which is golden—"Let all our services begin exactly at the time appointed." To wait for the congregation to assemble or for the organist or some other choice member of the choir to arrive is to invite that bane of public worship—a disturbance to the worship during the first fifteen minutes of the exercises. No pastor will lose anything by letting his congregation know that he is going to begin on time even if there is only one other worshipper present.

We wish that it were possible to incorporate as a rule in the Order of Worship the suggestion that an invitation to come to Christ or to unite with the church should be given when the last hymn is sung. It seems to be the idea that giving an invitation to a sinner is fit only for a revival occasion. In fact, we think that we know some Methodists who would look upon the extension of an invitation to a sinner right after one of those "beautiful" sermons and that "glorious" programme of song as an unwarranted breach of ecclesiastical decorum. God pity us! The church has no time for giving mere entertainments. Her work is to save souls as well as to edify the saints. If our ministry should make it a rule to preach such sermons as would naturally be followed by an invitation to sinners, and then extend that invitation though it should spoil (!) the whole service, we believe in our hearts that a grand new day would dawn for Methodism.

We must say that much of this latter-day prophesying makes us tired. Every community has its prophet. A man in Durham prophesied, presumably getting his prophecy from Daniel or Ezekiel, that Friday, February 26th, would be a day of dense darkness for the space of three hours. The fact is, this day was one of the whitest in the whole year, covering this whole section with sleet and snow.

Dr. Woods, of the St. Louis, in the last issue of his excellent paper, has powerfully clarified our vision of the whys and wherefores of that wonderful paragraph in the Western, and we are thankful and content. We have clipped his thesis for future use. We must suggest, however, that Dr. Woods has not yet solved that "mule-on-the-hoss" problem sprung by the Alabama. The question is, "What will he do with it?"

While we are not enthusiastic over the plan of holding religious services at Fairs, yet we were pleased when we heard that George Stuart had been placed in charge of the religious work during the St. Louis Fair. Now a disappointment comes in the shape of a statement that the plan has fallen through. George Stuart could have come as near getting an audience at St. Louis as any preacher you could find.

Who ever expected to see in the staid, dignified, and conservative Nashville Christian Advocate a bordered notice in large type in the center of the first page? Yet the unexpected has been seen. Bishop Fitzgerald, who has lost none of his spiritual vigor as a Christian, and none of his magic as an editor, furnishes an exhortation for this central displayed space. He exhorts Southern Methodism to rally to the Nashville and furnish the ten-thousand new subscribers asked for. We trust that the hard-working and versatile Winton, with his corps of business-like assistants, will secure those new subscribers. Then the Nashville will spread herself. She will have thirty-two pages, with paid contributors. Then Dr. Winton will smile, and all Southern Methodism will smile with him.

WHAT THEY SAY OF THE "OLD RALEIGH."

"The paper gets better every week."—S. A. S.

"God bless you in your noble work, and the bold stand you take on all questions pertaining to the Master's kingdom. Success to the 'Old Raleigh.'"—C. H. J.

"I have been a reader of our church paper from the Richmond Christian Advocate up to now. I want to congratulate you on your success not only in keeping up the standard of excellence it has most always had, but never in my memory has it been as good as to-day."—W. B. L.

"The 'Old Raleigh' is such a valued paper in our home, we simply can't do without its weekly visits to our home. It is interesting not only to wife and myself, but also to our oldest son, although he is only seven years old. He knows just when it is due to come. I do not see how any Methodist can get along without it as I consider it a school book for Methodism and a good training course for the children."

North Carolina Methodism.

Rev. Walter Holcombe left for a trip to Europe last Tuesday.

Rev. J. H. Shore is assisting Rev. C. W. Robinson in a meeting at Warrenton this week.

Last Sunday was a likely day for man and beast. We have no doubt that preachers and people utilized it to the utmost.

Dr. Jno. R. Brooks and wife, who have been making Louisburg their home during the winter, are spending a short while in Raleigh. Dr. Brooks looks vigorous physically, and seems to have regained in a large measure his health. Both he and his wife have many friends in Raleigh.

That was a great meeting in Southport, reported by Rev. Euclid McWhorter. The Methodist Church received sixty new members. Other churches have received large additions. Brother McWhorter writes that his membership is in a hopeful state. Old distressing troubles are dead.

Mr. W. Ed. Moss, one of our official laymen of Henderson, was in the office a few days ago. He is enthusiastic over the work in Henderson and speaks highly of Dr. Nash. From what he says the Henderson people are going to give the Conference a royal entertainment next December.

Rev. H. A. Humble, Littleton Circuit, writes glowingly of the results of a good meeting recently held in Littleton by Rev. Mr. Black, of the Presbyterian Church. All the churches of the town have enjoyed an addition in membership and spiritual life. Brother Humble has been sick for two weeks, but is himself again, we are glad to know.

We regret to learn that Dr. Jonathan Sanford, P. C. of Siler City Circuit, had his ankle sprained and one bone broken a few days ago. We sympathize with Dr. Sanford in this affliction. Though past middle life, he still has the fire and energy of youth, and for such a man to be kept away from his work is a great affliction, to say nothing of the physical suffering.

We are indebted to Senator L. S. Overman for a copy of his speech on the Panama Canal question, dleivered in the Senate of the United States, February 9, 1904. The speech represents the conscientious sentiments of Senator Overman, and is built on a high plane of statesmanship. The Senator speaks as frankly in the Senate as in a Methodist prayer-meeting.

The Lumberton Methodists are engaged in the enterprise of building a new church. The parsonage will be moved back, and a new church costing $6,000 and $10,000 will be built. A considerable portion of the amount necessary has already been subscribed. We rejoice in the great success of the pastor, Rev. Z. Paris. He has captured the situation, it seems.

Mr. Leon Williams, son of Rev. J. V. Williams, and at present a student at Trinity College, manifested his interest in the Advocate by making us a pleasant call a few days ago. He is a young man of decided talents. He is one of the most popular members of the Trinity College Glee Club, which gave such a pleasant entertainment to a crowded house in Raleigh last week.

Rev. Hugh Paylor, of the Virginia Conference, writes as follows in the North Carolina Christian Advocate: "The Virginia Conference gets some of its best material from among the 'down homers.' We have more than twenty in our effective ranks now, prominent among whom are Dr. Simpson, of Clay Street, Richmond; Rev. Jas. C. Reed, Presiding Elder of Lynchburg District; Dr. E. L. Pell, the author of Pell's Notes, of world-wide fame; Rev. J. N. Latham, of Monumental Church, Portsmouth. I have frequently laughingly remarked to the brethren that Virginia could not get along without the 'Tar Heels,' and they have been compelled to admit that the sons of North Carolina generally make a success of whatever they undertake anywhere."

General Notes.

Dr. G. C. Rankin has recovered from his illness, and is at his desk again.

A great missionary Convention will be held in San Francisco from April 28 to May 1.

There are fifty-three women in the Congregational ministry in the United States.

Seven Methodist parsonages have been built in Pekin, China, at a total cost of $31,650.

In the State of Michigan the average ministerial salary in the Methodist Church last year was $743.

Dr. Burrows, editor of the Midland Methodist, is writing for his paper some very interesting letters from Cuba.

The Mayor of Brownwood, Texas, has withdrawn his suit for libel against the Texas Advocate Publishing Company.

Dr. J. D. Barbee, who for several weeks has been critically ill with pneumonia, is thought to be on the road to recovery.

In England 250 Endeavor Societies have raised 7,000 pounds for building and equipping the mission steamer "Endeavor," which is to run on the Congo.

We are glad to learn that the business of the Epworth Era reached its highest notch during February. Dr. Du Bose, the editor, has returned from Cuba, and is now in Arkansas.

Dowie's reception in Australia was warm, but hardly enthusiastic. A mob of five thousand tried to lay hands on him, but he showed his usual facility for eluding the clutches of his enemies.

The manuscript of the first book of "Paradise Lost" was recently sold at public auction in London for $25,000. The manuscript was the one from which the poem was set up by the printer.

"The Daily Paper," Mr. W. T. Stead's new venture in journalism, has come to an end, after a brief existence of five weeks. The immediate cause of failure was the serious break-down in Mr. Stead's health the second day of the paper's life.

It is interesting to note that John Morley, M. P., the distinguished literateur and biographer of Gladstone, is the great-grandson of Duncan McAllum, a Methodist preacher, and the grandnephew of Dr. Daniel McAllum, also a Methodist preacher. His mother was a Methodist class-leader.

According to statistics recently gathered, about 30,000,000 are living in prohibition territory in this country. This is more than one-third of the entire population. In Maine, Kansas and North Dakota they have prohibition by State law; in thirty-eight other States they have it by local option.

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Rev. H. H. Smith, of Walkertown, Va., had prepared an admirable little pamphlet containing verses of Scripture such as should be memorized by children, especially in Sunday-school classes. This pamphlet touches and supplies a need which we are afraid has not been receiving adequate attention.

Rev. H. C. Brown, preacher in charge at Medford, Columbia Conference, was picked up unconscious near his church a few days ago. Examination by the physicians disclosed the fact that he had been struck by some blunt instrument. The parties were unknown. The object was supposed to be robbery.

In the report of the number of churches and of communicants of some of the leading bodies, as given in the Family Christian Almanac, of the American Tract Society, the average of members to a church stands as follows: Methodist Episcopal Church, North, 105; Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 103; Presbyterian Church, North, 136; Presbyterian Church, South, 77; Congregational, 112; Protestant Episcopal, 109; Baptist, 97; Reformed Church in America, 180.

Publisher's Column.

A LITTLE CHAT WITH OUR READERS ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF THE ADVOCATE.

It is known that the editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate is also Business Manager. This fact means that he runs a "high pressure engine," with the governors almost horizontal. He is not complaining of hard work, but simply wishes to show why he has no time to respond affirmatively to many kind invitations to form and meet engagements throughout the Conference.

For several years we have been working on an adequate business system for the Advocate. We have had many difficulties to contend with—difficulties whose gravity can be appreciated only by those who are acquainted with newspaper work. We are glad to say that we can report progress. To prove this fact, and at the same time to give our readers an idea to which they are entitled, we will tell something about our system. System we must have in order that one man may perform the duties of both editor and Business Manager.

Every letter which comes to this office receives the most careful attention. We do not trust to our memory. Each letter shows when it comes to the office and everything that is done with the matter in hand. The letter which you sent to this office one year ago can be found by us in our files in a few moments.

The name of every one who sends money and the amount sent are recorded in our combined Journal and Cash Book. This book is our own invention. It is to be copyrighted. There is nothing like it as far as we know. It shows on a line across the page for every day in the year the following items representing what has been received since the first day of the year: Number of new subscribers, number of renewals, number of discontinuances, amount received from subscribers, amount received from advertisers, amount received from miscellaneous sources, total amount received from all sources. It also shows for every day in the year how much has been paid out since the beginning of the year on salaries, paper, postage, rent, insurance, taxes, etc. It also shows for every day in the year the amount of cash in hand, balance in bank, and the total paid out out from all sources. The system works automatically and any school-boy can understand it. It must be balanced to a cent at the close of each day. On the last line of the page representing the last day of the year is a clear, complete statement of the business of the whole year.

There is only one thing lacking to make our business system complete, and that is the Card Index. Through lack of this we have not been able to reduce the number of mistakes in the mailing list to a minimum. We are now installing the Macey Card Index System. By this we will keep an individual account with every subscriber to the paper. This will save time and prevent confusion in the mailing list. By the end of the year we hope to have the Card System complete.

We write all this to let our subscribers know that their business dealings of the Advocate receive the most careful and accurate attention. Miss M. S. Carter, our head book-keeper, has experience, is very accurate, and conscientiously attends to the slightest details.

We also write all this to let our readers know that, as we are running our business according to the most modern and accurate methods, we must insist on our subscribers dealing with us on strict business principles.

With all modesty, we may say that one can look at the paper we are publishing and see clearly that the price we charge for it is very low. Other things are going up in price, but the price of the Advocate remains the same. One can see also that in order to maintain the paper at the present price, we must use the rule of "cash in advance." If a subscriber gets behind, we must send out a statement. This is business. This is an exercise of the law of business self-preservation. We are sorry that some of our readers do not appreciate this fact.

We trust that every reader of the Advocate will look at his label and see if it shows that his paper is paid up to date. If it is not, let him send us his renewal, with back dues at once. The price of labor, paper, and freight rates have gone up, and as the price of the Advocate is the same, we must insist that every subscriber regard his obligation to the Advocate as strong as his most sacred obligation to other things.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The Conference has requested each District to furnish 150 new subscribers by May 1, 1904. The report for each District will be made weekly in this column. The District reporting the largest number of new subscribers by May 1, 1904, will receive a present not costing less than $25.00, to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

The following new subscribers have been received since March 2, 1904:

Rev. G. W. Starling	26
B. C. Glover	22
Rev. J. W. Bradley	6
Rev. W. C. Merritt	6
Rev. J. W. Potter	4
Rev. R. A. Willis	4
Rev. J. T. Gibbs	4
Rev. S. E. Mercer	2
Rev. F. L. Church	2
Rev. B. C. Thompson	2
Rev. D. H. Tuttle	2
Rev. W. L. Cuninggim	1
Rev. E. M. Snipes	1
Rev. J. D. Pegram	1
Rev. M. D. Giles	1
Rev. J. H. M. Giles	1
Rev. T. J. Dailey	1
Rev. W. W. Rose	1
Rev. H. M. North	1
Rev. J. Y. Old	1
Rev. E. R. Welch	1
Rev. W. B. Humble	1
Rev. J. C. Humble	1
Rev. R. H. Broom	1
Direct	7

The following shows how many new subscribers have been received from each District since December 1st:

Fayetteville District	57
Raleigh District	47
Durham District	40
New Bern District	34
Wilmington District	27
Warrenton District	27
Washington District	25
Elizabeth City District	24
Rockingham District	23

Do you notice how, in the last week, Fayetteville District has captured the top of the column from the Raleigh? Also, how Durham has climbed from the bottom of the column to the third place? Rockingham has been forced to the bottom, and Wilmington changes from second position to third and ties with the Warrenton. Watch the changes in next week's table.

THE WEEK'S BLUE RIBBON FOR REV. G. W. STARLING.

During the week, Rev. G. W. Starling, P. C. of Buckhorn Circuit, sent in 26 new yearly subscribers. He secured them in the bounds of one of the best Circuits in the Conference, but a Circuit, mind you, which at times in the past has been represented to the editor of the paper as one "in which you just can't get the people to take the paper." But Bro. Starling had faith in the paper and the people. He had energy. He baited his hook and gave the fish a chance to bite by taking a member off to one side and telling him his duty to take his church paper. Furthermore, Starling says that he is going to send 10 more new subscribers before May 1.

In the meantime, let it be remembered that the single subscriptions sent in count for much. They often represent a vast amount of earnest labor on the part of the preacher and occupy a very important place in our list. We appreciate them all.

WE HAVE BURNED THE BRIDGE BEHIND US.

The Resolution of the North Carolina Conference requesting each Presiding Elder's district to furnish 150 new subscribers to the Raleigh Christian Advocate by May 1, 1904, is before the public. It is based upon the fact that each Presiding Elder's district can easily furnish this number again and again. Less than one half of the Methodist families in the Conference take the Advocate.

We are publishing the number received from each District during the week. If we fail to secure the number, we are going to fail before Southern Methodism. If we succeed we are going to succeed as publicly. But there is no "if" in the matter. We are not going to fail, because the "we" represent the North Carolina Conference which does not know how to fail. We are going to succeed and succeed gloriously. We are waiting to see which district comes first under the wire. Remember that we have only March and April.

Has the Era agent of your Chapter been appointed?

Have you a "Bible Circle?"

Have you caught the "Institute" idea?

How are you advancing in "Christian culture?"

Is your Missionary Committee active?

The "Quiet Hour" and "Morning Watch" are most helpful in the growth and development of a Christian character. Send to Nashville for literature.

At St. John parsonage, February 15th, an Epworth League was organized with the following officers: President, Albert Thompson; First Vice-President, Mr. Letha Tyson; Second Vice-President, Miss Maggie Wells; Third Vice-President, Leslie Johnson; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Ada Wrenn; Secretary, Miss Hattie Midgette; Treasurer, John Rafer; Organist, Miss Sallie Wrenn; Assistant Organist, Miss Berta Brown.

Christliness in Spirit and Service.

It matters not so much what we profess as it does how we, as Christ's followers, present Him to a lost and perishing world. It was never more important that Christ be manifested in our lives. We see much and hear much that seems hollow and meaningless because men have no experimental knowledge of the things they assert. Intellectual men are everywhere asking: What is the spirit that actuates us. That which impresses the world and that which shall give final victory is the Christ-likeness of our spirit and service.

The world must love the Christ. Every great church organization must be measured not by its numbers nor its enthusiasm, but by its likeness to the divine One.

Are you rejoiced at the number of members you have in your League? Or, perhaps, you are discouraged because you have so few? The true estimate of value to be placed upon your Chapter is not the fine literary department; nor the number that attend the devotional meetings; nor yet the amount of charity bestowed; but the real character of your members, the Christlikeness of their spirit and service.

How to Sweeten Life.

Open all the doors to the religion of Christ. It will make this world a paradise. It will sweeten the everyday trials of life, the little perplexities and annoyances, little sorrows and trials, little disappointments and mistakes. Nature ever helps the tiny objects. A small flower blossoms at my feet. The clouds gather swiftly in the sky to water it; infinite chemistry works at its roots to nourish it; the mighty power of gravitation and other equally unconquerable forces hold it and guard it; the sun rises and shines to paint beauty upon its cheek; the winds are marshaled to fan it; everything is made to contribute to the comfort of this tiny flower. The religion of Christ is suited to tired men and women and children. It is suited to the office, the cradle, the sewing-machine, the headache, the heartache, the nursery, the school-room, the lonely attic, the evening ramble. It should sweeten all the moments, thoughts and feelings, the voice, the conversation, the toils and afflictions of life, the temper, and the heart; and all may have and enjoy it.—Ram's Horn.

A Striking Contrast.

What a marvelous difference there is between the attitude of ministers in regard to young people's work! One actively associates himself with the League and is really a leader in all its enterprises, while another stands aloof, and does scarcely anything more than occasionally attend a League service. Here is an instance which we cannot refrain from giving:

A pastor came into the central office of the Epworth League, a few days ago, and left an order for one dozen copies of our new Bible study text-book, "Studies in the Life of Christ." He said that he had been talking the matter up among the young people, and had aroused considerable interest. He intended to take charge of the work personally, and expected that it would prove a great source of inspiration and blessing to the church.

In another church a young lady was trying, without any assistance from her pastor, to get the League members to take up the Bible Study. One evening, when the minister had dropped into the League meeting for a few minutes, she handed him a copy of "Studies in the Life of Christ," with the request that he would take it home and look over it. To her astonishment he refused to accept it, and turned away saying, that he was too busy to bother with anything of the kind.

We are thankful that pastors of the first type are so numerous, and that the other sort are so few and far between. It is sad to think that there is even one who would show such indifference. By and bye this brother will be wondering why Quarterly Boards do not invite him.—Exchange.

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Sunday School.

Lesson for March 13, 1904.

Death of John the Baptist.

(Matthew 14:1-12.)

Golden Text:—Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. (Rev. 2:10.)

The Ministry of the Baptist.—John began his preaching six months before Jesus entered upon his public ministry. For a year and a half John the Baptist and Jesus were both actively at work. Then John was thrown into prison by Herod Antipas, the tetrarch of Galilee.

John was shut up in the castle Macherus by Herod simply because he was a fearless preacher of righteousness. Herod and Herodias had made a shameless alliance. Each of them had been married to another spouse, but guilty passion had triumphed over all restraints and they were now living in a sinful union. John the Baptist had openly rebuked Herod for his shameless infidelity, and now he was made to feel the and a remorseless woman.

Herod's Birthday.—Never in human history was a birthday party attended with more disastrous moral consequences than the one of which we read in this present lesson. Herod and his nobles gave themselves over to the utmost indulgence at the banquet prepared to celebrate the occasion. Doubtless the wine flowed freely, and while the revelling was at its height, Salome, the daughter of Herodias by her former husband Phillip, came in and danced before the assembled company.

The Price of a Dance.—The sight of the princess Salome in a dance should have awakened a sense of shame and displeasure in the mind of Herod, for no woman of repectability would willingly have exhibited herself thus. Inflamed, however, by passion and flushed with the banquet, Herod promised Salome whatever she would ask, even to the half of his kingdom.

The Baptist Beheaded.—God does not always rescue his servants from physical death, as the annals of martyrdom plainly show, but he gives them strength to endure, as seeing him who is invisible. John the Baptist was beheaded in accordance with Salome's request. Yet in his death this fearless prophet of old stands out resplendent in the light of history, while his royal executioner will be remembered to the end of time as an example of deepest infamy.

The Source of all Comfort.—Most touching are the closing words of our lesson, which tell us how the disciples of John came and took up the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus. What Jesus said to these sorrowing disciples, we do not know, but who can doubt that they received from the Master a message of great consolation?

Suggestive Teachings.—Some very helpful suggestions bearing upon this lesson will be found in a book by Dr. James Stalker, entitled "The Two St. Johns of the New Testament." (Published by the American Tract Society, 150 Nassau Street, price, postpaid, $1.00). A group of manly Christian virtues find an embodiment in this rugged prophet of the wilderness. Truth, courage, endurance, these and kindred qualities stand out in bold relife and make the character of John the Baptist worthy of all emulation.

The temperance application to be made from this lesson is the warning which Herod's life gives us against unbridled excess. His career ended most miserably. So is it with all who allow their appetite for strong drink or for any other evil indulgence to gain the mastery over them.

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Fort Mill, S. C., Sept. 26, 1903.

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7 15	4 25	..... †Caraleigh Mills	9 20	5 15
7 25	4 30	F. ..... *Sylvaola	9 15	5 07
7 35	4 40	F. ..... † Barnes	9 05	5 00
7 40	4 45	F. ..... Hobby	9 00	4 55
7 55	4 50	M. ..... †McCULLERS	8 55	4 50
8 00	4 55	F. ..... Banks	8 45	4 30
8 05	4 57	F. ..... Austins	8 40	4 26
8 25	5 05	S. ..... †Willow Springs	8 35	4 20
8 30	5 15	M. ..... † JOHNSON MILL	8 30	4 02
8 50	5 20	F. ..... † Cardenas	8 21	3 57
9 03	5 25	S. ..... C. F. & N. Junction	8 17	3 53
9 15	5 30	S. ..... † Fuquay Springs ..	8 15	3 50
9 20	5 35	F. ..... Buchhorn	8 05	3 35
9 25	5 40	F. ..... Rawls	8 00	3 25
9 40	5 50	S. ..... † Chalybeate	7 55	3 15
9 50	5 55	S. ..... Bradley	7 45	3 00
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No. 38.

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No. 66.

11.35 a. m.—"Seaboard Mail" for Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston. Connects at Richmond with C. and O. for Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis; at Washington with Pennsylvania and B. and O. for all points.

No. 57. SOUTHBOUND.

4.15 a. m.—"Seaboard Express" for Charlotte, Atlanta, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Tampa and all points South and Southwest.

No. 41.

4.00 p. m.—"Seaboard Local Mail" for Charlotte, Atlanta and all local points. Connects at Atlanta for all points South and Southwest.

No. 27

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Secular News.

STATE.

The Supreme Court has decided that the anti-jug law applies to the whole State.

The last cold spell is said to be beneficial to the fruit crop instead of injurious.

Ex-Governor Russell is reported to be very ill in the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.

The dispensary carried at Greenville by a majority of one. The election will be contested.

Rev. Sam Jones, the evangelist, will deliver a lecture in Rockingham on Monday evening, March 7th.

The case of Finch vs. the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad has been postponed until March 17th.

A whaling outfit from the Eastern part of the State will be a part of North Carolina's exhibit at the St. Louis Fair.

The Seaboard Air Line has accepted to the order of the Corporation Commission that the Seaboard and Southern build a union depot at Charlotte.

The Raleigh dispensary commissioners have passed a resolution prohibiting the sale of whiskey to inebriates, or to anyone who attempts to purchase it for them.

Dr. Alfred H. Moment, who has been acting as temporary pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Raleigh, has received a unanimous call to remain with that church.

Prof. John Jay Blair, of Wilmington, will have charge of the department of drawing and art in the Agricultural and Mechanical College summer school for teachers.

The mortgage of the Seaboard Air Line to the Continental Trust Company of New York for $5,000,000, embraced 80 printed pages and cost $27.85 for recording it in Wake County.

The report circulated that Dr. Len G. Broughton, pastor of the Tabernacle church, Atlanta, had been called to the Asheville Baptist Church, has been denied by Dr. Broughton.

The Council of State has authorized the borrowing of $80,000 on the credit of the State, for new buildings of the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro. Building is to begin at once.

The convict who recently escaped while at work on the Raleigh and Pamlico Railroad, was shot by the chief of police of Weldon, and brought to Raleigh and placed in the hospital of the State's Prison. He has since died.

The Mechanics and Investors Union, of Raleigh, of which Mr. George Allen is Secretary, has issued its annual report. The report shows the company to be in excellent condition. There has been a large increase in the business of this concern the past year.

Professor Wakeland, principal of the Donaldson-Davidson Academy at Fayetteville, proposes that in case the State does not reclaim the encampment ground at Summer Rest, Wrightsville Sound, the city of Wilmington turn the property into a site for a naval school.

Mr. C. C. Hook, of the firm of Hook & Sawyer, architects of Charlotte, is conferring with the State Normal College authorities with regard to the plans for the new dormitory at the college to take the place of the one destroyed by fire in January. It is proposed to have the building completed and ready for occupancy by the first of September.

Insurance Commissioner Young paid over to the State Treasurer for collections in February, $40,297.31. This is an increase over same month of last year of $3,564.97, and an increase over eleven months of last year of $21,778.83, or $13,660.06 more than was collected in the whole of last year $167,327.18), while only $84,000 was collected the year (1898) before Insurance Commissioner Young took charge.

GENERAL.

The Japanese continue to attack Vladivostock and Port Arthur.

The total loss of the great fire in Rochester, N. Y., on February 26th, was about $2,500,000.

Colombia, exclusive of Panama, is as large as the two States of California and Texas combined.

Gen. Charles Dick was elected United States Senator to succeed the late Senator Hanna from Ohio.

Only 130 Russians reside in Japan, whereas there are 3,000 Japanese settlers in Manchuria and eastern Siberia.

Hotel Darlington, of New York, a ten-story building, collapsed through faulty workmanship, and fifteen people were killed.

President Smith of the Mormon Church has been on the stand testifying in the Smoot Senatorial contest in Washington, D. C.

During 1903 the United States produced $234,500,000 worth of electrical apparatus and machines used in connection with electric plants and workings.

In 1900, according to the census, there were 877 gas plants in the United States and the number was not growing. They earned an income of $75,000,000.

The sewing of buttons on shoes and on garments is no longer done by hand in modern factories. There is a machine that sews 5,300 buttons on garments in nine hours.

There are 1,800 churches in Moscow. They are the wealthiest churches in the world. One, St. Saviour's, cost 28,000,000 rubes—nearly $14,000,000—to build. The Russian church is the nation's great wealth storehouse.

In Italy there are 172,000 skilled workmen engaged in the manufacture of silk. In 1902, 800,000 of her people emigrated. More than 3,000,000 of her people have left their country during the last 10 years, yet there is a gradual increase of population.

After being surrounded by water and ice for several days on Sellis Island, the largest in the Susquehanna River, near Goldsboro, Pa., George and John Burger, farmers, their children, their aged mother and a school teacher, Miss Kurtz, were rescued this afternoon by a party of men sent by Governor Pennypacker.

The United States has a cold storage plant in Manila that is without an equal. It holds 1,200 tons of beef, 200 tons of mutton, 50 tons of butter, 100 tons of potatoes, 100 tons of bacon, etc., or sufficient of the necessities of life to feed well an army of 10,000 men for three months. Besides its mere storge capacity is has an ice plant with a daily output of 40 tons.

The assets of the fire and marine insurance companies in this country, and the foreign companies doing business under United States branches, aggregate $321,000,000 and over, with a total capital of $51,292,000. Their total disbursements were $164,400,000 and their total receipts $176,100,000. The policy holders get about $1 return for fire losses to every $3 paid in premiums.

The value of the merchandise brought into the country during the year from islands which have recently come under the American flag was: Porto Rico, $11,150,195; Philippines, $11,372,584; Hawaii, $26,242,860—a total of $48,666,648, against $20,252,563 in 1897. The shipments of merchandise to these islands during the year were: Philippines, $4,038,909; Hawaii, $10,840,472; Porto Rico, $12,246,225—a total of $27,125,606, against $6,773,560 in 1897.

Our Annual Seed Offer

During the month of March we will send to every subscriber who sends us $1.50 for a renewal eight packages of garden seed to be selected from the following list. Please write plainly your selection and your name and address on a separate sheet to be sent with your letter.

Asparagus—Columbian Mammoth White.

Beets—Egyptian Blood Turnip. Eclipse.

Cabbage—Early Jersey Wakefield. Early Drumhead, Early Flat Dutch.

Carrot—Easy Horn.

Cucumber—Early Russian. Extra Long.

Collards—Georgia, N. C. Short Stem.

Celery—White Plume. Evans' Triumph.

Canteloupe—Jenny Lind. Hackensack. Perfection.

Lettuce—Big Boston. Early Cabbage.

Mustard—Southern Grant.

Onion—Giant, Red Weatherford. Round White Silver Skin.

Okra—White Velvet.

Pepper—Red Cherry. Ruby King.

Parsnip—Hollow Crown.

Rhubarb—Roquette.

Radish—Deep Scarlet. Scarlet Globe.

Tomato—Atlantic Prize, Optimus, Acme.

Watermelon—Georgia Rattlesnake. Florida Favorite.

The Infidel's Dream.

Here is the infidel's dream, as related by Gov. Bob Taylor, of Tennessee. It is pictured in Governor Taylor's own peculiarly beautiful style of poetic prose:

"It is in the desert where virtue trembles to tread, where hope falters and faith is crucified, the infidel dreams. To him all there is in heaven is bounded by this little span of life. All there is of pleasure and of love is circumscribed by a few fleeting years; all there is in the human brain; all there is of mystery and infinity is fathomable by human reason, and all there is of virtue is measured by the relation of man to man. To him all must end in the tongueless silence of the dreamless dust, and all that lies beyond the grave is a voiceless shore and a starless sky. To him there is no print of deathless feet on its echoless sand, or thrill of immortal music in its joyless air. He has lost his God, and like some seraph flying in the rayless night, he probes his way on flagging pinions, searching for the light where darkness reigns, for life where death is king.

A hotel at Lucerne, Switzerland, announces in English that "the menu of this hotel leaves the guests nothing to hope for."

"Of course," said the bachelor, thoughtfully, "there can be no such thing as joint rule in a family. Some one must be the head."

"True; but the scepter passes from one to another."

"How?"

"Well, at the beginning of married life the husband holds it; then it gently and unobstrusively passes to the wife, and he never gets it back again."

"She keeps it forever?"

"O, no; the baby gets it next."

Mr. McCorkle: "This statue you speak of was an equestrian one, was it?"

Mrs. McCorkle: "No, it was just a man on horseback."

CANCER CURED BY BLOOD BALM.—ALL SKIN AND BLOOD DISEASES CURED.

Mrs. M. L. Adams, Fredonia, Ala., took Botanic Blood Balm which effectually cured an eating cancer of the nose and face. The sores healed up perfectly. Many doctors had given up her case as hopeless. Hundreds of cases of cancer, eating sores, suppurating swellings, etc., have been cured by Blood Balm. Among others, Mrs. B. M. Guerney, Warrior Stand, Ala. Her nose and lip were raw as beef, with offensive discharge from the eating sore. Doctors advised cutting, but it failed. Blood Balm healed the sores, and Mrs. Guerney is as well as ever. Botanic Blood Balm also cures eczema, itching humors, scabs, and scales, bone pains, ulcers, offiensive pimples, blood poison, carbuncles, scrofula, risings and bumps on the skin and all blood troubles. Druggists, $1 per large bottle. Sample of Botanic Blood Balm free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and special medical advice sent in sealed letter. It is certainly worth while investigating such a remarkable remedy, as Blood Balm cures the most awful, worst and most deep-seated blood diseases.

HEADQUARTERS MOVED TO CHARLOTTE, N. C.

After this week Charlotte, N. C., will be my headquarters for the manufaeture of Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy and Wash. All communications must be addressed to me there, instead of Kittrell, N. C.

MRS. JOE PERSON.

Kittrell, N. C., March 4, 1904.

NEW TOURIST SLEEPING CAR LINE TO CALIFORNIA.

Commencing December 9th, the Frisco System will inaugurate through Pullman Tourist Sleeping Car service between Birmingham, Ala., and San Francisco, California. Cars will leave Birmingham at 10.20 p. m., every Tuesday, and will be routed via the Frisco System to Kansas City, Rock Island System to Pueblo, Denver and Rio Grande and Rio Grande Western to Ogden and Southern Pacific to San Francisco.

Requests for reservations should be addressed to

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Donations in Kind up to March 2.

Fish and oysters by Wade & Son, Morehead City; a Franklin stove, Mrs. J. B. Martin, Chapel Hill; three boxes groceries, Mrs. W. J. Woodley, Elizabeth City; clothing for little boy, Epworth League, Raleigh; box of cooking soda, Mr. Anderson, Weldon; box of sundries, Mrs. P. A. Lewis, Weldon.

That Candy Pulling.

The boys were promised a treat if they would keep good fires during the winter. They had done wonderfully well. Which has added much to our comfort amid the ice and snow and rain and sleet that visited our home. Last Saturday was the day of the feast. Everything for Sunday was prepared. All bathed and in their Sunday clothes they were ready for a good time. It was a candy pulling. The boys invited the girls, and they pulled in pairs—a boy and a girl. As there was an odst boy, Miss Lucy pulled with him. It was indeed a great time.

A hearty vote of thanks was given Miss Fannie for the entertainment.

New Bern.

When I joined the North Carolina Conference in New Bern in 1858, it was considered about the most desirable pastoral charge in the Conference. It was longer in rallying from the wreck of the war than some other churches. It was within the enemy's lines so long. But it is coming to the front rapidly. It will soon take its old stand. I took it into my head to run down to the Mission Institute. Was one of the first to get there, and the very last to leave.

Adams—our Troy—had no business putting me in the sweet home of Brother Munger, if he did not wish me to stay so long. It almost broke that good peoples heart to take Bumpas from them. But they applied, as a balm, their new pastor and his young bride. Spent Sunday with them. Their fine, new church is going up. Bless old New Bern!

Receipts Up to March 2, 1904.

Little Miss Ruby Creddle, $1.00; Mrs. I. B. Buffaloe, $2.00; Red Springs S. S., $2.50; Grifton S. S., $7.20; Gibson S. S., $2.50; St. Johns S. S., November and December, 1903, January, 1904, $7.50; Pittsboro S. S., for December, 1903, $2.25; Roper S. S., for January, 1904, $5.00; Mt. Gilead S. S., $3.30; Lumberton S. S., $9.01; Gibson S. S., $2.50; St. John's S. S., $2.50; Parkers S. S., for February, 1904, $5.00; Smithfield S. S., for February, 1904, $5.00; Hillsboro S. S., Primary class, $2.00; Greenville S. S., $23.70; Idalia S. S., Aurora Circuit, $6.60; Grifton S. S., $6.09; Rockingham S. S., $20.00; Roper S. S., $5.00; Pleasant Grove, Roper Circuit, $24.15; Roper Station, $35.12; Rev. R. F. Bumpas on subs., $10.00; West Market Street, Greensboro, W. N. C. Conf., $5.55; Little Miss Inez Johnson, $1.00; little Sybil Louise Brimm, first birthday present, 25c.; little Miss Myrtle White, self-denial, 25c.; Hertford, $132.90; Anderson's Hertford Circuit, $23.10; Centre Hill, Brother Brim, $13.00; George Matton, $13.50, Mrs. A. E. Garrett, $4.00; Mrs. T. B. Watson and friends, $5.00; collection at Maiden, 60c.; Roper, $9.50; Mt. Gilead, $20.93; Mrs. L. F. McKay, $5.00; Henderson, $2.00; Mt. Airy, Central Church, W. N. C. C., $10.00; Catawba, W. N. C. C., $1.00; Mrs. Margaret Strayhorn, $3.00; A friend, $5.00; Central, Raleigh, $12.70; Aurora Circuit, $21.40; Mrs. Sally A. Inman and children, Stanley, Estelle, Jessie, Annie Lou, and Carl, $2.00; New Bern, $55.60; Roper on subs., $27.00.

The fish are beginning to run. Wonder if any will run up our spring branch?

Two barrels of Irish potatoes were given us for seed last year. Wonder if more will be given us this year?

Wonder if some good old farmer sister hasn't got some butter beans—takes heaps for us—cornfield snaps, shallotts—I reckon that's the way to spell them—bunch cymbling seed, pumpkin seed, Barnibess beans, etc., that they would like to give the Orphanage. Then the old gentleman might throw in a few bushels of cornfield peas, some seed corn, like Bigs's, a runlet of sorghum, a few pounds of butter—don't mind about its being yellow. Canned fruits come never amiss. All these, and more, will be acceptable. All the more acceptable if transportation charges are paid. "Is the corn shelled?" you know.

Can't Keep Up Both.

A gentleman who was traveling, being delayed at a railroad junction, entered into conversation with a careworn lady who, with three small children, was also waiting for a train. This was part of what was said:

"Where are you going, madam?"

"To my father's at ——. I have not been home since I was married. I did think I never would go back to my people, but I am going to stay."

"Is your husband dead?"

"No, sir; but he spends all he makes for liquor, and I can't make a living for him, the children and myself. My father wrote me if I would come home he and my brothers would take care of me and the children. I hate to go back this way, but I can't keep up a home and the saloons both. When I married my husband he was a fine business man, and had a good position. Now he works about at anything to get money to buy whiskey. He don't seem to care anything for me now, or his children, either. I wish the men would not vote for saloons, that break up homes!"

"Two things," said the gentleman who relates this story, "rang in my ears for days and weeks, and the pathetic face of that wronged woman haunts me by day and by night to this hour; 'I can't keep up a home and the saloons both.' 'I wish the men would not vote for the saloons that break up homes.' That face and those two sentences have forever made me an enemy to the saloon. Till I came to this conclusion I felt that I did not want to meet a good woman face to face."

A Notable Appeal.

The American Bible Society for nearly eighty-eight years has pursued its single aim of circulating the Bible without note or comment in this and all lands. For this purpose it has been concerned in securing translations of the Scriptures in nearly one hundred languages. It sustains a close relation to the Christian churches of the United States as the ally and helper of their mission work at home and abroad, and as such deserves and receives their support. But, in addition, the effect of its labor has been very marked upon the whole civilization. To have circulated, as it has done, seventy-two million Bibles, Testaments or portions thereof, is to have powerfully contributed to the moral health of the world. The social fabric of modern States has no surer foundation than the Bible, especially in a republic like ours, which rests upon the moral character and educated judgment of the individual.

No thoughtful man can doubt that to decrease the circulation and use of the Bible among the people would seriously menace the highest interest of civilized humanity.

Inasmuch as the work of the society is in danger of being seriously crippled from lack of funds, its appeals for aid should meet generous response from all who love American institutions. We owe a debt to the Bible which can be partly paid now by carrying forward this great undertaking with increased vigor.

Theo. Roosevelt, William P. Frye, Grover Cleveland, John T. Morgan, Melville W. Fuller, H. C. Lodge, John M. Harlan, Thomas R. Bard, David J. Brewer, F. M. Cockrell, L. M. Shaw, R. A. Alger, James Wilson, John Dalzell, Geo. B. Cortelyou, Sereno E. Payne, John Hay, John S. Williams, John W. Foster, W. J. Bryan.

Quarterly Meetings.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Currituck, at Asbury, March 5, 6
Columbia, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Pasquotank Circuit, Mount Herman, March 19-20
Elizabeth City, First Church, March 20
Hertford Circuit, Anderson's March 27, 28
Edenton (at night), March 27
Perquimans Circuit, New Hope, April 2, 3
City Roads (Elizabeth City), April 3
North Gates, at Hebron April 8
Gates, at Zion, April 9, 10
Hatteras, at Cape, April 16, 17
Kennekeet, at Clarkes, April 18
Roanoke Island, April 20
Camden, at Trinity, April 23, 24
Moyock, at Moyock, April 24, 25
Currituck, April 30, May 1
Dare, at Stumpy Point, May 7, 8
Kitty Hawk, at Collington, May 10
Columbia, May 14, 15
Roper, May 21, 22
Plymouth, June 4, 5

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Fifth Street, Feb. 28
Market Street, March 6
Bladen Street March 6
Jacksonville, March 12, 13
Bladen Circuit, Center, March 19, 20
Southport, March 27, 28
Waccamaw, Zion, April 1
Wrightsville, Chadbourn, April 2, 3
Shallotte, Sharon, April 9, 10
Town Creek, Zion, April 16, 17
Clinton, Kendall, April 22
Kenansville, Wesley, April 23, 24
Elizabeth, Union, April 30, May 1
Magnolia, Rose Hill, May 7, 8
Carver's Creek, Hebron, May 14, 15
Onslow, Queen's Creek, May 21, 22
Scott's Hill, Union May 28, 29
New River, Snead's Ferry, June 5
Burgaw, Wallace, June 11, 12
Grace, June 12

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Fayetteville, St. Andrews, March 12, 13
Hope Mills, Cumberland, March 19, 20
Cokesbury, Salem, March 26, 27
Dunn, Black's Chapel, April 2, 3
Haw River, Merritt's, April 9, 10
Elise, Tabernacle, April 15
Carthage, High Falls, April 16, 17
Jonesboro, Mc Rin Chapel, April 23, 24
Silver City, Hickory Mountain, April 29
Pittsboro, Brown's Chapel, April 30, May 1
Lillington, Spring Hill May 6
Buckhorne, Olive Branch, May 7, 8.
Sanford, Jones Chapel, May 13
Goldsboro, Asbury, May 14, 15
Newton Grove, May 20
Dukes, Elevation, May 21, 22
Sampson, May 27
Fayetteville, Hay Street, May 29, 30

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Hamlet, Tabernacle, March 12, 13
Laurinburg, March 20, 21
St. John and Gibson, Gibson, March 26, 27
Rowland, Centenary, April 2, 3
Red Springs, downers, April 9, 10
Robeson, Bethesda, April 16, 17
Aberdeen, Asbury, April 23, 24
Pekin, Saddle, April 30, May 1
Mt. Gilead, Troy, May 7, 8
Montgomery, Ophir, May 14, 15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Farmville Circuit, March 5, 6
Greenville (night), March 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Wilson Circuit, Black Creek, March 20, 21
Wilson Station, March 21
Spring Hope, Mt. Pleasant, March 26, 27
South Edgecombe, Temperance Hall, April 1
Fremont, Lebanon, April 2, 3
Rosersonville, Wharton, April 9
Washington, April 10, 11
Bath, Pine own (night) April 10, 11
South Rocky Mount, April 16, 17
Rocky Mount, April 17, 18
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, April 24, 25
Swan Quarter, Soule, April 27
Muttanuskeet, April 30 and May 1
Fairfield (night) May 1
Scalville, York's Chapel, May 7, 8
Aurora (District Conference), May 14

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Carteret, Newport, March 5, 6
Atlantic, Atlantic, March 11, 12
Straits, Summerfield, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Mt. Olive and Faison, Mt. Olive, March 19, 20
Goldsboro Circuit, Daniels, March 26, 27
St. Paul March 27
Jones Circuit, Oak Grove, April 2, 3
Centenary, April 3
Craven Circuit, Tuscarora, April 9, 10
Kinston, April 10, 11
Pamlico, Barnes, April 16, 17
Oriental, South Creek, April 23, 24

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Hillsboro, McTyeire, Feb. 27, 28
Milton Connally's, March 5, 6
Chapel Hill, March 13, 14
Durham, Trinity Church, March 20, 21
Carr Church and Branson, March 20, at night

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Kenly, Buckhorn, March 5, 6
Wakefield, March 6
Tar River, Kittrell, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Edenton St., March 19, 20
Selma, Saunders' Chapel, March 26, 27
Smithfield, March 27, 28
Franklinton, Wesley, April 2, 3
Central, April 9, 10
Youngsville, April 16th
Louisburg, April 17th
Oxford Circuit, Hermon' April 23, 24
Clayton, Mt. Zion, April 30th, May 1
Millbrook, Oak Grove, May 7, 8
Brooklyn, at night, May 8
Granville Circuit, May 14, 15
Cary, May 21, 22
Kenly, May 28
Wakefield, May 28, 29
Tar River, May 28, 29

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Roanoke Circuit, Tabor, Feb. 17
Hobgood, Hobgood, Feb. 20, 21
Scotland Neck, Feb. 21, 22
Garysburg, Garysburg, Feb. 27, 28
Henderson, March 6, 7
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 19, 20

SECOND ROUND.

Northampton, Rehoboth, March 26, 27
Conway, Zion, March 27, 28
Rich Square, Lewiston, March 29
Bertie, Castalia, March 31
Harrellsville, Van's Grove, April 2, 3
Murfreesboro, April 3, 4
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, April 6
Hobgood Palmyra April 9, 10
Scotland Neck, April 10, 11
Warrenton, Warren Plains, April 16, 17
Littleton, Calvary, April 23, 24
Weldon, May 1, 2
Battleboro and Whitakers, McTyeire, May 7, 8
Roanoke Circuit, Ebenezer, May 14, 15
Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, May 21, 22

Marriages.

COX—SIMPSON.—At the residence of R. E. Pittman, in Grifton, N. C., on February 18, 1904, Mr. Leon O. Cox, of Pitt County, and Miss Mollie Simpson, of Lenoir County, N. C. P. Greening officiating.

Obituaries.

Obituaries containing not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

O'BRIEN.—Mrs. Martha Ann O'BRIEN, born Hargrove, was born in Marion County, S. C., September 10, 1832, was married in 1865 to Mr. W. W. O'Brien, and died in Maxton, N. C., February 4, 1904. Of her own children, Messrs. Asa O'Brien, of Maxton, and W. P. O'Brien, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Pattie Wilkerson, Mrs. Nettie Patterson and Mrs. Lily Sinclair, all of the vicinity of Maxton, remain to weep her departure, while Mr. O'Brien's older children, to whom she was ever a loving mother, mingle their tears with theirs.

Early in life Mrs. O'Brien was converted and joined the Methodist Church, South. For a while she was a member of the Presbyterian Church, but as soon as her location permitted, she reunited with the beloved church of her childhood. She was ever a loyal Christian, and whenever clouds arose, she sought the place of prayer, and it was soon sunshine again. Called in a moment, she was ready. It is well with her.

N. H. D. WILSON.

HOLMES.—A true good man, an earnest, useful and happy Christian went to heaven New Year's Day, 1904, when the spirit of Bro. Wallace Holmes departed its earthly tabernacle. Place of birth, East Lake, Dare County, N. C. Time, November 17, 1834. Was converted in 1850. Held prayer-meetings at seventeen years of age. Prayed in public. Was many years Sunday-school superintendent and class leader. Was married in 1854. Lived happily with his wife until her death in 1894. Lived ten years in Currituck County. Three years in Camden County. Last years of life spent in Elizabeth City. Always took church membership when he moved; said he wanted to be numbered with God's people wherever he lived. He was an ardent prohibitionist. During last three years often said: "I hope I may live to see the day when liquor will be put out of Elizabeth City." He saw it, and died that day. His sorrowing children have his good example to follow, and his prayers to help them to heaven.

T. H. TUTTLE.

HAZLEWOOD.—Mrs. Amanda F. Hazlewood (nee Spain) was born July 27, 1840, and died at her home in Franklinton, N. C., January 23, 1904.

She was married July 17, 1866, to Warwick Hazlewood, who preceded her several years to the heavenly world. When about fourteen years old, she was very soundly converted to God and united with the Methodist E. Church, South, in whose communion she lived a consistent and deeply consecrated life until her translation to the church in the skies. At the time of her death, she was a member of the church at Ebenezer, on the Tar River Circuit.

Sister Hazlewood was a woman of great fixedness of purpose and decision of character. She was always able and ready to give a reason for the faith that was in her and for the Methodism in which she so ardently believed. Her character was positively righteous, which is more than mere negative innocence. Her life was filled with good works, and every Methodist preacher who has occupied the parsonage, since she lived there, will testify to her very many kindnesses to the preacher and his family.

She was a faithful member of the W. F. M. Society in our church at Franklinton. The Society testified its great love for her in placing a beautiful wreath of flowers on her grave.

She and her sister had been living together for a long time, now her sister is left alone in feeble health to mourn her great loss. May the Comforter take of the things of Christ and apply them to her wounded and desolate heart, and may she, with all who knew the loved one gone before, meet in the home of the good.

JNO. H. SHORE.

BAILEY.—Helen Maria Palmer Bailey was born in Prince Edward County, Va., May 2, 1830. She had the misfortune to lose her mother in the tender years of childhood. She was thus bereft of a mother's love and guidance in the formative period of her character. But a kind Providence watched her and threw about her such influences as were calculated to make out of the orphan girl one of the noblest specimens of Christian womanhood. At the age of twelve years, under the ministry of Rev. John Early, afterward Bishop, she was converted and joined the M. E. Church two years before its division into M. E. Church and M. E. Church, South. Notwithstanding this tender age at which she began th Christian life, she never fell from grace, nor put her Lord to an open shame by inconsistencies. From her conversion to her death, one purpose, that of a consistent Christian life, dominated her. October 23, 1851, she was happily married to John Price Bailey. From this union five children were born, four of whom still live—two boys and two girls. At the death of her husband, who fell in the Seven Days' battle around Richmond, Va., new difficulties and responsibilities confronted her. With these she went to the Lord for help and guidance. She said to this writer of this event: "It was certainly dark. I could not see. I could but walk by faith. But some how I never feared." She said: "The Lord helped me to take care of and raise the children, now they take care of me. It rejoices me that they are all professors of religion, and members of the church."

Sister Bailey was a quiet, unassuming woman. Reserved in disposition, yet as a Christian she never swered from duty. When no man in Andrew's Chapel Church would superintend the Sunday-school, at the request of her pastor, Brother Betts, she took charge of it and went bravely on. Notwithstanding she lived four or more miles from the church, she faithfully superintended the school for several years. She loved her church and devoted her best energies to it. She could truly say—

"For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end."

Her life was simply beautiful in its sweet and gentle goodness. She had a word of cheer and encouragement for the Christian, and a word of gentle loving warning for the wayward. She loved the services of the sanctuary, and never contented herself away from the church when services were to be held there, if she could possibly go. She loved her Bible, and good looks and papers, but she never substituted these for public worship.

With such a mother no wonder that her eldest boy should be a minister of the gospel; that her two daughters should be Christian teachers, and the other boy a Christian farmer.

Sister Bailey loved to sing the sweet songs of Zion, and when she could not sing for weakness, she treasured the sentiment and melody in her mind and heart. All of her church service had a thrill of joy for her soul. The poet gives expression to her feelings in these words:

"Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise."

Her final test was in the fourteen weeks of lingering suffering on the margin of the great river. During this protracted illness no word of complaint escaped her lips. She gave constant evidence of her readiness to lay down the armor of her warfare and take the crown of life. The religion and faith which had given her courage in life's hard battles supported her amid the darkening shades of the valley of death. At her home in Durham County, N. C., on January 11, 1904, this beautiful life, which had been shining as a Christian for sixty years, went out. Amid friends and loved ones she quietly, peacefully gathered about her the drapery of her couch, closed her eyes, and God took her.

Her pastor, the Rev. G. R. Rood, conducted the funeral services and laid the body to rest at the church which she loved so well. May all her loved ones meet her amid the glories of the eternal world in the city of God.

J. M. ASHBY.

BRINN.—Little Elma Elliott Brinn, son of J. Y. and Lilly Belle Brinn, was born December 11, 1896, and died December 28, 1903. He was a remarkably bright, handsome, interesting little fellow; and because of this unusual promise that seemed to be before him his early death was the more greatly deplored and keenly felt by all. The affections of father, mother, and all other members of the family were fully set upon him. He was the joy and delight of the entire household. A little beam of sunshine which God in His goodness allowed to brighten Brother Brinn's home for a short while and then withdrew His own into the skies. His little stay upon earth, though seemingly so short, was long enough to accomplish great things. His pure, innocent, sweet life, though but a span, won the hearts of father and mother, and then transferred their affections with himself into the heavens. Father and mother are better today and nearer to God because of his having lived. He is now a tie binding them to Heaven. It is no small blessing to have a child in Heaven. We deeply sympathize with Brother and Sister Brinn in their sorrow. We realize the loss they have sustained from a worldly point of view, but let them remember that their loss and sorrow are their child's eternal joy and gain. The little fellow has only gone to his rest.

"Go to thy rest, fair child!
Go to thy dreamless bed,
Gentle, and meek, and mild,
With blessings on thy head."

"Shall love, with weak embrace,
Thy heavenward flight detain?
No angel! seek thy place
Amid yon cherub train."

M. H. TUTTLE.

Hon. D. C. Allen.

David Charles Allen was born August 13, 1834, and died June 2, 1903, aged sixty-eight years, nine months and nineteen days. He was sick a short time, but suffered much. He was educated in Wilmington and at Chapel Hill, reading law under Judge Pearson. He practiced law in Wilmington, and was associated in a law partnership with the late Adam Empire. At that time he was also a member of the Wilmington Light Infantry. When the war came on, he went to the front with the 30th North Carolina Regiment, as Lieutenant, being successively captain, major and colonel. After the war, he settled down on his plantation, near what is now East Arcadia, and remained there till the final summons came.

A few years after the war he represented Brunswick County in two sessions of the Legislature, and was a member of the House of Representatives from Columbus County in 1899 and 1901.

In 1870, he was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Robeson, who, with ten children, survives him. He left one brother, Capt. W. H. Allen, of Wilmington, N. C.

As a husband, he was sympathetic, affectionate, and true. As a father, he loved his children devotedly, instructed them carefully and admonished them kindly. He enjoyed their society, and often joined in their innocent games and merry laughter. The young people loved his company while older friends and acquaintances appreciated his true Christian character.

He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church for several years, filling the offices of steward and Sunday-school superintendent. How he will be missed by the entire community and especially in the little church and Sunday-school at Wayman!

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5.25 a. m. No. 112 daily for Goldsboro and local stations; connecting at Goldsboro with Atlantic Coast Line for Wilmington, S. C., Wilson, N. C., Tarboro, N. C., Norfolk, Va., and intermediate stations; also, at Goldsboro with Atlantic and North Carolina Railway for Kinston, N. C., New Bern, N. C., and intermediate stations.

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10:20 a. m. No. 103, daily for Goldsboro and all local points; connects at Selma for Wilson, Rocky Mount and all Eastern North Carolina points. At Goldsboro for Wilmington, Kinston, New Bern, N. C., and Norfolk, Va., where close connection is made with Chesapeake Line for Baltimore and all other outgoing steamers.

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"Now, Frankie," said the teacher, kindly, pointing to a word of four letters on the chart, "you know what f-oo-t spells."

Frankie stood still, and remained silent. It was clear that the word was not familiar to him.

"Yes, Frankie, you should know what the word is. What do you have inside your boot?" continued the teacher, suggestively.

"Sock," said Frankie, triumphantly.

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"I don't know about that," responded Mr. Gaswell, dubiously scratching his jaw, "I hain't got any prejudices against Moses as a man, and he certainly knowed a good deal about law; but when it comes to laying floors, it kind o' seems to me I'd ruther have them unsectarian like. Don't it strike you that way?"

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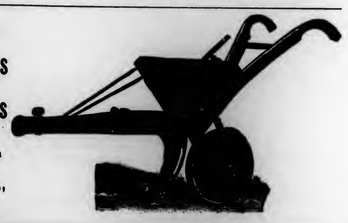

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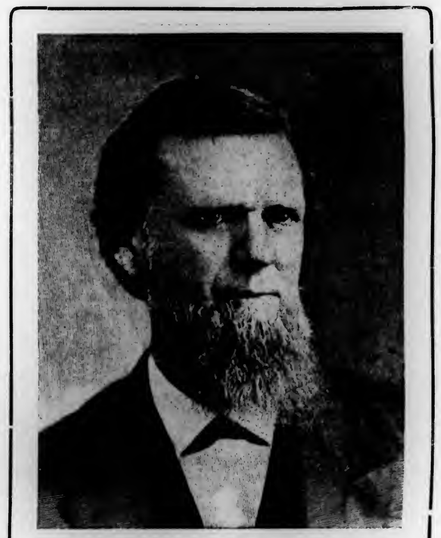

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When Joel said: "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh," he uttered a prophecy that has not only been fulfilled in a most remarkable manner, but is being fulfilled continually; and, so long as the world stands, men will realize that, in that prophecy there was to them a promise, that the heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.

Unaided by the Holy Spirit, we, as workers in the Master's vineyard, are impotent; and cannot expect to be otherwise than failures. "Not by might nor by power, but my spirit, saith the Lord," is eternally true; and the sooner all of us realize that, of ourselves, we can do nothing, but, that the Holy Ghost, through us, can accomplish all things, the better it will be for us, and for the success of the gospel as well.

"In the last days I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh," was a special promise to us, who live in this last day—the day of the Lord—which was ushered in by the preaching of John the Baptist, when he said, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He was the "Voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," and as a special preparation for that special work, he was filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb.

John's baptism with water, at the Jordan, was not only antecedent to, but, it was intended to be typical of, that act of the Father, which was the beginning of the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy. John, as already stated, was prepared for his special work. The angel which appeared unto Zacharias, as he stood by the altar of incense, and announced the future birth of a son, whose name should be called John, also said: "For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb." Which announcement clearly sets forth the doctrine, that, the indwelling of the Holy Ghost was the all-important thing, in John's preparation, for the work which God designed that he should do.

Jesus was about entering upon his great work, but he had not been endued with power; that power which was to be given in fulfillment of Joel's prophecy. Therefore, he came to John to receive that water baptism which was to precede and be a type of the Holy Ghost baptism, that was to follow, when God should begin "to pour out his Spirit upon all flesh."

Christ was himself flesh, and the representative of all flesh; and, up to that point, he had not been endued with divine power. John's baptism did not impart to Him any power; indeed, it was not its design to give power, but to be a type of that baptism which should impart it. John said: "I baptize you with water, but one mightier than I cometh. * * * He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." When Jesus went to John to be baptized, John demurred; but Jesus said: "Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness."

Jesus meant several things, when He said: "for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." In the first place, He meant to say, that, "while I am not a sinner, I am the representative of sinners—stand in the place of sinners—therefore, it becometh me to be baptized as a sinner, unto repentance, as though I were a sinner, that the Father may see that I accept the lowly estate of becoming the representative of sinful and degraded rebels."

In the second place, Jesus might have meant, John's baptism with water was necessary in order that the world might behold a type of that baptism, which was soon to follow, when, for the first time, the prophecy of Joel would be fulfilled: "In the last days I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh."

Immediately, therefore, after Jesus had been baptized of John, the Father, seeing that He had submitted to that baptism which ranked him among sinners, and, at the same time, typified that prophetic promise, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh," the windows of heaven were opened, and down came the Holy Ghost, in the shape of a dove, and lighted on Jesus; and, at the same moment, a voice from heaven said: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Thus, for the first time, was fulfilled a prophecy that had been standing for eight hundred years; and thus, for the first time, was Jesus filled with the Holy Ghost. Luke says (4:1) "And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. Being forty days tempted of the devil."

In a moment of time, as it were, Jesus, the Son of Mary, who, aforetime, had no power, was filled with the Holy Ghost, being able to successfully resist and to overcome temptations that were prolonged for forty days and nights in the wilderness. The prophecy entitled him to that power; but, before it was bestowed, he must prove to the Father that He was worthy of it; and this He did by submitting Himself to John's baptism.

Now, Jesus is a baptizer; and He like the Father, is to baptize with the Holy Ghost, which Holy Ghost baptism was typified in John's baptism. John said: "I baptize you with water;" "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost."

But Christ did not baptize while He remained here with us; nor was any one baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost until after Christ did baptize on the day of Pentecost, as John said He would, "with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

I am so glad that Jesus, after His resurrection, and just before His ascension, made His last talk to His disciples concerning that old prophetic promise of Joel. He said: "Behold I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." The promise of my Father is: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." "But that spirit, His words implied, will not be poured out upon you until you are ready to receive it. It was poured out upon me, by the Father when, and not until, I had fulfilled all the requirements. Tarry ye in the city; I will send the promise of my Father upon you, and then shall ye be endued with power, from on high, as I was when old Joel's promise was poured out upon me."

Doubtless the disciples thought it strange, they having been witnesses of all that Jesus had said and done, that they were not permitted to go out at once and begin to preach. "Why may we not preach? Have we not seen all His miracles and heard all His blessed discourses, and seen His tender and loving ministrations; giving sight to the blind, fleetness to the lame, hearing to the deaf, healing to the leper and even life to the dead? Surely we know enough of Him to preach at once. Why should we waste time in the city of Jerusalem?"

Poor bigoted moratals, we are, thinking we can do holy work in our strength! How many of us would do better work if we would but tarry awhile until the baptism comes. They waited. He said He would send the promise of the Father, if they would tarry in the city: "John verily baptized you," He said, "with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost, not many days hence." "And ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

With one accord they were in one place, waiting and trusting in the promises made to them, by the Master when, lo, as a mighty rushing wind, the baptism came, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. Such a scene as ensued had never before been witnessed on earth. Everybody began to shout and praise the Lord; and, they did so many strange things, somebody suggested that they surely must have been drinking new wine, intimating that they were drunk.

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and said: "These men are not drunken, as ye suppose. * * * But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh."

And then Peter went on to explain the whole matter, telling how Christ, after death had been raised up, whereof they were all witnesses; and finally reached this climax: "Therefore," (Jesus) "being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear." By which I understand Peter to mean, that, Jesus having received the anointing of the Holy Ghost, at the Jordan, as was prophesied by Joel, and being exalted at the right hand of God, this, which ye do now see and hear, is the baptism to which John referred, when he said, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire;" and the fulfillment of the promise Jesus made to His disciples: "I will send the promise of my Father upon you."

I need not tell the reader how successfully the Apostles preached after Jesus had baptized them; three thousand being convérted in a day, and five thousand soon added to the church: but, will venture to make this final remark, that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is just as necessary now as then, and that that baptism can be had for the asking. "If ye being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more will the Heavenly Father give the Holy Ghost to them that ask him?"

If our meetings are failures, sinners are not converted, and the churches are not revived, the reason is obvious: the Holy Ghost is not with us. And why? Shall I write it? Because we do not ask the Heavenly Father. In an agony of earnestness we should sing, as well as pray:

"Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love,
In these cold hearts of ours."

The Living Christ.

C. F. SHERRILL.

The question of all questions with us is our characters. Circumstances without and conscience within help mold character. The personal spiritual presence and power of the Son is necessary to Christian character. This world was not made for pleasure, or fame, or fortune. Things here are so uncertain. This strange world was made for something greater. Character abides. We carry with us to another realm what we are.

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This world is not for worldliness. Mutation and change stamped on all earthly things cry out against worldliness. This life cannot be properly or prosperously lived without Christ. What shall we say, then, of the other life? The Lord of all will be as much needed there as here.

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While life's uncertainties teach us not to rest our faith in the seen and temporal, they are yet proper conditions for the formation of character. By this discipline we become more patient and reposeful. They teach us to look to the abiding Truth.

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Christ is the solution of our problems. We find light in Him. He answers the soul's quest for happiness. In Him the soul's faith finds its answer. "Thou hast the words of eternal life." This is as true in America as in Caesarea Philippi. "In him was life, and the life was the light of men." He who lives the Christ-life will find a light shining on his path. Christ answers the soul's search for God.

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"My soul is athirst for God." David was the poet laureate under God of the human heart. The cry of his soul is that of ours. We were made by God, and can never rest until we rest in Him. The human heart yearns for a personal Friend and Father. This yearning is an index to the nobility of the soul. No man ought to renounce the thirst of the soul for God. To renounce here is to renounce our true self.

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To bid man be satisfied with less than God is to bid him deny his true dignity and nature. The soul reaching out for the Infinite is not a sign of its littleness but its greatness.

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False religions represent man as seeking some unknown and dreaded power. The religion of Christ represents God as seeking man. Man finds God in Christ, and God finds man in Christ. Jesus is God's way to man and man's way to God.

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Christ has changed the moral climate of the world. The warm sunshine of His love has melted the cold iciness of paganism and blind fate. Jesus is in the thought and language of men. A thousand outward evidences testify to the historic Christ. The crowning evidence, though, of a living Christ is Christ living in the heart.

"He is his own best evidence,
His interest is within."

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Senator Hill, of Georgia, bequeathed to his children "the Christian religion as the most valuable legacy." This is one legacy we can bequeath and still have. The more we give of the living Christ to others, the more we have of Him.

Advice to the Ministers.

Sensible is the minister who will give welcome to advice from those who are competent to bestow it. There are very many pastors who resent the offering to them of advice from any source, especially if the advice consist in an effort to correct some specific fault in speech or manner. Such pastors rebel against fine opportunities for necessary improvement. It is sometimes humiliating to a self-opinionated minister to have pointed out to him a blunder in speech, but self-humbling is one condition of true progress. Pastors tell others of their faults, and sometimes they do so in very plain language; why should not the same pastors kindly receive correction of their own faults?

The editor of the Western Christian Advocate says:

"We once had a parishioner who was a 'fiend' on 'three thousand words often mispronounced,' and occasionally we thought that all he heard of the sermon was the words we bungled on. But we owe him a debt which we gladly acknowledge. It is not pleasant, of course, to be brought to face the unpalatable fact that we are not perfect, but we ought to take our medicine with a smiling face. Which friend ought a minister to prefer: one who is always congratulatory and assuring him that he is 'all right,' or one who not to indulge captious fault-finding, but desiring to help the pastor he loves to be a more competent minister of the gospel, to preach more effectively by overcoming some little things that—out of all proportion to their importance—may be hindering his influence and message, speaks a candid word now and then? The latter, surely, if a man has any 'saving common sense' and wants really to make the most of himself." Yes, and the minister who does make the most of himself, also makes the most of the critical advice which he receives, even though some of it come in a rather blunt manner. I have frequently yearned to give some helping advice to certain pastors whose faults in speech were conspicuous, but have hesitated to do so because of the offense that would probably have been taken if I had done so. And yet, even though we may believe that offense will be given, it may be our duty to venture a correction of faults that are harming the pastor.

There have been pastors who, though at first they manifested irritability in being corrected, were afterwards very glad of such a service. A true friend wants to do all he can to increase his pastor's power. C. H. WETHERBE.

Woman's Christian Association, 1814 Washington Avenue.

An appeal for co-operation of Christian women for the protection of young women, especially for those ambitious for employment in our city during the "World's Fair."

The Women's Christian Association of St. Louis are aware of the fact that plausible people are secured to bring young women to our city with assurance of any employment they desire being in waiting for them (but one idea is theirs—Ruin). To in any degree meet this monster, all must unite in a general protective plan, if by any peradventure we may save a few of the many tempted by alluring promises.

You ask, how can we co-operate. One effective way is to organize a Travelers' Aid, where there is none, by one of two ways. First, by appointing a committee for this serviee in one of your local organizations, to be known as "Travelers' Aid Committee." (This name is emphasized to prevent confusion among workers).

The other plan is to organize by selecting a woman of your place for president, who has a heart for the work and ability to lead; also a capable secretary and treasurer. Add others for your committee work who should be a safeguard for young women. This form of work can be organized in one church or by all uniting. This appeal is made to unify the protective forces that may be promptly available.

If any of your young women have been induced by a stranger to visit or seek employment in St. Louis, during the Exposition, sound the note of alarm. There is danger. Let every young woman, unattended by a friend, see to it: First, that she has money enough with her for an emergency and safe return home. Second, know from a reliable source her destination here is safe before she leaves home. Third, depend upon herself and officials on the railroad for information concerning trains. Any added intelligence necessary reserve for "Travelers' Aid," referred to in following paragraph:

One of your committee should be at the railroad station at train time. As your introduction of any young woman leaving for St. Louis, to the representative of the "Travelers' Aid" here, pin a knot of blue ribbon on her waist, left side, and instruct her to find a woman in the waiting room at Union Station who wears a blue badge with "Travelers' Aid of Women's Christian Association, St. Louis," printed on it in gold letters. They are to be found at above place at the time of incoming and outgoing trains.

The Women's Christian Association will be willing to be interrogated by letter or telegram, and do all in their power to save. But, remember, the greatest success must be with you, where the numbers are so much less than in St. Louis at this time.

Hoping this appeal may be promptly approved and this work inaugurated, by which effort many may be saved from a fate worse than death, we subscribe ourselves.

Yours in Christian service,

WOMAN CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Headquarters, 1814 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

Religion in Our State Schools.

The Christians in North Carolina pay most of the money to run these schools, and have a right to know what they are doing for the souls of our young people.

At Chapel Hill for over a hundred years the faculty and students have met for morning prayer. Many of the professors are earnest church workers. The oldest one teaches a student Sunday-school class in the College chapel. The President and one professor teach student classes in the Presbyterian church. Three professors teach classes in the Missionary Baptist church. Dr. Raper has a large student class in our Methodist Sunday-school. The students have about ten classes among themselves in the University. The Y. M. C. A. runs four country Sunday-schools. A. D. BETTS.

A Great Revival at South Mills—Preaching by Rev. E. C. Glenn.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—We have just closed a great meeting at South Mills. The meeting was held by Rev. E. C. Glenn, and it was indeed one of the very best meetings it has ever been my pleasure to attend. First of all, it was great in spiritual power. Brother Glenn began the meeting by preaching directly to church members. He told us what it takes to constitute a Christian life. What we must be in order to be saved. Then what we must do in order to keep saved. After services continued till the church seemed to get right, and power descended from heaven, and shouts were heard in the camp. Many, whose lives were not right with God, gave up their sins and were greatly blessed. At the beginning of the meeting we only had two members who would pray in public, but daily recruits were added, till about every male member and many of the ladies were willing to lead in prayer, or do any other work they could. Results in this were wonderful. Again, it was great, because of the number saved, we cannot tell how many, because we believe that many of the church members were saved, as well as many of those who were not members of any church. There were 17 additions to the Methodist church, and seven to the Baptist, but I am certain that as many more were converted. Some of these were heads of families.

It was a great meeting because of the interest it has left in the hearts of the people. The Sunday-school has grown a good deal and much of this growth was among heads of families. Religion seems to be the topic of the day.

Last, but not least, it was a great meeting, because of the preaching done. Brother Glenn is indeed a great preacher, and a sound preacher, and a plain, practical preacher. Any child can understand him, while the most intelligent will listen with intense interest. I wish his sermon on Regeneration could be preached in every church in our land. Perfect harmony prevailed among Baptist and Methodist, and the Baptist church was strengthened almost or quite as much as ours. It was a feast for all.

Another item of good news is that on the 1st of July, the whiskey shops will close in South Mills, to open no more. This was brought about by Mr. J. W. Taylor, a saloon keeper, who became convinced that the whiskey traffic is a curse to any community, and therefore joined me in the prohibition fight. He drew up a petition to the County Commissioners and circulated it among his friends, and then I took it, and today we have the name of every voter in South Mills, except six, asking that no more license be granted. This makes all the counties east of Chowan, free from saloons. Let us thank God and take courage.

Pray that we may live better and do more.

Yours in Christ,

W. E. HOCUTT.

Murfreesboro.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—I have been thinking for some time about writing concerning our work here. It was my pleasure to serve for the past three years some as good Methodists as are found anywhere, and it was with some degree of reluctance that I parted with them. But my lot this year has been cast among a most excellent people. Our people are loyal to their church and seem to have a deep spirituality. We are not troubled with much worldliness in the church. My people have very kindly received me, and I love them all. It is my great desire to serve them in every possible way.

Our Presiding Elder, Bro. G. F. Smith, has been with us and preached once. Our people are delighted with him. He seems to be the right man for Presiding Elder.

Nearly all our people take the Advocate, and I trust those who do not will decide to do so soon.

The Ladies' Aid Society has been very kind to the preacher in neatly furnishing his room with a carpet and other things that were needed. It makes a preacher's heart rejoice to have such kindness bestowed upon him.

Dr. Ivey, we would be glad to have you come and preach for us. We would delight you with good music, and I am sure you would delight us with a good sermon. We are praying for and expecting a happy and prosperous year in our work.

Fraternally, P. D. WOODALL, P. C.

Murfreesboro, N. C., March 9, 1904.

The Field

Woman's Work.

Darning little stockings, for little restless feet,
Mending little aprons, to keep them clean and neat,
Washing little faces, and kissing tears away,
Brushing out the ringlets that tangle every day.

Picking out the splinters, tying up the toes,
In the land of babyhood there are many woes;
Filling hungry mouths with something nice to eat,
Chasing back the shadows from faces fair and sweet.

Finding little caps, soothing aching heads,
Telling them a story, putting them to bed;
Sewing on the buttons, tying up the shoes.
This is happy work to drive away the blues.

Hearing little lessons, teaching words of prayer,
Guiding infant minds to heaven and Jesus there,
Holding up the weak, urging on the strong.
Pointing out the right, frowning on the wrong.

Leading on their footsteps, teaching youthful hearts
To work and live for Jesus, in life to do their part;
Still onward leading, guiding, the battle is not o'er,
But e'en till manhood, woman, this is thy work and more.

MRS. E. M. ANDERSON.

Durham, N. C.

Carteret Charge.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—Well, our Quarterly Meeting is over. We had exhorted the brethren to either fast on Friday before, as the discipline requires, or to abstain, and we have reasons to believe that many of the brethren complied.

Our Quarterly Meeting was attended with great success. Dr. Swindell preached with unusual spiritual power, and all seemed charmed with the preaching. The sacrament was attended with the presence of the Holy Spirit, and we had a good time. The next Quarterly Meeting will be held in the new church—Bethel—at the Quaker grave-yard, near Beaufort, N. C.

We hope to raise every cent of our collections this year so as to report all the collections in full—in excess if possible. We have not been pounded since we have been on this charge, but the many expressions of kindness of these good people are too numerous to mention here. These people don't pound, but they do better—their good things abound to their pastor, and more so this year than any of the three previous years of my ministry here, or any other charge that I've served, as for that. May the good Lord make me a great blessing to these people is my prayer.

I hear many words of praise for the "Old Raleigh" on the work. I'm working for the paper, and you may be sure that I will get a new subscriber here and there, and sometimes where I had least thought of getting one.

We are organizing all our Sabbath Schools into Mission Societies.

Yours in Christ,

J. H. M. GILES.

Wilson.

My Dear Bro. Ivey:—Surely the hand of severe affliction has been laid upon me since last I saw you. I have been down in the vale of pain and sorrow. For nearly six weeks I have been upon a bed of sickness. Sleepless nights and days of sorrow have been my portion. First taken with la grippe, I suffered intensely, then the surgeon's knife was used to afford me the needed relief, and until recently I have been suffering more than tongue can express. But a greater sorrow awaited me. Our dear little infant son (Edwin Glenn), which came to us, died last Sunday evening. God gave it to our keeping but a few short hours, and then its sinless spirit winged its flight back to the home of the good and blessed, where it will await the coming of mamma and papa in the sweet sometime when life's cares and sorrows are over. We laid the little body to rest in the silent city of the dead yesterday afternoon, there to await the Saviour's call to come forth to a blessed immortality. In my deep sorrow I have tried to be submissive and, though my heart is bleeding and body suffering pain, I can say in all earnestness, "Thy will, not mine, be done." In all my afflictions I have much to be thankful for. Kind friends administered to our every need, and extended that sympathy and aid so comforting to hearts stricken with grief and distress. I feel thankful that though my recovery is not usually slow, I have the assurance of the good doctors, Messrs Moore, Anderson and Dickinson, of the Sanatorium, who so faithfully attended me, that I shall be in better health than for years, which will enable me to prosecute my work here with greater energy and vigor than ever before. Dear brother, there is a large field before me; the harvest is ripening, and I am praying for a glorious outpouring of God's spirit and the conversion of scores and hundreds of precious immortal souls. The prospects are that good men and women are becoming serious about their eternal welfare, and are asking that prayers be offered at a throne of grace in their behalf.

Pray that my heart may be made to rejoice in leading souls to Christ, and that I may forget my own sorrows in doing good to others. The blessing of our heavenly Father abide with you.

Fraternally, T. H. BAIN.

Wilson, N. C., March 8th, 1904.

Siler City Circuit.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—I see it reported in the Nashville Advocate that this writer fell and broke his thigh. This is a mistake. On February 20th, by a misstep, I broke the inside bone of the right leg just above the ankle. The ankle more or less disjointed. I have suffered very little pain at any time, and am, I think, doing finely.

I have arranged to fill all my appointments the third Sunday, and hope by the fourth Sunday to tighten the traces for Mount Vernon for the 11 o'clock service and back to Siler City at night.

I am learning the meaning of "enforced rest," and can say truthfully, it is a hard lesson; to me especially, as I am not used to it. During my whole ministry, to the time of my recent misfortune, I have missed but four Sabbaths from sickness or hurt. For this I am profoundly thankful, and hope soon be at work.

My people, as ever, have been very kind, and I can but hope that this may be the best year of the four that I have served them.

If my memory is not at fault, I never began a year's work in better health, and I am sure I never had a more earnest desire to render the best possible service for the salvation of souls and the glory of God. While confined I can pray, think, study, and I shall be happier when I am able to meet my people and tell them what I have been thinking about. In the meantime, I am not discouraged nor cast down, but patient and hopeful.

With greetings of love to all, I ask them to pray for me, and by God's help we shall win in the great battle for righteousness and heaven.

Let us ask God for enlarged success in the North Carolina Conference, and to this end let each preacher cultivate his own field faithfully. The impulse is strong to write more, but I must stop or I may not see this in print.

J. SANDFORD.

Trinity Notes.

The Science Club held its monthly meeting Saturday evening, March 5th. The Executive Committee of the Association, which makes arrangements for the program, consists of Profs. W. H. Pegram and C. W. Edwards. The secretary of the club is Mr. Julian Blanchard. The program of the last meeting was:

1. Some recent developments in transportation.
2. Disintegration of radio-active substances.
3. A note on the series alternating current motor.

The literary societies will hold a preliminary contest next Saturday evening to select representatives for an inter-society debate to be held in May.

Arrangements are being made to erect more seats on the athletic field. The base-ball team is hard at work, and promises to be a very fine one.

The catalogue for 1903-1904 is being prepared and will soon be ready for distribution.

The Junior Class has elected Mr. Julian Blanchard, of Hertford, N. C., editor of the Archive for next year, and Mr. M. E. Newsom, Jr., of Littleton, N. C., business manager. The Archive is issued by the Senior Class, and the officers elected by the present Junior Class will take charge at the close of the present academic year. The assistants are selected by the editor and manager. The present editorial staff has conducted the Archive with great ability, and the Senior Class deserves great credit for the success which the Archive has achieved under their management.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., March 10, 1904.

A Layman's View.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—In reply to your suggestion, I want to say in reference to "Uncle Betts," that he was once my pastor, and the bonds of love then sealed still remain. He has never forgotten the covenant then entered into with my people.

He is emphatically a seed-sower, and though results may not always appear, eternity will reveal the good he has done. I have seen him under different circumstances, even surrounded by sin—and why should not a preacher go where sin is?—yet he never forgot his Master's business. He does a great deal of personal work, and it would be well to remember, that however indifferent one may appear, often beneath there is a soul hungry for some word of encouragement.

Sincerely, M. MIAL.

District Conference Notes.

The Durham District Conference, as I have before published in the Advocate, will convene in Graham at 9 a. m. the 24th of this month. This writing is to urge every member of the Conference to go on Wednesday, and every pastor to report his work in writing Thursday morning. Then we can truly confer together, and have time for full discussion.

Glad, Mr. Editor, that you will be with us.

J. T. GIBBS, P. E.

The Silent Pastor.

The religious paper is a silent pastor. The editor does not ring the door-bell and wait for some one to ask him in, take his hat, and to invite him into the parlor and to a seat. He does not meet each member of the household, shake hands, and ask about the health of each, and report how the folks are at home. He enters like an invisible spirit, or is received as a bundle from the postman, to be opened at pleasure, and examined by each one at any time, morning noon, or night. His communications and instructions are given to the whole family together, or to one or more at a time, in the parlor, the dining-room, the kitchen, or the bed-room. When the family have received all he has to communicate, and are so edified and pleased as to desire him to visit some distant friend, he will go to the post-office and into the mail, and visit another family and repeat everything to all that can hear or read.

What he has to communicate is very interesting and profitable. It has respect to Christian doctrine and duty, the meaning of the Scriptures, church history and Christian work, missions and Sabbath schools, temperance and the Sabbath, literature, education, art, science and government, vice and sin, and whatsoever is useful in this life and that which is to come. Every wise head of a family should welcome his visits. Whoso shuts him out does his own soul an injury and denies his family knowledge, culture, and the bread of life.—Herald and Presbyter.

The Family

The Singing of Br'er Williams.

Br'er Williams come to meetin' des ez sollum ez kin be,
En he hunt de amen corner, en he sing "Salvation Free!"
En he keeps time ter de music: Side ter side he shake his head,
En his voice rock all de rafters en de tiptop er de shed!

'Peared lak dat "Free Salvation" made de soul er him rejoice;
You couldn't hear de organ fer de bass drum er his voice!
He ecafened all de angels 'tother side de Jasper Sea,
Wid "Glory hallelujah!" en "I glad salvation free!"

But w'en dey pass de hat aroun'—de organ pealin' deep—
Br'er Williams couldn't see it: he wus allus fas' asleep!
En "Here's de hat, Br'er Williams; rouse up yo' sleepin' soul!
En ain't you got a dollar fer de los' sheep er de fol' ?"

But he never wake 'tewell after de collection time wus done,
W'en he say: "My soul been lighted wid de Halleluia Sun!
De singin' er dat ol' song do my soul sich good, you see,
I sleeps, en dreams er Paradise, whar all salvation's free!"

—Atlanta Constitution.

The Blessings of Darkness.

Glory may grow out of affliction. Every trial, every sorrow, every cross, has for the righteous soul a compensating element of good. And there are blessings which can come to us in no other way than through the toils, conflicts, self-denials and even bereavements which make up life's affliction. It was only in the fiery furnace that the Hebrew youth could see "the Form of the Fourth." That Form, brighter than the flame, made the furnace more glorious than a regal palace. Only in the den of wild beasts or in the prison does Daniel or Peter find the angelic messengers powerful to shut the lion's mouth or strong to break the chain of captivity and open the iron door. Only amid the frowning hills of Bethel, when his weary head was on the pillow of stone, could Jacob see the ladder reaching to the opening skies, thronged with radiant angels. Only from desolate, seagirt, rocky Patmos could John catch glimpses of the gates of pearl which swing open to the paradise of God. When hunted like a partridge, when surrounded by foes who were driving him to battle, or when smitten by the chastisement of Providence, David's soul quivered with strongest emotion and woke the mighty harp of Israel to its sublimest themes. John Henry Newman wrote "Lead, kindly light" when his spirit was depressed with loneliness and homesickness while on a dreary voyage, and Tennyson's greatest poem, "In Memoriam," comes to us baptized with the tears of his greatest sorrow in the loss of Hallam. Bunyan's great dream doubtless came to him in Bedford jail and Dante's "Divine Comedy" was sung in exile. Goldsmith wrote his finest lines to keep away hunger and the sheriff. And it may be doubted whether "starry-minded Milton" had ever finished his magnificent epic had he not gone blind. In the darkness may come our finest inspirations and our noblest thoughts. We may dream our happiest dream in the dungeon. From the stony pillar we may behold the gleaming ladder against the sky, and from Patmos' crags, which bruise our feet, sweet paradise may bless our sight. The truest prayer or song that ever came out of the heart, the prayer or song that has added beauty to the life and nobility to the soul, has been evoked by sorrow, like fragrance crushed from roses or the incense touched with fire.

Our sorrows give us such a glimpse of human friendship that they seem to form but the cloudy background for Kindness to paint its genial features on and work thereon its bow of hope and promise. One can almost afford to be ill for the kind inquiries that are made of him and the good wishes that are sent. I do not believe waiting until people are dying or dead before saying good things about their virtues. But many a person never loved humanity worthily until, in his bereavement, he found how kind and generous and sympathetic his neighbors were. When death threw its sable wing over the home and the people said such gentle things about the dead and such hopeful things, it was not so dark, a ray of kindly light broke in and the afflicted will carry with them the memory of that kindness and sympathy as long as they carry the memory of their grief. The child, frightened by the thunder and the blackness of the gathering storms, runs to mother; her smile and song assure and quiet him and he will remember mother's face and voice as long as he remembers the storm, yet would he be willing to hear the thunder again for a chance to hear that mother sing. There is compensation somewhere that gives value to every trial. The seamen of Galilee would be willing to have the storm rage again if they could hear Jesus say, "Peace, be still." The three weary apostles would gladly climb the mount again in the night to witness a transfiguration, and the man restored to sight would almost be willing to go blind again to have the great Physician open his eyes and to feel the thrill of that life-giving touch. So there are men and women who would be willing again to pass through any affliction which they have experienced for the good which they are wise enough to see has come to them through it in the past. David said, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted." The time comes in the experience of the good man when he can look back and recognize the beneficial character of what he may once have called his bad luck, his misfortune, a calamity, a disaster, life's affliction and God's chastening. Many a man never knew the value of divine grace nor appreciated his religion until he passed through trials and temptations. You do not have to ask about the staunchness of a ship that has sailed through a hundred storms. You do not have to test the temper of a sword that has fought a hundred battles. You do not have to examine the soundness of the walls that have stood a hundred cannonadings and baffled a hundred fierce assaults. And the religion which comes to man's help in every affliction, which comforts him in sorrow, encourages him in his trial, helps him bear his burden, conquer his temptations, subdue his passions and dispel his doubts and fears, needs no defense of logic or eloquence; its very helpfulness is its defense and in that is the proof of its divinity. So if affliction gives us a better knowledge of human kindness and a clearer, more positive proof of God's providence and of the divine nature of the gospel, it works out for us a good against which gold would weigh as nothing in the balance.

Then, many will confess that they did not actually know themselves until they had been brought to the test by some baekset or some conflict. I have known men and women, possessing a fear of death which they could not shake off, to be brought to the very portals of the unseen world and finally restored with the old fear gone. Their faith was stronger, their hope was brighter than they knew, and, ever after, the brightest spot in all the past was that long and severe illness which demonstrated the genuineness of their religious experience. Affliction of another sort, reverses of fortune, loss of wealth, the death of friends and, still more trying, the ill-treatment of their fellowmen, calumny and misrepresentation, have come upon persons with a force which they never supposed they had strength and grace enough to bear. But they found themselves battling manfully against their adverse circumstances with a patience, courage, faith and hope of which they never before knew themselves to be possessed. They did not lose their temper and become bitter, but remained sweet, dignified and manly. They grew mild, gentle and considerate; not resentful and unforgiving. Until affliction comes we may not, as Longfellow says:

"Know how sublime a thing it is
To suffer and be strong."

—Rev. Frank M. Bristol, D. D., in "The Religious Instinct of Man."

Filial Faith.

On reaching home one evening, tired and somewhat dispirited, my little girl brought me her copy-book, which she had just completed. It was her first, and the young face reddened with a beautiful and honest flush, for she knew as she turned over the pages some little word of praise and cheer would reward her hard attempt. The pages were very neatly written, and I told her what a pleasure it was to see how careful she had been. Presently we came to one on which were two small blots. As she turned the page her little hand was laid upon them, and, looking up into my face with an artlessness which was beautiful, she said: "Papa, don't see the blots!" Of course I did not see them, but I bent down and kissed the little forehead, and was thankful for the lesson I had learned. How precious it would be if, amid all the nameless strifes and discords which so fret and chafe us, we would just lay the finger on the sullied page of human lives, and not "see the blots!" When littlenesses and meannesses and pretty oppositions annoy and vex us, if we could only look away from these to some brighter pages! In all our bleared and blotted books there are some "leaves of healing." And when on bended knee we bring the day's poor purposes and poorer performances to the great Father, and say, "Forgive us our trespasses," let it be with the soft undertone of the child's filial faith, "Father, do not see the blots."—Christian Advocate (Nashville).

People Who Die Smiling.

A. L. O. E. went to India after she was fifty years old, and immediately set herself to learn the language, that she might be able to engage in mission work. It proved a dieaffilt task for the brave old lady, and though she never showed any discouragement, her friends in England wrote privately to ask if there was any chance of her mastering the language sufficiently to become useful. "She is useful now," was the answer: "her bright smile puts hope into our hearts and wins the hearts of the natives to feel confidence in us."

It is doubtful if A. L. O. E. ever knew of that reply; but in one of her letters is a sentence that fits in right here. In telling of the peaceful death of a native Christian she dwells upon the rapturous smile the dying believer wore. "I have seen many deathbeds in my long life," she said, "but I never saw anybody except a Christian die smiling."

Is it not true that nobody has any reason to smile, in life or in death, except those to whom "the Wonderful" has said, "Let not your heart be troubled?"—Selected.

What To-day Tells of To-morrow.

We sometimes ask ourselves if we shall be willing to die, or should we be willing to live in hopeless suffering, or should we be willing to put the fire to our darling ambitions? It is easy to answer such questions. We determine the future by the present. If to-day we do to-day's duty, to-morrow we shall be able to do to-morrow's duty. If to-day we are willing to have hard duties laid on us, to-morrow we shall not decline to-morrow's hard work. If to-day we are willing to live for God, on some to-morrow we shall be willing to die for Him. To-day we do not receive dying grace, for God does not call us to death. To-day He calls us to life, and therefore He gives us living grace. To-morrow, He will call us to death, and to-morrow He will give dying grace.—Exchange.

Our Boys and Girls

Wilson, N. C., Feb. 15, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will write for the first time. I am a little girl nine years old, so I decided I would write. My papa takes the Advocate. I enjoy reading the little girls' and boys' letters. Our pastor is Rev. D. A. Watkins. I love him dearly.

I will enclose ten cents for the orphans.

Your friend,
ADDIE PEARSON.

Smithfield, N. C., Feb. 4, 1904.

Smithfield, N. C., Feb. 24, 1904.

years of age. My mother and father are both living. They received a sample copy and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters. I have one brother living and one sister dead. I go to school and Sunday-school. My teacher at school is Miss Mabel Coltrane and my Sunday-school teacher is Miss Rena Bingham.

I will close by asking a question: Where was Jesus baptized?

Your unknown friend.
ALICE TURNER.

Oak Grove, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. My papa and mamma are both living. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher is Mrs. Annie Whitlock. I love her very much, and I love to go to Sunday-school. Our pastor is Rev. J. W. Bradley. He loves children and we all love him very much.

I will answer Mamie Hunley's question: Elijah went to heaven without dying.

I will ask the cousins a question: Who multiplied the widow's oil?

If I escape the waste basket, I will write again.

Your little friend
ETHAH WEBB.
Oak Grove, Maxton, N. C.,

Hertford, N. C., Feb. 15, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years of age. My papa takes the Advocate, and I love to read the girls and boys letters.

I go to Sunday-school every Sunday and also every-day school. My teacher's name is Miss Gerty Fleetwood. My Sunday-school teacher's name was Maggie Reed.

I will answer Maud Hill's question. John the Baptist baptized Jesus.

I will ask a question: Who founded the first Sunday-school. I will close, hoping to see my letter in print.

Yours truly,
BEULAH B. HUNTER.

P. S.—I forgot to say my pastor is Rev. M. H. Tuttle. I like him very much.

Henderson, N. C., Feb. 20, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little folk's letters very much. I go to every-day school. My teacher's name is Miss Sudie Hart, and I like her very much. My Sunday-school has closed this winter. We have a new preacher this year. His name is Mr. W. H. Puckett. He has preached here once, and we all like him very much.

I will answer Maud Hill's question: John baptized Jesus.

I will ask a question: How long was Jesus in the wilderness tempted of Satan?

Enclosed find five cents for the Orphanage.

FLORENCE BOBBITT.

La Grange, N. C., Feb. 25, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. My father takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters very much. I go to school every day. My teacher's name is Mr. Hary West, and I like him very much. I go to church every fourth Sunday that I can. Our pastname is Mr. Hardy West, and I like him very well. The preacher last year was Mr. Anderson.

I have one brother and one sister older than myself. My sister is deaf and dumb. We have a young peoples' prayer-meeting, and I like to go very much. If this escapes the wastbasket, I will write again.

I will close by asking a question: Who buried Moses?

Your unknown friend,
LIZZIE SMITH.

Camden, N. C., Feb. 20, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I have just been reading the little folks' letters and thought I would write a few lines. I am a little girl nine years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher is Miss Addie McPherson. I also go to the public school here. Miss Maggie Wright is my teacher. I like my teachers very much.

I have three brothers and two sisters.

Will close by answering Earl T. Sell's question: Solomon was the strongest man.

If this escapes the waste-basket I will write again.

Your unknown friend,
BESSIE E. TILLETT.

La Grange, N. C., Feb. 25, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters so much. I go to school every day unless I am sick. My teacher is Mr. Hardy West, and I think he is a very nice teacher. I go to church every fourth Sunday that I can. Our pastor is Mr. J. E. Saunders, and we all like him very much. Our pastor last year was Mr. Anderson. I like to go to Sunday-school so much, but we don't have any Sunday-school now. We did have a Sunday-school last summer but it didn't last long.

If this escapes the waste-basket I will write again.

I will close by asking a question: Who was the oldest man?

Your unknown friend,
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Womans Foreign Missionary Society

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The regular monthly meeting of Edenton Street Auxiliary was held last Monday afternoon. All the officers were re-elected. There was a large attendance of members, and the meeting was a spiritual and financial success. After the routine business had been conducted, in which our faithful Treasurer, Mrs. V. Royster, reported every cent due for the whole year had been paid in, a supplication for "a clearer consciousness of faith and a more abiding faith," was led by Mrs. Battis in a very earnest manner, thus closing—with new-made vows of faithfulness during the present year—a most enjoyable and profitable meeting.

It seems that the first note of "alarms" sounded by our Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Adams, and followed later by the same from our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Swindell, has rung out along the ranks of our Auxiliaries, and have put all in the attitude of "attention," serious and determined; and it is gratifying to know that good results are already being reported.

May these "bugle notes" continue to sound in our ears during the whole of this year, causing us to keep "regular step" in every duty and obligation.

One of the District Secretaries sends in good, cheering news. Listen:

Dear Mrs. Dixon:—After making out my Annual Report, I felt so encouraged and happy over the work done in the Wilmington District for the year, that I want you to tell the good news in our Department in the Advocate, that all who love the cause may know it and rejoice with me.

We have raised $5.87 more than the pledge for this District. Collections show an increase of $202.22 over last year. Our Auxiliaries are in good condition, and we are hopeful that others will be organized during this year.

Let us thank God for such good results.

Yours truly,
MRS. J. N. GIBBONS,
District Secretary.

We have heard from but this one of the nine District Secretaries—where are the eight?

In response to a request that Rev. W. B. Lee give our column something bearing on the women's work in Brazil, he was kindly given us the following:

Dear Mrs. Dixon:—I promised to give you a few points about the work of the W. F. M. B. for Bello-Horizante, Minus, Brazil.

This new city is the new capital of the State. It has a population of about 8,000. The conditions are peculiarly favorable to the establishing of the Gospel.

Everybody is new in the place. There have come people from all parts of the State and from outside, so that social sets and rings are yet not very clearly established. The limitations that are placed upon social relations in older places are all lacking here. The Catholic church has been slow to follow up this state of things and conserve its forces. An order of teaching sisters has opened a school there, but many prominent people have spoken to our pastor, asking him to use his influence to bring our women there, and pledging their support.

We can expect a reasonable support from the outside, but our own people there are in great need of a school.

This school is so far away from the Isabel Hendrix that there could be no conflict of interests.

Our people there have been begging for a school for four years. They had a small school once, but had to give it up.

These are not, however, the chief considerations that present to me the great need of a school at the capital now.

A few years ago the city gave our church a whole block in a very desirable location. It contains 11,736 square yards. To hold this property we contracted to put up three buildings—a residence, a church, a school. The first is completed; about half the money raised for the church. The property must be held. All the buildings will be needed to carry on the work at the capital. The women have been contemplating the opening of work there some time.

Now, it seems to us that if our sisters would put up a building on this lot that it would be much wiser than renting. The proposition is very simple. You are going to the capital. You must build or rent. Your rents will be at least $1,000 a year. In ten years you will have spent money enough to put up the building our contract calls for, and you will not have a brick-bat to show for it. Now, spend this amount at the beginning of the ten years in a building on a fine property that our church wants to hold, and at the end of the period you have a permanent school property, and have done with rents forever at the capital.

I hope you will stir your sisters up on this subject, and do something.

Yours truly,
W. B. LEE.

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Woman's Home Mission Society

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The beautiful resurrection season has come again. Nature will soon be dressed in "living green." Even the thought is vivifying, and I trust the sisters throughout the Conference are feeling fresh interest and forming new plans. We are beginning a new fiscal year; let us unite hearts and wills and determine to make it the best in our history so far.

To the Country Auxiliaries.

I shall now look eagerly for news from the Auxiliaries in the country. Who will be the first to cheer me? I wish I could help you to fully realize the importance of your efforts, for you not only accomplish much in your own vicinity, but many of you are an inspiration to us in the towns.

Rejoice that you can now meet together again and take up work where you left off, especially the Auxiliaries that have disbanded. In my reports to our Board Superintendent, I am glad to tell her that I send communications to the disbanded Societies. Sisters, we cannot give you up—will you not reorganize at once?

An Iowa Auxiliary.

I have read of a country Auxiliary in Iowa that is ten years old and has failed to hold only seven meetings, and then because of severe storms. There are thirty-two members and $500.00 has been raised; think of the solid comfort this represents; also try to comprehend the reflex gain from Christian fellowship and sympathetic communion.

What the women of Iowa have done others can do, and this is the time to arrange for all-day meetings, to thoroughly perfect missionary plans. District Secretaries, we hope you will use and improve these delightful opportunities.

Smithfield Juvenile Home Missionary Society.

Miss Ida Galloway is the first Corresponding Secretary from the Juvenile Societies who has written to me, and her letter is so admirable and so full of beautiful promise, I take great pride in publishing it in our column:

"I received the February items with your message, which I read at our last meeting. Our Lady Manager told us about the items, but hereafter I want to do this myself.

"This Society has been going on a few years, but only local work has been done. In January it was reorganized into a Juvenile Home Mission Society. We have twenty-three members, and have had two meetings, with an average attendance of fifteen. We sent $2.30 to the Treasurer as dues.

"The officers are:

"President, Rena Bingham.

"First Vice President, Leon Stevens.

"Second Vice-President, Lucy Hood.

"Treasurer, Erma Stevens.

"Recording Secretary, Bessie Coats.

"Corresponding Secretary, Ida Galloway.

"Lady Manager, Miss Flossie Abell.

"Miss Flossie has given me the items you sent for the next meeting, and I have been studying, that I may tell about them myself.

"I hope that our Society will do well and that I can send you good reports.

"Sincerely,
"IDA GALLOWAY."

I believe these dear young Christians will continue earnest and efficient; they are fine examples for us all. They are very fortunate in their faithful and successful Lady Manager.

Delegates to Annual Meeting—April 27 to May 1—Selma.

The time for our Annual Meeting is approaching. Those Auxiliaries who have not already elected delegates should do so at once. A full representation is necessary to a successful meeting, and each Auxiliary should do its part. I hope the delegates will bring clear and useful suggestions concerning our Press Department, and shall depend on the Auxiliary officers in charge to provide them. And I trust no one will refuse to perform any duty asked by our faithful President—it is a privilege to help "hold up her hands."

Brigade Results.

One of 115 children gathered $20, another $17 from the boxes alone, while still another brought $68 from both the boxes and the enrollment. This is cheering news to our ladies in charge of Brigades, and will show them the reward of careful, painstaking perseverance.

FEARFUL ODDS AGAINST HIM.

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Editorial

A DROWSING PUBLIC CONSCIENCE.

Private conscience belongs to an individual. Public conscience belongs to a community. A wakeful, alert public conscience is conditioned only by a wakeful, alert private conscience. Yet public conscience may sleep, while private conscience is wakeful to a degree. Fear of criticism, unwillingness to march in a moral parade for fear that those in the doors and windows may cry fanaticism, and saddest of all, a disposition to submit blindly and passively to enthroned iniquity, may cause us to take possession of a really sensitive individual conscience and out of it manufacture a drowsy, shapeless, and almost lifeless public conscience.

The pessimist is not always untruthful. Among sound prophesyings are some bits of truth which, while not always palatable, are always wholesome. We feel confident that there is truth in the charge that the conscience of Christendom, especially in this public, is sleeping strangely and fatally in the presence of certain black, gigantic evils which have reared their horrid crests in the face of purity, honor, and righteousness since the flaming sword was placed at the gate of Paradise.

These thoughts were suggested by that pleading, pathetic letter from the women of St. Louis published on the third page of the Advocate. Some may skip this article, looking upon it as the sentimental, unpractical effervescence of feminine emotion. But the intelligent man or woman with a heart, and with a knowledge of things as they exist, can feel in the earnest words of those women the pulse beat of bleeding hearts.

Those women know that there is a vast organization ramifying every country on the face of the earth and engaged in the traffic of the souls and bodies of girls. It is a slave trade beside which the slave trade of the last century sinks into insignificance. This organization has its agencies and bureaus of information. It makes its "corners," establishes its markets, works its system of distribution and uses the law of supply and demand, as in the legitimate trade—all based on the downfall of woman and the brutal devilish animalism of man. The agents of this organization are in every land. They are here in North Carolina. These women of St. Louis know that the Exposition in that city is expected by the foul traders in woman's purity to furnish them a mine of gold.

Young women from this country and other countries are "wanted" in St. Louis during the Exposition. Many will answer the "wants" expecting to find employment. Many will find—God pity them—only ruin.

Why is it that a great Christian nation will rush to arms to free the suffering people of that beautiful island in our summer seas and yet remain unresponsive to the cry of its own insulted, degraded, destroyed womanhood. Why is it that when one woman is reported to be captured by Eastern brigands a thrill of sympathy runs through the whole nation and a purse of fifty thousand dollars is raised at once to help in effecting her release when thousands upon thousands of girls in our own land fall into a far worse bondage, and but a feeble cry is raised at the horror of it. Surely God will not hold us guiltless if in the presence of Dame Prudery we sit with closed mouths as the black procession of sin passes onward and downward. In past years humanity has found a way to staunch some of its most cruel wounds. There is a way to staunch this wound through which the life currents of society are pouring.

All honor and God-speed to the comparatively few women and men in this and other countries who, in the name of righteousness, are working day and night to checkmate the moves of those who deal in human souls.

A LAYMAN'S PLEA

We were greatly interested in reading a few weeks ago an article in the Southern Christian Advocate, entitled, "A Layman's Impressions At Conference."

There was much hard sense in this article, and we feel sure that every preacher who read it aright succeeded in learning some valuable things and having his memory refreshed on others. Preachers are so much in the habit of hearing themselves that an opportunity of hearing the laymen at times furnishes an open gate which leads into pastunres green.

There was in the article referred to a specially striking paragraph, relating to the criticism of preachers by preachers in the presence of laymen. We cannot do better than to produce the paragraph. Here it is.

"And by the way, while I am on criticism, let me say a few words to preachers along that line, and what I say is in the spirit of love: Say just as little evil of each other as you possibly can, and if you are going to say it at all, say it to each other—not to the laymen. The average layman has a very exalted idea of the Methodist preacher. He has been taught by his father and mother that he is to be loved, honored, and respected; that he is a man of God, and, to a large extent, above the petty jealousies and animosities of life, and when you suggest that he is capable of these things, you lower yourself in the estimation of your listener, and cripple the preacher's usefulness. Yea, more, you shake the faith of the layman in the church that he loves and in Christianity itself."

We can all ponder to great advantage these earnest words of laymen. It is so easy for us to run into censoriousness, especially in speaking about our brethren, and in doing so, we may run into a very reprehensible inconsistency.

OUR DUTY TO THE DEAD.

Only a few years ago there was erected on Trinity Park one of the handsomest auditoriums in the South. It was built by the pupils and friends of the lamented Braxton Craven who was for so many years the illustrious president of Trinity College. The building was dedicated to his memory and named "The Craven Memorial Hall." It is a beautiful tribute in brick and stone to a great life whose influence still lives throughout the South in many different forms.

At the Alumni meeting in June, 1903, the editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate was appointed a committee of one to raise funds for the painting of an oil portrait of Dr. Craven. The duty imposed by this appointment came as a labor of love to one already burdened with duties, yet the mission was cheerfully accepted. We felt that, throughout North Carolina and other Southern States, there are thousands who were once pupils of Dr. Craven's and who, now freighted with the heritage of his life's noble influence, would be only too glad to aid in putting the last finishing touch to his monument on Trinity Park by contributing to an oil portrait.

This picture, in the providence of God, will be made. At next commencement it will look down on the immense throngs that will sit in the Craven Memorial Hall. Work must begin on this picture in a very few days in order that ample time may be given for the execution of a portrait that in a limited sense will be worthy of the original.

We now call for contributions. Let them come from the former pupils and the friends of Dr. Craven. No one who is acquainted with the history of raising subscriptions for any purpose need be afraid that he can give too much. Give as much as you can. Any amount you may send will be helpful and appreciated. Your names will be recorded and a receipt will be sent to you. There is no time to lose. Let us hear from you at once.

President Davis, in a private letter, writes that Rev. L. S. Massey has entered upon his work with zeal and energy, that it took him only a short time to gain the love and confidence of his people, and that he is strictly holding the fort.

A house of worship has been built by the church at Forks Prairie, Washington. The work has been done under great difficulties. Some of the materials had to be brought one hundred and fifty miles through the dense forests of northwestern Washington, which surround the little prairie where the church is situated.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle began a revival meeting at Trinity Park on last Tuesday night. He called to see us as he passed through Raleigh. As usual, his hands are full of work. He has raised all his Conference collections. Epworth and Walker Memorial will have their own preacher after June 1st.

The Biscoe correspondent of the Anglo-Saxon writes as follows: "Rev. G. A. Oglesby preached to the societies Sunday morning and Miss Pescud, a returned missionary from Brazil, lectured Sunday night; a special collection was taken amounting to $62.50. The meeting no doubt accomplished much for good. We all hope to again have another occasion for a visit by such visitors."

Rev. J. M. Lamb, of Fayetteville, is a Methodist well known throughout our Conference. He gained considerable reputation as one of the best members of the last Legislature. He is always in evidence in our annual church meetings. We call attention to the advertisement of his nursery in this paper. His catalogue this year is beautiful and complete. Look up J. M. Lamb if you wish anything in the nursery line.

"My dear young man, only for the missionary, you and I instead of being in this cabin would probably by this time have been inside some of those savages, as you call them, who waved us such an affectionate farewell from their shores." Such was the reply made by Henry Drummond to a fellow passenger who as they were steaming away from the New Hebrides, expressed his skepticism as to the good done in those islands by the missionaries. A very apt reply.

Rev. J. H. M. Giles writes to the News and Observer that the temperance sentiment is growing in Newport and adds: "Last Sunday night Dr. Swindell preached the greatest sermon on temperance that it has ever been my pleasure to hear—the range of thought, the depth of feeling, and his very impressive way of delivery, have elicited much commendation among the people of Newport. Some who were not in favor of prohibition before have said that they are going to vote against whiskey from now on every chance they get. 'Dominus vobiscum.'"

Our newsy and progressive contemporary, the Burlington News, in discussing our paragraph of a few weeks ago, in which we exhorted our members to have their churches and parsonages insured, closes by saying: "And we believe in having faith enough to believe that after a congregation goes to work and through sacrifice and offering, dedicates a church to God, that if He wants to use it, He wont burn it up. Spend the insurance money in converting the heathen." Our esteemed neighbor in writing these words did not pause to consider what defective theology and false common sense he was palming off on his readers. We will excuse him this time only on the assumption that he is innocent of the inconsistency of giving the above advice and at the same time paying premiums on a life insurance policy.

Dr. B. O. Hester is a North Carolinian, now living in Waco, Texas. He has a fine practice in that city. He renews his subscription and says: "I have personally known the Advocate since childhood. It and the Nashville were the first papers with which I became acquainted. Such papers are bound to impress a boy for the right. We are sorry that we cannot accept Dr. Hster's kind invitation to attend the meeting of the Board of Missions in Waco.

Methodist Mention

Durham District Conference at Graham last week.

Rev. E. C. Glenn began a meeting at Lumberton on last Sundav. It will continue ten days.

Captain W. I. Everett, of Rockingham, is writing for the Richmond Headlight an admirable series of articles on "Methodism in Richmond County.

Bishop Morrison has been doing practical evangelistic work in California, as well as preaching great sermons, according to the Pacific Methodist.

Rev. J. B. Ley, editor and manager of the Florida Christian Advocate has opened a Book, Stationery and News Depot. We wish this new venture great success.

The Epworth League Union of Raleigh will hold next Thursday night an important meeting. A measure which means much for Raleigh Methodism will be discussed.

Rev. J. L. Rumley, P. C., Robersonville Circuit, writes that his health is much better than in years. He feels greatly encouraged, and is doing some hard and profitable work on his circuit.

North Carolina Methodism is represented in the Foreign Mission field by Rev. W. B. Lee and wife, Rev. J. M. Terrell, and Misses Pescud, Davis, and Howell. They all belong to Brazil.

The enrollment of students in the Correspondence School of Vanderbilt, organized for our young ministers and others who cared to take the course, has now reached the four hundred mark.

We learn from Dr. A. D. Betts that Rev. W. B. Lee spent six days with the Lillington Methodists and preached six excellent sermons. Dr. Betts says that his visit was a great blessing to the community.

We regret to learn that Mr. J. A. Long, Jr., a student at Trinity College, and a son of Hon. J. A. Long, of Roxboro, had the misfortune to break his leg while he was playing ball a few days ago.

The Missionary Institute of Fayetteville District met in Sanford last week. According to the Sanford Express, the meeting was interesting and well attended. Rev. W. B. Lee made an excellent address on Brazil.

We occasionally hear of the activity of Rev. J. C. Jones in his church work in Pueblo, Colorado. He conducted the funeral of General Royal last week. It was one of the largest funerals ever conducted in Colorado.

The members of Tryon Street Methodist Church, Charlotte, are preparing to build a $12,000 Sunday-school room as an annex to the main building. The new structure will be two stories high with a basement.

We received a pleasant visit last week from each of the following brethren: E. H. Merritt, of Mount Airy; L. L. Brinson, of New Bern, and T. H. Thompson, representing the Eagle Paper Company, of Richmond.

The fire loss on the Greensboro Female College has been satisfactorily adjusted, the insurance companies, of which there were sixteen interested, agreeing to pay the whole amount of $35,000, for which the property was insured.

Bishop Duncan will dedicate the new Methodist Church at Louisburg at 11 a. m. on May 22. On the same day, at 8 o'clock p. m., he will address the Y. M. C. A. of Louisburg Female College. On Tuesday, May 24, he will preach the Commencement sermon. On May 25, at 1 o'clock p. m., Hon. Thos. W. Mason, of Garysburg, will deliver the literary address. The Commencement of Louisburg Female College is always an interesting occasion.

General Notes

The Pope is trying to bring about a reform in Catholic churches by prohibiting women from singing in the choirs.

Rev. Elijah P. Brown is doing a great work in schools and factories by delivering addresses calculated to break down opposition to revivals.

The native work under the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Philippine islands is supported entirely without help from the missionary society.

A bank book with a credit of $1,160, and a silver loving cup, was presented to the sexton of Fifth Avenue Church, New York, a few days ago.

Last year 244 medical missions in China treated almost 700,000 persons. Several great printing presses sent out 10,000,000 Scripture portions.

Governor Vardaman has almost redeemed himself in the eyes of his Northern brethren by his activity in preventing the lynching of that colored man in Mississippi a few days ago.

The internal condition of Russia is represented by the Berlin newspapers as being very discouraging. The great mass of Russians indulge gloomy forebodings as to the outcome of the war.

Dr. James Stalker, of the United Free Church of Scotland, will deliver a series of lectures in April at Union Seminary, Richmond, Va. His theme will be the "Ethical Teachings of Christ."

The Epworth Hotel at the World's Fair is to have an auditorium connected with it, seating from 500 to 700, where religious meetings will be held. This will doubtless be headquarters for Methodism.

The address delivered by Hon. Seth Low before the students of the Methodist College in Rome, Italy, has given great offence to the Pope who believes that the Methodists have no business in Rome, anyway.

More than eight hundred Sunday-school workers took the special steamer Grosser Kurfurst last week to attend the Fourth World's Sunday-school Convention, which is to meet in the city of Jerusalem in April.

Admiral Uriu, in charge of the Japanese fleet which defeated the Russian ships at Chemulpo, Korea at the beginning of the present war, is a Christian, and graduated at Annapolis in 1881. His wife was educated in this country at Vassar.

The widow of the late Dr. John Hall died February 15, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. Her husband was the distinguished pastor of the Fifth Avenue Church, New York, for a number of years, and he has been dead six years.

The Woman's College of Baltimore is facing a serious crisis. It had investments in the burned district. Practically all the financial support received by this institution came from the city of Baltimore. One-half million of dollars is needed at once.

Rev. Jerome C. Berryman, the Nestor of Southern Methodism, sole survivor of the memorable General Conference of 1844, passed his ninety-fourth birthday February 22 at his home in Caledonia, Mo. His connection with the Conference began 75 years ago.

Mrs. C. K. Marshall, of Vicksburg, died one day last week at the advanced age of ninety-two. She was the daughter of Rev. Newit Vick, the founder of Vicksburg. It was her father who gave $150 to help build the first Methodist Church in Natchez in 1807, and in his house at Old Spring Hill the first Conference was held on Mississippi soil. Her husband was one of the most noted preachers of the State. Her end was peace. Bishop Galloway conducted the funeral services, and her remains were laid to rest beside the sacred dust of her distinguished husband.—Nashville Advocate.

Publisher's Column

THE WEEK'S WORK.

We are just now getting into our campaign for new subscribers. The week's work evidences a great activity on the part of our preachers for new subscribers. It takes hard work to secure some of these subscribers. One new subscriber sent in often indicates a large expenditure of labor. One brother who sent in two new subscribers the last week wrote that he had to visit twenty-four families in order to secure them. This shows loyalty and determination to succeed. It will pay that preacher in more ways than one.

The campaign closes May 1. All the offers made except seed will apply to that time. The first week in May we will publish a tabulated statement showing the new subscribers and renewals from each District, showing the result of every preacher's work. We are expecting to receive a large number of new subscribers this week.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The Conference has requested each District to furnish 150 new subscribers by May 1, 1904. The report for each District will be made weekly in this column. The District reporting the largest number of new subscribers by May 1, 1904, will receive a present not costing less than $25.00, to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

The following new subscribers have been received since March 9, 1904:

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Rev. L. L. Nash	6
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Rev. G. W. Fisher	3
Rev. W. C. Merritt	2
Rev. J. T. Gibbs	1
Rev. W. E. Brown	1
Rev. J. M. Benson	1
Rev. W. H. Brown	4
Rev. G. A. Oglesby	6
Rev. J. H. McCracken	2
Direct	7

The following shows how many new subscribers have been received from each District since December 1st:

Raleigh District	67
Fayetteville District	60
Rockingham District	56
Durham District	52
Washington District	45
Warrenton District	44
New Bern District	42
Wilmington District	33
Elizabeth City District	30

You see that Raleigh has again won first place. Rockingham moves from the bottom to third place. Warrenton moves one place nearer the top. Elizabeth City takes its bottom place, but will not hold it long, we believe. The brethren are working hard, and there will be interesting developments next week unless we be mistaken. Watch the list.

Rev. I. N. Mann, that worthy local preacher of Siler City, though in very feeble health, still maintains his interest in the affairs of his church. Through his instrumentality we received last week a large number of renewals for the Advocate.

We are desirous of obtaining a copy of the Raleigh Christian Advocate for January 20, 1904.

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Shall I Organize a League? How?

There are some of our pastors who have been seriously contemplating the organization of an Epworth League, but fear to undertake it because they know little about the workings of the League and their young people know less. It is not necessary that you have a single young man or woman that knows anything at all about the League, provided you can get them sufficiently interested to learn something about it. See two or three of your brightest young people who are thought well of by their comrades and talk the League into them. If you know nothing about its workings, tell them so, and say we will all learn together. Mention the matter in the pulpit. This, with the interest you have awakened in the 2 or 3, will set all to talking, and they will soon want to see how a League works. If those you first mentioned the matter to have any will-power your success in the matter is assured.

Now organize. It will be well to have the officers selected before you call for nominations. For this reason it is wise to have a Committee on Nominations who have been previously advised. You may have to see that your committee is elected. If such precautions are not taken, somebody may be put in office who through neglect may cripple, if they do not kill, the Chapter.

Once the Chapter is organized, stay by it; stay by it until it is able to manage its own affairs. The young people do not want too much ministerial interference, but they want to see that their pastor is interested in them and their work. At first they may frequently call upon you for help and suggestions. Your greatest trouble will be in familiarizing yourself with the League and its work so as to give correct information. They will gradually lift the burden from you, but will always expect your sympathy.

Does any brother say he has no time for this work? Better visit less, at certain places, than neglect the young people of your charge. There are odds and ends of time that might be very profitably devoted to them, and thus prevent the great waste at the point where youth and manhood meet, and where maidenhood and and womanhood tone heach other.

The types made one paragraph in our article on "What the president of a chapter can do."—that concerning the "Council"—unintelligible. To convey my ideas to the mind of the reader, the entire paragraph must be recast. This I will do in an article "On the Council" at an early date.

A League was organized at St. John M. E. Church, Goldsboro, N. C., in February, and notice was sent to this column a few weeks ago, but for some unknown reason, has never appeared. I am glad to state that each week it is growing in interest and numbers.

[If Brother Anderson will look in the issue of March 9th, he will see the notice published.—Ed. Advocate.]

Let us not be too exacting one of another, but bear patiently with the defects and infirmities of others, remembering that we, too, have faults and many failings with which others must bear.

If you are quite sure you will never need forgiveness of God or man, then you may, with some degree of reason, refuse to forgive another; but if not, would it not be wise to cultivate a forgiving spirit?

Faith and love grow together. As love increases, faith increases. The more we love the better we understand, and the more we trust God and man, and the more confidently we labor for the uplifting of those around us.

Devotional Study.

Mr. John R. Mott urges the following rules for devotional study of the Bible. They are so pertinent that we print them with the hope that our Leagues will cut them out and paste them in their Bibles for daily use in the study of the Word of God:

1. Divide into brief daily sub-divisions.
2. Study alone with no one but God to interpret.
3. Make constant personal application of the Word.
4. Concentrate the mind on your study.
5. Let nothing divert you from the subject in hand.
6. Be thorough. Dig deep and meditate much.

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Sunday School

Lesson for March 20, 1904.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand.

(Matthew 14: 13-23.)

Golden Text.—Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life. (John 6: 35.)

It was immediately following upon the death of John the Baptist that the incident of our lesson took place. It is worthy of note that this miracle of feeding the five thousand is the only one recorded by all four of the Evangelists.

Upon learning of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus withdrew from Galilee into the desert region near Bethsaida.

A Hungering Multitude.—Jesus' movements were not unobserved, however. The multitude had seen him embark with his disciples and noted the direction in which he had sailed. While he was conferring with his disciples in some secluded spot near Bethsaida, the people in large numbers were making their way on foot around the margin of the lake, and presently they were in close proximity to the Master.

It was a needy multitude which thus sought for Jesus. Among them were many sick, who longed for healing; while doubtless others were moved simply by curiosity.

A Ministering Teacher.—Jesus, looking upon the multitude, was moved with compassion toward them, we are told. What a beautiful insight it gives us into the mind of Christ to learn that he was thus touched with pity for the people. Mark gives us the striking similitude in which this throng of people seeking Jesus is spoken of as sheep without a shepherd. So indeed they were, for the priests and rulers who should have cared for them were recreant to their trust, and they were in danger of perishing spiritually.

A Great Miracle.—When Jesus had finished his work of ministering to the spiritual needs of his hearers and had healed all their sick, a new need arose. The people were physically hungry, for they were a long way from their homes, and few, if any, had brought provisions with them. The distress of the multitude, however, was simply a further call for the compassion of Christ, and he responded to the appeal by the wondrous miracle recorded in our lesson.

A Boy Helper.—A striking part in this great miracle of feeding the five thousand is played by a mere lad who had with him five loaves and two small fishes. Namless though he is, this boy has been a potent influence for good, for whenever the story of the feeding of the multitude has been told, the part played by this boy helper has also been recounted. So his simple service will always be remembered as an inspiration to deeds of helpfulness, which while they appear small, yet are often the means under the divine providence of largest blessings to others.

Abundant Provision.—One fact that strikes us forcibly in the story of this miracle is the abundant provision which was made. Every one was satisfied, or "filled," as it is expressively said in the Scriptures, and yet after they had all finished eating, twelve basketfuls of the fragments were taken up. This generous provision for the needs of the multitude should teach us to be liberal, while on the other hand the care exercised by our Master that none of the fragments should be lost should warn us against the sin of wastefulness.

The Bread of Life.—Our treatment of this lesson will not be complete, if it does not include a reference to the teachings of Jesus, which followed this miracle and were suggested by it. We find the Master's comments upon this incident in the sixth chapter of the Gosnel according to St. John. Here Jesus directs the thoughts of his hearers away from the bread which perishes to the provisions made for their eternal life through himself.

Jesus is still the Bread of Life. Without this bread our souls must surely die. With it we shall have life forevermore.

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W. E. GRIFFIN.
Fort Mill, S. C., Sept. 26, 1903.

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101	105		104	102
A. M.	P. M.	Lv.	A. M.	P. M.
7 00	4 15	..... Raleigh	9 30	5 30
7 15	4 25	.....†Caraleigh Mills...	9 20	5 15
7 25	4 30	F.....†Sylvania.....	9 15	5 07
7 35	4 40	F.....† Harnes	9 05	5 00
7 40	4 45	F.....Hobby	9 00	4 55
7 55	4 50	M.....†McCULLERS..	8 55	4 50
8 00	4 55	F.....Banks.....	8 45	4 30
8 05	4 57	F.....Austins.....	8 40	4 26
8 25	5 05	S...†Willow Springs...	8 35	4 20
8 30	5 15	M...† JOHNSON MILL	8 30	4 02
8 50	5 20	F.....† Cardenas.....	8 21	3 57
9 05	5 25	S...C. F. & N. Junction	8 17	3 53
9 15	5 30	S...† Fuquay Springs..	8 15	3 50
9 20	5 35	F.....Buckhorn	8 05	3 35
9 25	5 40	F.....Rawls	8 00	3 25
9 40	5 50	S.....† Chalybeate.....	7 55	3 15
9 50	5 55	S.....Bradley	7 45	3 00
9 55	6 00	F.....† Smith Hill.....	7 40	2 55
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No. 38.

11.10 a. m.—"Seaboard Local Mail" for ALL POINTS from Raleigh to Portsmouth, Norlina to Richmond; connects at Henderson for Oxford and Weldon with A. C. L.; at Portsmouth-Norfolk with ALL STEAMERS for points North and Northeast.

No. 66.

11.35 a. m.—"Seaboard Mail" for Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston. Connects at Richmond with C. and O. for Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis; at Washington with Pennsylvania and B. and O. for all points.

No. 57. SOUTHBOUND.

4.15 a. m.—"Seaboard Express" for Charlotte, Atlanta, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Tampa and all points South and Southwest.

No. 41.

4.00 p. m.—"Seaboard Local Mail" for Charlotte, Atlanta and all local points. Connects at Atlanta for all points South and Southwest.

No. 27

7.10 p. m.—"Seaboard Mail" for Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Atlanta, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa and all points South and Southwest.

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Secular News

STATE.

A number of cases of small pox are reported over the State.

Judge Simonton has annulled the receivership for the Murray Lumber Company of Buncombe County.

Chairman Bailey, of the Anti-Saloon League, says he has received application for over 10,000 pledges.

Charlotte had a fire this week in which the damage by fire was $3.80 and the loss by water about $60,000.

Ex-Governor Russell is reported to be recovering from the operation performed on him at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The Executive Committee of the University of North Carolina has appropriated $1,000 for the Summer School.

Bishop A. Coke Smith was robbed of his dress suit case, containing wearing apparel, while on the train near Columbia, S. C.

The business section of the town of Pineville was practically destroyed by fire on the morning of March 14. The fire was caused by lightning.

Rev. Sam. P. Jones was greeted with a crowded house at Rockingham, where he lectured Monday night of last week. His subject was "Get There and Stay There."

Dr. J. J. Hill, of Statesville, will bring suit against the National Hotel, of Washington, D. C., for damages on account of insults offered his wife by the hotel employees.

The Board of Examiners are well pleased with the condition in which they found the negro normal schools at Fayetteville, Winston-Salem, and Elizabeth City. Others will be visited later.

The North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames have begun a movement to erect a monument in Wilmington to commemorate the deeds of the early settlers of the Cape Fear section.

Rev. Martin D. Hardin, of the Second Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, has accepted an invitation to deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the commencement of the Presbyterian College, of that city.

Creditors have filed a petition with the Clerk of Federal Court in Raleigh asking that a receiver be appointed for the H. B. Clark Merchandise Company, of Washington, N. C., and the firm be declared in a state of involuntary bankruptcy.

The Bee Tree Railroad Company of Asheville has been chartered by the Secretary of State, with $40,000 capital, the purpose being the construction of a railroad from the Craggy Mountain boundary of Buncombe County to Swannanoa Station on the Southern Railroad.

General Superintendent and Passenger Agent S. L. Dill, who has been connected with the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad for 35 years, has been notified by Receiver McBee that his services were no longer needed by the company. The reason given for Mr. Dill's removal is that Mr. McBee will act in the capacity of General Superintendent.

Mrs. Elias Carr, who recently placed in the Hall of History a cup and saucer used by Governor Richard Caswell, has added the sword of Colonel Johnston, who fought at the battle of Moore's Creek Bridge and was fatally wounded at Stono, S. C. The sword was captured, it is said, from a Hessian officer at the battle of Trenton, N. J.

GENERAL.

The Cabinet decided not to send any troops to the Isthmus of Panama.

The lifeboats around the British coast during the last year rescued 680 people.

Of the seven Presidents France has had only one who has served a full term.

The schooner David P. Davis, bound for Baltimore, was sunk by a collision off Hatteras.

A New York life insurance company holds $8,000,000 worth of Russia's railway securities.

The Senate passed the bill requiring the transportation of army and navy supplies in American vessels.

Folk delegates jumped out of windows during a turbulent Democratic county convention at Clayton, Mo.

The postoffice at Humphreys, Ark., where the postmaster was a negro, has been blown up with dynamite.

Senator Gallinger introduced a bill to increase salaries of Government executive officers and members of Congress.

Public Printer Palmer has announced his intention of introducing typesetting machines in the Government Printing Office.

It has been decided to hold the annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans at Nashville, Tenn., June 14, 15 and 16.

The first tunnel under the Hudson River through which the Pennsylvania Railroad will run trains into New York city, has been completed.

Commander Miller, of the cruiser Columbia, notified President Morales, of Santo Domingo, that he would not permit the blockading of any island ports.

Senator Ben Tillman was operated on to relieve an abscess of the left tonsil. The result was pronounced successful and the Senator's condition is much better.

The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce directed an investigation to determine whether the "beef trust" is violating the injunction resting against it.

It is reported that Mad Mullah, of Somalaland, has offered to surrender to the Italian government on condition that he would not be handed over to the British. The Italian government refused.

The failure of the fruit crop in Great Britain caused a great demand upon the United States and Canada for apples. Prices rule high, the importers' quotations to the trade ranging from $4.85 to $7.25 a barrel for the best grades, and from $3 to $4.50 for ordinary grades.

The proclamation by President Roosevelt demanding that government officials preserve strict neutrality by word and action, has made a highly favorable impression at St. Petersburg, and every other European capital. It is expected it will calm the anti-American agitation in Russia.

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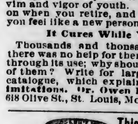

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Resumption of Work.

The workmen are putting in our skylights over the chapel and the light shaft, and the cornicing will be finished up right away. Some of our glass has arived and the lights have been put in most of the windows of the first story. We have had bad luck in getting glass for our chapel. Ten out of twelve panes were broken in the first lot, and the second lot has not yet arrived, though ordered, or supposed to have been, over four months ago. The chairs and the doors have not yet arrived. But all things come to them that wait. We are waiting.

Plastering is to begin again on Monday, the 14th inst.

Those Trees, Etc.

The trees are coming. Sister Ormond has sent us a nice lot of peach trees from Kittrell and Bro. W. H. Dorris, of Creedmoor, another.

Many thanks to these friends.

Those peanuts from Conway were greatly enjoyed by the children in the eating. But the after pains were not enjoyed so much. But they are brave boys and girls, and seem willing to tackle another bag.

They are now enjoying those nice sweet potatoes sent by those dear little friends of Fayetteville, Mary W., Evelyn Gertrude and A. McA. Council. "Taters" are always in season here. Some other little friends might send us some to bed. It will soon be time. Norton yams are our favorite. "The corn is being shelled." We have paid out no freight this week. That saves us lots.

Help Now, Beloved.

In view of putting in a full force on our main building in order to push it to completion, it is necessary to have pecuniary help from every quarter.

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Selma.

A 'phone message from Brother Guthrie stating that he was too unwell to fill his appointment at Selma for Sunday, received last Saturday, and asking me to fill it, gave me a chance to visit that dear people and to talk Orphanage to both the Sunday-school and the church.

Bro. Guthrie has won all hearts, and is giving first-class service. They are delighted with the new arrangement. There are high hopes of its complete success. They have long wished for an arrangement of this sort.

It was so restful to lodge with my past friends, Brother and Sister J. A. Spiers. That little Sunday-school is a daisy; and that infant class is the gem of it. I always loved to go to Selma. Brother Moore preached us a number one sermon at night.

Sanford.

On a flying trip to Sanford, Wednesday, the 9th inst., I found the Fayetteville District Mission Institute assembling. With P. E. Hurley in the chair, Brown as recorder, and Lee, of Brazil, as supervisor, and a host of preachers to help Hurley talk, things were lively. The Orphanage man got in a word by substitution. He, the Orphanage man, hated to leave them so hastily, and regretted to tear himself away so soon from the sweet home they had provided for him, with Brother and Sister Hunter.

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FIRST ROUND.

Currituck, at Asbury, March 5, 6
Columbia, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Pasquotank Circuit, Mount Herman, March 19-20
Elizabeth City, First Church, March 20
Hertford Circuit, Anderson's, March 27, 28
Edenton (night), March 27
Perquimans Circuit, New Hope, April 2, 3
City Roads (Elizabeth City), April 3
North Gates, at Hebron, April 8
Gates, at Zion, April 9, 10
Hatteras, at Cape, April 16, 17
Kennekeet, at Clarkes, April 18
Roanoke Island, April 20
Camden, at Trinity, April 23, 24
Moyock, at Moyock, April 24, 25
Currituck, April 30, May 1
Dare, at Stumpy Point, May 7, 8
Kitty Hawk, at Colington, May 10
Columbia, May 14, 15
Roper, May 21, 22
Plymouth, June 4, 5

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Fifth Street, Feb. 28
Market street, March 6
Bladen Street, March 6
Jacksonville, March 12, 13
Bladen Circuit, Center, March 19, 20
Southport, March 27, 28
Wilmington, Zion, April 1
Waccamaw, Zion, April 2
Shallotte, Sharon, April 9, 10
Town Creek, Zion, April 16, 17.
Clinton, Kendall, April 22
Kenansville, Wesley, April 23, 24
Elizabeth, Union, April 30, May 1
Magnolia, Rose Hill, May 7, 8
Carver's Creek, Hebron, May 14, 15
Onslow Quarterly Conference, May 21, 22
Scott's Hill, Union, May 28, 29
New River, Sneed's Ferry, June 5
Burgaw, Wallace, June 11, 12
Grace, June 12

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. S. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Fayetteville, St. Andrews, March 12, 13
Hope Mills, Cumberland, March 19, 20
Cokesbury, Salem, March 26, 27
Dunn, Black's Chapel, Apr 11 2, 3
Haw River, Merritt's, April 9, 10
Elise, Taberna cle, April 16
Carthage, High Falls, April 16, 17
Jonesboro, Mo ris Chapel, April 23, 24
Sil er City, Hickory Mountain, April 29
Pittsboro, Brown's Chapel, April 30, May 1
Lillington, Spring Hill May 6
Buckhorne, Olive Branch, May 7, 8.
Sanford, Jones Chapel, May 13
Goldsboro, Asbury, May 14, 15
Newton Grove, May 20
Dukes, Elevation, May 21, 22
Sampson, May 27
Fayetteville, Hay Street, May 29, 30.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Hamlet, Tabernacle, March 12, 13
Laurinburg, March 20, 21
St. John and Gibson, Gibson, March 26, 27
Rowland, Centenary, April 2, 3
Red Springs, Sowmore, April 9, 10
Robeson, Bethesda, April 16, 17
Aberdeen, Asbury, April 23, 24
Pekin, Bardin, April 30, May 1
Mt. Gilead, Troy, May 7, 8
Montgomery, Ophir, May 14, 15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Farmville Circuit, March 5 6
Greenville (night), March 6
Grimesland and Vaucebore, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Wilson Circuit, Black Creek, March 20, 21
Wilson Station, March 21
Spring Hope, at Pleasant, March 26, 27
South Edgecombe, Temperance Hall, April 1
Fremont, Lebanon, April 2, 3
Rotersonville, Whartons, April 9
Washington, April 10, 11
Bath, Pine own (night) April 10, 11
South Rocky Mount, April 16, 17
Rocky Mount, April 17, 18
Cornucks and Potecasi, April 24, 25
Swan Quarter, Soule, April 27
Matiamuskeet, April 30 and May 1
Fairfield (night) May 1
Bushville, York hapel, May 7, 8
Aurora (District Conference), May 14

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Cartaret, Newport, March 5, 6
Atlantic, Atlantic, March 11, 12
Straits, Summerfield, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Mt. Olive and Faison, Mt. Olive, March 19, 20
Goldsboro Circuit, Daniels, March 26, 27
St. Paul March 27
Jones Circuit, Oak Grove, April 2, 3
Cunenary, April 3
Craven Circuit, Pleasures, April 9, 10
Kinston, April 10, 11
Pamlico, Barnes, April 16, 17
Oriental, South Creek, April 23, 24

DURHAM DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Hillsboro, McTyeire, Feb. 27, 28
Milton Cunningham, March 5, 6
Chapel Hill, March 13, 14
Durham, Trinity Church, March 20, 21
Carr Church and Branson, March 20, at night

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Kenly, Buckhorn, March 5, 6
Wakefield, March 6
Tar River, Kittrell, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Edenton St., March 19, 20
Selma, Saunders Chapel, March 26, 27
Smithfield, March 27, 28
Franklinton, Wesley, April 2, 3
Central, April 9, 10
Youngsville, April 16th
Louisburg, April 17th
Oxford Circuit, Hermon' April 23, 24
Clayton, Mt Zion, April 30th, May 1
Millbrook, Oak Grove, May 7, 8
Brooklyn, at night, May 8
Granville Circuit, May 14, 15
Cary, May 21, 22
Kenly, May 26
Wakefield, May 28, 29
Tar River, May 28, 29

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Roanoke Circuit, Tabor, Feb. 17
Hobgood, Hobgood, Feb. 20, 21
Scotland Neck, Feb. 21, 22
Garysburg, Garysburg, Feb. 27, 28
Henderson, March 6, 7
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 19, 20

SECOND ROUND.

Northampton, Rehoboth, March 26, 27
Conway, Zion, March 27, 28
Rich Square, Lewiston, March 29
Bertie, Castle, March 31
Harrellsville, Van's Grove, April 2, 3
Murfreesboro, April 3, 4
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, April 6
Hobgood, Palmyra, April 9, 10
Scotland Neck, April 10, 11
Wartvston, Warren Plains, April 16, 17
Littleton, Calvary, April 23, 24
Weldon, May 1, 2
Battleboro and Whitakers, McTyeire, May 7, 8
Roanoke Circuit, Ebenezer, May 14, 15
Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, May 21, 22

Marriages

HALL—STUBBS.—At Plymouth, N. C., on February 17, Rev. W. G. Hall and Miss Callie Ray Stubbs, J. H. Buffaloe officiating.

BRADSHAW—THOMPSON.—At the home of the bride's father, Mr. W. P. Thompson, February 17, 1904, Mr. George W. Bradshaw to Miss Ada Thompson, Rev. N. C. Yearby officiating.

SKINNER—GODWIN.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Rebecca Godwin, Dunn, N. C., on January 27, 1904, Mr. Chas. U. Skinner and Miss Minnie B. Godwin, E. M. Snipes officiating.

DAWSON—SMITH.—At the residence of the bride's father, Maple Cypress, February 3, 1904, Mr. Sim T. Dawson to Miss Lola C. Smith, all of Craven Couty, N. C., P. Greening officiating.

Obituaries

Obituaries containing not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

BARNES.—Stephen D. Barnes, Jr., was born in Elizabeth City, N. C., July 22, 1903; was given to God by his parents, Stephen D. Barnes, Sr., and his wife, Sallie, in holy baptism November 8, 1903, and on December 27, 1903, went to be with Him who said, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me," and "took them in His arms and blessed them." He was sick only a few days, and then joined his granpa in heaven, whence he had gone only five days before. He was a sunny-faced child, with fragrance of promise about him. The parents have consolation in Christ.

D. H. TUTTLE, Pastor.

BROCH.—Isaac Broch, the son of Benjamin and N. M. Broch, was born September 23, 1876, and was accidentally killed November 24, 1903. He joined the M. E. Church, South, at Cypress Creek on Jones Circuit when he was eleven years of age, and continued a consistent member till death. He leaves a widow (a most excellent Christian woman), and three small children, an aged father and mother, one brother and one sister. His death, so sudden, so unexpected, was quite a shock, and he will be greatly missed. We pray that God may bless them in this sore bereavement, and that they may all meet in heaven.

D. C. GEDDIE.

MOSSES.—After a few day's sickness and suffering, Bro. T. W. Mosses departed this life on the 13th day of February, 1904. His death was a sad death to all of us, but we believe from the example that he lived that he is now better off than any of us. He was a member of Goldston Methodist Church, and had been for quite a time, and was found at his post of duty at all times, when not providential hindered. He was also a steward in his church.

He will be missed by the entire neighborhood, and more so by his church, and while it is sad to us, we feel like heaven is his home. The consoling thought is that while he can't come back to us, we can so live that we can go to him. He leaves a wife and four children. They have our sympathy. Grieve not, for God never makes a mistake, and we should all live so that when the end has come it can be said that we have lived a Christ-like life and that is best of all.

W. L. GOLDSTON.

CLIFTON.—John Henry Clifton was born near Rolesville, Wake County, N. C., December 18, 1873, and died February 18, 1904, aged thirty years and two months.

Brother Clifton was converted and joined the church about ten years ago. Since that time he has been a faithful member. He has filled the following offices in the church: Secretary of the Sunday-school, secretary of the church and was a steward at the time of his death.

Brother Clifton was a good husband, father and neighbor. We all miss the once bright face and cheerful words that came from a loving man. The whole community is still under a shadow of breavement. May God send His comforting grace to the bereaved family in great measure, and may we all meet him in the "sweet bye and bye."

N. L. SEABOLT.

ALSTON.—Minnie B. Alston, nee Gilmore, was born December 18, 1881, and departed this life February 22, 1904, aged twenty-two years, two months and four days.

Minnie was converted when twelve years of age under the preaching of Rev. H. G. Stamey, and joined the Methodist Church, in which she lived a faithful member until her death. She suffered for quite a while before her death, but without a murmur. Her's was a most triumphant end. She left the clearest evidence of her future welfare. Her life had been one of consecrated Christian service, showing to the world that she was not ashamed of the gospel she professed.

She leaves a husband, Mr. P. K. Alston, of Graham, and a little child scarce eighteen months old, a father and mother, several brothers and sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

J. C. HUMBLE, P. C.

BROCKETT—Jonathan T. Brockett was born in Camden County, N. C., on January 7, 1846, and went to be with Jesus from his home in Elizabeth City, N. C., December 22, 1903. For a number of years he was a member of the M. E. Church, South, and always loved the services of God's house, especially the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. I never remember to have known any one who seemed more deeply moved at the remembrance of what Christ had done for him. His heart melted at the sight of the emblem of the broken body and shed blood of the Saviour who died for him.

He was in feeble health for four years, and his sufferings were of a most painful and patience-testing character. He stood the test, learning sweet submission to God's will in the trying hours of pain bearing. We witnessed these things. His family have the hope that is born of Christian faith as a silver lining to the cloud of sorrow that is about them.

D. H. TUTTLE, Pastor.

IRONMONGER.—James W. Ironmonger was born in Norfolk County, Va., September 2, 1839, and died November 25, 1903.

Bro. Ironmonger was a great sufferer from childhood. It was not thought he would reach manhood. When the war broke out between the North and South, he heeded his country's call and entered the army, serving, with tottering frame, through the swamps of the Chickahominy, wading often to his picket post. Here he contracted rheumatism, from which he suffered as long as he lived.

Brother Ironmonger was twice married. His first wife was Miss Mary V. Butt, of Norfolk County, Va., to whom he was married the 8th of January, 1868. Six children survive him as the fruit of this marriage. On August 6th, 1898, he was married to his second wife, Miss Maggie Richardson, of New Bern, N. C., who survives him. He was converted soon after the war and joined Denby's Church, in whose communion he remained till his death. Brother Ironmonger was a good man, undemonstrative, but a conscientious, retiring, unassuming Christian. He was strong in his attachments, and kept a roll of his old comrades in the war, of whom he often spoke in the kindest terms. He was a loving, devoted husband, a kind and indulgent father, a good, obliging neighbor, an honest, industrious man. He was useful in the church and the community, and will be greatly missed. He was sick during his last illness three weeks, and although he suffered at times the most excruciating pain, yet he bore his sufferings with marked patience and resignation till death came and he fell "asleep in Jesus."

His body was laid to rest in the burying ground near the old homestead. His spirit is in heaven.

W. V. VADEN.

JOHNSON.—Rev. Joshua Johnson was born September 15, 1822, and died December 11, 1903. Brother Johnson was converted and gave his heart to Christ, and his hand to the church when a boy. That he was in earnest and not satisfied with anything short of the direct witness of the "Spirit bearing witness with his spirit that he was a child of God," his subsequent life proved.

In early life our brother felt called to work for the Lord, and at a Quarterly Conference held at Windsor Church, May 5, 1849, Rev. W. J. Duval preacher in charge, he was licensed to exhort. At a Quarterly Conference held at the same church, October 12, 1852, Rev. Miles P. Owen, local preacher-pastor, and Rev. Jas. Reid, P. E., he was licensed to preach. At the Annual Conference held in Goldsboro in December, 1857, presided over by Bishop Geo. F. Pierce, he was ordained deacon, and from then until a few years of his death, he was a faithful ambassador for Christ.

For nearly fifty years Brother Johnson preached the gospel in its purity and power. He was a revivalist of no mean order, and working together with his pastor when he was present, and often alone in his absence, he held some very gracious revivals and led many souls to the Saviour. Many of these souls preceded him to heaven, and no doubt gave him a joyous welcome upon his arrival. Brother Johnson's mind gave way several years before he died, incapacitating him for work. But even during these years in his rational moments he loved to talk about Jesus and His love.

He was twice married, and the fruit of these unions were five children, four of whom live to mourn their loss. The unusually large number that attended his funeral at Centre Church attested to high esteem in which he was held. May the great host of loved ones and friends follow him as he followed Christ, and at the end meet him in glory.

A. J. GROVES.

Resolutions of Respect

Whereas, the all-wise God has called from labor to reward our beloved sister, Mrs. Sarah Walker Daniel, nee Turrentine, who for forty-nine years was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, it is

Resolved 1. That while bowing with deep humility to the decree of an all-wise Providence, we can but lament the death of one who, by her sweet disposition and kindness of heart, had endeared herself to all.

2. That in her death the church has lost a most valuable member, the community a most worthy Christian friend.

3. That her example should stimulate us to greater zeal, and self-sacrifice, in our effort to promote Christ's kingdom on earth.

4. That we tender the bereaved family our deepest sympathy, and pray they may be sustained by the knowledge that our heavenly Father doeth all things well.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and also that the proceedings be spread on the Sunday-school record, and a copy be furnished the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

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(From the Asheville Daily Citizen of March 5, 1904.)

A legal paper of unusual interest at the office of the Register of Deeds is a deed registered yesterday by Col. Robert Bingham, transferring The Bingham School property to trustees, who, at his decease, will transfer it to a corporation, the stock in which is to be equally divided between his heirs-at-law. By this means the School can go on without legal complications, embarrassments or delays. Col. Bingham retains absolute control while he lives, and is using this method to administer on this very valuable property during his own life-time.

His two sons-in-law, Major R. T. Grinnan and Dr. S. R. McKee, and his legal adviser, Frank Carter, Esq., are the trustees named in the deed.

Major Grinnan has been with the School for more than twenty years, and is vice-president. Dr. McKee was with it for several years, both before and after it came to Asheville in 1891. The Wachovia Loan and Trust Company is made executor of the will of even date with this conveyance, and referred to therein.

About half of the present landed property, all that it had at first, was bonded in 1891 for thirty thousand ($30,000) dollars. Eighteen thousand ($18,000) dollars of the bonded debt has been paid, and the conveyance charges the whole property, now consisting of seventy-five (75) acres and the improvements, which cost seventy thousand ($70,000) dollars, with the remaining twelve thousand ($12,000) of the School bonds, thereby greatly enhancing the security.

In connection with these wise provisions for the future of this famous Institution, it is not amiss to say of its present and past that its area of patronage was never so wide, its income never so large, its equipment never so good, its location and climatic attractions never so fine.

Before the Civil War it could not accommodate all who wished to attend; but in order to do fuller justice to its patrons and its pupils, it declined to increase its capacity. After the Civil War it more than doubled its capacity to accommodate its steadily increasing patronage. Of late it again can not accommodate all who wish to attend, but it again declines to increase its capacity, refusing pupils instead.

Colonel Bingham's age sits so lightly upon him that he will not need a successor for many years to come. When the immediate succession must be provided for, it is well provided in Major Grinnan and Dr. McKee, singly, or in conjunction. Col. Bingham's son, Robert W. Bingham, now of Louisville, Ky., was connected with the school for several years; but greatly to the regret of its many friends in Asheville and elsewhere, he is now so wedded to the legal profession that he will probably not be connected with the School again otherwise than as an adviser.

But Col. Bingham is carrying on the work of his grandfather, and there is no reason why his two grandsons and namesakes shall not carry on the work which he has done more than all his predecessors to make worth continuing; and it may be a matter of public interest that his two grandsons are being reared with this end in view.

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10:30 a. m. No. 108, daily for Goldsboro and all local points; connects at Selma for Wilson, Rocky Mount and all Eastern North Carolina points. At Goldsboro for Wilmington, Kinston, New Bern, N. C., and Norfolk, Va., where close connection is made with Chesapeake Line for Baltimore and all other outgoing steamers.

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Warrenton District.

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Warrenton District embraces all of five counties, and portions of five others; and has about 13,000 inhabitants, 21 pastors, 7,320 members of our church, 585 officers and teachers, and 4,799 scholars in the Sunday-school.

"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." Every man and woman is a part of the white fields where a possible sheaf may be gathered for the heavenly garner. God calls every Christian to be a reaper.

A thousand converts this year is our watchword. Is that too much for twenty-one consecrated preachers and seven thousand members to accomplish? Can not seven save one in twelve months?

Personal work on the part of every Christian is necessary. Pray for your friends and urge them to accept Christ. Who will excel in winning souls—the most glorious work that hearts and hands may know?

Pray in your family. There is no place more sacred than a Christian home, and in it there should be an altar of prayer. Prayer is as important as breakfast. Read God's Word and pray and give God the first place in your thoughts and home. It is a duty; begin to-day.

Great responsibility rests on the superintendents and teachers of our Sunday-schools. Teachers have the love of their classes and can be helpful to them in many ways. Teacher, let me make one suggestion to you. When you go to your class next Sunday morning, tell them how anxious you are for them to be true to Christ, and ask those who are Christians to join you in daily prayer for the conversion of those who do not know the Lord.

I desire to call the attention of pastors and superintendents to paragraph 247 of the discipline which requires every Sunday-school to be organized into a missionary society. This society should meet (not at hour for Sunday-school) once a month, and have a service consisting of songs, exercises for small children, reading leaflets, short addresses on some missionary field or prominent missionary, or other phases of missionary work. This would develop active church workers who would no more think of opposing missions than the church.

If every teacher and scholar in the North Carolina Conference will give five cents at each monthly meeting it will amount to more than thirty thousand dollars a year, or five thousand more than the entire Conference paid for Home and Foreign Missions last year.

The salaries of pastors, and the Conference collections, ought to be paid in full. It would have a fine moral influence on the church, and the church would be an example to all of its members in meeting their financial obligations.

To accomplish this important work it is necessary to begin to raise the collections ordered by the Conference at once, and have Home and Foreign Missions in hand before District Conference.

Every steward should collect the amount due the pastor once a month, or quarter. It will be easier and better for steward, church and pastor.

The debt on district parsonage has been paid and parsonage will soon be furnished. Preachers and people have done nobly.

The pastors are in great favor with the people. More deeply pious, loyal, intelligent members are not to be found in North Carolina, and no people have more faithful, consecrated preachers.

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Religion in the Home.

BY L. L. NASH, HENDERSON STATION.

Home! What tender memories cluster around this word? It brings back to our hearts the thought of father and mother, and brothers and sisters, even when the evening shades are falling along life's pathway, and the family has been scattered, and the home circle has been broken up. But there are unfading memories of home that grow brighter, even down to the end of life's journey. It may be questioned whether the highest type of manhood, and womanhood, can be developed anywhere but in a Christian home.

But what is a Christian home? I shall endeavor to answer this question briefly.

1. A Christian home is a home where Christ dwells with the family. In such a home there is a family altar, where the Word of God is read daily, and where prayer is offered. Bishop Marvin said: "A home without a family altar is a heathen institution." Bishop Pierce said: "I have thought over the matter carefully; I am fully satisfied that it takes less religion to establish a family altar, than it will require to take us to heaven." A family altar is necessary to a Christian home. How can the family hope to have the blessing of God upon it, when He is shut out, and when His worship is neglected? When Robert Burns wrote his greatest poem, "The Cotters Saturday Night," he could not complete the picture without family worship. Burns was far from being a Christian himself, but he was too good a poet not to know that religion in the home is the brightest gem in it. There are no memories so precious as those that take us back to the quiet hour when the family circle met with God at the altar of prayer. When father and mother are dead, and brothers and sisters are scattered, the influence of the family altar will continue to prove a potent influence upon the life of those reared in such a home. Fathers of families, if you have not a family altar, delay not, but begin now, and let not another day pass by without reading the Word of God, and praying with your family. When you begin this holy duty, life will become a new experience, and home will be placed in a different attitude to God. O that all of our people would erect family altars, and keep the incense of prayer burning upon them!

2. Home is a conservator of the work of the church, and no other instrumentality can do the work of the home in preparing the way for the salvation of the young, and training them in the Christian life that the home influence can do. The home influence can make the work of the ministry the power of God unto the salvation of the young, or it can greatly hinder the gospel. Some young people rise above this influence by the grace of God, and are religious in spite of bad example at home. But these are exceptional cases; and there never will be the best results accruing from the work of the church until our homes are made centres of religious life and spiritual power. The Sunday-school depends upon the home in large measure for its best success.

3. A great deal depends on the literature read in the home. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," and as we read, so will we think. Every Christian man, who is the head of a family, should regard it as his religious duty to put into his home the best books and periodicals he is able to buy. If we grow in grace, we must grow in knowledge. The home should be a school of religious thought. The work of the church, and the progress of the kingdom, should be kept prominent before the minds of all in the household and have a chief place in family thought and discussion. Of course this will necessitate the reading of the religious paper. We cannot feel interest in that about which we know nothing. It is not simply our duty to be Christians, but it is our duty to be intelligent Christians. God will not simply hold us responsible for what we know, but for what we may know. We have no right to be ignorant of the work of God in the world, if we have the opportunity of knowing what He is doing. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." No one will do the things that are right unless he knows what they are.

4. Love is the bond that holds the family together. Take love out of the home, and instead of its being the best representative of heaven on earth, it becomes the representative of hell. Kindness and gentleness to all should be cultivated in the home. Here is where gentlemen and ladies are made. The Christian home is the highest school of culture. Without its refining influence, the best school can only turn out a well developed, intellectual boor.

In conclusion, the home is the place where the highest type of manhood is developed.

How Can the Superintendents and Teachers Lead Scholars to Christ?

BY J. T. FLYTHE.

In attempting to answer the above question, I would say that the first thing necessary is a Spirit-filled life on the part of the superintendent and the teachers. No man can lead in a path in which he does not travel, nor will he lift others to a higher plane than that upon which he himself moves. The life of the superintendent and that of the teacher should be consecrated to God's service, and the Christ life so exemplified on all occasions that the scholars may gain confidence in the piety of his teacher and his superintendent, for unless the scholar has confidence in his teacher's piety, all efforts on the part of the teacher to create in the scholar a yearning for true piety will prove futile.

The superintendent may accomplish a great deal in winning the souls of his scholars to Christ, by association and personal talks with the scholars, showing his concern for their spiritual welfare, and learning the peculiar conditions and surroundings of each and helping them to overcome any obstacle and pointing them to Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour and the true source of all help and comfort.

The teacher has an advantage in this that none other has; he (or she) has one opportunity for coming in the very closest touch with the scholars, and making lasting impressions upon their minds; therefore it is essential, as I stated in the outset, that the spiritual life of the teacher should be unquestionable. If the life of the teacher is not consistent, there can be no good effect from it upon the life of the scholar, but rather a tendency to lessen their spiritual desires and interest. There are great opportunities afforded the teacher in the proper teaching of the lesson. No teacher should ever appear before his (or her) class without the lesson well in hand, thorough preparation of the lesson should be made before an attempt to teach it; a few minutes on Saturday night or Sunday morning before Sunday-school will not suffice. Every preparation possible should be made, not with a view to delivering an eloquent and learned lecture for the entertainment of the class, but with a view to bringing out all the essential, vital and spiritual points and applying them in such a way as to rivet them upon the minds and hearts of the scholars, thereby lifting them to a higher life and inspiring them to nobler deeds through Jesus Christ.

Think about it a little. Not great thoughts, great deeds, or great experiences are the most potent agencies in building human character. Trifles make character.

Individual Work to Save Men.

REV. H. A. HUMBLE, LITTLETON CIRCUIT.

Jesus said, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations." (R. V.) This command implies personal contact with the pupil. Again he gave us the force of His example in the cases of Nicodemus and the woman of Sychar. The disciples also were individual workers. Andrew brought Peter to Jesus, Philip brought Nathaniel, Ananias brought God's message of salvation to Saul, and eight years afterward, Barnabas went to Tarsus and brought Saul out of seclusion to Antioch and started him on that long life of usefulness.

Every fully awakened conscience feels this to be a duty. But many Christians try to believe that it is the duty of the preacher, and a few others, but not their own personal duty. Oh, that such eyes may be opened!

There are many advantages in this kind of work as contrasted with appeals to the multitude. The man approached feels the force of the message of instruction, rebuke, warning, entreaty or invitation as he could never feel it were he only one of a hundred or a thousand listening to the same message. In appealing to the multitude the personal element is lost.

H. Clay Trumbull says: "My experience in active service in the Civil War taught me, as I am sure it taught others on both sides in that conflict, that the thunder of artillery was likely to be most impressive, but that the rifles of the sharpshooters brought down more men."

Who has not demonstrated in his personal experience the advantages of this face to face and heart to heart work? What unlooked for receptions of the message, what warm friendships have sprung up by it, and what joy filled the heart of the faithful worker?

The business world has fully demonstrated the value of individual work with individuals. It is their personal contact with men that tells. If insurance companies and wholesale houses persued the methods of the average church they would be forced to quit the field.

Again, the opportunities for individual work are abundant.

The woman will come to the well while the Teacher rests there; Zacchens will be in the sycamore tree when He passes under it; the woman of Canaan will find him in retirement; Paul will find a Lydia at the river side, and be chained to a Roman soldier for years.

Thus the Christian women will have opportunities to speak on the great theme in their homes, the merchant or clerk with the customer, the employer with his employee, the banker in his office, the insurance man when the policy is delivered. Especially does the physician have large opportunities for personal work. Sorrows and losses soften the heart as showers the soil. He is on hand and may readily sow the good seed. The farmer on those Sunday evenings where groups of his neighbors gather and discuss crops, weather and neighborhood news. The Sunday-school superintendent and the teacher have many golden opportunities for this kind of work.

Just think how near you are to an unsaved soul. Have you embraced the great opportunity? If not, do it to-day.

"But there are difficulties." Yes; and there are difficulties in the way of every duty, and every way of success. The chief of these is the Devil, of course. To quote Mr. Trumbull again: "Satan's favorite argument with a Christian is that just now is not a good time to speak on the subject. The lover of Christ and of souls is told that he will harm the cause he loves by introducing the theme of themes just now." And, again: "Never to this present day can I speak to a single soul for Christ without being reminded by Satan that I am in danger of harming the cause by introducing it just now."

Did not the Master have difficulties to overcome in order to reveal himself to the woman of Sychar? Let us see.

First, he was tired. "Being wearied with his journey, he sat thus on the well." Second, the person was a woman, and with a very doubtful character. Third, it was twelve o'clock and the woman would naturally be in a hurry to get back with her water-pot for dinner. Fourth, the prejudice existing between the Jews and the Samaritans. Fifth, the futility of the effort. She was a bad woman. How many times these same difficulties are urged by us as reasons why we should keep silent! Yet, the Master dared not neglect the opportunity, and with ease, from the most natural request, led up to the greatest of revelations.

Likewise did not Ananias present good excuses for not going to Saul's relief? Saul was a daring persecutor. He had done "much evil," and he was clothed with authority from the high priest. Yet God said, "Go thy way, for he is a chosen vessel unto me." To Ananias his case was hopeless. To God he was a "chosen vessel." God knew, and Ananias was never ashamed of his day's work. It matters not how great the barriers to individual work may seem, when God says "Go thy way" there are no barriers, and at the end of duty is God's "chosen vessel." "Better make a hundred failures than do nothing."

Suffer a word of exhortation. If you cannot swing the cradle or manage the reaper, why not glean in the whitened fields?

When God directs you to go out, do you not realize that he is consistent with himself, and has gone out before you and prepared your way? If David had remained under the mulberry trees after the sound of the going in their tops, he would have lost God's company, but following on he kept it. If you would have Christ with you, keep up with Him. He can't adjust Himself to your unfaithfulness. His habitation is the climax of duty.

"Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and cover a multitude of sins."

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and forever."

Henderson Mission.

R. D. DANIEL.

This work is an extension of, and is under the supervision of, Henderson Station. This field is distinctly mission. Missionary appropriation is $700. This mission paid, in addition to the appropriation, $78 last year. I think the prospects are favorable for doing more this year.

The migrating feature characterizing mill people accounts for the fact that more names appeared on the roll than were accessible.

We have about seventy-eight available members. This year we have received by certificate nine members and lost one.

At North Henderson the Methodists have sole use of Company Chapel for religious service. This building is used for school purposes. Have had an encouraging prayer-meeting every week at this point in spite of foul weather. We have a good Sunday-school at North Henderson. Enrolled about one hundred and twenty. Attendance encouraging.

The Methodists built a chapel at South Henderson which was burned by accident about last Conference. We hope to rebuild at an early date. A Building Committee has been appointed. Have arranged to get title to property as required by discipline. We have $204 from insurance on burned building. We shall endeavor to increase this by individual offerings by the friends of Henderson Mission.

We have not lost our organization at South Henderson. Sunday-school and cottage prayer-meetings are held every week in private homes.

Our work has been greatly hindered by the small-pox plague at both points. Hope to be relieved of this soon.

Am glad to say we have some loyal Methodists among our number. I am pleased with the work and its prospects. We solicit the prayers of the Warrenton District.

Domestic Missions.

REV. P. D. WOODALL, S. ROCKY MOUNT AND MARVIN.

There are within the bounds of our Conference charges called mission charges. They are thus called because they are not self-sustaining. They get help from the stronger charges. Some of these mission charges do not pay their preachers more than one-third the salary; some not more than one-half, and others, probably as much as three-fourths. What they fail to pay must come from the Domestic Mission Fund.

It is very important that our self-supporting charges pay their assessments on Domestic Missions early in the year, because preachers serving our mission charges need the money. Failure to do this may financially embarrass them.

Many and blessed results have sprung from these weak charges being helped. Souls have been born into God's kingdom. The gospel has been preached to those in great need of it. Some of our able preachers and prominent laymen are some of the fruit of Domestic Missions. Some of the best material for building exalted Christian characters is found in these destitute places.

To neglect aiding these places is a great sin. No one can doubt, for a moment, that to refuse to give a starving man a piece of bread would be a great wrong. There are in our borders those who are starving for the want of the bread of life. To give it to them we must give our means. If we fail to do this God will hold us responsible. We need to have more fervent charity in this matter. Let us keep before us the fact that our Lord gave a great deal of his attention to the suffering poor.

It is our imperative duty to give to this great cause. Great spiritual blessings will be the result if we will with a true spirit give all we can. Hungry souls are crying for help. God is calling us. Let us not turn a deaf ear, but give as God has prospered us.

Epworth League Work.

BY REV. J. T. STANFORD, RICH SQUARE CIRCUIT.

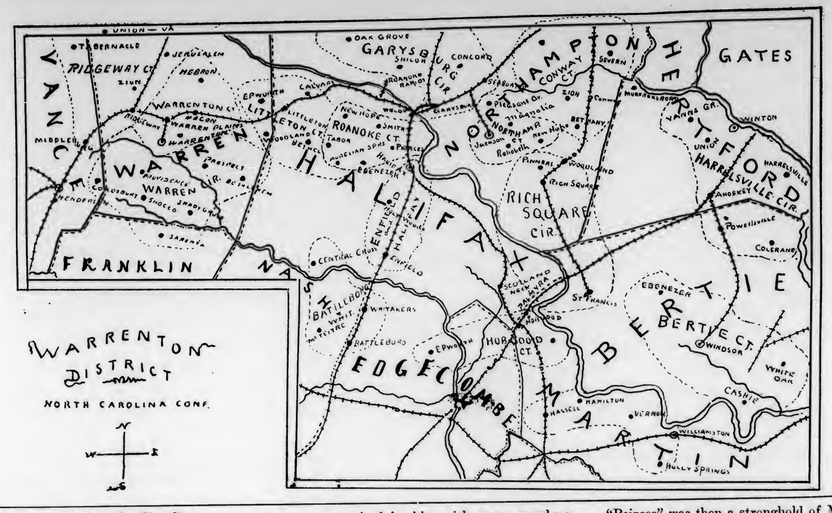
The greatest problem in the material world which has confronted man is the harnessing of latent energy. Steam, electricity, wind and all known explosives have been harnessed and are doing man's bidding. Again, in the State a similar problem presents itself: How can the State best use the latent energy in the individual. Many plans have been worked and some of them very successfully by the State. The church has a like problem in the question: How shall we best use to advantage the latent energy in the church? The above question seems to stir each General Conference from centre to circumference. It was in one of these stirs that the Epworth League was brought to the altar of the church and its name enrolled in our book of discipline.

Since the beginning, the League has been growing slowly but surely. It is fast becoming the spiritual "radium" of church work. It is a well organized society for the building of Christ's kingdom. A few specimens of its work is a sufficient guarantee for its final triumph. The names of its three departments—devotional, charity and help and literary—form a strong Trinity for the uplifting of mankind.

The League embraces the best in all good orders for bringing about the ideal society for man. The Epworth League work has latitude enough to embrace all that is necessary for self-culture and the spiritual development of each individual.

In the League, the pastor finds an organized band of young people ready to be used in the spiritual development of the church, for reading and circulating the best literature, for visiting and caring for the sick, feeding the hungry and clothing the naked. The League is a power in paying off church and parsonage debts and in securing various collections.

In so short an article I can only give an outline of Epworth League work. I have long since learned that the League can, and will, become the right-hand of any pastor.



Memories of Roanoke Circuit.

MRS. IDA T. WILKINS.

Fifty years ago this circuit comprised much of Halifax and part of Warren Counties. There were few churches except Methodist. The Methodist preachers then, as now, were pioneers in spreading the gospel and found a footing wherever possible, so while other denominations had no churches for miles apart in this section, at short intervals would be found a plain little Methodist Church. I remember six within a radius of ten miles of this place. Some of these were built and supported almost entirely by a few families in each neighborhood. Of these, "Pierces" and "Smiths" are an example. (By the way, I have heard that Bishop Smith's ancestors were from just the neighborhood of these two churches.) Of the men who labored here in the past, I would speak.

I would not disparage our preachers of to-day, but to us in the past was given the "cream" of the gospel. The men who rode this circuit knew what the words consecration and service meant, and the people lent receptive ears. The prophet was received as if sent from God, and the rule of our church, not to speak evil of ministers, was rigidly obeyed as far as I know.

I am not quite old enough to remember when Dr. John E. Edwards, a young preacher, traveled this circuit, but one of the earliest recollections of my childhood is the music of an old Methodist hymn, borne out on the evening air from a prayer-meeting, held at my grandmother's, by that sweet singer, Rev. Joseph Martin. That was early in the fifties and comes to me down the corridor of time as a memory of that Godly man. He not only preached but carried the revival fires into the home as well. Penitents were called for and sinners converted around the hearth-stone in the country where these prayer-meetings were often held.

Rev. Robert J. Carson, Presiding Elder of what was then Washington District, was much loved and honored. This district reached from Roanoke River on the north to perhaps the sound. I do not know.

A faithful colaborer with these men was Mr. Edward Morecock, for many years class-leader at New Hope Church. He is still remembered in love by many of our older people. So pure was his life that on the morning of the great meteoric display in 1833 he rose from his bed thanking God that he had lived to see the resurrection morn and went out to the family graveyard to meet the dead whom he fully expected would come from their graves. His wife, who is in her ninety-fourth year, still lives an honored resident of our town.

I would not fail to mention an elect lady, a neighbor of Mrs. Morecock. This was a daughter of Col. Willie Jones, of Halifax, whose first husband was Governor Hutchings Burton, of North Carolina. She afterwards married Col. Andrew Joyner, whose daughter, by a former marriage, was the wife of Rev. R. O. Burton. Mrs. Joyner was a devout Methodist who carried her religion into her daily life.

Another honored layman of that day, and later, was Capt. James Simmons. The church in Weldon was organized by him with seven members sometime in the forties, and a building erected for public worship. That was the only church here until after the war. It was my privilege when a child to hear Bishop Early preach in this church, and remember some one saying of his sermon that "he opened his mouth and the preach poured out."

About the year 1854, Rev. L. S. Burkhead brought to this circuit a fair young bride whose life went out with the dawn of a new life within only a few short months. Then comes to my mind a memory of her sweet face.

At the Conference of 1855, Rev. Jno. N. Andrews was sent to Roanoke Circuit with Rev. M. J. Hunt as assistant preacher. The year 1856 was a memorable one in church history with us. Early in the spring a revival was held in Weldon which was far-reaching in its influence. The saints were revived, sinners scoffed and then tremblingly asked for mercy, and many were added to the church. A prominent worker in this was a son of Capt. Simmons, now Judge J. T. Simmons, of Sardis, Mississippi.

The two preachers soon won all hearts and began to plan for a great camp-meeting to be held at "Pierce's Church," five miles from Weldon, in the late summer. These plans were all carried out. The people came out from their homes and built large wooden tents on three sides of a large hollow square, in the centre of which was the "stand," or place, for preaching. Every preparation was made to entertain the crowds which came to the meetings. These were immense. The services lasted two weeks and over one hundred persons were converted. I remember as many as fifteen ministers being present at some of the services. Many came from the section north of the Roanoke, then in the Virginia Conference. Among those who made a fine impression was Dr. Carter, president of Petersburg Female College.

The meetings started out somewhat coldly, nor was there a change until the preacher in charge in one of his characteristic prayers asked that the devil might be driven from the camp-ground and that the Holy Spirit might come in power. From that time the interest was intense. Sunrise prayer-meetings were held in the morning and often the services were prolonged until late at night with scarcely any intermission.

The expense of these meetings, though necessarily very great, was borne heartily by the people of the surrounding country. Open-handed hospitality was extended to all, and not a collection do I remember.

My mother's and sister's families owned a tent built with three rooms, and passages without doors, which was used for sitting room, an open shelter over long table for dining-room and shack for kitchen. One bed-room was for the preachers and other gentlemen company, one the private room of the family, the other for any ladies or children who might want to stay all night. On two sides of this room a frame work was built on which one continuous bed was arranged. This was generally crowded to its utmost capacity. Uncomfortable do you say? Well, not much, and then think of the love and good will which prevailed.

"Peirces" was then a stronghold of Methodism, but like most neighborhoods in this country, has changed a great deal. There are still a few faithful ones there who are doing good work.

The good Brother Andrews did on this circuit can never be estimated. His hold on the hearts of the people was wonderful. He came back upon one occasion after he had gone from the work and preached in our little church in Weldon. When it was known that he would preach, the people came from far and near. The house could not hold half the crowd, so seats were arranged out doors on one side of the church and he stood by a window and preached from the text—Eccles. 11:9. The effect of the sermon was powerful and it was long remembered.

Neither do I forget one sweet summer's day when Rev. Ira T. Wyche, at the bedside of a dying saint, administered to her the emblems of the broken body and shed blood of our blessed Lord and I, for the first time, joined in this holy sacrament.

Oh! the hallowed influences of a Christian mother; can we value them as we should?

I might mention the names of Thos. G. Lowe, Wm. H. Babbitt, and many others, but like St. Paul again I would say, that time would fail me to give due notice to all the Gideons and Baraks who, having obtained a good report, have received their reward. My mind loves to linger around the memory of one whom we claim as our very own—Rev. R. O. Burton. To him, more than others, is due our very existence as a church in this community during the dark days of and after the Civil War. Grand old man that he was! We are proud that his body rests within the bounds of Roanoke Circuit, where he labored and loved so long. A shaft of purest marble should mark his resting place, and that would be but a small tribute to his great worth and work. Through his efforts the present church building in Weldon was erected at a time when poverty and financial ruin had fallen on all alike. This was dedicated by Rev. Chas. F. Deems, February 12, 1876, and if Dr. Burton loved one church more than another, it was the one in Weldon.

We were then still a part of Roanoke Circuit, and had preaching only once a month, unless, as he often did, he came and preached for us between his other appointments.

In the fall of 1877, there was another great religious awakening in Weldon. Rev. Chas. Cook, of Warrenton, a local preacher, came to us without invitation that I know of, and with no expectation of pecuniary reward, but seemed truly sent from God. He laid no claims to being a great preacher. He had many texts, but after about five minutes' talk they each resolved themselves into a living appeal to a holier and better life. These exhortations, however, were accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and though other and finer preachers came to see and join in the work, it was so evident his duty that he continued to preach during the six weeks the meeting lasted.

The whole town was stirred with religious interest. Crowds came to the services and many were converted. A larger part of these have passed over the river, but there are some who are faithful who will read these lines and remember this as the date of their new birth.

The Holy Spirit in Our Work.

REV. E. E. ROSE, NORTHAMPTON CIRCUIT.

The work imposed by our Lord upon the church is a work that might employ angels. Yet the allwise Master has designed that man should be laborers together with Him in finishing the work that Christ began to do and to teach.

The day may have been when Methodism needed strength numerically and financially, but if this day ever was, it is past, and the crying need of the church to-day, probably as it never was before, is for a spirit-filled and spirit-used church. It is not by might nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord. The opportunities and talents were never more apparent according to what we might have accomplished. From the beginning of our beloved Methodism until now the witness of the spirit has been one of the doctrines which has been peculiar to its life, which has been preached from its every pulpit and experienced by many that have fallen on sleep. The little cloud, first no larger than a man's hand, has lengthened until it measures the horizon of the human family. With the glorious history of the past can we fail? We can and we will fail if we substitute farms, wealth, educations, and members for the work of the Holy Spirit. We need not simply to have seen Christ, but to tarry in prayer until we are endowed with Holy Ghost power from on high; then we shall be witnesses of our Lord unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Our fathers with a ministry and membership not so well equipped as is the church to-day, under brush arbors, in log meeting houses, often heard the shouts of victory, while we, with all our modern machinery, are gaining ground too slowly. To our knees, then, that the Holy Spirit may convict sinners, convert mourners (old style), and witness to us all that we are children of God.

To Pastors and People of Warrenton District.

REV. C. W. ROBINSON, WARRENTON CIRCUIT.

As missionary secretary of the Warrenton District, I beg you to suffer a few words of exhortation from me. Our church registers do not show a very gratifying increase in the membership of the church during the past year, nor does the minutes of the Annual Conference exhibit any great amount of enthusiasm on the part of the church to give the benedictions of the gospel to all men.

Our church under the focalized light of the Holy Scriptures, and of the Holy Spirit, has planned to do something in the cultivation of Emmanuel's land at home and abroad, and hence she has called upon all her people to lay a suitable offering upon the altar for this purpose. And as a district, we want to do our part. It is true that a few of our districts in the North Carolina Conference paid the Home and Foreign Missionary assessments, but where is the district that paid all of the benevolent assessments in full? Some have asked, and others will ask, this question: Is it possible for the Warrenton District to pay every dollar of the assessments? I answer yes; and this is the answer of many to the question. We can pay the entire amount with all ease and hardly know, in three months afterward, that we have cast anything into the treasury of the Lord. To do this will greatly enrich us in mind and in heart, and prepare all for better work in soul-winning. But to do this we must lay these interests on our hearts and consciences, and say it can be done, and that it must be done. And this conclusion will be reached with rare exceptions by all who will take the fifteenth chapter of St. John to guide, and periodically tarry in the closet before God to know His will concerning us. Have you studied the command of our Lord in connection with our own spiritual well being: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." "To obey is better than sacrifice." Have you reflected upon the awful destitution of the benighted nations of the earth? If you have not, I can understand why you are indifferent; otherwise I cannot. We all are anxious to see gracious revivals of religion in all of our pastoral charges; let us pray for this. We are anxious to see the Warrenton District pay all of the assessments in full; let us pray and work for that.

How to Reach the Mill People.

REV. G. D. LANGSTON, ROANOKE RAPIDS AND ROSEMARY.

Having been asked to write a paper on this subject, I would note first some of the hindrances we meet in trying to reach the mill people.

The wives and mothers, who should be first in the mental, moral and spiritual salvation of the children, are, by a train of circumstances, shut out from church work. Their home work is usually heavy, many taking boarders, and they have so little time that they often admit that they have stayed from church until they have no desire to attend. The children, thus neglected, often wander away from home and away from good influences.

Another of the hindrances is the unholy competition of churches, the curse of Protestantism. One church will not inquire if a child attends any Sabbath-school, but "Do you come to ours?" Then small bribes will be given till a spirit of commercialism is begotten in the child to look for the loaves and fishes only. When he finds the church which bids highest for his presence, he calls his friends and tells them he has found the best place to go. The question is, how shall we reach these people?

First, we need a live, wide-awake pastor, filled with love for God and His people. He must not only love the people, but visit from house to house, having a word of cheerful conversation and praying if at all convenient. But he should never call a tired mother from her cooking to read a long chapter and make a longer prayer till the bread burns and the mother's patience is exhausted. He must look after the children, organizing them into Sunday-school Missionary Societies, Epworth Leagues, etc. He must put the young men and women to work. He must be one of his own people, not try to feed them from a "long-handled spoon." He must make them feel that he has an interest in them, personally, and must preach the Word in simplicity and all sincerity. If mothers cannot attend church, if they will not, the pastor must carry the message to them. He must be instant in season, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

The line, mapped out above, is not easy. Sometimes you will knock at a door and fail to gain admission. Go again and again, pray for that home and God will open the way. I knew of a pastor who asked a mother, in her home, if he might have a word of prayer. She said, "No, I have no time to fool with you." Again, he went to that home and was received with kindness. Poor, tired mothers, they need our prayers, our love and our sympathy.

Church Loyalty.

S. A. COTTON, ENFIELD AND HALIFAX.

With the church, as with any other organization, its progress depends on the fidelity of its membership.

It is a painful fact that large numbers of our people do not seem to appreciate the importance of their solemn vows taken at the altars of the church when they pledged their love and service as well as their means. Vows which, if faithfully kept, would promote their own spirituality and greatly increase the efficiency of the church in its blessed mission among men.

God has constituted and ordained the church to reveal the Christ to lost men. How important the mission! What great responsibilities rest upon the church! Responsibilities sufficient for the energies of all the people, and yet too many are ready to forsake the altars of their church on the least provocation. The disloyal member is the burden of pastors and official boards. He is the one man who cannot be depended on; certainly not when duty and the life of the church seem to conflict with his own narrow conceptions of things. Such a man can go to church on the Sabbath day, or he can remain at home. He feels no obligation to be in his place. He pays his assessments, if it is convenient, otherwise his conscience does not trouble him. Sacrifice, for the sake of the church, does not enter his thoughts. If the pastor suits him he pays his assessment, if the pastor has plowed too deep into his life of selfishness he decines to pay his vows. But there are always those who can be depended on to sustain the church. They are the faithful few—the champions of righteousness in every community—men and women who have pleasure in serving the church for the sake of its traditions and because they love the Saviour who bought it with His own precious blood. May their number steadily increase.

Rev. L. L. Nash, D.D. Rev. B. C. Allred.

Scotland Neck.

REV. J. E. HOLDEN, P. C.

Through request, I send the following statement about our church at this place. I want to emphasize the fact that we are not dead by any means. But that we are living at all seems almost miraculous. But few know how dark the shadows and deep the waters crossed. But thanks to Him who said, "The gates of hell should not prevail against his church," we feel that there is a better day for us, and the east is bright with the dawning. We are a unit in our purposes and "the people have a mind to work." There are no old feuds between families that the writer has learned of, and every membership seems friendly with every other, and all in good spirits. We are going to make a mighty effort to pay off a debt on our parsonage this year, raise the assessment in full, add many new-born members to our church and grow in grace ourselves. To this end we ask the prayers and sympathy of every reader. Personally, I am thankful my lot has fallen here. I ought to have said I expect a number of new subscribers to the Advocate, too.

(1) Rev. B. C. Thompson. (2) Rev. J. M. Rhodes. (3) Rev. W. B. Humble. (4) Rev. W. C. Merritt. (5) Rev. C. W. Robinson. (6) Rev. J. T. Stanford. (7) Rev. J. G. Johnson.

How to Raise the Collections.

REV. W. C. MERRITT, CONWAY CIRCUIT.

On account of brevity, this article must be suggestive rather than exhaustive. It is intended as an exhortation to the pastors, instead of the individual membership.

1. Begin early in the year. By this course the church becomes convinced that the pastor is in earnest, and that this feature of the work is of very great importance. The pastor who succeeds in making his flock feel that he means to succeed has made a good start indeed. As a general thing more can be accomplished by repeated efforts, and a little at a time, than can be done by a single effort. The brother who contributes in the early part of the year is just as liable to contribute again at the close of the year, as the one who does not. Giving is contagious; and we believe this applies as to frequency as well as otherwise. The possibility of bad health, short crops, and unsold products, should warn the pastor that it is unsafe to wait, and, therefore, his only safety is to work now. With faith in God, confidence in the membership, and determination and tact, we believe it is possible for nearly every pastor in the Conference to raise all missionary claims during the first half of the Conference year. If you have been waiting, wait no longer. Begin today. Set your mental machinery to work on some plan this very hour! The fight is on, and Satan will deter you if he can. Few things would please him better than for you to fail.

2. Earnestness should characterize our every movement. A merely mechanical effort is a foredoomed failure; and, it ought to be. Men do not succeed that way in anything now. Inclination begets opportunity. Then approach your subject as though you had no thought of failure. Let there be certainty in your eye, and assurance in the tone of your voice. Doubts invite failure.

3. Furnish your people with plenty of literature. The young, especially, will be quickened to effort by it.

4. Be a praying pastor. Talk to God about it on your knees in your closet; and talk to your constituency about it in their homes, their stores, their fields, and wherever you have opportunity.

"What Shall the Harvest Be?"

REV. W. W. ROSE, WELDON STATION.

We know, in part, what it was for 1903, what shall it be in 1904? In 1903 there were received into our church in the Warrenton District 373 persons on profession of faith. By an examination of the minutes for the past ten years, we find that this was not the worst year nor the best year for the ingathering of souls.

In 1902 there were 489 persons received on profession of faith, while in 1898 there were only 215 received. In these figures we find cause for thanksgiving. God is still with us, and we should be encouraged. The pillar of fire and the cloud still guide us. They also prompt us to ask the question, Can we not do better than this for this year?

With twenty-two preachers in the active work, (10 others preaching occasionally), 7,311 members, and 585 officers and teachers in the Sunday-schools, can we not lead more than 373 people to Christ in twelve months' time? With the large resources at our command I do not believe that we are measuring up to our responsibility on this District. With the thousands in our borders unsaved, holding as we such a commanding position among the people, I believe we can do better than we are doing, and God expects us to do it.

But the question comes: How can we do more successful work in winning men to Christ? It would be proper here to discuss the place of prayer, to speak of the importance of the preaching of the fundamental truths of the Bible by men who heartily believe them and who have experienced their saving power in their own lives, and to exhort our people to repent of their sins in order to prepare the way for the coming of our Lord; but I am commanded to be brief.

There are three things, however, that I must stress.

First of all, we must give the Holy Spirit his rightful place in this work. We must rely chiefly upon Him and seek for power of Him.

Although the Master had had the apostles in training for three years, yet He commanded them to remain in Jerusalem till they were endued with power from on high.

When this baptism came they were ready for service.

The Christian worker needs not only to "have the spirit," but to be "filled with the Spirit." This filling with the Spirit is to be repeated in the lives of God's servants. We are not filled once for all. The power which was given us yesterday will not do for today's work. See Acts ii. and iv., when Peter and his associates were not only filled on the Day of Pentecost but again and again as power was needed.

Second. It is very important for us as a church to keep before us prominently our mission. Our chief work is to save souls. It is very important to build churches and parsonages, to make full collections and to engage in works of charity, but we should let nothing overshadow this supreme work of the church.

Chas. Wesley could write:

"'Tis all my business here below
To cry, "Behold the Lamb."

The early Methodist preachers were men of one work, and this accounts, in part, for their marvelous success. Conditions are different now and we must do work that they did not do, but we should make every thing else secondary to the church's noblest work, the bringing of men to Christ.

Not only is it important that the ministry take this view of her work but the whole church needs to accept this as her supreme mission.

Our Sunday-school workers need to know that God expects them to be soul winners, and not simply teachers of the facts and doctrines of the Bible.

Third. Personal work in winning men to Christ must have a larger place in our plans to save them.

We need to adapt ourselves to the changed conditions about us. This is the day of personal work in political and business circles. We must go to men with the gospel. When we have opened the church and put a preacher in the pulpit, if men will not come and accept our Lord's gospel, the gospel must be carried to them, and, in a certain sense "compel them to come in."

May the Great Head of the Church give us many hundred souls this year as seals to our work as a church.

Our Boys and Girls

Middleton, N. C., Feb. 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—It has been some time since I have written you a letter. Mamma and I have been on a visit to Virginia, and I want to tell the little orphans something about my trip. While there I visited Fortress Monroe, where President Davis was imprisoned, and the National Soldiers' Home near Hampton. It is quite a large place. Has nice buildings and beautiful grounds. The soldiers are blest to have such a nice place in which to spend the remainder of their lives. I also visited the yard of the Shipbuilding and Drydock Company at Newport News. They employ between six and seven thousand men and pay them off for their week's work in twenty-five minutes. I went on board the new battleship Missouri and saw the large twelve-inch guns. Capt. Cowles, commander of the ship, married President Roosevelt's sister.

Will close for fear of the waste-basket. I enclose twenty-five cents for the Orphanage.

Your little friend,
LILLIAN BURROWS.

Laurel Hill, N. C., Feb. 29, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. Papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the children's page. I do not go to Sunday-school for it is not near enough.

I will answer David Britton's question: It was Zaccheus that climbed the sycamore tree, and he climbed it to see Jesus.

Now I will ask one: Who was it that wished not that the Lord was departed from him?

With much love to the orphans.

Your little friend,
WINNIE DURANT.

Snead's Ferry, N. C., Feb. 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. Papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the children's page.

I go to Sunday-school. Our pastor is Rev. J. M. Marlowe. I like him. I am not going to school yet—our every-day school hasn't commenced.

Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died.

I hope to hear again from some more of the cousins.

From an unknown friend.
SADIE PEARL MOORE.

Weldon, N. C., Feb. 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I have just finished reading the little folks letters and enjoyed them very much.

Papa takes the Advocate and I always read the letters before I read anything else.

I go to school, and have to walk about a mile. I lost several days on account of snow and bad weather. The ground is covered with snow now.

Our school will close in April. We are practicing for the closing day.

We have a new pastor this year—Rev. W. B. Humble. We like him and his family very much.

I enclose ten cents for the Orphans.

Your little friend,
LUCY BUTTS.

Union, N. C., Feb. 19, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—We are two little sisters and our ages are twelve and nine years old. We go to Sunday-school every Sunday we can. Our superintendent is Mr. J. J. Hays, and our pastor is Rev. B. C. Thomson, and we all like him fine.

We will answer Mamie Hunley's question: Elijah went to heaven without dying.

Now we will ask one: Who carried away the iron gate?

We will close. Please find enclosed ten cents for the orphans.

Your friends,
MAY BELLE and
HELEN S. JENKINS.

Garysburg, N. C., Feb. 29, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. This is my first letter to the Advocate. My papa is a preacher and of course we enjoy the Advocate. I enjoy Brother Jenkins' writing about the Orphanage. I am going to try to make something for the orphans this year. We came here from Battleboro. I hated to leave Battleboro, but the people here have been very nice to us, and I think we will like to live here.

I saw a letter from Julia Wetherington. I visited her once and I hope I can go to see her again, as I had a very pleasant time.

Much success to the Advocate.

Your friend,
GLADYS JOHNSON.

Herring, N. C., Feb. 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. My mamma takes your paper, and I like to read the little folks' letters.

My papa is dead. I have five sisters and three brothers. I have two sisters at Littleton Female College—one goes to school and the other teaches. I have a brother at the A. and M. College and one sister at Newton Grove teaching.

Our Sunday-school has stopped now. I have been going to every-day school. My teacher is Miss Lollie Sandling. She is very ill with pneumonia now.

I will answer Allen Munsey Sells' question: Moses was one hundred and twenty years old.

Now I will ask one: How old was Joseph when he died, and where was he put?

Your unknown friend.
LUCY HERRING.

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Southern made shoes are finding ready sale in the Southern, Southwestern and Middle States, and are growing more and more in favor.

An order, for a large Southern shoe store, was placed by the manufacturer, from its Boston office, a few days ago, for $11,500, the product of the Ninth Street factory of Geo. D. Witt Shoe Co., Lynchburg, Virginia, for the popular brands of "Dixie Girl" and "Roxie Ward" shoes.

This dealer buys for three large shoe stores and will sell, in the course of a year, from $30,000 to $40,000 of the Ninth Street Factory shoes.

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. B. F. DIXON, Raleigh, N. C.

Officers of the W. F. M. S. of the N. C. Conference, June, 1903-'04.

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Our own District Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Whitaker reports gains in numbers and finances on the Raleigh District. Her full report will be published later.

Last week in noticing the regular meeting of the Edenton Street Auxiliary, an omission was made of the fact that the honor of life-membership was conferred on Mrs. J. W. Evans and Mrs. B. F. Dixon.

Mrs. Grace Scott, who has given years of faithful service to the China Inland mission work, is now in this country. She has been recently in Atlanta; and as she passes through our State on her way to Virginia, the Union Missionary organization of Raleigh hopes to have her in our city for a day or two. She is represented as a woman of fine address and peculiar grace and power as she delivers her message from the people hungering for the gospel in the far East.

A few weeks ago there came a letter from Mrs. E. M. Garner, Dover, Craven County, enclosing an article she wrote on "Patience Under Affliction;" and while there is not room for it in our column, we would like to endorse fully the sweet spirit of resignation, and the unfaltering trust it contains.

She has been a "shut in" for many months, and would enjoy letters—will not some of our sisters write to her occasionally, giving her news of their church work, etc.?

No doubt every Auxiliary followed "Aunt Lucy's" suggestion, and at its March meeting elected a delegate and an alternate to the Annual Meeting at Elizabeth City, April 20-25. Let loyalty to her and her suggestion go still farther: allow nothing to prevent the delegate, or delegates, from attending the meeting.

The Auxiliary that gladly provides a fund for the traveling expense and sends its delegate "rejoicing on her way," will find it money well spent, and will receive "an hundred fold" increase of missionary intelligence and enthusiasm when the delegate returns with all the new plans and purposes for the year's work, and imparts the zeal, interest and inspiration which association with her sisters in the Annual Meeting always creates.

Surely we should take fresh courage and "press with vigor on," as, week by week, we hear the glad song of rejoicing and thanksgiving over success and victory, here and there, in our great missionary cause.

Hear the joyful refrain from Rockingham, the banner District of our Conference Society:

Dear Mrs. Dixon:—The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Rockingham District has held its first District Meeting, and it has been such a success, I want to tell you about it.

Our Secretary, Miss Emma Page, has been one of the best and most faithful Secretaries in our Conference Society.

Though this is the first District Meeting she has held, she has not failed to do her duty to each Society; but by visiting each one, and keeping close personal oversight of them, she has constantly built up the work, until we think we have the best District, and know we have the best District Secretary in the whole Conference Society.

We reached Biscoe on Friday morning, March 4th, and found the most cordial of welcomes awaiting us. Biscoe is a small town, but I never have seen people with larger hearts, or people who more gladly opened their homes to delegates and visitors.

Friday evening Mrs. Frank Page, who is President of the Biscoe Society, and to whom we owe much of the success of our meeting, opened her hospitable home, and gave a most delightful reception to the delegates, visitors and ladies of the village.

The first meeting convened at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning. Miss Emma Page was in the chair. The devotional exercises were led by Miss Mary Pescud, our beloved Missionary to Brazil, and were very impressive and helpful.

After the opening exercises, Miss Emma Page arose and assured us of our warm welcome. The address was responded to by Mrs. Miller, of Raleigh, one of the visitors, in behalf of visitors and delegates.

Reports were then called for. Ten out of the fifteen Societies in the District were represented. Most of the Societies had good reports, and many had grown both in membership and contributions.

The little Society at Star deserved to be called the "Banner Society," for having only four members, the contributions amounted to seventeen dollars.

Aberdeen and Biscoe both deserved great credit for having raised larger amounts than any of the others.

Miss Emma Page conducted the opening exercises of the afternoon session. Her talk was searching and strong, and such an one as will stay with us and make us better women.

A paper on the "Importance of Juvenile Work" was read by this writer. [I am sure it was a good one.—Mrs. D.]

Mrs. Walter Steele, of Rockingham, gave us a very helpful talk.

The remainder of the afternoon was given to Miss Mary Pescud. She talked to us of our work in Brazil, and as she told of the faithfulness of our workers there, our hearts were touched, and we determined to be more faithful in our efforts at home.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. G. A. Oglesby gave us one of his best missionary sermons. As we followed his words, we realized the fatherhood of God as never before, and felt the great love He has for His children.

Sunday evening Miss Mary Pescud again spoke to us, and presented the great need of the gospel in Brazil. We felt the need and longed to send the Blessed Word to those who know it not. When Miss Mary asked for sixty dollars for a scholarship in her school, the women gladly responded, and in a few minutes, very quietly, the money was raised. The scholarship is to be called the Emma Page Scholarship. This money will be raised from year to year as it is needed.

I might add much, but even then I could not tell all the heart to heart talks, the songs and prayers, the new ties of friendship and the many things that made our first District Meeting one long to be remembered.

MINNIE M. WILSON.

Being all fashioned of the same dust
Let us be merciful as well as just.
—H. W. Longfellow.

Woman's Home Mission Society

Please send all communications for this Department to MRS. R. O. BURTON, Raleigh, N. C.

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Home Missions in the Warrenton District.

The Woman's Home Mission Society has five Adult Auxiliaries and one Juvenile in the Warrenton District, with an aggregate membership of 146. These are at Henderson, Warrenton, Littleton, Weldon, Windsor and Milwaukee, on the Conway Circuit.

Each of the Adult Auxiliaries reports boxes sent to our Orphanage, and most of them have taken an orphan to clothe regularly.

They report through our Conference journal having raised during the last Conference year, $480. One Auxiliary in a church, the total membership of which is only 160, has 40 members, with an average of $6.00 per member raised and paid to the local and connectional work during the fiscal year just ended.

It is the purpose of the Home Mission Auxiliary to take the place of the "Local Aid Society," and when this is done the pastors report much helpful service.

The Conference Home Mission Society within the last five years has granted about $200 to parsonages on the Warrenton District, and at the last annual meeting $150 was granted by the General Board.

These are the dry statistics, but they do not count the many ways in which help is rendered both in the local and connectional work. Would that we could claim an Auxiliary on every charge.

MRS. IDA T. WILKINS,
District Secretary.

This is my home District, for Warren is my beloved native county, and these "dry statistics" are beautiful poems to my ears. I feel that all the Districts will join me in joyful congratulations to Mrs. Wilkins and her faithful co-laborers, also, in the earnest hope that this may prove to be the dawn of the day when the Home Mission Society may claim every woman in the District as a member and a worker.

Weldon Auxiliary.

Mrs. Wilkins is too modest to tell that the Auxiliary averaging $6.00 per member is her own—Weldon. The little city on the Roanoke must feel very grateful to these elect ladies for their many good works. I trust their brethren at the bar, behind the desk, in the counting-room, in the press-room, give them hearty sympathy and active co-operation.

A Word to the Brethren of the Pulpit.

Fremont's good pastor has gladdened our hearts with his kind words, and we thank him sincerely. The sympathy and co-operation of the brethren are always gratefully appreciated for the women of the Home Mission Society know that they should be their "towers of strength."

Will not others write of the work in their charges?

Miss Elizabeth Davis, Deaconess.

Warren County has the proud privilege of having given a daughter to the first class of Deaconesses ordained in the M. E. Church, South—Miss Elizabeth Davis. In her errands of mercy she is daily proving herself a living and loving "Sister of Jesus."

This seems a charmed name, for Warren County has, also, given a lovely Elizabeth Davis to the Foreign work, but the pleasure of telling of her belongs to my sister in charge of the W. F. M. S. column.

The Presiding Elder of the Warrenton District.

All Home Mission women rejoice with the fortunate people who have Rev. G. F. Smith as their District Bishop. He is a firm believer in the Woman's Home Mission Society, and will instruct his ministers who may not fully understand its work and worth. He is the originator of this admirable issue of our Conference organ, and we here tender our sincere thanks.

Delegate from Brooklyn Auxiliary, Raleigh.

At the latest meeting of the Brooklyn Auxiliary, Miss Fannie Jenkins was elected Delegate to the Annual Meeting at Selma, April 27 to May 1. A happy selection, for Miss Jenkins will prove an able and faithful representative.

A Welcome Communication.

"We have three H. M. Societies on Fremont Circuit, with a membership of 42. They are all doing good work, but I write especially of the Fremont Society because I know more of it. There are 22 members in the Senior department, and a Mite Brigade or junior department with 34 members.

At their recent meeting Mrs. J. B. Exum was elected President, Mrs. C. C. Aycock, First Vice-President; Mrs. J. L. Hare, Second Vice-President; Mrs. W. M. Darden, Third Vice-President, and Miss Ellen Cutchen, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Third Vice-President has charge of the Mite Brigade, and the little tots may prepare to do some exercising under the guidance of sister Darden. They are practicing now to give a public entertainment, and judging the future by the past, the church will be packed to hear the recitations and songs of the children.

The Seniors have recently given an entertainment to a crowded house, and it was as enjoyable a program as you could get up anywhere. The proceeds were $22.75.

In their monthly meetings they follow the program given in "Our Homes," and spend part of the time in asking and answering the questions in the course of study. I give this fact because I learn that no other Society in the Conference is taking this course of study, and I commend the example to all.

The report for the fiscal year just closed, they tell me, is the best in their history. The dues have been applied as the law directs. Brevard School has been remembered and local interests have been greatly strengthened. A loyal and a royal Society.

I should state that the success of this work is largely due to the untiring labors of Mrs. C. C. Aycock, the retiring President.

Truly,
D. L. EARNHARDT.

I believe that there is no away, that no love, no life, goes ever from us; it goes as He went, that it may come again, deeper and closer and surer, to be with us always, even to the end of the world.—Geo. MacDonald.

WILL IT PAY?

We present to our readers this week the Warrenton District Edition of the Raleigh Christian Advocate.

Rev. G. F. Smith, the Presiding Elder, has labored strenuously in making this edition possible. The preachers and some of the laymen of the District have exerted themselves nobly in the preparation of thoughtful, timely articles which must be of great value to the attentive reader. The management of the Advocate has gone to considerable expense in making this edition worthy of the great section of North Carolina Methodism to whose interests it is dedicated.

The question is, Will it pay? Will the financial and mental expenditure yield a spiritual profit to the preachers and laymen and lay women and boys and girls within the bounds of Warrenton District? We must remember that spiritual life is the main objective point of all church effort. Christ died to make spiritual life possible. Such high appraisal by the Son of God must make it the pearl of great price in the estimation of a praying, working church.

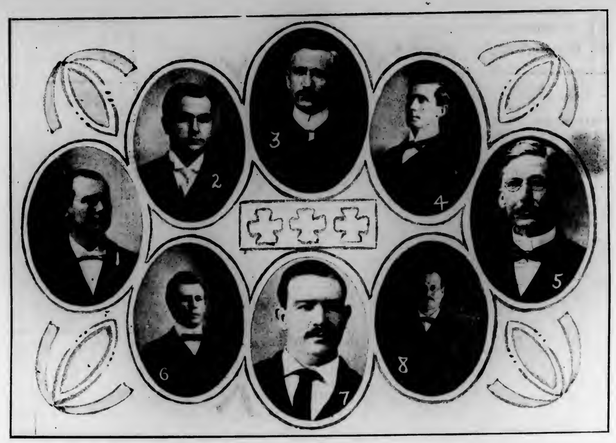
Will it pay? Yes. There can be no doubt of it in the light of the following considerations:

The church paper, as a vehicle of church intelligence increases church love—that is, love for the church which in the present accommodated sense, means love for God. It is an age-old principle that knowledge is one of the foundation stones of love. We cannot love that about which we know nothing. The more we know a lovable thing the more we love that thing. Love is the fountain head of all spirituality. So it can be plainly seen, without the use of any formal syllogism, that the church paper, as a vehicle of church intelligence, is an eminent contributor to the spirituality of the church. The Raleigh Christian Advocate gives the news of the church. Look especially on our ninth page and see if this is not true. It furnishes knowledge of Christian doctrine and Christian activity. Read the many excellent articles furnished by our best men and women. It is simply impossible for any Methodist to assimilate the knowledge furnished by the Advocate without gaining a constantly increasing spiritual robustness. Take your most indifferent church member and place in his hands the Bible and the church paper, and you open the way for him into a place of large spiritual power. A paper-reading church makes a Bible-practicing church, and vice versa. When will our people ever learn this?

The church paper introduces the reader to spiritual companions. Read the first few verses of the First Psalm and then you will be better able to appreciate the significance of the foregoing statement. It is simply impossible to maintain our spiritual life unless we maintain a spiritual companionship. We may have spiritual companions in the flesh. This is good. But what will it amount to as long as we maintain the companionship of worldly worthless thoughts, expressed in the cold type of book and newspaper? We may be forced to have unspiritual companions in the flesh and yet be able to overcome the adverse influence by mingling in the company of good thoughts. No one can take the Raleigh Christian Advocate and associate for one Sunday afternoon for instance with the various writers represented in the columns without rising on Monday morning with a clearer spiritual sky. It is our effort to place in the columns of the Raleigh Christian Advocate no reading matter that is not calculated to mentally instruct and morally strengthen. So in the item of companionship the Advocate is a blessing to the spiritual life.

The church paper is the messenger of Christ in the home. It is the assistant to your preacher. It preaches in type the very gospel which he preaches in spoken words: "My word shall not return unto me void." This is eternally true, and it applies to the word preached through the church paper. The reason why there is such spiritual barrenness in some families lies in the fact that the influence of the preached word heard in the morning is nullified by the worldliness preached by secular papers during the remainder of the day. If the preached word heard in churches were only buttressed by the preached word read in the home, what a spiritual force would enter into the life of the church!

The Advocate this week will go out freighted with an unusual amount of good reading matter, furnished mainly by the soldiers of the Cross in Warrenton District. It will reach hundreds of people who do not take their church paper. Many of them, we trust, will conclude to retain the visitor in their homes. If they should not thus conclude, we feel assured that this one edition will accomplish a vast amount of good. "It will pay."



(1) Rev. E. E. Rose. (2) Rev. R. F. Taylor. (3) Rev. T. H. Sutton. (4) Rev. Rufus Bradley. (5) Rev. G. D. Langston. (6) Rev. H. A. Humble. (7) Rev. R. L. Davis. (8) Rev. W. W. Rose.

The Ideal Steward.

REV. R. L. DAVIS, BERTIE CIRCUIT.

He is first of all a man of solid piety. He is not carried about with every wind of doctrine. He has stability. You can count upon him. His piety reveals itself in his every act. He avails himself of all the means of grace suggested in the General Rules and others offered by the church. Thus he is a Sunday-school member; takes part in prayer-meetings; holds family prayers daily; active in all movements for the salvation of souls, and a strong supporter of his pastor in every good word and work. The golden rule is his motto.

Again, the ideal steward is a student. He understands God's Word as taught and interpreted by our church. He studies our theology; reads our literature; keeps himself posted on the present day history of our church by use of our Advocates and other organs, and patronizes Methodist institutions. Thus he loves our doctrine and discipline, and is ready at any time to preach the one and defend the other. A spirit of charity permeates his life.

The ideal steward possesses both natural and acquired ability. He is partly born and partly made. He is the product of Divine operation and human co-operation. God has given him personal magnetism and mother-wit. Men follow his leadership and they don't know why. Often they follow it and don't know it. He is tactful—a born diplomat.

To these endowments he has added the following acquirements: Promptness, liberality, energy and broad-mindedness. The model steward is found at every post of duty ready for action. His pocket-book has been converted. Not like that traditional brother who wanted to take his out before he was immersed. He looks after the office of steward and the preacher's interest with the same energy he conducts his own successful business. And, above all, does not get out of humor with every man who does not agree with him. The rule or ruin steward is a long way from the ideal.

The Part of the Laity in Revivals.

REV. B C. ALLRED, WARREN CIRCUIT.

The success of a revival depends very largely upon the laity. I have never known a revival of much power in which the laymen did not take an active part. The preacher can not have a revival independent of them. They must be his coworkers and many a meeting fails utterly, because the laymen fail to do their part. The very presence of the members adds much to the success of a meeting. Let the preacher go to his church Monday and find the pews well filled and he gathers inspiration at once. He can preach better; he can sing better, and he can pray better; and their presence also shows to the unsaved that there is something real in religion. A skeptical lady said to me on one occasion: "If there is anything in religion, why don't the members of the church attend these meetings more and show more interest in the salvation of sinners?" Just a word from a neighbor has been the means of many a man's salvation. Another way by which laymen can aid in a revival is prayer. A few consecrated men and women who go to God in prayer are worth more in a revival than a house full of prayerless, wordly minded members. On one occasion I had held several meetings with only a few conversions, and a good man who had attended them would come to me at the close of each meeting with this encouragement: "I think we will have a good meeting at our church. At last I asked him why he thought so, and he said: "We are told to ask and that it shall be given, and there has not been a day since our last meeting that I have not prayed to God to give us a good meeting this year, and I believe He will do it." We had a fine meeting at his church from the first service and many were gathered into the fold. May God impress upon the minds of the laity of this district, that upon them largely depends the success of the meetings this year.

Hobgood Circuit.

REV. D. B. PARKER, P. C.

Hobgood Circuit was formed in 1898, being a part of the Scotland Neck and Williamston and Hamilton Circuits and Tarboro Mission. It consists of four churches—Hobgood, Palmyra, Williams Chapel, and Epworth.

Two of these, Hobgood and Palmyra, are in Halifax County, one, W. Chapel in Martin County and one, Epworth in Edgecombe County. The membership has increased from 86 to 135. A parsonage valued at $800, and a church costing $700, have been built. On these there is a debt of $500.

The charge has gradually increased in membership and financial ability. There are no large or rapidly growing towns in its territory, hence we cannot expect such rapid growth as in more populous centres. Agriculture being the chief industry, we have almost a permanent citizenship, identified in interest with the upbuilding of the material and spiritual interests of the community. We think the future of this field is promising.

Methodist Mention

Ex-Governor Bob Taylor has a new lecture called "Castles in the Air."

The labors of Rev. W. T. Usry, Hamlet Circuit, are being highly commended.

A volume of sermons by Rev. George R. Stewart is just from the press.

Dr. J. D. Barbee, who has been critically ill with pneumonia, is recovering slowly.

Rev. W. L. Watkins is working upon a new and complete edition of John Wesley's Journal.

Bishop Keener, who recently had a painful fall, is still confined to his bed, we are sorry to say.

Dr. J. J. Tigert will preach the annual sermon at the approaching Commencement of Converse College.

The editorial in last week's Nashville Advocate, entitled "Spiritual Selfishness," is a diamond of the first water.

The Missouri Avenue Church, Fort Worth, Texas, has been destroyed by fire. The edifice cost about $25,000.

The Wesleyans of England will complete this month their Twentieth Century Thank Offering, amounting to $5,000,000.

Rev. W. E. Edmondson, who has been retired from the U. S. Navy, has concluded to make Charlotte, N. C., his home.

Bishop W. W. Duncan dedicated the new church at the Epworth Orphanage in Columbia, S. C., on the first Sunday in March.

The Central Methodist, Louisville, Ky., has begun its thirty-eighth annual volume. The Central is one of our newsiest exchanges.

The Board of Education, M. E. Church, South, will hold its annual meeting at the Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn., on April 27.

The stewards of McKendree Church have been offered $115,000 for the site of McKendree Church, but they have decided not to sell.

Instead of "13,000" as the population of Warrenton District, read "130,000." This mistake of our own appears in Rev. G. F. Smith's article.

By the appointment of Rev. C. H. Greer to Pinar del Rio, the occupation by Methodism of every provincial capital in Cuba, has been made complete.

Rev. F. L. Wiseman, so pleasantly remembered by our last General Conference, has a congregation of over 6,000 at Birmingham Mission every Sunday.

Dr. Parkhurst, editor of Zion's Herald, Boston, prophecies that the approaching General Conference of the M. E. Church will restore the time limit.

Dr. G. H. Detwiler, of the Western North Carolina Conference, will preach the Annual Commencement sermon before the Y. M. C. A. of the State University.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the distinguished Englishman, is said to be very active in religious circles. He labors principally in the Methodist chapels of London.

We are glad to note in the last Nashville that its efforts for new subscribers are being rewarded with success. Many new subscribers have been enrolled lately.

The W. F. M. Society Conference for the Rockingham District raised sixty dollars to establish the "Emma Page Scholarship" in Miss Mary Pescud's school in Brazil.

Rev. J. H. Shore is assisting Rev. R. F. Bumpas in a series of meetings at Edenton Street Church this week. Brother Shore preached his first sermon on last Monday night. It was strong, spiritual, and evangelical. We look for a good meeting at Edenton Street.

Bishop Galloway was the principal speaker of the day on the occasion of the celebration of Founders' Day at Tulane University. His subject was "Twentieth Century Patriotism."

One of our Southern Methodist exhanges has a way of speaking laconically and wisely. It, in its last issue, says that it appreciates the many compliments, but that just now it is greatly in need of money.

Bishop Hoss will deliver, at an early date in Memphis, Tenn., a lecture on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. He dedicated Carondelet Street Church, St. Louis, on Sunday, March 13.

The Burlington News has a long article on "Our Friend, Geo. W. Anthony." All the good things said concerning Brother Anthony are deserved. He is one of our best and most useful laymen.

The contract for the interior work and the interior fittings of the Methodist Orphanage has been given. Work will be pushed forward with rapidity, and just as soon as this is completed within, the chairs and furnishings will be put in.

We sympathize deeply with Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Rood in the loss by death of their little boy, Ralph WaldoRood, who died at the age of eighteen months on March 16th. The body was buried at Cary. The funeral service was conducted by Dr. W. H. Moore and Rev. G. B. Starling.

The Warrenton Record says that Rev. J. H. Shore did some faithful and effective preaching in the meeting at Warrenton. The meeting was brought to an earlier close than was expected on account of Brother Shore's being called to Franklinton to officiate at the funeral of one of his members.

We clip the following from the Greensville Reflector: Last night's union services in the Presbyterian Church were well attended and very interesting. Rev. Mr. Hornaday preached from the text, "As many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God." There were several requests for prayer.

It was our pleasure to fill the appointment of Rev. G. R. Rood at Pleasant Grove on the Millbrook Circuit last Sunday. It is always a pleasure to ride behind the fine horse of Mr. Ed. House. We met a large and appreciative congregation and were privileged to spend a pleasant hour in the home of Mr. H. W. House.

Mrs. W. J. Lumsden, of Elizabeth City, N. C., desires all delegates to the Conference of the W. F. M. Society of the North Carolina Conference which meets in Elizabeth City in April, to send her their names so that homes may be assigned to them. She desires the names also of the District Secretaries who expect to attend.

Lieutenant-Governor W. D. Turner, being a Methodist by inheritance and profession, is always interested in the Raleigh Christian Advocate. We very highly appreciated his call at the office when he was in Raleigh last week. As lawyer and public official, he has a great many friends all over the State who greatly admire his qualities of head and heart.

We take pleasure in presenting to our readers this week the pictures of most of the preachers of Warrenton District. We regret that the late arrival of some of the photographs prevented us from grouping all of them as we desired. The Presiding Elder was very active in securing for us the photos of the preachers. We retaliate by printing his handsome face on the front page—something that he was not expecting. But our readers will not suffer.

The literary societies of Trinity College have arranged to hold an inter-society debate May 6th. The subject for debate will be: "Resolved, That the history of labor unionism for the past twenty years has shown a predominating tendency favorable to the best interests of the United States." The Columbian Society will be represented by Messrs. E. F. Lee and C. J. Harrell; the Hesperian Society by Messrs. E. O. Cole and C. R. Warren.

Publisher's Column

THE WARRENTON DISTRICT SPECIAL.

Several weeks ago, Rev. G. F. Smith, P. E., requested us to get out a special edition of the Advocate for the Warrenton District. This we have been glad to do, and we hope that we may issue a special edition for each District in the Conference during the year, if the Presiding Elders and preachers so desire.

Of course, it entails upon us extra labor and expense, but we feel confident that every department of work in each District will be helped by a special edition.

We publish extra copies of the Warrenton District Special this week, and we trust that every Methodist family in the Warrenton District may be visited by a copy.

We feel sure that every preacher in the District will make extra effort to send in a large number of new subscribers through the issuance of this special edition.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The Conference has requested each District to furnish 150 new subscribers by May 1, 1904. The report for each District will be made weekly in this column. The District reporting the largest number of new subscribers by May 1, 1904, will receive a present not costing less than $25.00, to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

The following new subscribers have been received since March 16, 1904:

B. C. Glover	22
Rev. J. M. Lowder	9
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Rev. N. E. Coltrane	6
Rev. W. C. Merritt	6
Rev. N. H. D. Wilson	5
Rev. W. F. Craven	4
Rev. E. E. Rose	4
Rev. T. J. Dailey	4
Rev. A. L. Ormond	3
Rev. T. A. Smoot	3
Rev. C. M. Lance	2
Rev. J. C. Humble	2
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Rev. B. E. Stanfield	2
Rev. A. B. Haltom	2
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Rev. J. H. Shore	1
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Rev. J. Y. Old	1
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Rev. R. H. Whitaker	1
Rev. F. D. Swindell	1
Rev. H. M. North	1
Direct	3

The following shows how many new subscribers have been received from each District since December 1st:

Washington District	82
Raleigh District	81
Rockingham District	71
Fayetteville District	70
Warrenton District	58
Durham District	56
New Bern District	46
Wilmington District	37
Elizabeth City District	37

Washington District takes the prize this week, climbing from fifth position to first. Warrenton moves up to fifth place above Durham which moves down one. Wilmington and Elizabeth City keep their places at the bottom. Watch out for them next week. The campaign is moving forward nicely. We expect Warrenton District to send in three hundred as a result of the special issue. The preachers and laymen are working hard. We thank them one and all.

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I Will Think About It.

He who labors personally to win souls to Christ often hears the statement, "I will think about it." This is but another way of saying "not now." We should show the person that he has already all the information he needs to come to an intelligent decision, and that thinking about it will bring him no nearer to Christ than now. All he needs to know is that he is lost and that Christ is the only Savior. These two things he knows already, and all that remains for him to do is to turn with hearty repentance and true faith to Christ. Show him that all the thinking he can do will not make decision any easier, and that a continued rejection of Christ will surely make it harder. One moment of decision accomplishes more than thirty or forty years of thinking about becoming a Christian.

Never tell a man to go home and think about becoming a Christian. Bring him face to face with the fact that he is a lost sinner, and urge his accentance of Christ then and there. People make a great mistake in thinking they can be saved when they please. They can be saved only when God chooses to save them. Now is God's time, not tomorrow.

In the Right Spirit.

How often we block our way in almost every useful endeavor by the spirit exhibited in the very act. How few of us lend a helping hand in a way that makes the recipient feel that he has conferred on us a great favor by allowing us to do him a kindness. In the main, we make him feel that it is a condescension on our part, and that we are conferring a great favor on him until he wishes he had never accepted anything at our hands.

How much good we might do if we had less of self and more of Christ. From the pulpit down often so much of self is seen that men are made to feel resentful toward all so-called Christian effort. Men sometimes think of us as hirelings laboring with hope of reward, rather than ambassadors of the Christ, impelled by the spirit of loving service. We sometimes speak of the glorious truths of the Gospel in such a way as to make the impression that we have no personal experience of those truths in our own souls.

Let the love of the Master, in all its persuasiveness, be manifested in every word and act of our being. Let every Epworthian see to it that he is filled with the spirit of the Master, and that, at least, in part, the motive which filled our Savior, that of lifting up fallen humanity, be the mainspring of all Christian endeavor. Let us seek the praise of the Master, not that of men. Let us fear lest after we have labored and toiled we shall be among them to whom the Lord shall say on "that day," "Depart ye workers of iniquity for I know you not." I am persuaded that much of our work for the Master is carnal, and if so, where is our reward?

A Difference.

It would be laughable if it were not so pitiable: the weak comparisons some draw between one man's public effort and another's. Mere whims of capricious minds are often the standard, and not a reasonable sensible estimate.

One man's voice and manner are more pleasing to us than another's, and these are made the bases of comparison by the ignorant, regardless of the thoughts expressed. Airy nothingness and shere nonsense if pleasingly said are complimented by them while sensible utterances are discounted if voice or manner is not so pleasing.

Let Epworthians who participate in meetings strive first to find something to say worth saying, and then make their delivery as attractive as possible.

No Time for Individuals.

Julia Ward Howe once wrote to an eminent Senator of the United States in behalf of a man who was suffering great injustice. He replied: "I am so much taken up with plans for the benefit of the race that I have no time for individuals." She pasted this into her album, with this comment: "When last heard from our Maker had not reached this altitude." "If we have no interest in individuals," says one commenting on this connection, "then we have no real interest in Christ, and he who waits till he can save many souls will never save one."—Selected.

A BOY'S WILD RIDE FOR LIFE.

With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, 18 miles, to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, W. H. Brown, of Leesville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma; but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds and Grip prove its matchless merit for all Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free at all drug stores.

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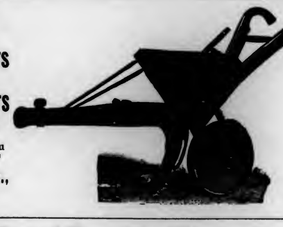

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Sunday School

Lesson for March 27, 1904.

Review.

Golden Text.—And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness. (Matt. 4:23.)

1. The Boyhood of Jesus.—An ideal boyhood is portrayed in the words of Luke concerning Jesus, which tells us that Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Let us direct the attention of every growing boy to the example of Jesus Christ as the one perfect pattern.

2. The Preaching of John the Baptist.—The great burden of John's message was a call to repentance. To every class of people he made the same appeal, urging them to forsake their sins, and bring forth fruits meet for repentance. The world needs to-day the same earnest call as was uttered by John the Baptist.

3. The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus.—From the baptism of Jesus we learn the lesson of implicit obedience to our heavenly Father's will. From his temptation we learn the blessed truth that he, having been tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin, knows how to sympathize with us perfectly in every time of trial.

4. Jesus Rejected at Nazareth.—The rejection of Jesus at Nazareth is a warning against the peril of knowing Jesus as an historical character without accepting him as our personal Saviour. There are many at the present day who are treating the Saviour with as great contumely as those who thrust him out of the city of Nazareth.

5. Jesus Calls Four Disciples.—It was an exalted privilege which Andrew, Peter, James and John enjoyed, namely, that of being the personal disciples of Christ. We also have a high responsibility, for we are all called to be fishers of men. May God enable us rightly to win souls for the Master.

6. A Sabbath in Capernaum.—We may regard the Sabbath which Jesus spent in Capernaum as furnishing an indication of how Jesus spent all his Sabbaths. We may find in it also an illustration of the way in which we ought to spend all our Sabbaths.

7. Jesus Forgives Sin.—Sin is a universal malady. Jesus is the great Physician, who stands ready to heal our souls, if we come to him in faith, believing, as did the paralytic of old.

8. Jesus and the Sabbath.—In this lesson we have further light upon the way in which the Sabbath should be observed. Jesus emphasizes the need of being in the right spirit, and lays down as a universal principle that it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath.

9. Hearers and Doers of the Word.—The culmination of the Sermon on the Mount is found in the practical teaching that, to be saved, we must be doers as well as hearers of the Word.

10. Jesus Calms the Storm.—There is a beautiful suggestion in this incident. Human life is full of storms, but Jesus can still the fiercest tempest that ever beat upon a human soul, and bring us at last into a haven of peace, if we will only entrust ourselves to his care.

11. Death of John the Baptist.—History is full of instances of marvelous fortitude in duty. The death of John the Baptist furnishes a shining illustration of devotion to righteousness, which should nerve and stimulate us all to noble endeavor.

12. Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand.—It was a wondrous act of power to feed the multitude as Jesus did, while he was here upon the earth. But still more wonderful is his abiding provision for the needs of all humanity, to whom he offers himself as the true Bread of Life.

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The conviction grows on me that there should be a very decided and intense spiritual life in every school. The advantages of it are very de-

Rev. J. E. Holden.

cided; they are many. The disadvantages come only of poor judgment and misguided religious enthusiasm. With a conservative and well-balanced management nothing but good can come of an intense religious life in school; and the good results that may be the outcome of such a life are incalculable.

There is no other period in life when young people so readily imbibe error. A true and earnest spiritual life in school helps greatly in the work of forming correct views, correct views of God, of the Bible, of life and love. There is no other time when the young are so much in need of such guiding and moulding influences as will shape their lives aright. The Christ life kept warm and ardent supplies just this need and does it as nothing else can.

One of the most considerable advantages that come as the result of an earnest and decided Christian life in school is elevation of purpose; high aims make high character and both are the direct results of an earnest and consistent Christian life. One who is held up to the level of high things and in close daily touch with the best qualities of the spiritual life for a few years during her formative period learns to live upon a high plane and is not easily satisfied with a lower life.

Fullness and broadness are thus developed. One of the prejudices against religion in our schools has been born of the erroneous conception that it begets narrowness; this is a great mistake. Narrowness can not come of living close to Christ. If an earnest Christian is narrow the contraction comes not of his spiritual life but from some other source.

A large part of the error that creeps into church life comes from two classes almost exclusively: people that have not been educated or those who have been educated in schools that were without Christ. One is never narrow by the aid of the Christ life; he may be in spite of it.

My observation and experience have both taught me that the worldliness of a worldly school has a much more baneful influence upon a young girl than that of a worldly home; hence our strenuous and endless endeavors to reach for the highest and best, and to have our pupils live as far away from the world and as near to Christ as possible.

There is not a greater need in the church today than that of trained Christian workers and there is no place where this work can be so successfully done as in the Christian school. There is therefore the closest relation existing between the Christian life and our educational work.

The Preacher and the Parsonage.

REV. J. G. JOHNSON, GARYSBURG, N. C.

Of the one hundred and sixty-six charges in the North Carolina Conference there are thirty-three, with several districts, which do not have a parsonage. The Warrenton District, with nineteen of its twenty charges, has parsonages. This is a good district, and is taking good care of all of its preachers but one.

To provide, equip, and care for the preacher's home is an important item in our church life and work. Parsonage conditions often affect very seriously the usefulness of the preacher in his work as preacher and pastor.

A building which does not properly protect from the cold, scantily furnished, with inside walls broken and dirty, the outside and surroundings with a tumbled-down appearance, no spare room where the preacher can be alone for study and meditation, and in an isolated location where the wife and children do not have proper protection in his absence, are conditions which do not help and inspire the preacher to his best service, especially when he first moves in.

Questions of location are often difficult. A house is not so easily shifted from place to place as was Abraham's tent. Responsibility, however, for these and some other things often rests largely with the preacher. Only men and women of extraordinary zeal and faithfulness will exercise themselves in this work when the preacher who is to be helped is indifferent and renders no assistance. That the preacher is called to minister in spiritual things does not excuse his neglect of these essentials on the material side.

In every permanently established charge are to be found a number of godly men and women, who, with the leadership of an enterprising preacher and a faithful wife, will provide, keep clean and in good repair the home of the preacher.

We do not need fine buildings, with rich and costly furnishings, but the parsonage should stand in the community a model of comfort, neatness, and cleanliness, inside and outside.

Consecration.

REV B. F. TAYLOR, BATTLEBORO AND WHITAKER'S CIRCUIT.

According to Mr. Webster's definition of the word, consecration means an act or ceremony of separating from a common to a sacred use, or dedicating a person or thing to the service and worship of God.

All truly consecrated persons will act in practical obedience to the will of God. Christ was truly and thoroughly consecrated to his Father's will which was clearly shown in his intercessory prayer in Gethsemane, "Not my will, but thine be done, O Lord." And through this perfect obedience to God, Christ achieved the grand victory over all enemies and became our Savior forever. Therefore perfect obedience to the will of God is necessary in order for us to be a disciple of Christ. (Luke 9:23.) If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Self-denial is the great underlying element in consecration to the service of God.

Consecration also requires us to separate the evil from the good and practice only the good and do the right, therefore Christ says in Mat. 6.24: "No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

When all our people become thoroughly consecrated to God and His service, then men will become convinced that we are the people of God and not of the world. A consecrated man will shun the very appearance of evil, and come out from among them, and "be separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you." (1 Cor. 6:17.)

No truly consecrated man to the service of God will go around with the fumes of intoxicating liquors on his breath, and a deck of cards in his pocket, especially in the presence of his mother, wife or children, nor anywhere else as to that. Neither will he be a frequenter of the ball-room, gambling dens, or places of ill-fame. Nor will he carry the poison of hatred, wrath, strife, heresies, envyings and drunkenness in his heart or appetite. But the truly consecrated man will bear the fruits of the Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faithmeekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

All our churches and church property should be consecrated solely to the service of God. We have no right to desecrate them by using them for any other purpose. All Methodists should use our Methodistic principles for the glory of God. Therefore, let us cherish them in our hearts, practice them in our homes, churches and communities. Then we will be better able to teach the "transgerssor thy ways and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

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Gardening at Last, Etc.

The first seeds were put in the ground in our garden to-day, March 17. Spring salad, collards and mustard, beets, English peas and lettuce were sowed and silver skinned onions planted; Irish potatoes also; cabbages will follow. Our salad onions are promising. By the by, we had a funny thing to happen yesterday. Some of our onions were cooked in the field. We were burning the leaves near the garden to kill the potato bugs, when lo, the fire got among those ordoriferous esculants, as Dr. Ivey would say, and cooked them limp and loud. The leaves had blown in from the woods.

We are feasting on hogs jaw and turnip salad now. If we just had the butter milk we would be feasting on the food of the gods. But our bovine kind of the feminine gender are not yielding much of the lacteal fluid, so oleaginous matter for the festive board is very scarce. A fresh cow would do as good as a dose of medicine.

A Word to the Working Sunday Schools.

Of the large number of our Sunday-schools that have promised to support an orphan, by sending us $5.00 per month, not one-third of them have paid anything this year. Some of them have not paid up yet for last year. If they would pay monthly or quarterly it would greatly help us. That would relieve us largely of our current expenses. These have to be met monthly. Our store bills must be promptly met. It is best for the schools to pay as they go also. They will enjoy it more. Those that pay most enjoy it most, and are most blessed. Lumberton is at the head of the list $9.31 this month, Grifton next. Brothers Pitman and Kean never tire of telling how much good it does them. So many of our schools, some of our strongest, are losing this blessing. Will not the Superintendents give them a chance? Organize, brethren.

Elizabeth City.

Elizabeth City is a hustling town. The suppression of the whiskey traffic does not seem to have impeded its progress. The improvements are marked, since I was there last. The Methodist Church is keeping time in the forward march. Our preachers there are the men to keep it to the front. D. H. Tuttle and H. M. North are a team. They will do things if they have to pull off their coats to do it. The building of City Roads was a move in the right direction. I have long advocated that method. There ought not to be any city mission churches. Let the large ones divide and set up for themselves at once. It will help the old church. Five talks on that Sunday made it a little lively for this Orphan Boy.

Sister Fearing, who keeps the best boarding house in town, kindly cared for me during my stay, except a night, a spent in the sweet home of Bro. W. J. Woodley. "Betsy" is a coming city. The railroad will be in operation soon.

The Washington District Conference.

The Washington District Conference will be held at Aurora, N. C., from May 11th to 16th, inclusive. The opening sermon will be preached at 11 o'clock, Wednesday morning, May 11th, by Rev. T. E. Thompson, of Washington, N. C.

Monday, May 16th, will be devoted entirely to Missions, and practical questions regarding this cause in our District will be discussed.

Committees of examination: For license, D. L. Earnhardt, W. Y. Everton and J. M. Benson; for orders and recommendation, W. S. Rone, R. C. Craven and W. H. Kirton.

The pastors will please prepare brief, written reports of their charges on subjects named in the Discipline, and have their Quarterly Conference records present for inspection.

The duration of the Conference, as indicated, is made necessary because the boat returns from Aurora to Washington only Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and goes to Aurora only Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. To return Thursday would mean no District Conference. To return Saturday would mean to remain in Washington all day Sunday, or travel on a Sunday train, which is a deliberate desecration of the Sabbath. Hence the brethren of the District north and west of Washington will please arrange to arrive there Tuesday evening, May 10th, take the boat for Aurora Wednesday morning, and remain there till Tuesday morning, May 17. Let us all come together with one mind to confer in a spirit of prayer and love for the glory of God and the good of mankind.

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Currituck, at Asbury, March 5, 6
Columbia, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Pasquotank Circuit, Mount Herman, March 19-20
Elizabeth City, First Church, March 20
Hertford Circuit, Anderson's, March 27, 28
Edenton (at night), March 27
Perquimans Circuit, New Hope, April 2, 3
City Roads (Elizabeth City), April 3
North Gates, at Sebron, April 6
Gates, at Zion, April 9, 10
Hatteras, at Cape, April 16, 17
Kennekeet, at Clarkes, April 18
Roanoke Island, April 20
Camden, at Trinity, April 23, 24
Moyock, at Moyock, April 24, 25
Currituck, April 30, May 1
Dare, at Stumpy Point, May 7, 8
Kitty Hawk, at Colington, May 10
Columbia, May 14, 15
Roper, May 21, 22
Pantego and Belhaven, May 28, 29
Plymouth, June 4, 5

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Fifth Street, Feb. 28
Market Street, March 6
Bladen Street, March 6
Jacksonville, March 12, 13
Bladen Circuit, Center, March 19, 20
Southport, March 27, 28
Waccamaw, Zion, April 11
Whiteville, Chadbourn, April 2, 3
Shallotte, Sharon, April 9, 10
Town Creek, Zion, April 16, 17
Clinton, Kendall, April 22
Kenansville, Wesley, April 23, 24
Elizabeth, Union, April 30, May 1
Magnolia, Rose Hill, May 7, 8
Carver's Creek, Hebron, May 14, 15
Onslow Queen's Creek, May 21, 22
Scott's Hill, Union, May 28, 29
New River, Snead's Ferry, June 5
Burgaw, Wallace, June 11, 12
Grace, June 12

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FIRST ROUND.

Carteret, Newport, March 5, 6
Atlantic, Atlantic, March 11, 12
Straits, Summerfield, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Mt. Olive and Faison, Mt. Olive, March 19, 20
Goldsboro Circuit, Daniels, March 26, 27
St. Paul, March 27
Jones Circuit Oak Grove, April 2, 3
Centenary, April 3
Craven Circuit, Tuscarora, April 9, 10
Kinston, April 10, 11
Pamlico, Barnes, April 16, 17
Oriental, South Creek, April 23, 24

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SECOND ROUND.

Fayetteville, St. Andrews, March 12, 13
Hope Mills, Cumberland, March 19, 20
Cokesbury, Salem, March 26, 27
Dunn, Black's Chapel, April 2, 3
Shaw River, Merritt's, April 9, 10
Elliss, Tabernacle, April 15
Carthage, High Falls, April 16, 17
Jonesboro, Melvin Chapel, April 23, 24
Siler City, Hickory Mountain, April 29
Pittsboro, Brown's Chapel, April 30, May 1
Lillington, Spring Hill, May 6
Buckhorne, Olive Branch, May 7, 8.
Sanford, Jones Chapel, May 13
Goldsboro, Asbury, May 14, 15
Newton Grove, May 20
Dukes, Elevation, May 21, 22
Sampson, May 27
Fayetteville, Hay Street, May 29, 30

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Hamlet, Tabernacle, March 12, 13
Laurinburg, March 20, 21
St. John and Gibson, Gibson, March 26, 27
Rowland, Centenary, April 2, 3
Red Springs, Greenwood, April 9, 10
Robeson, Bethesda, April 16, 17
Aberdeen, Asbury, April 23, 24
Pekin, Sardis, April 30, May 1
Mt. Gilead, Troy, May 7, 8
Montgomery, Ophir, May 14, 15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Farmville Circuit, March 5 6
Greenville (night), March 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Wilson Circuit, Black Creek, March 20, 21
Wilson Station, March 21
Spring Hope, Mt. Pleasant, March 26, 27
South Edgecombe, Temperance Hall, April 1
Fremont, Lebanon, April 2, 3
Robersonville, Williamston, April 9
Washington, April 10, 11
Bath, Pinetown (night) April 10, 11
South Rocky Mount, April 16, 17
Rocky Mount, April 17, 18
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, April 24, 25
Swan Quarter, Souls, April 27
Mattamuskeet, April 30 and May 1
Fairfield (night) May 1
Nashville, York (night), May 7, 8
Aurora (District Conference), May 14
Farmville, Bethlehem, May 21, 22
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Salem, May 28, 29
Greenville, night, May 29
Bethel, Shiloh, June 4, 5
Tarboro, at night, June 5

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Hillsboro, McTyeire, Feb. 27, 28
Milton Connally's, March 5, 6
Chapel Hill, March 13, 14
Durham, Trinity Church, March 20, 21
Carr Church and Branson, March 20 at night
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, March 26, 27
Burlington Station, March 28, 28
Durham Circuit, Fletcher's Chapel, April 2, 3
Durham, Main Street, April 3, at night
Roxboro Circuit, at Lea's Chapel, April 9, 10
West Durham, April 17, 18
Durham, Mangum Street, April 18, at night
Leasburg Circuit, at Hebel, April 23, 24
Alamance Circuit, at Lobanon, April 30, May 1
Yanceyville Circuit, at Locust Hill, May 7, 8
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, at Mt. Tirzah, May 14, 15
Burlington Circuit, at Mt. Vernon, May 21, 22

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Kenly, Buckhorn, March 5, 6
Wakefield, March 6
Tar River, Kittrell, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Edenton St., March 19, 20
Selma, Saunders Chapel, March 26, 27
Smithfield, March 27, 28
Franklinton, Wesley, April 2, 3
Central, April 9, 10
Youngsville, April 16th
Louisburg, April 17th
Oxford Circuit, Sermon' April 23, 24
Clayton, Mt Zion, April 30th, May 1
Milbrook, Oak Grove May 7, 8
Brooklyn, at night, May 8
Granville Circuit, May 14, 15
Cary, May 21, 22
Kenly, May 28
Wakefield, May 28, 29
Tar River, May 28, 29

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Roanoke Circuit, Tabor, Feb. 17
Hobgood, Hobgood, Feb. 20, 21
Scotland Neck, Feb. 21, 22
Garysburg, Garysburg, Feb. 27, 28
Henderson, March 6, 7
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 19, 20

SECOND ROUND.

Northampton, Rehoboth, March 26, 27
Conway, Zion, March 27, 28
Rich Square, Lewiston, March 29
Bertie, Castalia, March 31
Harrellsville, Van's Grove, April 2, 3
Murfreesboro, April 3, 4
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, April 6
Hobgood Palmyra, April 9, 10
Scotland Neck, April 10, 11
Warrenton, Warren Plains, April 16, 17
Littleton, Calvary, April 23, 24
Weldon, May 1, 2
Battleboro and Whitakers, McTyeire, May 7, 8
Roanoke Circuit, Ebenezer, May 14, 15
Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, May 21, 22

Marriages

TEER—PICKARD.—On Feb. 24, 1904, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. C. Ross Teer to Miss Lenora Pickard, Rev. N. C. Yearby officiating.

VASSER — MOORE. — At the home of the bride, in Pleasant Hill, N. C., February 18, 1904, Mr. J. B. Vasser and Miss Mary T. Moore were united in marriage. Rev J. G. Johnson officiating.

KING— STALLINGS. — At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stallings, in Durham County, Miss Carrie Stallings and Mr. M. C. King, of Wake County, on February 4, 1904. J. B. Thompson officiating.

NASH—MUSTIAN. — March 2, 1904, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. L. Mustian, in Warren County, N. C., Mr. Richard A. Nash, of Lexington, N. C., and Miss Bettie D. Mustian, Rev. L. M. Chaffin officiating.

HAMMOND — WHITFIELD. — On February 17th, at the bride's home in Lumberton, N. C., Miss Margie Whitfield, of Robeson County, N. C., was married to W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Court of Randolph County, N. C., Rev. Z. Paris officiating.

Obituaries

Obituaries containng not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

MOSES.—Bro. Thomas W. Moses, son of Rev. T. C. Moses, late of the North Carolina Conference, was born August 5, 1855, departed this life February 15, 1904. Brother Moses was converted when eleven years of age, and joined the Methodist church, to which, and its great Head he was faithful until death. Brother Moses served his church in the capacity of Steward for a number of years before his death, and was a most faithful official servant of his church.

In his community he was one of the leaders in every good work. His was a most lovable Christian character, sweet-spirited and true. His friends were legion, for he had no enemies. As a husband and father he was as near a model as we find. As a Sunday-school teacher he was wide awake and devoted to his class. Truly a good man has gone. He will be most sadly missed in his community and church, but he has left the world richer because he has lived. He leaves a grief-stricken wife, four sorrowing children, and a host of friends to mourn their loss. We laid him to rest in the cemetery at Goldston, with the services of our church and the honors of the Masonic Fraternity, to await the sound of the trumpet which shall awake the dead. May heaven's richest blessings rest upon these sorrowing ones.

J. C. HUMBLE.

BRUTON.—Emma Kerans Bruton, youngest child of Titus Kerans, Pekin, N. C., was born July 24, 1878, was married to Marvin Bruton of Wadeville, N. C., January 14, 1903, and died February 11, 1904. Converted at the early age of twelve years, she connected herself with the M. E. Church, South, and lived a faithful Christian life till the day of her death. Gentle, kind and lovable in her nature and disposition, she drew a large circle of friends around her. Her nature was one that seemed to think no evil, and was the embodiment of patience. Having been married but little over a year, she and her young husband looked forward to a life of happiness. But how soon earthly hopes are blasted! While sitting near the fire, holding in her arms her two months' old baby, her clothing caught fire, and before the fire could be smothered, had so burned her that she died in a short while. Though horrible the means of her death, the end was peace, saying just before she died, "she would soon be at rest." May the comforting Spirit of a pitying Father sustain the grief-stricken husband and aged father, and overshadow in tenderness the motherless babe, and bring them all together in the "beautiful home of the soul."

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J. W. HOYLE.

MOORE.—Mrs. Nettie L. Moore, wife of C. A. Moore, was born October 20, 1868, and died February 26, 1904, aged 35 years, 4 months, and 6 days. Sister Moore professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church, South, at an early age, and in that relation lived a very consistent and devoted Christian. She enshrined herself not only in the hearts of her husband and children, but in the hearts of all who knew her.

She lived only a few days after she was taken with that fatal disease—pneumonia; but she laid down this life of pain and suffering bravely, and took up heaven's rest, to join her beautiful voice in the angelic anthems. "Her sun is gone down while it is yet day," and she reflected the true light from a Christly character, in sweetness, gentleness,, piety and love. She was very much devoted to her husband and children, self-sacrificing, willing, almost unconsciously, but with the spirit of true devotion, to lay down her life for those near and dear to her. Perfectly resigned to the will of our Heavenly Father, death had no fear, no dread. She met it bravely, peacefully, and triumphantly. The righteous beamlets that radiated from her life will linger about the loved ones in years to come. She leaves a grief-stricken husband, Charles A. Moore, and three little boys, to mourn their loss. It is a sore grief to them. May the blessing of God, in this sad hour, rest upon them. She was the daughter of Mr. G. G. and Mrs. Betty Moore, and sister of Mrs. Walter Reade and Mrs. Joseph Reade, and Miss Lizzie Moore, and Mr. Marion Moore, and Mr. Junius Moore.

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DAVIS. — Miss Mollie Sharp, daughter of Van B. and Martha A. Sharpe, was born April 30, 1884, in Tarboro, N. C. When 16 years of age she joined the Methodist Church at Whitakers, N. C., under the pastorate of Rev. E. E. Rose, during a meeting conducted by Rev. E. C. Glenn. On the 26th of February, 1903, when only eighteen years of age, she married R. J. Davis, of Durham. On Saturday night, the 13th of February of this year she was called hence by the angel of death. This was a short married life, yet it was one filled with the richest joy and sweetest happiness. For devotedly and tenderly did the husband love and minister to her while she richly recompensed him by bringing sunshine and cheerfulness into his life. Indeed did she so continually give light and gladness to the life of others that she had earned for herself the name of "Our Little Sunshine."

Mrs. Davis was an earnest and devoted Christian, and in the church at Whitakers, had been a most faithful and helpful worker, and promised to be an equally efficient worker in the church, Main Street Methodist, which she had selected as her ecclesiastical home in Durham, had not death called her from the labors of the church militant to the blessedness and rewards of the church triumphant. By her cheerfulness and helpfulness she had rapidly made friends for herself while in Durham. They deeply mourn her going from them and will greatly miss her, and their sympathies go out to the widowed mother, now bereft of her only daughter and to the young husband, the light of whose light has gone out.

The funeral services were held at the family home on Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. L. Cunninggim and the interment was in Maplewood cemetery. Capt. J. H. Exum, her uncle, and Mrs. Watson, her cousin, both of Whitakers, attended the funeral services. W. L. C.

PASCHAL.—Mrs. Sallie F. Paschal nee Foust, wife of Mr. L. F. Paschal and daughter of the late Dr. H. M. Foust, of Randolph County, was born December 7, 1861, and died at her home in Goldston, February 23, 1904. Sister Paschal was converted to God and joined the Methodist church at the age of eleven years, in a meeting held by Rev. T. C. Moses, assisted by Rev. I. N. Mann, at Concord church in Randolph County. From that day she never gave any one room to doubt her faith in God or her loyalty to her church. To say that she was a Methodist does not express it, she was wedded to her church with a devotion that was beautiful. Her community will miss her most sadly. As a neighbor she was kind, thoughtful of others' welfore, sympathetic and always obliging. She loved to sacrifice that she might supply others' needs. She always loved her pastor and was a friend to his family. Her place in the community cannot be filled by another. Her church feels the stroke most keenly. She never missed a Sunday morning preaching service when she was able to attend church, and her presence was an inspiration to the preacher. She rejoiced to see the church prosper. She had taught the infant class in the Sunday-school for some time before her death, and she was always there when it was possible for her to go. She loved her class with a motherly love which led her through rough weather when not physically able to go, and made it her chief delight to teach and simplify the Word of God so that their young minds might grasp the truth. She was a mother to the motherless, and through the greatness of her love had taken a little orphan girl into her home, and into her heart, and was training her mind and heart for God. As a wife she was devoted and true, as a mother, affectionate and kind. During her illness she often said: "I want to get well that I may do more good," but as often said: "I am not afraid to die." After repeating the Lord's prayer with this writer during her illness, she said: "I am not afraid to die; there is not a cloud, not even a shadow, in the way."

She leaves a husband, one daughter, two sisters, one brother, and a host of friends to mourn their loss. We laid her remains to rest in the cemetery at Goldston, beside her daughter, in the presence of a large concourse of people to await the trump of God.

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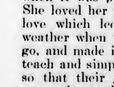

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5.25 a. m. No. 112 daily for Goldsboro and local stations; connecting at Goldsboro with Atlantic Coast Line for Wilmington, N. C., Wilson, S. C., Tarboro, N. C., Norfolk, Va., and intermediate stations; also, at Goldsboro with Atlantic and North Carolina Railway for Kinston, N. C., New Bern, N. C., and intermediate stations.

8:40 a. m. No. 107, daily for Greensboro and local stations; connects at Durham for Oxford, Henderson, Keysville and Richmond. At University Station for Chapel Hill, daily except Sunday. At Greensboro with train No. 36, "U. S. Fast Mail," for Washington and all points North; Pullman drawing-room sleepers to New York and Richmond. Close connection for Winston-Salem, Mocksville, and local stations, with train No. 7 for High Point, Salisbury, Charlotte and local stations.

10:30 a. m. No. 108, daily for Goldsboro and all local points; connects at Selma for Wilson, Rocky Mount and all Eastern North Carolina points. At Goldsboro for Wilmington, Kinston, New Bern, N. C., and Norfolk, Va., where close connection is made with Chesapeake Line for Baltimore and all other outgoing steamers.

3:25 p. m. No. 135, daily for Greensboro and intermediate stations; connects at Durham for Oxford, Clarksville, Keysville, daily except Sunday. At University Station for Chapel Hill, daily except Sunday. At Greensboro with train No. 29 for Columbia, Augusta, Savannah, Charleston, Jacksonville. Pullman sleeper and first-class coaches Washington to Jacksonville, Fla. No. 35, "U. S. Fast Mail," for Atlanta and all points South and Southwest. Pullman drawing-room sleepers to Birmingham and New Orleans; day coaches Washington to New Orleans, also with north-bound trains Nos. 34 and 36 for Washington, and all points North. Pullman drawing-room sleepers and observation car to New York; connection is also made at Greensboro for Winston-Salem and at Salisbury to Memphis.

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Let us study God's Word, using it as a matchless temple where we delight to contemplate the beauty, the symmetry and the magnificence of the structure and to increase our awe and excite our devotion to the God there proclaimed. The cheerless gloom which had brooded over the understanding of man would never have been chased away but for the beams of supernatural revelation. And as the Scriptures are manna given us from heaven, to feed us in the desert of this world, let us study it more carefully and be drawn closer to God ourselves, and by the light shining from our own lives draw others to Christ.

Roanoke Circuit.

REV. W. B. HUMBLE, P. C.

Again I take pleasure in writing a few words from Roanoke Circuit to the Special Edition of the Advocate for the Warrenton District. We are very pleasantly situated this year, are making some progress despite the unfavorable weather. We have a loyal people to serve whose delight it is to serve their church. Our Sunday-school work is far in advance of what it was the first of the year, and is increasing in interest, we are glad to say. We are expecting an enjoyable day Easter Sunday; we expect to have an Easter entertainment at Mount Tabor, the collection to go to the Orphanage.

The Parsonage Committee met yesterday and arranged to complete the parsonage as early as possible. The parsonage is located at Aurelian Springs—a nice healthy place—and will be a credit to the circuit when completed.

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THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT.

The Democratic members of Congress seem determined to have a Senate investigation of the Postoffice Department. The resolutions to this effect have been allowed to sleep in the Committee rooms. But notice has been given that a new resolution will be offered which if not adopted will at least occasion a lengthy debate. The excitement caused in the House by the report of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, in which incriminating reference was made to various Congressmen has by no means died out.

The failure of Sully, the would-be-king of the cotton market, brings into prominence the fact that every success has its dangers and may sprout failures somewhere. Sully's attempt to "corner cotton and bull the market undoubtedly helped to place millions in the pockets of Southern farmers, but it also brought financial ruin to many. The South is richer by millions than it was at this time last year, but the South has been hit hard by an unprecedentedly large wave of gambling mania. There are few towns of any consequence in the South in which the gambling spirit is not now stronger than ever before.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections will not make a report of their findings on the recent investigation of Mormonism. A sub-committee has been appointed to go to Utah and make the most thorough investigation of the Mormon Church, especially in its relations to the United States Government. This sub-committee will not make its investigations until after the Presidential campaign. The Republican members of the committee desire this on the plea that an investigation before the Presidential election will be influenced by political considerations. The Democratic members are willing to this provided that there be a bona-fide investigation after the Presidential election. The testimony recently offered by President Smith and others leave no room for doubt that no political party can hereafter afford to ignore the question. The menace of Mormonism is rapidly becoming an italicized idea in the minds of the American people.

That the city of St. Louis is still under the domination of the "World of Graft" is very evident from the experience of that city in conducting the primary elections on March 12. The election was for delegates to the State Convention which is to determine whether Folk or Hawes shall be the nominee. Of course the Hawes delegates were elected. Folk has always stood for law and order, and his adherents in the election were simply the victims of thug force which the police seemed determined not to restrain. We are sorry for the city of St. Louis. We are sorry for Folk. We are sorry for the whole nation. It seems that with all our boasted municipal machinery a great city cannot free itself from the dominion of thugs and thieves.

General Nelson A Miles has written a letter advising the National Prohibition party not to hold its convention until after the meeting of the political conventions. He bases his advice on the thesis that it is better to wait and give a chance for one of the great national political parties to espouse those principles which are in harmony with the principles of the National Prohibition party. In such an event prohibitionists will have an opportunity to advance temperance interests and other great interests at the same time.

It is hardly probable that the advice of General Miles will be taken, inasmuch as it is practically granted by all that no political party will dare to issue a direct, clear cut pronunciamento on the question of temperance.

One of the best evidences of the fact that North Carolina is a progressive State is the interest taken by the State in its health conditions. We have just received the Ninth Biennial Report of the North Carolina Board of Health for 1901-1902.

It is interesting to know that during these two years there were 1,814 cases of small pox in 55 counties in North Carolina, and that out of these there were only 48 deaths—21 white, and 21 colored.

The report of the sanitary conditions of the public buildings and institutions was in the main favorable. We cannot but feel, however, that the recommendation that the Senate and House of Representatives chambers be ventilated by keeping fires in the open fire places was very mild and incomplete, and that the real conditions demand the recommendation that there be a complete rearrangement and renovation of the capitol. Those who have been in the building during a session of the Legislature can appreciate the situation.

It is remembered by our readers that a bench warrant was issued for the arrest of V. E. McBee and K. S. Finch on the charge of conspiring to damage the piece of property known as the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. Mr. Finch was not in the State at the time, but Mr. McBee was arrested and, after a hearing before Chief Justice Clark, was placed under a bond of $2,000 for his appearance before the Superior Court which meets in Raleigh this week. The next day Judge Simonton dissolved the Receivership and the road was placed in the hands of the former officials. We do not see, how, in the light of the facts brought out, either Judge Clark or Judge Simonton could have done otherwise. The action of Messrs. McBee and Finch was foolish and very reprehensible.

Last week Mr. Finch came to Raleigh to answer before Judge Clark. Mr. Finch claimed that he had done nothing which could justify the charge of conspiracy. The hearing was had last Friday and Saturday. Mr. Finch was placed under the same bond as that of Mr. McBee for his appearance before the Superior Court in Raleigh this week. During the hearing Mr. Finch really took a very inconspicuous part as defendant. Most of the time was consumed in airing the charge and the answer to it that Governor Aycock agreed to stop the proceedings in the civil courts if the Federal Court should promptly dissolve the receivership. Governor Aycock denied the charge. There was warm feeling displayed on both sides.

It is the consensus of opinion that it would be wise to lease the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad on good terms. The people are becoming very tired over the wrangle.

The ability of some of our Northern journalistic neighbors to "jump at a conclusion" not warranted by the general facts is finely illustrated in their discussions of the peonage question. To read these papers one not acquainted with the facts would judge that the South, loth to give up slavery, smarting under defeat in the great Civil Conflict, and inflamed by lust for filthy lucre, is establishing a regular system of peonage. Peonage in its last analysis is nothing but securing in the name of quasi-law labor for which no financial compensation is granted. That peonage is practiced here and there in certain Southern States is granted. We are sorry that it is the fact. But practical peonage has its true home in New York and other large cities, where human flesh, brains, brawn, and soul, are bought and sold with a heartless mercenary rapacity which is sufficient to shock every true heart, North or South. "Shinny on your own side" is an exhortation very applicable to our over-zealous Northern friends who at times are wonderful humanitarians at long range—from their own short comings.

If war were not such a terrible thing we would be almost willing to conclude that the present conflict in the Orient has assumed a ridiculous phase. There are operations great and terrible—no doubt about that. It is the matter of news that is playing havoc with the peace and intelligence of the public mind. News there is, but most of it seems to be contradicted the next day. Then some of the news is of such a ridiculous character and couched in such a ridiculous form that public interest is becoming mildewed. When we were awaiting anxiously the news of the outcome of the third attack on Port Arthur by the Japanese, we were treated to a dispatch from St. Petersburg to the effect that a certain prominent woman in St. Petersburg had just learned that her husband at Port Arthur had become deaf from the concussion caused by the firing.

What do you think of this, which in substance appeared in the Associated Press reports last week: "The Czar has just heard from Viceroy Alexieff that the latter has received news from General Blank who said that he had just gotten news of an important naval engagement in which a Japanese cruiser was sunk."

Our readers need not wonder that we have no war news for them this week. We will publish only the news on which the public may rely with reasonable confidence.

Contributions

Easter Tide.

'Tis Easter tide! Young life is working everywhere!
The shriveled seeds we cast on fields, once brown and bare,
Or buried 'neath its soil, are lifting now their head,
Harbinger of a new life, springing from the dead.

'Tis mystery all, that new life should be growing,
From graves where grim Death his fatal seeds was sowing;
But out of the lowly dust—a forbidding bed—
Life comes a King, and Death, by him a captive led.

Life! life! life! Who can solve the mystery of life?
The world, but now so drear and dead, is fully rife,
With the quick'ning thing whose resurrection power,
Eludes our anxious grasp, yet fills us every hour.

The shining suns, with their generous warmth recall,
The life which Nature lost in season of the Fall;
And the Sun of Righteousness on our graves shall shine,
To bring again our sleeping dust in form Divine.

Precious Memories.

REV. R. H. WHITAKER.

I saw a man sitting on the root of a great oak, that stood near a church, at which I was conducting a meeting. He seemed to be in deep thought, and ,as it was not quite time to begin the afternoon service, it occurred to me that I might spend a few moments talking with him. I did not know his condition, for he was a stranger to me; but I thought there was a possibility that good might grow out of a judicious, earnest conversation, in some way; I might help him, or he might help me. So, I turned my steps in his direction, and when he discovered it, I saw him making a movement, as if to give me a seat on a root near him. He knew me of course, and, as I approached him he very politely asked me to take a seat, at the same time giving me his name. I saluted him as "brother," and asked him if he was a son of a very saintly old father in Israel who, years before, had been a member of that church, of whose memory every one spoke in terms of praise.

"I am," he said, and his eyes filled with tears.

"I am so glad to meet you," I said, "for I have heard so much of your father's godly life and triumphant death, I feel that I ought to share, with all the good people around here, in revering his memory; and I am so glad to be privileged to shake the hand of his boys."

In a tremulous voice he told me he was an unworthy son of such a father, as he had not been walking in his footsteps; on the contrary he was a sinner.

"You love your father's memory I am sure, and you want to meet him again?"

"O yes," said he, "not a day goes over my head, that I do not think of him, and wish I were like him."

"What a blessed thing to have a good father; one whose good life is a benediction and whose memory is so dear—so much like a sweet incense," I remarked.

"Nothing in the world that I can think of is like it," he answered. "I think every day of the old home; of father, mother, brothers and sisters; how happy we all were, in each other's love, and the recollections make me so sad, as the home is now broken up,—father and mother are dead, and we children are scattered, never to be a family again."

"In your thoughts of childhood, and of the home, as it was, when you were all so happy, what was it, in that home life, that made the most and best impression upon your heart?" I asked.

"The family altar," said he. "I sometimes stop and stand still for a whole minute, and listen; for as I am walking along, all of a sudden, I think I hear that bell, which used to call us together for family prayers. I suppose its imagination, but I hear that bell every day. And my mind casts its eyes around the room, in the old home, and there they all are: father, with the Testament in his hands, looking over his spectacles to see if all are in; mother with her serious, sweet face, and all we children. Yes, I hear that bell every day, and I can't understand it."

"The Holy Spirit rings that bell," said I, "to call you back from your worldliness and to your duty."

"I don't understand you," he said.

"I mean this," said I, "God wants to save you, and the Holy Spirit is speaking to you every day; and knowing how you loved your father, and what an exalted opinion you retain of the family altar; and how the recollections of those happy days stir your soul, He rings that prayer bell, hoping that, at last, you may be persuaded to have a family altar of your own."

"I wish I could think so."

"Our conversation cannot be prolonged," I said, "for it is time to commence the evening service; but before we go in, I want you to answer me one question, and that is: "Would you not like for your children, after you are dead and gone, to have as pleasant recollections of their childhood home and of their father, as you have of your old home and of your father?"

"Yes. God knows I want my children to be good."

"Well, why not step into your father's shoes, and put your feet into his tracks, so that you can say to your children, these are not only your father's tracks, but also the tracks of your grandfather, as he walked in the foot-steps of Jesus? Don't you know you are putting out your father's tracks, instead of, as you ought to be doing, making them plainer?"

"O, I feel," said he, "I've already done my children great injustice."

"Will you continue to wrong them?" I asked. And not waiting for him to answer. I left him and went into the church. He was converted that evening, and though I have not seen him in several years, I have heard he has a family altar, and his children come in, at the ringing of a bell, as he used to do. And I have faith to believe, that when he is dead and gone, if he should leave a child unconverted, somewhere, sometime, that child will hear the family altar bell ringing; and, as the father was moved to give his heart and life to God, so will that child, though he may have wandered far off, be brought back to the father's and the grandfather's God.

I cannot help thinking that the sins of parents, in neglecting the family altar, are the greatest of all sins. The first few years of a child's life are the most important years. In them the seeds are sown; the twigs are bent. In them impressions are made that will, more or less, control the whole of after life. If children are reared in Godless homes, in which the family altar bell is never rung, they go out upon life's great ocean without chart or compass; and if perchance, driven and tossed by wind and wave, they drift near the childhood shore from which they embarked, there is no light at the old home, to beckon them; no sweet memories to draw them.

Who can read the following and not be moved?

"I had wandered long and far," (said a man who, when a boy, heard his father read and pray, and saw his mother's beautiful Christian life), "and for years I had lived among skeptics, and had almost come to believe there was no God. But, one night, as I lay upon my bed, in an upper room, at a hotel, hundreds of miles from my childhood home, across the street I could see, through the open window of an humble home, a family engaged in evening worship. I sat up in bed and looked. There sat a man, by the table, book in hand who looked just like my father; and beyond the table, gazing intently upon that man, sat a woman who seemed, at that distance, to be the very image of my mother; near her sat a lovely girl whom I would have taken to be that only sister of mine, who died, in her sixteenth year, in the triumphs of the Christian's faith; and there sat a boy, seemingly about twelve years of age—our family exactly, and that boy was ——. I hate to say it; but his careless, indifferent, inattentive look reminded me so much of myself, when my father, mother and sister used to be so devotional, while I was so thoughtless and wayward. I had to admit that boy truly represented me. I crept to the window, and leaning as far out as I could, I listened. It was my father's voice, and so distinct were the words of that old familiar, but almost forgotten, Psalm: "The Lord is my Shepher, I shall not want.' I heard every word, and as he read the last verse: 'Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever," I could not help saying, thank God! And when I saw that woman who looked so much like my mother, turn her face toward that boy, as I had seen my mother turn and look at me, many a time, as she was kneeling, I involuntarily fell upon my knees, and felt as if I were at home, one more time. I heard all the prayer—it was the same old prayer my father prayed; wife, and daughter, and the DEAR BOY were all borne up to God on that prayer, and I felt that I was nearer God that night than I had been for many a year. But the scene which melted me to tears followed the prayer. The daughter went and kissed father and mother and brother good night, and passed out of the room, as I had seen my sweet, sainted sister do so many times. Then I saw the boy rise and start toward the mother; but I could look no longer. I could not bear to see the sight; but fell back on the bed and shut my eyes, and, in imagination, threw my arms about my mother's neck and kissed her, as I used to do, ere sin had stained my soul and estranged me from my God. Thank God, I said to myself, I have been permitted to meet the loved ones around the family altar one more time. I spent that night in earnest prayer; and when the sun arose the following morning there were light and joy in my soul. The next day I made the acquaintance of that family across the street, and telling them the history of my life, I begged to be permitted to join them in the evening prayer, while I might remain in that far off city; which request was graciously granted. * * *

I am far advanced in life now, but I have never ceased to thank God for the providence which brought back so vividly to me the recollections of my old home—especially the family altar."

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To some of my readers this story may be an old one, but it has lost none of its interest. Its moral is plain, and as true as it ever was; that, nothing will more surely bring back the wanderer than the recollections of a Godly home.

Dear Christian parents, remember that you will soon vacate the "old home," and go up to that home Jesus has gone to prepare for you. While you are down here and the children are around you, set up a stone, as Jacob did at Bethel; erect an altar, light a lamp; so that, by and by, when you are gone, the precious memories that linger in their hearts may keep those children steadfast in the faith; walking in your footsteps, and faithfully serving the God whom they learned to love and worship in the home of their childhood.

Elizabeth City District.

REV. J. E. UNDERWOOD.

The first round of appointments has been completed, and notwithstanding the bad weather, all the charges have been visited, except Dare Circuit. We were prevented reaching that charge by "wind and tide." However, we had a good substitute in Elder Parker, who preached and looked after the business at Mann's Harbor, in the absence of the Presiding Elder.

The outlook for a good year has never been so fine since I have been in touch with the district. A missionary institute, of unusual interest, was held in Columbia last week. I have heard no abler discussions of subjects pertaining to the work of missions, than we had at Columbia.

During the two days and two nights, occupied by the institute, there was not a dull hour.

There was only one thing to be regretted, viz.: the absence of so many of the pastors. No doubt the brethren who failed to attend felt that they had good reasons for staying away; but perhaps every preacher who attended could have found excuses equally valid. The "Missionary Institute" is an institution of the church, and it is the duty of every pastor to attend, who is not providentially prevented.

The revival fires have commenced to burn. Bro. Church has held a very successful meeting at Winfall. Bro. Hocutt, of Camden Circuit, assisted by Rev. E. C. Glenn, has held a meeting of great power at South Mills.

Brother North, of City Roads, is now conducting a meeting in his church, with encouraging prospects. Other meetings are being planned, and we are working, and praying for a "revival in every church, and full colections on every charge."

I think your editorial on the net gain in membership, published early in the year, is liable to make a wrong impression on people who are not familiar with the mysterics of statistics, as given in a Conference journal. These statistics show that we had last year 3,202 additions on professions of faith, and 2,165 additions by certificate, and otherwise. Making 5,367 additions. Removals by death, certificate and otherwise, 4,002. This ought to give us a net gain of 1,365.

Religion on the Road

J. V. WILLIAMS.

Four weeks ago, I left Beaufort, N. C., for my spring trip to Texas, and this finds me in Atlanta.

I am traveling with my eyes open, as usual, and will write anything of interest seen, for the Advocate.

My first Sunday out was spent in Charlotte, N. C., where I had the pleasure of hearing evangelist Coman, who was holding a meeting at Tryon Street Methodist Church. He's good.

A regular traveling preacher of the Western North Carolina Conference, appointed to this work at the last Conference by Bishop Smith. There is no law in our church for appointing evangelists, so Bishop Smith appointed him to some nominal Sunday-school work, with the understanding, of course, that he was to be an evangelist.

Rev. Mr. Coman is an able preacher. His preaching is after the old time sort. He does not minify conversion, but believes with Paul, that "Jesus Christ is made to us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption." All of this or none. Such preaching will tell in the evangelistic field.

The following Lord's Day I spent in Savannah, Ga., that old town where Wesley preached about 150 years ago, when Methodism was not so respectable as the Salvation Army is today.

Again I had the opportunity of hearing an evangelist of note, Rev. Lincoln McConnell, of Atlanta, was holding a meeting in old Trinity Church. He is of the usual sort. Preaches much, and tells stories much, and is a real success. I did not count the penitents at the night service, but the altar was full. McConnell has charge of the most interesting church in Atlanta, and I'll have more to say of him before I'm through.

Next Sunday I spent in Gainesville, Fla., and struck the Chatauqua being run by Rev. Clarence B. Strouse, of Virginia. I heard some fine lectures. One on missionary work in Africa, and one on Japan. On Monday Sam Jones arrived, and lectured at 3 p. m. and 7.30 p. m. About 1,500 people heard him with delight. He don't seem as vigorous in body as when I first heard him, 14 years ago, but he's as bright as ever, and the same "Uncle Jones." God bless him. He hits the liquor traffic as hard as ever, and is doing more harm to the whiskey gang than any hundred men in the world.

He was just from North Carolina, he said, and paid his respects to the Raleigh dispensary. He said it was being run by professing Christians. What about it?

If it is a sin for the whiskey gang to sell the stuff, how in the name of horse sense can a church member engage in the business without guilt?

"Woe unto him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips."

My fourth Sunday out was spent in Atlanta, where I heard my old friend Dr. C. W. Byrd preach in the morning, and where I "had liberty" again Sunday night to tell these rich saints what I think of salvation.

Byrd has about complted his new church, costing $120,000, and it is the prettiest church that I have ever seen. And notwithstanding the fact of its magnificence they hold an old time class-meeting there every Sunday morning.

They are spiritually minded.

In the afternoon I attended a mass-meeting in the interest of Wesley Female College, presided over by Bishop Candler. There were many short speeches. One from Dr. Len Broughton, the noted Baptist preacher.

They raised for the College $1,600.

This meeting was held in Wesley Memorial Church—a new work in Atlanta, of which I must say a word.

When the First Church moved up town, Bishop Candler decided that we needed a down-town church, and moved at once to build the Wesley Memorial Church. They bought a lot and erected a tabernacle that seats about 2,000 people. It was opened for worship last fall without a member and now has about 250 members. Rev. Lincoln McConnell, an evangelist (whom I heard at Savannah), was appointed preacher in charge. He has the largest Methodist congregation in the city, and will likely have the largest membership within two years.

This looks like business, and is so different from the usual way of starting a very small mission church, and then say to it, "root hog or die."

I think that the great tabernacle of Dr. Len G. Broughton, in Atlanta, is largely responsible for this gigantic Methodist enterprise.

They began a noonday service here today for business men and women, and Bishop Candler preached the opening sermon. The Georgia Bishop was in fine shape, and they "heard him gladly." He's the greatest preacher in the world, and God is using him for His glory.

Personality and Divinity of the Holy Spirit.

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He called Saul and Barnabas to the ministry of Jesus.—Acts 13:2-4.

He is the Agent of the Resurrection.—Rom. 8:5-11.

He witnesses to our acceptance with the Father.—Rom. 8:12-17.

He seals us heirs of God.—Eph. 1:13-14; 2 Cor. 1:22.

See Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 3rd chap.

He speaks.—Hebrews 3:7; Acts 28:25.

He can be vexed.—Isaiah 63:10.

He can be grieved.—Eph. 4:30.

He can be resisted.—Acts 7:51.

He came in bodily form upon Jesus.—Luke 3:22.

He convinces of sin.—John 16:13-14.

He enlightens the mind.—I. Cor. 12:7-12.

He prays for us.—Rom. 8:25-27.

He is the Teacher of Righteousness.—John 14:26.

Author of the Scriptures.—2 Peter 1:15-21; Hebrews 4:12-13.

Everything we know concerning God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, man, Heaven, Hell, Eeternity, Resurrection, Immortality is from the Holy Spirit.—John 16:7-15; Acts 28:25-26; 1 Cor. 2:1-15.

We are baptized in His name.—Matt. 28:19.

He is the Agent of Regencration.—John 3rd chap.

By Him our Lord Jesus cast out demons.—Mat. 12:28.

Creator of the human body of Jesus.—St. Luke 1:35. Read whole chapter. (Note verse 67.)

Jesus was helpless like other men until the Holy Spirit came upon him at his baptism.—See Luke 3:22, Luke 4:1.

The Holy Spirit is witness to the divinity of Jesus.—John 15:26; Luke 2:25-27; Acts 7:55-56.

Witness to Paul.—Acts 20:23.

He annointed Jesus.—Acts 10:38.

He is the living power of all preaching.—Acts 1 and 2 chapters.

He was present at Creation and took part in the same.—Gen. 1:2-3.

He dwells in man as God.—I. Cor. 3:16-17; I. Cor. 6:19-20.

Peter calls Him God.—Acts 5:3-5.

Paul calls Him Lord.—2 Cor. 3:17-18.

He is united with the Father and Son.—Mat. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14.

He is Eternal.—Heb. 9:14.

He is Omnipresent.—1 Cor. 6:19; Rom. 8:14; 139 Psalm, 7-12 verses.

He is Omniscient.—1 Cor. 2:10-14.

He is the Fountain of Life.—John 6:63.

He can be blasphemed.—Mat. 12:31-32; Mark 3:28-30.

He made man.—Job 33:4.

Read Genesis 1:26; Gen. 2:7.

"Elohim," (Plural), Jehovah God.

"Let us make man in our image and after our likeness."

TRINITY OF THE GODHEAD.

The Father a divine personality.
The Son a divine personality.
The Holy Spirit a divine personality.

Jesus the Christ.

C. F. SHERRILL.

The great thing is not to live in Christendom, but to live in Christ. The knowledge that saves is not the historical knowledge of Christianity, but the personal knowledge of the Christ. A Christian, then, is one who knows and lives the Christ.

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Jesus taught great and eternal truths. He exemplified them in the most beautiful life ever lived on earth. But Jesus' moral mission to men was more than this. He came to put a new spirit in man. His spirit led to the transformation of Paul and John. It is in the reach of us all.

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The influence of earthly men perishes with the passing of their personal presence. The Old Guard won no victories after the banishment of Napoleon. The Ironsides fought no battles for a dead Wellington. Jesus' influence is greater now than when He was present. We cannot classify our Lord with men. The passing years only add victories to the Unseen Conqueror.

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The miserly spirit makes a miser. The patriotic spirit makes a patriot. The Christ spirit makes a Christian.

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Jesus made no promise or provision for the passing of His power at death. His was an imperial faith in the enlargement and extension of His Kingdom after the crucifixion. No other fact similar to this is seen in history. Surely, as the centurian said, "This was the Son of God."

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The wail of the disciples at their supposed loss in the death of Jesus is pathetic and painful. It is in contrast to Christ's high hopes for the future of His Kingdom. Jesus never regarded the cross as the ebbing point of His moral power. His crucifixion on the cross has proved to be the coronation of the Christ.

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What fervent hopes and illimitable faith gleamed in Jesus' heart as He neared the end. He knew that the close of His earthly life was the beginning of His true spiritual reign in the hearts of men. Jesus saw the other side as well as this. The cross did not hide the glories of the coronation. Gethsemane did not hide the grandeur of an everlasting kingdom.

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Jesus knew, when He stood under the cruel shadows of the cruel cross, that He would be to all His followers, in all clines and at all times, what He had been to His apostles. And more. No regret about the future comes from Him at death. The upper room was indeed an upper room.

The Field

Rattleboro and Whitaker Circuit.

REV. R. F. TAYLOR.

I was assigned by Bishop Candler, at our last Conference in Goldsboro, to this delightful charge, after serving two years on the Leasburg Circuit with some as true and loyal Methodist people as you will find in the North Carolina Conference, in the Durham District, where Dr. J. T. Gibbs holds the reins and is successfully guiding the grand old Methodist ship to the port of victory. While it was my pleasure to serve under this wise, charming and dignified man of God, I wondered if I would ever love another Presiding Elder as I did him; but under the wise providence of almighty God, my lot has fallen with another whom I had learned to love and admire some years ago while on the Greenville Circuit. I am quite sure that our wise Bishop Candler made no mistake in putting George Smith (as he is familiarly called) on district work. He held my first Quarterly Conference the first Sunday in February, and I tell you he did some fine preachin' too. If those Edenton Street people in Raleigh were fed on the same kind of gospel food he gave us at our Quarterly Conference, they ought to be very high up in spiritual things. He just completely captivated all our people. We all dearly love him now.

I reached my charge the day before Christmas and began making preparations for a vigorous campaign for the Lord on this charge. Though the weather has been very disagreeable every Sunday except one, we have had many things to encourage us; have met all my appointments and received four by certificate; two on profession of faith at my regular appointment. We have had fairly good congregations, and last Sabbath our congregations were very large at both churches. I was told that our congregation at McTyeire was larger than it had been in several years.

We have been given a very cordial reception at all our churches. The stewards very kindly raised the pastor's salary, and the people are continually showing their love and esteem for us in many substantial ways.

Dear Doctor, you just ought to come to see us at this time and enjoy the pounding with us that I received from our good Whitakers' people. They know just how to do the thing right. These people live well and seem to want their preacher to live better. But when such amiable and enthusiastic young ladies as Misses Lena and Indy Taylor start out on a mission like this, they are sure to bring things to pass. You should have seen me packing my buggy. It is wonderful what a Methodist preacher can pack in a buggy.

Pray for me that I may prove to be a blessing to this good people. May God richly repay them for all their kindnesses to your humble servant, for which I feel my unworthiness.

Reply to Brother Williams.

Bro. J. N. Williams' article on the Presiding Elders, which appeared in the Advocate March 9th, needs to be noticed. He says the Presiding Elder has been, for a long time, considered worse than a useless expense, without any returns, on stations and large circuits.

I have been associated with the pastors of the Richmond, Warrenton and Fayetteville Districts for eleven years, and during that time those Districts have been served by nine Presiding Elders, and some as strong and progressive pastors as the North Carolina Conference has, and I have never heard of the Presiding Elder being a burden or a useless expense. They may consider the Presiding Elder that way up North where they have "three hundred appointments." I think I should consider him a "burden and useless expense" if I had to hear one of the three hundred sermons preached in three months.

Again, Brother Williams proceeds on the supposition that the Presiding Elder is simply the business agent of the church. I think this shows an inexcusable ignorance of the duties of a Presiding Elder. Brother Williams ought to know the Presiding Elder is the Bishop's representative and comes in vital touch with every interest of the charge. If Brother Williams don't know these things, he should post himself before he writes on such a subject.

Again: "He says he has not heard of a Presiding Elder being invited to hold a revival meeting in twenty-five years." Well, I am not surprised, when they have three hundred appointments of their own to fill. But if Brother Williams would read the Raleigh Advocate more, he would learn that in North Carolina they do different. One helped in a meeting in Oxford last year, and those present say he did some fine preaching. I have had some of them myself. 'Tis true, they are not evangelists of a certain kind, and I am glad of it; and whenever mine gets to be, I shall not invite him to hold a meeting for me.

Now, I think the inferences patent in Brother Williams' article are unkind and calculated to do harm. I think if the brother was in the pastorate so he would come in real contact with the Presiding Elder and come in contact with the real needs of the church, he would write an article retracting the utterances under review. But Brother Williams is not in the pastorate. I don't know that he ever was. But if he will read Bishop Soule's reasons for contending for the right to appoint the Presiding Elder and refusing to be ordained without this right, I am sure he will not be a party to any more nagging at the necessary office in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

JAS. H. FRIZELLE.

Yanceyville Circuit.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—I haven't written you concerning our work this year. Everything is in good condition, notwithstanding the fact we have had so many cold Sundays. When the weather is not too rough we have a crowded house.

We held our first Quarterly Conference last Saturday. Owing to the weather there were few out, but we planned for great things this year.

The Board of Stewards raised the salary fifty dollars above last year.

Doctor, when you consider that this makes the third time in three years that the stewards have raised on the preacher's salary, it shows a growth of liberality among our people. We are expecting to bring things up in full this year, as we have in the past.

Above everything else, I rejoice that souls have been and are being saved. Our net increase last year was sixty. God pity the church when souls are not being saved. I try to preach a gospel that helps men to be afraid of sin, and that helps them to love righteousness.

A preacher that will not do his best among this good people is not worthy the name of preacher. I feel that there are some of the richest Christian characters in this work that I have ever known. These good people read and enjoy the Advocate. We are all benefited by it.

Success to you in your work

J. H. McCRACKEN.

Elizabeth City District Missionary Institute.

The Missionary Institute for the Elizabeth City District was held in the Methodist Church in Columbia, N. C., March 9th to 11th, inclusive. The following preachers were present: J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder, D. H. Tuttle, H. M. North, W. E. Hocutt, F. L. Church, M. H. Tuttle, H. M. Jackson, W. P. Constable, W. F. Craven, L. B. Jones and A. J. Parker. The other ten preachers were conspicuous by their absence. The people of Columbia, who had gone to the trouble to prepare for them, were very much disappointed, as well as the Presiding Elder, who had expected that these brethren would be present and take part in the institute.

I do not know why so many were absent. I sincerely hope they had legitimate excuses, for really the Missionary Institute, in my judgment, is the most important meeting to be held during the year. This scribe was elected secretary. The opening sermon was preached Wednesday night, by Rev. M. H. Tuttle, who set a high standard. Those who followed measured up to the mark already set. In fact, with the exception of what this scribe had to say, there was not a dull or dry speech delivered. Enthusiasm ran high and the indications are that the fires kindled in Columbia will continue to burn throughout the district. I predict that the Annual Conference will find every charge with every claim paid in full. Rev. J. E. Underwood is a Presiding Elder of the first water. He directs his work with the hand of a master, and watches developments with a scrutinizing eye. Rev. H. M. North preached a strong sermon on Friday night, and closed with a consecration service. A number of prayers for the baptism of the Holy Ghost on every charge in the district was offered. It was good to be there. Those brethren who were absent cannot know what a treat they missed.

I never saw a meeting of any kind more hospitably entertained in my life. Columbia and her "constable" aredue, and were tendered, our sincere thanks.

Respectfully,

A. J. PARKER, Secretary.

Trinity College Notes.

The Commencement program has been completed, and is to-day given to the public.

The Commencement Sermon will be preached Sunday morning, June 5th, by President William DeWitt Hyde, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine. The Baccalaureate Address will be delivered Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock, by Dr. Frank C. Woodward, Richmond, Va.

Mr. Goodwin Davis Ellsworth, '80, Washington, D. C., will make the Annual Address before the Alumni Association.

Tuesday evening representatives of the Senior Class will speak.

Wednesday, Commencement Exercises will occur and the Commencement Address will be given. The speaker for this hour will be Professor Francis Greenwood Peabody, of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Wednesday evening a reception will be given in honor of the graduating class.

The Alumni Association will hold its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon, and the Executive Committee of the Association has decided to have an Alumni dinner in honor of Col. J. W. Alspaugh, of Winston, a member of the Board of Trustees, and the oldest living graduate of the college.

Chief Marshal Julian Blanchard has appointed as assistant marshals, Henry Gilbert Foard, Wilmington; William H. Pegram, Jr., Durham; Robert R. Roper, Roper; Abner K. Murchison, Mocksville; Thomas M. Stokes, Bamberg, S. C.; Alfred C. Goodman, Durants Neck.

Chief Manager Angier B. Duke has appointed as assistant managers, Paul Webb, Elizabeth City; George B. Cooper, Henderson; Cecil B. Authur, Morehead City; Frank S. Boddie, Durham; John W. Hutchison, Charlotte; Frank A. Ogburn, Monroe.

Rowland Circuit.

Dear Editor:—We love to send subscriptions to our good church paper. This makes twenty-four for Rowland Circuit this year. We interpret this as indicative of growth. We insist upon all our subscribers reading the paper. Very little good to take it and not read it.

Our second quarterly meeting meets with the Centenary Church, next Saturday and Sunday, April 2 and 3. Let all officials come. Dinner on the ground Saturday.

An Easter egg hunt for the Sunday-school at Oake Grove Saturday at 3 o'clock. Everybody invited.

Fraternally, J. W. BRADLEY.

Rowland, N. C., March 28, 1904.

The Family

Easter Flowers.

With gentle home-work doing all for love,
Making some life the better for our own;
Smoothing some pain for other feet to tread,
Cheering some heart that has to work alone.

So shall we live the nearer to our Lord,
So shall we labor through these holy hours;
Till Easter suns shall hail the golden day,
And joyful hands shall wreathe the Easter flowers.

—O. C. W.

An Easter Lily.

Guess what came to us last night
From the angels, all in white!
Such a darling, dainty dot!—
Can't you think what we have got?—
A little Easter Lily!

Cause she came on Easter e'en
It can plain enough be seen
Not another name would do;
And this suits her through and through—
Our little Easter Lily!

For she's, oh, so white and fair,
With such wisps of yellow hair!
And she's sweet as sweet can be!—
Good-bye; I must run and see
My little Easter Lily!

—Emma C. Dowd.

In Our Father's Care.

The ships glide in at the harbor's mouth,
And the ships sail out to sea,
And the wind that sweeps from the sunny South,
Is as sweet as sweet can be.
There's a world of toil and a world of pains,
There's a world of trouble and care,
But O, in a world where our Father reigns,
There is gladness everywhere.

The earth is fair in the breezy morn,
And the toilers sow and reap,
And the fulness comes to the tasseled corn,
Whether we wake or sleep.
And far on the hills by feet untrod,
There are blossoms that scent the air,
For O, in this world of our Father, God,
There is beauty everywhere.

The babe lies soft on the mother's breast,
And the tide of joy flows in;
He giveth, he taketh, he knowest best,
The Lord to whose home we win.
And O, when the soul is with trials tossed,
There is help in the lifted prayer,
For never a soul that loves is lost,
And our Father is everywhere.

The ships sail over the harbor bar,
Away and away to sea;
The ships sail in with the evening star
To the port where no tempests be.
The harvest waves on the summer hills,
And the bands go forth to reap,
And all is right, as our Father wills,
Whether we wake or sleep.

—Angelus.

Easter for the Children.

An idea that will please the children of the family, in an Easter party, on the following day. For this the invitations should be written on dainty tinted paper, in the form of an egg, and the rooms should be decorated with jonquils, lilies, or any Easter flowers. One amusement which will interest the children is an egg hunt. For this provide a large number of candy eggs of various colors, and conceal them about the room. Furnish each child with a small bright-colored bag to collect the eggs in, and reward the one who finds the largest number with some pretty trifle for a prize. Another game is a variation of the familiar "Donkey party." Sketch a rabbit upon a sheet, and give each child a pair of rabbit ears. The object is to pin the ears upon the rabbit while blindfolded. To the one who locates the ears most accurately, a small prize may be given. The children will enjoy singing their Easter hymns again, and it may not be amiss to again impress them with the meaning of Easter.

The dining-room should be prettily decorated, and a novel idea for a centerpiece is a large egg of white flowers, resting upon a bed of green, and this in turn upon an oval mirror. Fluffy little chickens, scattered among the green, make a pretty touch.

The refreshments should be simple and suited to youthful digestions, and a good menu consists of chicken sandwiches cut in the form of eggs, ice cream in rabbit-molds, "Easter-egg" fancy cakes, and candies in the same form. The floral egg in the centre of the table should be hollow, and when the refreshments are finished, this should be opened, disclosing a number of fluffy chickens, one to be given to each child as a souvenir.

As has been already said, there is great danger at the present day of our holidays losing their original significance. Thanksgiving, too, often centres about the dinner, Christmas about the gifts, while Easter is inseparably associated with new clothes. It is a wise mother who seeks to impress upon her children the meaning of these days and who brings vividly before the children the wondrous birth of our Lord and His glorious resurrection. So as once more the day of the resurrection comes around, let us make it a joyous occasion for young and old alike, so that each heart may say with gladness, "The Lord is risen, indeed."—Selected.

Too Late.

The old farmer died suddenly; so when Judge Gilory, his only son, received the telegram, he could do nothing but go to the farm for the funeral. It was difficult to do even that, for the Judge was the leading lawyer in X—, and every hour was worth many dollars to him.

As he sat with bent head in the grimy little train which lumbered through the farms, he could not keep the details of his cases out of his mind.

He had never given his father a heartache, and the old man died full of years and virtues, "a shock of corn fully ripe." The phrase pleased him.

"I wish to tell you," said the doctor, gravely, "that your father's thoughts were all of you. He was ill but an hour, but his cry was for 'John! John!' unceasingly."

"If I could have been with him!" said the Judge.

"He was greatly disappointed that you missed your half-yearly visit last spring. Your visits were the events of his life," said the doctor.

"Last spring? Oh, yes; I took my family then to California."

"I urged him to run down and see you on your return, but he would not go."

"No; he never felt at home in the city."

The Judge remembered that he had not asked his father to come down. Ted was ashamed of his grandfather's wide collars, and Jessie, who was a fine musician, scowled when she was asked to sing the "Portuguese hymn" every night. The Judge humored his children and had ceased to ask his father into his house.

The farm-house was in order and scrupulously clean, but its bareness gave a chill to the Judge, whose home was luxurious. The dead old woman who had been his father's servant sat grim and tearless by the side of the coffin.

"Martha was faithful," whispered the doctor, "but she's deaf. His life was very solitary. The neighbors are young. He belonged to another generation."

He reverently uncovered the coffin and then with Martha went out and closed the door. The Judge was alone with his dead.

Strangely enough, his thought was still of the cold bareness of the room. Those hacked wooden chairs were there when he was a boy. It would have been so easy for him to have made the house comfortable—to have hung some pictures on the wall! How his father had delighted in his engravings and pored over them!

Looking now into the kind old face, with the white hair lying motionless on it, he found something in it which he had never taken time to notice—a sagacity, a nature fine and sensitive. He was the friend, the comrade, whom he had needed so often! He had left him with deaf old Martha for his sole companion!

There hung upon the wall the photograph of a young man with an eager, strong face, looking proudly at a chubby boy on his knee. The Judge saw the strength in the face.

"My father should have played a high part in life," he thought. "There is more promise in his face than in mine."

In the desk was a bundle of old account books with the records of years of hard drudgery on the farm; of work in winter and summer, and often late at night, to pay John's school bills and to send him to Harvard. One patch of ground after another was sold while he waited for practice, to give him clothes and luxuries which other young men in town had, until but a meager portion of the farm was left.

John Gilory suddenly closed the book. "And this is the end!" he said. "The boy for whom he lived and worked won fortune and position—and how did he repay him?"

The man knelt on the bare floor and shed bitter tears on the quiet old face. "O father! father!" he cried. But there was no smile on the quiet face. He was too late.—Youth's Companion.

Old People.

I want to say a word to old people. I see you wherever you go. I see you on the street cars. The conductor gives the car an extra rest when you get on or off, out of courtesy to your slow steps. I see you at church. You nod sometimes, but the sermon is not complete without your nod of approval. I see you in the warmest corner of the hearth reading the paper.

You have one great temptation—it is to think that your days of usefulness are over. You are in the way, so you feel, and you'd better be out of the world. It is a great mistake. If the Lord thought that old people were useless, he would devise some way suddenly to get rid of them.

What makes a person useful? Not ability to work. A baby cannot earn a penny, cannot do a stroke of work, yet it is often the most important factor in the household. Baby's coming often makes father "straighten up;" often unites the estranged hearts of husband and wife; often brings sobriety and industry into the home life.

An old man sitting in an arm-chair, feeble and helpless, may be the most useful member of the household. Let me say three things to you:

1. Old people are a blessing, because of their accumulated wisdom. You have made the journey of life. You have the rich experience. That boy is a bright boy who forms the acquaintance of some aged person.

2. Old people supply a necessary conservative force. You make society more stable. You bring reverence to it. The age that is wise rises before the hoary head.

3. Old people link us to heaven. You remind us of the future life. "My old mother knows how to pray," said a merchant, recently, to me. You bind us to the throne of God.

The earth would be positively poor without you. I am not sure but that you are the most useful members of society.—Advance.

The supremely absurd thing about worry is its futility. It accomplishes absolutely nothing. If we are on a delayed train, which will mean missed connections, worry will not make the train run one fraction faster. If we are watching beside a sick bed, worry will not lower the sufferer's temperature any part of a degree, or make the pulse beat a whit less rapidly. If we want it to be fair as the rain begins to fall, worry will not stop one single drop. What is the use of using up energy and embittering life by what is absolutely impotent and vain?

If meat be allowed to stand a little too long before cooking, a slight sprinkle of sugar over it just before taking it from the fire will remove the unpalatable taste.

Our Boys and Girls

Chalk Level, N. C., Feb. 29, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. I go to school every day. My teacher is Miss Ada Norris. I like her very much. I study arithmetic, geography, fourth reader and spelling.

I will close by asking a question: Who was the meckest man?

Your little friend,
MAUD MANN.

Franklinton, N. C., Feb. 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy ten years old. I go to Sunday-school and my teacher is my sister, May Turner. Her class is entering the intermediate quarterly.

Rev. John H. Shore is our pastor. We like him very much.

Will close by answering Earl T. Sells' question: Samson was the strongest man.

NATHAN C. TURNER.

Stem, N. C., Feb. 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy eleven years old and I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. My teacher's name is Mrs. W. S. Gooch, and I like her ever so much. I have two sisters and two brothers. I go to every-day school and my teacher is named Miss Mary Kimball. I like her ever so much.

I will close, hoping this will not find the waste basket.

Your friend,
LONNIE BULLOCK.

Chalk Level, N. C., Feb. 29, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy twelve years old. I go to school every day, and my teacher is Mr. Ernest Marks. I like him very much. I study arithmetic, geography, grammar, spelling and history. Our school will soon be out. We are going to have an entertainment.

We have a new pastor, and his name is Mr. Starling. We like him fine.

I will close, with much love to the Orphanage.

Your little friend,
CLARENCE MANN.

Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 12, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eight years of age. My pava takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Mr. Elijah Edwards is our superintendent. My teacher is my brother. Mr. F. E. Dixon is our preacher.

I have two sisters and two brothers living, and one brother and three sisters dead. I also have a grandma living. She lives with us.

I will close.

From your unknown friend,
ETTA MITCHELL.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 29, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old, and I enjoy reading the little girls' and boys' letters very much. I go to Sunday-school and every-day school. I study spelling, grammar, arithmetic, geopraphy, history and fifth reader.

My school teacher's name is Miss Sarah Crosswell, and I think a great deal of her. My Sunday-school teacher's name is Miss Bessie Williams and we all love her. I go to Fifth Street Methodist Sunday-school. Our pastor's name is Mr. McCullen and every one likes him.

I will close by asking a question: How old was Jesus when he was crucified?

Your little friend,
MARY H. RISLEY.

Town Creek, N. C., Feb. 22, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eight years of age. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My Sunday-school teacher is Mrs. McKoy, and I like her very much. Our pastor is Rev. W. R. Royall, and I like him very much also. I go to every-day school. My teacher is Miss Nellie McClees. If this escapes the waste-basket, I will write again.

Your friend,
MABEL CANNAN.

Chocowinity, N. C., Feb. 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. I live with my uncle and aunt. My mamma is dead. I have a good home. I go to school every day. My teacher is Miss Myra B. Turner. I like her very much. I study spelling, fourth reader, grammar and arithmetic.

My uncle takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the childrens' letters and I want one in there also.

Mr. Stanfield is our pastor for this year. I hope we will all like him very much.

I will close for this time, hoping to see this in print.

An unknown friend,
RUTH C. NELSON.

Dunn, N. C., Feb. 19, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eight years old. I live in Dunn, a town with about two thousand inhabitants. We have six churches of different kinds. I go to the Methodist Sunday-school. Mr. G. E. Prince is our superintendent and Miss Florence Holder is my teacher. Mr. Snipes is our pastor, and has service every Sunday except the first.

I read the children's letters in the Advocate and like them.

If I see this in your paper, I may write again.

I will close, with best wishes for the little folks and the Advocate.

BLANCHE GRANTHAM.

Winstead, N. C., Feb. 22, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years of age. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little boys' and girls' letters. I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday, and my papa is my teacher, and I like to go. I have been going to school every day until last week our school house caught on fire and burned down; will start again just as soon as they can build. Miss Addie Lea is my teacher. We all love her very much; she is so sweet and kind to us.. She has the sympathy of the whole community in the loss of her nice new piano that was in the school-house when it burned down. I will answer E. T. Sells' question: Samson was the strongest man.

"A question I will ask of thee,
Come, answer if you please.
Tell in what chapter there's a verse
With three and fifty t's?"

Enclosed you will find ten cents for the Orphanage.

ALMA WINSTEAD.

Hugo, N. C., Feb. 27, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. I go to school now and my teacher is Miss Maggie Smith. Our school is just two more weeks longer. We are going to have an entertainment the last day.

We all like Miss Maggie very well.

This is my first letter to the Advocate. Please excuse bad writing, and perhaps I will do better next time. I will close for this time, wishing to see this in print.

Your little friend,
ROSA LEE ROUSE.

New Bern, N. C., Feb. 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl seven years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher is Mrs. Dr. Rhen; our pastor is Rev. G. T. Adams and I love him very much.

Well, I will answer David A. Broughton's question: It was Zaccheus that climbed the sycamore tree. He climbed it to see Jesus.

I will ask a question: Who was taken out of prison by the angel?

I will close by sending ten cents for the Orphanage.

CORRINNE BLALOCK.

Greenville, N. C., Feb. 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. I go to Sunday-school. My papa takes the Advocate and I like to read the little folks' letters.

I have a pet pig and her name is Polly. I have a little brother named Walter. We love him very much, because he is the only boy in the family.

Our preacher's name is Rev. B. E. Stanfield. We like him very much

I will answer David Bruton's question: It was Zaccheus that climbed the sycamore tree to see Jesus.

I will close, with much love to the Orphanage.

Your friend,
HELEN V. WOOTTON.

Clinton, N. C., Feb. 22, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I would like to enter your warm circle of boys and girls. This is my first letter. I enjoy reading the letters from the little folks. My papa takes the Advocate. I enjoy reading it very much. I will answer Allen Sells' question: Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died. I will ask some questions: How many generations from Abraham unto Christ? Who took the kingdom after Belshazzar?

I will ask Emma F. Harris to tell her pastor to please write often to the Advocate. He was our pastor for four years. We loved him very much. We watch for a piece from him.

I will close, with best wishes for the Advocate.

Yours truly,
B. O. MERRITT.

Franklinton, N. C., Feb. 24, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As my last letter did not find its way to the waste basket, I will write again. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Our pastor is Rev. John H. Shore. We like him very much. This is his third year with us, and we regret very much that we can't have him but one more year.

I go to every-day school also. My teacher is Miss May Cheatham.

I will answer Maud Hill's question: John the Baptist baptized Jesus.

Now I will ask one: How many men that started from Egypt ever reached Canaan?

I will close, with best wishes to all the little Advocate friends.

JOSIE TURNER.

Osgood, N. C., Feb. 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. I go to school now, and Miss Nannie McPhail is my teacher. I like her very much.

Our school is three days longer.

My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters, so I thought I would write.

I go to Sunday-school every Sunday that I can.

I study geography, history, arithmetic, grammar, spelling and physiology. I like spelling best of my studies.

This is my second letter to the Advocate.

I will close for this time, wishing to see this in print.

Your little friend,
MAY LEE YARBOROUGH.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Feb. 22, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As my other letter escaped the waste basket, I will write again.

Papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading it very much especially the letters.

I have two brothers and two sisters. My mother and father are both living. I go to the graded school. I am in the fourth grade, and study spelling, reading, English grammar, geography and arithmetic.

I will answer Maud Hill's question: John baptized Jesus.

I will close by asking some questions: How long did it take Noah to build the ark? Where did Jesus go when he was twelve years old? Where did God give the Ten Commandments?

Your friend,
MAMIE HUNLEY.

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Womans Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. B. F. Dixon, Raleigh, N.C.

Officers of the W. F. M. S. of the N. C. Conference, June, 1903-'04.

President—Mrs. Lucy A. Cunninggim, Greensboro, N. C
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The officers of our Conference Society, and all delegates who will attend the Annual Meeting at Elizabeth City are requested to send their names at once to Mrs. W. J. Lumsden, Elizabeth City. Those officers and District Secretaries who cannot attend are asked to make the fact known also, to Mrs. Lumsden.

We are requested to publish again the routes to Elizabeth City, as given by the pastor of the church there:

For New Bern and Wilmington Districts, by way of New Bern, taking steamer "Neuse" on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, at 6 p. m., arriving in Elizabeth City next morning early.

For the Washington District, via Plymouth and Edenton, arriving here at 9.30 a. m., or 2.30 p. m.

For all other Districts over either the Atlantic Coast Line, or the S. A. L., via Suffolk, Va. Leaving any point on either of these lines on a morning train you can reach here same afternoon about 6.30 o'clock. On either of these last roads you will change cars at Suffolk, Va., coming over the new Suffolk and Carolina, to Elizabeth City, or persons so desiring may come via Norfolk.

Hoping for a "big turn out" of God's hand-maidens at the meeting, I remain yours truly,

D. H. TUTTLE.

The Young Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Edenton Street Church, at the last regular meeting, elected the following officers: President, Miss Daisy Waitt; First Vice-President, Miss Bessie Brown; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Sam Young; Recording Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Willson; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Josephine Brown; Assistant Treasurer, Miss Minnie Tucker; Agent for Missionary Advocate, Miss Joe Reese; Delegate to Annual Meeting, Miss Minnie Tucker; Alternate, Miss Mary Pescud.

This Society possesses a high type of young Christian womanhood. With an energy and zeal born of a high ideal of Christian duty and privilege, they reach a goal of success which would seem an impossibility to a Society with less determination.

Read the following from our efficient Conference Treasurer, Mrs. B. B. Adams: "It gives me great pleasure to announce the fact that our sisters have rallied nobly to the bugle call. Our pledge has been met in full. This year's report is the largest that has ever passed through my hands. Truly it is well to attempt great things, and expect great things."

This notice, sent in by our Conference Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Swindell, will be read with interest and pleasure: "Mrs. Mary L. Hargrove, of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo., has kindly consented to make the following itinerary in the North Carolina Conference, soon after her return from Palestine.

She is a fine talker, and a consecrated woman. We hope that all who can, will avail themselves of the rare privilege of hearing her.

Rockingham, Sunday, July 10th, 8 p. m.; Fayetteville, Monday, July 11th, 8 p. m.; Wilmington, July 12th, 8 p. m.; New Bern, July 13th, 8 p. m.; Raleigh, July 14th, 8 p. m.; Durham, July 15th, 8 p. m."

Combined with her personal magnetism, and her long experience of faithful service in her Master's cause, will be the wealth of newly acquired knowledge and inspiration which she will gather in her attendance upon the "World's Fourth Sunday-school Convention" in Jerusalem, April 18-20.

Not only the members of our Missionary Societies, but every one who feels an interest in the extension of Christ's kingdom in the earth, should hear this talented woman.

All hail to our faithful District Secretaries! It would require more space than we can command in our column to give all the good news they are sending us. Our elect sister, Mrs. J. L. Horne, writes of her District:

"Dear Mrs. Dixon:—Your query, 'Where are the eight?' reminds me to say: the Washington District is 'in line' and 'keeping step.' She exceeded the Pldege assessment by $99.-90. I am sure every woman on the District, who reads these figures will wish she had paid ten cents more to that cause last year. Sisters, let it teach us a lesson!

In the total, the District paid $190.33 more than ever before. Every Auxiliary on the District, save one, paid more than the previous year.

I would like to speak of the Adult Auxiliary at Greenville, whose Pledge assessment was $40.00, and who paid $60.00, without diminishing dues or Conference expense fund; and of the Bright Jewel Band of Rocky Mount, whose Pledge assessment was $25.00, and who paid $61.10. The little Society at Ocracoke, organized two years ago, paid an average of $2.50 per member.

They do not get the enthusiasm of the Annual or District Meetings; never come in touch with outside workers, but they have the spirit of Christ and that is the spirit of Missions.

The District has not done all she could—we are going to do better this year. But I am glad to bear testimony to the unward tendency, and to thank the faithful workers of every Auxiliary for the support they have given to the District Secretary in her efforts to advance the work.

Very sincerely,
MRS. J. L. HORNE,
District Secretary.

Woman's Home Mission Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. R. O. Burton, Raleigh, N. C.

Officers of W. H. M. S. of the N. C. Conference.

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Important Notice—Read Carefully.

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society will be held in Selma, N. C., April 27th-May 2nd. Rev. R. F. Bumpas will preach the sermon.

Let there be present a representative from every Auxiliary. Especially do we urge the newly organized Auxiliaries to send delegates.

Please send names of delegates and visitors to Mrs. N. E. Edgerton, Corresponding Secretary Selma Auxiliary.

MRS. S. H. SCOTT,
Conference Cor. Sec.

Our Annual Meeting.

My Dear Sisters:—Our annual gathering this year will be with the Auxiliary at Selma, April 27th to May 2nd. It is our earnest hope that every Auxiliary may send a delegate, for this is the only way in which we can successfully advance the interests of the great work that has been committed to us. We need all the inspiration that we can derive from the occasion, as well as the help that a united study of our work will afford us. The cause is developing in answer to our prayers, and we should endeavor to develop with it. It is true that we still have our discouragements, but even these should make us all the more brave and faithful.

Let us all unite our efforts and our prayers to make this the most successful meeting we have ever held, looking in faith to Him who has said: "It is not by might nor by power, but by my spirit."

With loving interest in you all,
MRS. J. E. UNDERWOOD.

Our President's Message.

Her earnest words will be welcomed by all and will find a loving response in every heart. May all hearts and hands unite and faithfully use their best efforts towards the success of our Conference.

Report of Fourth Quarter.

Adult Auxiliaries in Conference Society, 33; Juvenile, 4. Adult members in Auxiliaries, 760; Juvenile, 114. Meetings held during quarter, 64; average attendance, 234. Subscribers to "Our Homes," 204; number taking Home Mission Reading Course, 113. Adult mite boxes in use, 49; baby mite boxes, 199. Names added to Baby Roll, 36. Papers and leaflets distributed, 601. Visits to the sick and to strangers, 589. Visits to corrective and benevolent institutions, 7. Cottage prayer meetings held, 10. Garments in good order distributed, 240. Needy assisted, 110. Auxiliaries contributing to connectional enterprises, 12. Number pledges to tithing, 20. Boxes of supplies sent off and reported to Superintendent of Supply Department, 2.

MRS. S. H. SCOTT,
Conference Cor. Sec.

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This report is not complete, but it is the best that our faithful Corresponding Secretary could compile from the ones sent her. She sends special thanks to the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries who were punctual.

It represents much loving service for our King and cannot seem dull reading to any one. The number of Auxiliaries remains the same, but there are 75 new adult members, and 12 new Juvenile, and an increase in almost every collection of figures. Let us take courage and work on with joyful and grateful hearts.

Disappointing Facts.

There are two disappointments to which I must call your attention:

1. The average attendance is less than one-third. 2. The subscribers to "Our Homes" number very little more than one-fourth of the members. These are truths to ponder and to pray over. May we be able to discover the way to arouse the indifferent ones to new interest and useful action! And does not the second fact partly explain the first? It is difficult to believe that want of interest in Home Missions among Christian women can come from anything but want of information, for their hearts are true and their desires right. Then let every earnest member put in a word for "Our Homes" whenever she can.

Food for Thought.

Chicago contains more Germans than any city in Germany, except Berlin. New York has more Italians than Florence. Last year 130,000 came to us from Russia, 215,000 from Austria-Hungary, 24,000 from Italy. Some one has said that "Facts are the finger of God." What do these figures mean to the Christians of the United States? Will not our Home Mission writers and brethren of the pulpit answer through this column?

A BOY'S WILD RIDE FOR LIFE.

With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, 18 miles, to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, W. H. Brown, of Lecsville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma; but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds and Grip prove its matchless merit for all Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free at all drug stores.

CHEAP SETTLERS' TICKETS.

On January 19th, February 2nd and 16th, March 1st and 15th, and April 5th and 19th, 1904, the Frisco System (St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad), will sell reduced rate one-way and round-trip tickets from Atlanta, Birmingham and Memphis to points in Arkansas. Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territories and Texas. Write S. L. Parrott, District Passenger Agent, Atlanta, Ga.

Editorial

EASTER: A BACKWARD AND A FORWARD LOOK.

Looking Backward. Above the violet sky-line of childhood many shapes arise. The sheen of the Sabbath morning, the music of church bells, the white lilies nodding in an atmosphere pulsing with sacred song, and oh! the dear faces which vanished one by one as the Easter tides came on. We love to gaze on these sweet visions which Memory drapes so tenderly. But like the pearl and gray of sunset, they fade away, and eyes so used to looking at ashes and withered leaves and other vanishing things see that which vanisheth not through all the years—an empty tomb. It tells of conquered death and a conquering living Christ, the "hope of glory." Through the gloom and the gleam of hurrying days that empty tomb is seen. It is ever open to the skies, and from it come the words: "He is not here; He is risen."

Then, among the sad mounds of years, is another grave, empty and solitary. From it, the heart dead in trespasses and in sins, walked out by the Spirits mighty power into the glad free life that is hid with Christ in God. That empty grave tells of sins forgiven, a soul cleansed, and an enthroned Christ. God help us all to keep that grave empty, to tell the thrilling story of a new life swelling into the unending maturity.

Looking Forward. Yes, to the sunrise. For Easter tells of an empty grave, and that empty grave is an index finger pointing forward. Forward, to the time when this world will swing no longer a sin-cursed orb, but glory-covered, even as the earth is water-covered. Forward, to the time when this "vile body shall be changed and made like unto His own glorious body according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself." Forward, to the time when the "loved and lost awhile" will walk with us in Paradise, and all the tears and heart-aches and hill-climbing and temptation-fighting will have passed away forever. Forward, to the time when satisfied with our glorious awakening we shall stand in the beatuy of the eternal morning and look on the face of the King in His beauty.

O, Easter-tides, as you come and go, whether hedged with snow or bound with flowers, bring to Advocate readers and all the full hope and prophecy and inspiration of the Empty Tomb—the bloom of life and the glory of Immortality.

THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH.

At the General Conference in New Orleans the words, "the Church of God," were substituted for the words, "the Holy Catholic Church," in the Apostles' Creed.

The Joint Commission on Form of Worship, appointed by the last General Conference, respectively of the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church, South, restored the words, the "Holy Catholic Church."

Why this was done, we do not know. That the Commission had the right to make this restoration we seriously question. Yet there can be no reasonable objection to the words, "the Holy Catholic Church." "Catholic" simply means "general." The Holy Catholic Church is not the Roman Catholic Church, but the universal church. There is no reason why the papacy should have the exclusive use of the word. To refuse to use it in the Apostles Creed is to acknowledge in a certain sense that the Roman Catholic Church, alone has a right to the use of the term.

DURHAM DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

This Conference met in the town of Graham on Thursday morning, March 24. The introductory sermon was preached on Wednesday evening by Rev. J. H. McCracken. There were present all the preachers-in-charge in the District and forty-six laymen. Dr. Gibbs, the Presiding Elder, among his eminent qualifications for the Presiding Eldership, possesses the gift of securing a large attendance of preachers and delegates.

Perhaps the chief item of interest is the fact that ten out of seventeen charges reported foreign and domestic missions paid in full. The other seven charges have paid fully half.

The preachers of the Durham District looked well-fed, well-dressed, and cheerful. The happiest men we see are Methodist preachers at a District or an Annual Conference. We cannot say as much of them at a Quarterly Conference. The 8th question is often bothersome.

We reached Graham at 11 a. m., on Friday. We were in time to hear an interesting sermon by Rev. W. L. Cuninggim on "The Heroic Spirit of Missionary Effort." Friday afternoon was occupied in the election of delegates to the Annual Conference, and the passage of the character of local preachers. The delegates elect are as follows: A. J. Thompson, W. R. Hamrick, J. S. Carr, and S. S. Lankford. The next District Conference will be held at West Durham. It is a matter of regret that so few of our local preachers attend the District Conference. There are quite a number of local preachers in the Durham District, but very few were at Graham. In calling the churches, it was found that a local preacher doing supply work in Eastern Carolina holds his membership at one of the Durham churches. Quite a discussion arose on the question as to which District Conference has jurisdiction of this local preacher. There were various views expressed, but the Presiding Elder finally ruled that his case was in charge of the District in whose bounds he is at work. It was easy then to emphasize the duty of every local preacher who is doing supply work to move his membership to some church within the bounds of the District in which he resides and does his work.

Rev. W. B. Lee delivered an interesting address on Brazil at night to a large audience. Brother Lee expects to sail for Brazil next July. His heart is in the work there. He has the qualification most needed for his work, and that is a tender love for the people for whom he labors. He is bright, eloquent, and consecrated.

The Conference adjourned at 1 o'clock on Saturday. The day's session was taken up in considering educational interests. Mr. C. H. Ireland, Rev. S. B. Turrentine, and Miss Nannie Lee Smith spoke to the Conference concerning Greensboro Female College. The architect's plans of the proposed building were shown. Miss Smith took up a collection and the result was very gratifying. The plan of campaign for raising the $30,000 which must be secured before the building can be commenced, will be given to the public in a few days. At 11 a. m. Dr. J. C. Kilgo delivered a brilliant and forceful address on certain phases of our great educational problem.

Rev. Zensky Hinohara, a Japanese student at Trinity College, Rev. J.W. Jenkins, and Rev. Mike Bradshaw were visitors at the Conference. The first-named was appointed to speak on Saturday evening in the Methodist Church. He is a bright consecrated Christian. He is expecting daily to be called into the Japanese army.

We were in Graham three years ago, and we were agreeably surprised that so many changes had taken place. There are now about three thousand people in Graham. They believe in public school education, as the handsome building shows. They believe in their churches, as the very handsome edifices show. The Methodist Church is small but comely. Rev. C. M. Lance, the pastor, has the respect and confidence of the people in general. He is a man of high ideals and hard work.

The people of Graham showed warm hospitality to the Conference. Hearts and homes were opened wide. It was our pleasant lot to find with that choice companion, Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, a home with our friends Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kernodle, who, while pillars in the Christian Church in Graham, are broad and kind enough to make no difference in their treatment of their own and Methodist preachers. Brother Kernodle is Clerk of the Court of Alamance County and editor of the Alamance Gleaner. We feel that we can always claim a warm welcome from him and his interesting family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

Rev. Dr. H. M. Hamill and Mrs. Hamill will conduct a Sunday-school Institute in Edenton Street Church, this city, on Monday and Tuesday, June 28 and 29, the exercises beginning at 4 p. m., Monday. This will be the only Institute held by them in this section of North Carolina.

Dr. Hamill is recognized as one of the foremost Sunday-school men in the world, and we are quite sure that all persons who are interested in Sunday-school work, will avail themselves of the privilege of learning of him.

The program of the Institute will appear in these columns later.

THE CRAVEN PORTRAIT.

Several weeks ago we announced the enterprise of securing an oil portrait of Braxton Craven for the Craven Memorial Hall, Trinity Park, Durham, N. C. The responses, while not numerous, are gratifying on account of the size of the subscription and the spirit of thankful reverence for the one whose portrait is to be painted. Rev. H. W. Norris, of Como, N. C., is a Baptist minister and a former pupil of Dr. Craven. We are glad to publish the following letter which we have just received from him:

Cosma, N. C., March 23, 1904.

Dr. T. N. Ivey, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:—That first page of the Advocate of the 16th presents the face of the man most loved by me of all the men I ever knew except my father. During my college days he was so kind and fatherly to me; and so many times gave me advice and counsel that I feel has so greatly helped me through the years that have followed. I have ever cherished his memory, and am pleased to have the privilege of contributing something towards placing his portrait in the "Craven Memorial Hall," so worthily erected to his memory. I have been blessed with the "heritage of his life's noble influence."

Enclosed I send you $1.00, and if you need another or four more to raise the necessary amount call upon me and you shall have it.

Yours truly,

H. W. NORRIS.

We presume that the part of the program which called for the holding of divine service on Mars Hill, Athens, on last Sunday by the delegates, in transitu, to the World's Sunday School Convention at Jerusalem, was fully carried out. If so, it was an event which is worthy of world-wide interest. Nearly two thousand years ago, Paul faced on Mars Hill an audience whose mental and moral attitude to the Christian principles represented by the Apostle foreboded to the worldly mind a quick and sure death to the religion of the Nazarene. The men and women who then laughed at Paul's preaching have passed into dust; but the truths of that gospel sermon have lived through the long centuries to find a concrete embodiment in a host of Sunday workers who themselves represent a large army which has planted the Master's banner over all the world.

"Jesus shall reign wherer the sun
Does his successive journeys run."

Drs. Burrow and Folk are at it again on the subject of Baptism.

Methodist Mention

Rev. D. H. Comann has closed a very profitable meeting at Tyron Street Church, Charlotte.

Methodism has not been without a resident Bishop in New Orleans for nearly thirty-four years.

Work on the new Columbia (S. C.) Female College building, near Hyatt's Park, will begin in a few weeks.

Mr. D. M. Smith has recently established a book agency with Wilson's International Book Store, Havana.

Rev. John W. Bird, a superannuate preacher of the Western North Carolina Conference, died on February 29.

Be sure to read Rev. A. McCullen's "Personality and Divinity of the Holy Spirit" in this issue. It is a most timely theme.

The preachers of Durham District, whose Conference was held last week at Graham, looked happy and well-fed. Not a single one looked hungry.

We are glad to know that Revs. R. H. Broome and R. W. Bailey, who have been sick recently, have improved sufficiently to take the field once more.

A movement is in progress to purchase the old Williamston Female College building and establish there a school to be the property of the Greenville District.

Many commendations of the Warrenton District Edition of the Advocate are coming in to this office. The Elizabeth City District edition will appear April 13th.

The beautiful poem in this issue entitled, "Easter-Tide," should have been credited to Dr. W. H. Moore. His modesty alone prevented him from appending his name to the copy.

Rev. R. E. Porter, a North Carolina missionary working under the direction of our Board at La Gloria, Cuba, had a very interesting letter in the North Carolina Christian Advocate last week.

Rev. J. Walter Long, preacher in charge of the Rockford Circuit, Western North Carolina Conference, has been made Field Secretary of the North Carolina State Sunday School Association.

Dr. A. C. Dixon, the well-known Baptist preacher, has a sermon on "What the World Owes to Methodism." He preached it recently in Tremont Temple, Boston, to a very large audience.

Rev. G. W. Starling, preacher-in-charge of Cary Circuit, reports that he has prosecuted his work during the inclement part of the winter successfully, and that all interests of his work have a propitious outlook.

It is announced that Davenport College trustees have the plan for an addition to the college which they intend building during the summer, and have it ready for the fall opening of the school.—N. C. Christian Advocate.

Mr. W. C. Noble, of Hillsboro, writes in a very complimentary way of Rev. N. C. Yearby and his labors. Brother Noble thinks that there is too strong a disposition to praise the D. D.'s, and to say little of the circuit riders.

Epworth Church, Rev. J. M. Culbreth pastor, is now a beautiful and well arranged edifice. They have just purchased a new piano. Brother Culbreth is doing some very intelligent and much needed work. His labors are bearing fruit.

The Oxford Ledger speaks thus in its last issue: The Bright Jewel Band of Salem Church has lived through the winter, prospered, and grown under the management of Mrs. Addie C. Hunt. The meetings have been held at her home during the winter, and last Sunday five new members joined, and there were in all twenty members present.

Emory and Henry College has enrolled one hundred and forty-one students this year—the largest in many years. Rev. Frank Siler, a former Holstonian, but now of the Western North Carolina Conference, will deliver the alumni address at the Commencement.

We had the pleasure of receiving a few days ago a visit from Rev. G. F. Johnson, of the Methodist Church of Canada. He is at present traveling through the South. He is a brother of Rev. J. R. Johnson, of Raleigh, who is the General Agent of the Sun Life Insurance Company.

Dr. Jno. R. Brooks returned to Raleigh on last Friday from a trip to Selma, Smithfield, Dunn, and other towns. He preached seven times in two weeks, and sold 134 copies of "Scriptural Sanctification." This shows that he is still able to do hard work—a kind in which he always rejoices.

We have on hand several requests from anonymous correspondents. We would like to publish an answer to these requests in the Advocate, but our rule requiring all correspondents to give us their name prevents us from noticing these requests. Our friends will please let us have their name.

On Monday evening, March 21, Dr. B. F. Dixon delivered a strong and able address before the Epworth League of Central Church, Raleigh. Dr. Dixon is a most attractive and helpful speaker, and is at his best before young people. Our Epworth Leagues would be fortunate in securing his services.

Dr. E. L. Pell's quarterly edition of "Pell's Notes" is enjoying great success. It circulates from Turkey to Hawaii. The Robert Harding Company, Publishers, Richmond, is issuing a cloth edition which is very compact, handy, and durable. The price of the Quarterly is 25 cents; $1.00 a year.

The meeting at Edenton Street Church will continue through the present week. There has been considerable interest, and a number have professed Christ. Rev. J. H. Shore is preaching some very strong sermons. He is a preacher of more than ordinary ability. His sermons are evangelical, showing both spiritual and intellectual strength.

Rev. E. Pope writes: "The outlook on my work was never brighter at this season than now. Large and growing congregations at every point. Look out for new subscribers. I am Superintendent of the Jonesboro schools with 135 pupils, teaching five days in the week, holding church conferences on Saturdays, and preaching every Sunday. How is that for work?"

The series of services that have been in progress at the City Road Methodist Church continue to grow in interest and the attendance each night is very large. Rev. H. M. North is a very impressive speaker and is thoroughly consecrated to the good work he has undertaken. The services are held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and at 7.30 at night. They will continue all during the week. —Elizabeth City Economist.

Rev. R. L. Davis has this to say of his work, and it makes a fine showing: "With a membership of 269, Bertie has 49 subscribers to the Advocate, and we expect to have a few more soon. How is this? If North Carolina Methodism did as well, how would we then compare with the Baptists and Presbyterians? When I came here Bertie had 31 subscribers. Every family in our Ebenezer Church takes the paper. They are a noble little band."

Rev. A. L. Ormond writes that the work on the Kittrells Circuit is progressing finely. Dr. W. H. Moore, P. E., is highly appreciated. He preached three most excellent sermons at the last Quarterly Meeting. On Saturday the parsonage was happily pounded by the people of Trinity Church, who have the sincere thanks of the occupants of the parsonage. Brother Ormond says that his love for God and his brethren grows constantly deeper, and that his desire to be used by God grows constantly stronger.

Publisher's Column

THE CAMPAIGN FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The Conference has requested each District to furnish 150 new subscribers by May 1, 1904. The report for each District will be made weekly in this column. The District reporting the largest number of new subscribers by May 1, 1904, will receive a present not costing less than $25.00, to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

The following new subscribers have been received since March 23, 1904:

B. C. Glover	14
Rev. N. H. D. Wilson	7
Rev. J. W. Bradley	6
Rev. J. G. Johnson	4
Rev. W. E. Brown	3
Rev. G. B. Perry	3
Rev. A. D. Betts	3
Rev. W. A. Piland	3
Rev. E. R. Welch	3
Rev. W. F. Craven	3
Rev. A. J. Parker	2
Rev. R. L. Davis	2
Rev. W. H. Townsend	2
Rev. K. D. Holmes	2
Rev. C. C. Brothers	1
Rev. N. H. Guyton	1
Rev. W. F. Jones	1
Rev. W. H. Brown	1
Rev. A. McCullen	1
Rev. Y. E. Wright	1
Rev. M. Culbreth	1
Rev. L. L. Nash	1
Rev. W. F. Galloway	1
Rev. M. Bradshaw	1
Rev. D. N. Caviness	1
Rev. L. H. Joyner	1
Rev. J. M. Marlowe	1
Rev. W. T. Usry	1
Rev. W. C. Merritt	1
Direct	1

The following shows how many new subscribers have been received from each District since Conference:

Washington District	91—increase	9
Rockingham District	88—increase	17
Raleigh District	83—increase	2
Fayetteville District	77—increase	7
Warrenton District	71—increase	13
Durham District	59—increase	3
New Bern District	49—increase	3
Elizabeth City District	48—increase	11
Wilmington District	45—increase	8

Total to date, 611; total increase for the week, 73.

Washington District still stands first. Rockingham turns Raleigh down and takes second place. Wilmington takes bottom place and Elizabeth City moves up one place. The greatest increase for the week is from the Rockingham District—17. Warrenton is next with 13. We trust that this will be a week of hard work by the preachers for new subscribers, and that many surprises are in store in next week's exhibit. We shall see.

THE PROGRESS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

The campaign for new subscribers is progressing very satisfactorily. The past week was a little "off." There are only four weeks yet left for the Conference to carry out the Resolution adopted to furnish 150 new subscribers for each District. Much work is to be done in the next four weeks. We expect our preachers and laymen to be very active. We must have 1,350 new subscribers by May 1.

The first week in May we will publish an exhibit of the whole Conference by Districts, showing how many renewals and new subscribers have been sent in by each preacher since Conference.

The next edition of the Collegian, the Louisburg College Magazine, is to be an Alumnae number, containing pictures of many of the "girls" who compose its Alumnae dating as far back as 1853. These pictures of its now "snowy-head matrons" will be as they were some thirty, forty and fifty years ago. It will also contain articles from some of her Alumnae and old teachers and other entertaining matter, that will make it an interesting edition. Any one wishing a copy can obtain it by sending twenty-five cents and their address to Mrs. Ivey Allen, Louisburg, N. C. Mrs. J. R. Brooks will edit this edition of the Collegian which will be most interesting and instructive

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Let each Chapter keep in touch, by correspondence, with other Chapters in the bounds of the Conference. Provoke each other to good works.

And do not forget to send me, for this column, any item of interest that may be helpful to this end.

Let the League column of the Advocate be a bond of union between the Chapters of the Conference.

The Council.

The council composed as it is of pastor, president, vice-president, and secretary, is a very important adjunct of the League. No League is complete without it. It should no more neglect its monthly meetings than should any other interest of the League be neglected. What the council is, easily determines the nature and character of the Chapter. The quality of the head makes the actions of the body more or less important. A thoughtless, frivolous head makes the actions of the body of doubtful significance, aimless, worthless. The same is true with the council. Should one of the vice-presidents be less thoughtful and earnest than another his department suffers in consequence and the League becomes a one-sided affair. The object of the council is to prevent this one-sidedness by inspiring to diligence and activity this careless officer.

The council has in its perview every interest of the League. It carefully considers plans and maps out the work of each department for the month. It guards against giving undue prominence to one department as against another; it prevents conflict and makes the League a harmonious whole.

It is here the departments come together for counsel through their respective heads. It is presumed that each president has previously conferred with his committee and formulated plans for the month that he may have something definite to propose to the meeting. This conference should not be neglected even though the members of his committee give little aid; that they may feel that they are more or less responsible for the conduct of the League.

The council should consider the general interest of the Chapter and not defer to the preferences of a few individuals. In proportion as this is neglected the beauty of the League is marred, its aims defeated, and its usefulness crippled. Indeed that is not a League in its strictest sense, in which all the departments are not given due consideration.

The devotional department should have its warm, fervent prayer-meeting, enthusiastic cottage prayer services, earnest, devout Bible readings, faithful study of doctrine and discipline, its "quiet hours," "morning watches" and missionary study circles.

The Charity and Help Department should feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and those in prison, pray with and read the Bible to them and cheer them with flowers and words of encouragement. The stranger and sojourner should be sought out and invited to the social meetings of the church, the League and to the Sunday-school and given a cordial welcome whenever present and introduced to the pastor.

This department should also be in correspondence with like departments in other Chapters of the Conference and join with them in works of charity in the bounds of the Conference; especially the Methodist Orphanage.

The Literary Department, in addition to its regular meetings, should have its reading circles, literary clubs, culture courses, institutes and supplemental reading courses.

In many ways one department may aid another and all this is within the range and scope of the council to shape, direct and further the work. The council should appoint all the committees.

I would suggest that the council have a definite time and place of meeting and that it meet and adjourn on time. This last should be adhered to with something like ironclad rigidity. Under no consideration should its sessions extend beyond an hour.

Each vice-president should have a complete list of members and at each meeting of the council they should divide these among themselves for work in the several departments. This, that each member may have some part in the meetings of the League and no one member be called upon too frequently. It will prevent over-loading the more capable members and give work to weak and mediocre members that they may be led, developed and instructed.

Give place in the meetings for miscellaneous and unfinished business.

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Sunday School

Lesson for April 3, 1904.

Jesus Visits Tyre and Sidon.

(Mark 7: 24-37.)

Golden Text: Without faith it is impossible to please him. (Hebrews 11: 6.)

A few weeks after the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus went into the region near Tyre and Sidon. In this way he withdrew for a time from the bitter opposition which was being offered to his teaching and preaching by the scribes and Pharisees, whose sins he had openly denounced.

The Syro-Phœnician Woman.—The coming of Jesus into the country round about Tyre and Sidon must have awakened considerable stir, and the news of his arrival and the fame of his miraculous power soon spread throughout the entire region.

Among those who heard of the Master's presence was a woman, described as "a Canaanite" by Matthew, and as "a Greek, a Syro-Phœnician," by Mark.

This woman came to Jesus in sore distress, for she had a little daughter afflicted with an unclean spirit, and she longed for the healing of her child.

Persistent Pleading. — Matthew tells us that to the first appeal of the Syro-Phœnician woman Jesus answered not a word. But the woman persisted so strongly in her entreaty that the disciples begged the Master to dismiss her from their presence. Then occurred that brief but significant colloquy in which Jesus tests the faith of the supplicant to the extreme limit. He tells her that it is not meet to take the children's bread and give it to the dogs (literally the little dogs, meaning, not the fierce, ravenous creatures which roam the streets of an Oriental city, but rather the little house-dogs, which are the children's pets and which are allowed to take their place under the table when the family are at meals).

The Syro-Phœnician woman quickly assents to the statement of Jesus, and yet in such a way as to claim for herself and her daughter the blessing for which she had asked, for her reply is, "Yea, Lord: even the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs."

The Reward of Faith.—The test imposed by Jesus had fulfilled his purpose. Jesus' seeming reluctance in granting her request had not altered the faith of the suppliant. So without further delay the woman's request was granted, and upon her return to her home she found that her daughter was healed.

Another miracle of healing followed in quick succession upon the incident which has just been related. A man who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus. Taking the man aside, the Master quickly spoke the word that was needed, and immediately the man's ears were opened and his tongue released from its infirmity.

The Application to Easter.—Inasmuch as the story of the Ressurrection will come in the regular chronological course of our study of the life of Christ, before the end of the present quarter, the International Lesson Committee have not thought it wise to turn aside from the present section, which comes in orderly sequence to the previous lessons we have been studying. Yet it will be well to study the incidents presented in our lesson with the object of finding an appropriate suggestion for Easter Sunday.

The miracles here recorded resulted in what was practically a new life both for the child afflicted with an unclean spirit and the man who was deaf and dumb. So the Resurrection of Jesus assures to us not only our future resurrection from the grave, but, if we accept him as our Lord and Saviour, it brings to us now a resurrection from spiritual death into a new life, hid with Christ in God.

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7 00	4 15		.....Raleigh.....			9 30	5 30
7 15	4 25	S	.....†Caraleigh Mills....			9 20	5 15
7 25	4 30	F	.....*Sylvania.....			9 15	5 07
7 32	4 40	F	.....† Barnes.....			9 08	5 00
7 40	4 45	F	.....Hobby.....			9 00	4 55
7 55	4 50	M	.....McCULLERS....			8 55	4 50
8 00	4 55	F	.....Banks.....			8 45	4 30
8 05	4 57	F	.....Austins.....			8 40	4 26
8 25	5 05	S	.†Willow Spring....			8 35	4 20
8 30	5 15	M	.† JOHNSON MILL			8 30	4 02
8 50	5 20	F	.....† Cardenas.....			8 21	3 57
9 03	5 25	S	...C. F. & N. Junction			8 17	3 53
9 15	5 30	S	..† Fuquay Springs..			8 15	3 50
9 20	5 35	F	.....Buckhorn.....			8 08	3 35
9 25	5 40	F	.....Rawls.....			8 00	3 25
9 40	5 50	S	.....† Chalybeate.....			7 55	3 15
9 50	5 55	S	.....Bradley.....			7 45	3 00
9 55	6 00	F	.....* Smith Mill.....			7 40	2 55
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No. 57. SOUTHBOUND.

4.15 a. m.—"Seaboard Express" for Charlotte, Atlanta, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Tampa and all points South and Southwest.

No. 41.

4.00 p. m.—"Seaboard Local Mail" for Charlotte, Atlanta and all local points. Connects at Atlanta for all points South and Southwest.

No. 27

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Secular News

STATE.

The space formerly allotted to Russia at the World's Fair has been taken by Holland.

The underground railway system of New York City will soon be ready to begin operations.

It is officially denied that France and Russia are to act together in regard to the Chinese.

William J. Bryan lectured on "The Prince of Peace" in New Haven to an audience of two thousand.

The Empress Dowager of China has announced her opposition to the proposed alliance between Japan and China.

It is estimated that the property loss in the Western storm of last Thursday night will reach $3,000,000. A number of people were killed in Chicago.

By a decisive majority the Chamber of Deputies of France passed the government bill for the suppression of all forms of teaching by the religious orders.

The impeachment trial of Judge Swayne, Federal Judge for the Northern District of Florida, may prevent the adjournment of Congress at an early date.

A number of women and children were injured in a stampede in a Catholic church in New Haven, Conn., caused by some one in the congregation crying fire.

The women of Maryland feel very much hurt because the women of Virginia have refused them representation on the proposed Jefferson Davis memorial in Richmond.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has decided to postpone until the next session of Congress action on the treaty giving Cuba sovereignty over the Isle of Pines.

There is a big strike of brick layers on in New York City. The trouble arose over the refusal of employers to recognize the brick layers' union. Building operations are suspended.

No important engagement has been reported between the Russians and Japanese. The Japanese continue to hammer at Port Arthur, but seem to be unable to cause her surrender.

The Japanese made another attempt to block Port Arthur harbor by sinking fireships at the entrance, but the plan was frustrated after a fierce engagement in which several men were killed and wounded.

Pension Commissioner Ware recently issued an order granting pensions to veterans who have reached the age of sixty-two years. The amount of the pension increases as the age of the pensioner increases.

Dispatches received in Washington indicated that Germany would declare another blockade of Venezuelan ports unless its claims against the country were paid in accordance with the decision of The Hague tribunal.

The Panama Commissioners recently appointed by President Roosevelt to have charge of the construction of the Panama Canal, will soon leave for Panama to look over the ground and make preparations to begin work on the canal.

Joseph Ralph Burton, senior United States Senator from Kansas, was convicted by a jury in the United States District Court of having accepted compensation to protect the interests of the Rialto Grain and Securities Company of St. Louis before the Postoffice Department.

GENERAL.

The State officers of the North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association were in session Monday in Raleigh.

The Corporation Commissioners went to Charlotte to have a hearing regarding the proposed union depot in that city.

The Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad will be running trains from Raleigh to Wilson by the time the next cotton crop is ready for market.

The Providence Rural Graded School, Randolph County, has secured Hon. Charles B. Aycock to deliver an address at its closing exercises Friday, April 15, 1904.

Wake Forest and Furman University will have a debate in Charlotte on April 4th. A special train will be run over the Seaboard from Wake Forest and Raleigh to Charlotte.

Cases in the Supreme Court this week are being heard from the Ninth Judicial District, composed of the counties of Durham, Guilford, Granville, Alamance, Orange and Person.

The trial of Mr. Finch who was indicted along with Mr. McBee for conspiracy was had before Judge Walter Clark last week. Mr. Finch was bound over to the Superior Court.

The Durham Union Station Company was incorporated Monday in the Secretary of State's office. The incorporators are A. B. Andrews, H. W. Miller, F. H. Busbee and S. B. Patterson. The total authorized capital stock is $25,000, which may be increased to $100,000.

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J. E. Underwood, P. E., E City, N C.

FIRST ROUND.

Currituck, at Asbury, March 5, 6
Columbia, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Pasquotank Circuit, Mount Herman, March 19-20
Elizabeth City, First Church, March 20
Hertford Circuit, Anderson's, March 27, 28
Edenton (at night), March 27
Perquimans Circuit, New Hope, April 2, 3
City Roads (Elizabeth City), April 3
North Gates, at Hebron, April 9
Gates, at Zion, April 9, 10
Hatteras, at Cape, April 16, 17
Kennaket, at Clarkes, April 18
Roanoke Island, April 20
Camden, at Trinity, April 23, 24
Moyock, at Moyock, April 24, 25
Currituck, April 30, May 1
Dare, at Stumpy Point, May 7, 8
Kitty Hawk, at Collington, May 10
Columbia, May 14, 15
Roper, May 21, 22
Pantego and Belhaven, May 28, 29
Plymouth, June 4, 5

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Fifth Street, Feb. 28
Market Street, March 6
Bladen Street, March 6
Jacksonville, March 12, 13
Bladen Circuit, Center, March 19, 20
Southport, March 27, 28
W. Ocanaw, Zion, April 11
Wrightsville, Chadbourn, April 2, 3
Spallotte, Sharon, April 9, 10
Town Creek, Zion, April 16, 17
Clinton, Kendall, April 22
Kenansville, Wesley, April 23, 24
Elizabeth, Singletary, April 30, May 1
Magnolia, Rose Hill, May 7, 8
Carver's Creek, Hebron, May 14, 15
Onslow, Queen's Creek, May 21, 22
Scott's Hill, Union, May 28, 29
New River, Snead's Ferry, June 5
Burgaw, Wallace, June 11, 12
Grace, June 12

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Carteret, Newport, March 5, 6
Atlantic, Atlantic, March 11, 12
Straits, Summerfield, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Mt. Olive and Faison, Mt. Olive, March 19, 20
Goldsboro Circuit, Dudley, March 26, 27
St. Paul March 27
Jones Circuit, Oak Grove, April 2, 3
Centenary, April 3
Craven Circuit, Tuscarora, April 9, 10
Kinston, April 10, 11
Pamlico, Barnes, April 16, 17
Oriental, South Creek, April 23, 24

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Fayetteville, St. Andrews, March 12, 13
Hope Mills, Cumberland, March 19, 20
Cokesbury, Salem, March 26, 27
Dunn, Black's Chapel, April 2, 3
Shaw River, Merritt's, April 9, 10
Elise, Tabernacle, April 15
Carthage, High Falls, April 16, 17
Jonesboro, Mount Pisgah Chapel, April 23, 24
Silver City, Hickory Mountain, April 29
Pittsboro, Brown's Chapel, April 30, May 1
Lillington, Spring Hill, May 6
Buckhorne, Olive Branch, May 7, 8.
Sanford, Jones Chapel, May 13
Goldsboro, Asbury, May 14, 15
Newton Grove, May 20
Dukes, Elevation, May 21, 22
Sampson, May 27
Fayetteville, Hay Street, May 29, 30

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Hamlet, Tabernacle, March 12, 13
Laurel Burg, March 20, 21
St. John and Gibson, Gibson, March 26, 27
Rowland, Centenary, April 2, 3
Red Springs, Solomons, April 9, 10
Robeson, Bethesda, April 16, 17
Aberdeen, Asbury, April 23, 24
Pekin, Sardis, April 30, May 1
Mt. Gilead, Troy, May 7, 8
Montgomery, Ophir, May 14, 15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Farmville Circuit, March 5 6
Greenville (night), March 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Wilson Circuit, Black Creek, March 20, 21
Wilson Station, March 21
Spring Hope, Mt. Pleasant, March 26, 27
South Edgecombe, Temperance Hall, April 1
Fremont, Lebanon, April 2, 3
Rosenville, Whitakers, April 9
Washington, April 10, 11
Bath, Pine Town (night) April 10, 11
South Rocky Mount, April 16, 17
Rocky Mount, April 17, 18
Tarboro and Potecasi, April 24, 25
Swan Quarter, Soule, April 27
Matamuskeet, April 30 and May 1
Fairfield (night) May 1
Nashville, York Chapel, May 7, 8
Aurora (District Conference), May 14
Farmville, Bethlehem, May 21, 22
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Salem, May 28, 29
Greenville, night, May 29
Behel, Shiloh, June 4, 5
Tarboro, at night, June 5

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Hillsboro, McTyeire, Feb. 27, 28
Milton Connersville, March 5, 6
Chapel Hill, March 13, 14
Durham, Trinity Church, March 20, 21
Carr Church and Season, March 20 at night
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, March 26, 27
Burlington Station, March 28, 28
Durham Circuit, Fletcher's Chapel, April 2, 3
Durham, Main street, April 3, at night
Roxboro Circuit, at Lea's Chapel, April 9, 10
West Durham, April 17, 18
Durham, Mangum Street, April 18, at night
Leasburg Circuit, at Bethel, April 23, 24
Alamance Circuit, at Lebanon, April 30, May 1
Yanceyville Circuit, at Locust Hill, May 7, 8
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, at Mt. Tirzah, May 14, 15
Burlington Circuit, at Mt. Vernon, May 21, 22

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Kenly, Buckhorn, March 5, 6
Wakefield, March 6
Tar River, Kittrell, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Edenton St., March 19, 20
Selma, Saunders Chapel, March 26, 27
Smithfield, March 27, 28
Franklinton, Wesley, April 2, 3
Central, April 9, 10
Youngsville, April 16th
Louisburg, April 17th
Oxford Circuit, Hermon, April 23, 24
Clayton, Mt. Zion, April 30th, May 1
Millbrook, Oak Grove, May 7, 8
Brooklyn, at night, May 8
Granville Circuit, May 14, 15
Cary, May 21, 22
Kenly, May 26
Wakefield, May 28, 29
Tar River, May 28, 29

WARRENTON DISTRICT.
G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Roanoke Circuit, Tabor, Feb. 17
Hobgood, Hobgood, Feb. 20, 21
Scotland Neck, Feb. 21, 22
Garysburg, Garysburg, Feb. 27, 28
Head-ron, March 5, 6
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 19, 20

SECOND ROUND.

Northampton, Rehoboth, March 26, 27
Conway, Zion, March 27, 28
Rich Square, Lewiston, March 29
Bertie, Castalia, March 31
Harrellsville, Van's Grove, April 2, 3
Murfreesboro, April 3 4
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, April 6
Hobgood Palmyra April 9, 10
Scotland Neck, April 10, 11
Warrenton, Warren Plains, April 16, 17
Littleton, Calvary, April 23, 24
Weldon, May 1, 2
Battleboro and Whitakers, McTyeire, May 7, 8
Roanoke Circuit, Ebenezer, May 14, 15
Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, May 21, 22

Marriages

HARRIS—COSBY.—At the parsonage in Grifton, N. C., March 2, 1904, Mr. M. D. Harris to Miss Ada Cosby, all of Lenoir County, N. C., P. Greening officiating.

SMITH — HEDGEPETH. — In Nashville, N. C., on the 21st of February, 1904, Mr. Wm. A. Smith to Miss Percie Hedgepeth, Rev. J. M. Benson officiating.

DOZIER—PROCTOR.—By Rev. J. M. Benson, February 24, 1904, at the residence of the bride's father, near Rocky Mount, Mr. J. Ernest Dozier to Miss Lula Proctor.

GORDON — FURGERSON.—At the hotel in Garysburg, N. C., February 24, 1904, Mr. Walter Gordon and Miss Dallas Furgerson, both of Brink, Va., were united in marriage, Rev. J. G. Johnson officiating.

DAVIS—ABBOTT.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Lucy Abbott, near Grifton, N. C., February 24, 1904, by Rev. E. H. Davis, Mr. Leinster Davis, of Craven, and Miss Blanche Abbott, of Lenoir.

Obituaries

Obituaries containng not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

BURGESS.—On the night of February 26, the spirit of Miss Betsey Burgess went out from this world. She was a member of the Methodist Church at Scotland Neck. She had grown old and was very feeble, and death seems to have been a relief to her. She left evidence that she was ready to go, having exclaimed just before her last moment, "I am so happy, so happy!"

May it be the lot of us all to die happy. J. E. HOLDEN.

BALLARD.—I see in the Commonwealth of Scotland Neck, N. C., an announcement of the death of Mrs. Frank Ballard, a member of the Methodist Church of this place who, for sometime, has resided at Louisburg, N. C. I was not personally acquainted with Sister Ballard, but from the kind words of those who knew her here, I learn that she was a faithful, refined, Christian lady, and was loved by acquaintances here. I have no doubt about her acceptance with Him whom she loved and served. May the bereaved husband and loved ones find consolation at this sad hour in the Christian's hope.

J. E. HOLDEN.

Scotland Neck, N. C., Mar. 8, 1904.

WILKINS.—Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Wilkins died of paralysis on the 5th day of February, 1904. She professed faith in Christ in the year 1863; she was married to John W. Wilkins on the fourth day of September, 1867, and was at the time of her death sixty-five years, three months and nineteen days.

She had seven children, all of whom preceded her to the spirit land except two, Erna E. and Mala J. Erna is the wife of J. D. Tilley, Esq.

Mrs. Wilkins was a consistent member of Calvary Methodist Church and died as she lived, in the faith. Peace to her ashes and grace to the bereaved.

J. D. PEGRAM.

ALSTON.—Mrs. Allene Alston (nee Miss Wiggins), wife of Mr. Leo Alston, of Littleton, N. C., died February 1, 1904, leaving on this side the river three sisters, a husband and nine children.

Mrs. Alston was a devoted Christian, having been converted in early life, and remaining a faithful member of our church till death.

She possessed a bright, loving disposition, which rendered life peculiarly facinating to her. This happy disposition, coupled with a large store of divine grace, helped her to endure all of life's troubles and privations with sweet resignation. Her perfect adaptability to surroundings, and persistent determination to get all possible good out of life, was a marked characteristic of her nature.

She was faithful to her own spiritual interests and to those of her family; a devoted wife and mother, and as faithful to her church as the cares of a large family would permit.

From the many cares and burdens of life, death set her free. We all believe that she has entered into rest.

H. A. HUMBLE.

Littleton, N. C., March 8, 1904.

P. S.—I am requested by the family to express their thanks to the many good people who were so kind to them in this sad hour.

H. A. H.

GUPTON.—Departed this life, near Arcola, Warren County, N. C., on March 3, at 3 o'clock, a. m., Mrs. Nora M. Gupton, in the twenty-fourth year of her age, being the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Capps, and the wife of J. T. Gupton. Nora was somewhere about twenty-four years old when she entered into the joy of rest from this life. Though tender in years, she was well mature in all that is good, noble and pure. Nora professed faith in Christ and joined the Baptist Church at Harris' Chapel and has ever since been one of its earnest and zealous workers for its welfare. Lovely in person, noble in mind, with tender, sympathetic heart, full of compassion for any that might be in trouble,she was always ready to assist where her services were required. She has gone leaving for those that love her a sweet memory of a useful and unselfish life. The light of this world has merely faded from her for trusting in God as she did. She was not confined to the bed very long, but suffered a great deal, though she did not murmur or complain, but bore her suffering with patience. Though her church loses one of its most useful members, her family one of its brightest jewels, yet what is our loss is her gain. She is survived by a devoted husband, two children, father and mother, four sisters and five brothers, and a host of friends. To the bereaved ones we extend our most heartfelt sympathy, and at the same time point them to her beautiful life as the way we all should live that we may meet her beyond the river where there will be no more sorrow or parting.

"To him that overcometh, God giveth a crown;
He who is our Saviour, our strength will renew;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through."

S. W. GUPTON.

CARRAWAY.—Emma James Carraway (nee Dozier), was born April 3, 1868, and died March 3, 1904, at five o'clock a. m., in the full triumph of a gospel faith.

Sister Carraway joined the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. W. H. Puckett, at Adams Creek Church. The date cannot be ascertained from the register.

The subject of this sketch leaves a husband, seven children, a mother and some other relatives, and friends too numerous to mention here to mourn over her departure to ever be with her Lord. Sister Carraway was naturally of a sunny disposition, but always profoundly reverent for God and his cause. She was always a devoted friend of the preachers, and I feel deeply in my heart, that I've lost one of my best friends on this work. Sister Carraway seemed always to enjoy my feeble efforts to preach the gospel, and always tried to be in her place at the regular service. Our dear sister had many friends and admirers for her sweet, gentle, Christian life. We laid her to rest in the old family burying ground on Friday, March 4, 1904, to await the resurrection. Mother, husband, and dear, sweet children, let me exhort one and all to try to meet sister Emma in the glory land. I must say (and I know whereof I speak) that sister Emma Caraway was one of the most devout Christians that I've ever known. I have known some who professed higher, but I have yet to see any that lived higher. She was in touch with God and in sympathy with humanity. God be praised for letting me come in contact with such a good woman!

Yours in Christ,
J. H. M. GILES, P. C.
Newport, N. C., March 8, 1904.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, God, in His wise providence has seen fit to remove from our midst little Clara Taylor, and

Whereas, we realize that He who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me," can not err; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That, while we deplore the loss of little Clara, we bow in humble submission to a loving Father's will.

2. That we extend to the bereaved parents and friends our deepest sympathy.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our Sunday-school, that a copy be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication, and that a copy be sent to the bereaved parents.

T. C. ETHRIDGE,
W. T. HALL,
MISS DORA HORNADAY,
MRS. SETH WEST,
Committee.

Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to take back to Himself our little friend and former schoolmate, Grady Craven; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That while bowing in humble submission to the Divine will, we are deeply grieved at the loss of our little friend and schoolmate.

2. That we extend to the family our profound and heartfelt sympathy, praying that He who giveth and also taketh away will comfort them in this sad experience.

3. That a copy of this be sent the family and one to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

W. A. CADE,
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Chalk Level, N. C., Feb. 26, 1904.

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8:40 a. m. No. 107, daily for Greensboro and local stations; connects at Durham for Oxford, Henderson, Kerrills and Richmond. At University Station for Chapel Hill, daily except Sunday. At Greensboro with train No. 36, "U. S. Fast Mail," for Washington and all points North; Pullman drawing-room sleepers to New York and Richmond. Close connection for Winston-Salem, Mocksville, and local stations, with train No. 7 for High Point, Salisbury, Charlotte and local stations.

10:30 a. m. No. 108, daily for Goldsboro and all local points; connects at Selma for Wilson, Rocky Mount and all Eastern North Carolina points. At Goldsboro for Wilmington, Kinston, New Bern, N. C., and Norfolk, Va., where close connection is made with Chesapeake Line for Baltimore and all other outgoing steamers.

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The World As We See It.

At the Durham District Conference, Rev. D. N. Cavinoss pastor of Front Street, Burlington, reported all Conference collections paid in full. The Treasurer of the Board of Missions says that since his connection with the Board he had never known any one to pay Conference collections in full as early as March 17.

It seems only a short while since the world was startled by the news of the horrible assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga, of Servia. The regicides were retained in power, and as a consequence, some of the Christian Powers severed diplomatic relations with Servia. But Christian civilization is beginning to triumph. Only last week twelve of the army officers who were prominent in the assassination were deposed. Even Servia, though not sensitive directly to Christian conscience, is subject indirectly to Christian civilization.

During the past week, Port Arthur has been taken, and the Japanese were repelled with great loss in their failure to take the heights; the Russian fleet has been both bottled up in Vladivostock harbor and seen on the high seas seeking to swoop down on the Japanese squadron; the Japanese have been defeated most ingloriously in a land battle which was next day proved a defeat for the Russians; the Coreans have become incensed against the Japanese and have proved themselves loyal to the Mikado. No; we have no special war news to give to our readers this week.

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, assisted by eight Archdukes, washed the feet of twelve old men in Vienna on March 29. While the ancient ceremony of "foot washing" seems foolish to the great majority of the Christian world, and while the performance of the aged Kaiser was no doubt as perfunctory and mechanical as the parts in a Punch and Judy show, yet the incident is refreshing as it stands out against the background of a scene in which kings and queens are listening to the sound of guns in Eastern waters and eagerly watching for their cue in the bloody drama. Anything, to show that humility and service are demanded in high places as well as low.

Even though Mr. Hearst may not be the standard bearer of the national Democratic party, yet he may get the credit of helping the party at a critical time. Up to a few days ago there was a woful lack of a consensus of opinion as to who should be the best man to nominate for President. There was no focus on any one man and the "eligibles" were as "thick as leaves in Vallombrosa." But a formidable Hearst wave came sweeping along, occasioning a fright which served not to paralyze but to bring about a get-a-move-on-you action which has resulted in almost unifying the Washington and New York party leaders on Judge Parker of New York. Yet Mr. Hearst has developed great strength, and he is yet to be an important factor to be reckoned with.

One of the strangest facts in the history of exploration is suggested by the return of the Antarctic expedition which set out in the ship Discovery, July 31, 1901. The fact referred to is that while so many exploring parties have spent millions of money and sacrificed hundreds of lives in trying to find the North Pole, there has been comparatively little interest in that terra incognita—the Antarctic region. There is comparatively little of Arctic territory that has not been explored and mapped out, while only the fringe of the Antarctic continent has been touched. This region embraces 2,000,000 square miles—all unexplored. The ship Discovery got as far as 77 degrees south latitude. It is a humbling thought that with all our scientific facilities and exploits there is still so much of the globe on which the civilized eye has never rested. Yet we have heard preachers base their prophecy of the early destruction of the earth on the assumption that the gospel has been preached in all parts of the earth.

The death on last Saturday of Mr. I. E. Avery, City Editor of the Charlotte Observer, removes from the State one of its most brilliant writers.

Mr. Avery was the son of Judge A. C. Avery, of Morganton. He graduated at Trinity College and was for a while Vice-Consul at Shanghai, China. Coming back to North Carolina, he entered the newspaper field and in a short while advanced himself into the very front rank of journalists. His "Variety of Idle Comments" which appeared every Monday in the Charlotte Observer won for him a more than State-wide reputation. His was a frank and tender nature which was at the same time energetic and fearless. His writing betrayed the heart-throb in every line. He was at his best in delineating human character, especially in its conflict with sin and bearing the burden of shame or sorrow. It is not strange that every one with whom he came in contact was his close friend.

With hundreds of others we mourn with the stricken relatives. The taking off of Mr. Avery was sudden. God knows best.

The Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad continues to be a storm centre. The agitation holds its grip. Since the last issue of the Advocate Governor Aycock has appointed a committee to assist in investigating the affairs of the road. This committee consists of the following: H. A. Page, R. T. Gray, and W. T. Lee. The character and ability of these gentlemen insure a just and thorough investigation.

On last Saturday the case of McBee and Finch came up before Judge George H. Brown in the Wake Superior Court. The defendants through their counsel made four motions:

1. For a bill of particulars, specifying the means used in each count charging conspiracy;
2. To quash the bill of indictment;
3. To remove the case to a Federal Court;
4. For a continuance.

The motions were argued for a considerable length of time before Judge Brown. The affidavit of defendant McBee was very lengthy, charging a state of affairs in the past management of the A. & N. C. R. R. which the State is compelled to investigate. Judge Brown granted a continuance and on Monday refused to quash the indictment, but ordered the Solicitor to furnish a bill of specifications.

This is a cause celebre, and is destined to play a much larger and more important part in the history of the State than was at first expected.

"Unto Cæsar the Thing's Which are Cæsar's, And Unto God the Things Which are God's.

The trustees of the State Normal and Industrial College of Greensboro met at Raleigh a few weeks ago and quickly perfected arrangements which will result in immediately replacing the main dormitory building of that great institution of learning. Their action will be applauded by every good citizen of the State. The next Legislature will not only approve of their action, but will, doubtless, commend these trustees for their fidelity to the trust committed to them.

Is there not a suggestion here to the Methodist Church in North Carolina? The college of this denomination for the higher education of her women, located in the same town with, and many years the senior of, the State institution, and doing a class of work in every way its equal in importance and necessity, was burned shortly after the destruction by fire of the main dormitory building of the State institution. The respective Boards of Trustees of these noble institutions saw at once the necessity of rebuilding. The State, through its officials, had sufficient faith and confidence in its constituency to cause to be placed at the disposal of the Board of Trustees of its institution the funds necessary for them to do what they said ought to be done.

Will the Methodist Church in North Carolina emulate this noble example? Surely, no one will say that it is not able—a strong denomination with 140,000 members, many of whom are wealthy, a great many prosperous, and a multitude well-to-do. They could do it and never feel the expense of it—from their surplus. No one will dare say that the State loves her citizens better than the church loves her members.

Let the followers of Wesley answer this in the fear of God, and with a desire to maintain the glory of the church. The Master once made use of this expression: "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

JOSEPH SHAWEN BETTS.
Greensboro, N. C., March 5, 1904.

Contributions

A Word About the Future of Greensboro Female College.

BY REV. A. J. PARKER.

This noble old institution, which, for more than a half a century has done a great work, is a second time in ashes.

The history of female education in these United States can never be truthfully written without mentioning her name. I have loved and worked for her for years, and my heart sank within me when I learned of her destruction. I am truly glad the buildings were insured for enough to cover her indebtedness. I suppose all we have left in the way of finances is a valuable piece of ground and a few thousand dollars in subscriptions.

This old institution is dear to us all and she must not remain in the ashes of her misfortune. She must live again, but where, how, and when?

First, where? It would be folly to rebuild anywhere unless we can command the necessary funds to build and equip it in a first-class manner. The buildings will be of necessity, more costly than the one burned. Old plans must be enlarged and made to fit these modern days. The equipment must be the very best that is to be had anywhere. It must compete with State institutions, with their free scholarships and modern outfits. Its standard must be high or it cannot measure arms with the State and the schools of other denominations. Methodism can't afford to be a second-rate anything, anywhere or in any business. For the college to come short of this, means failure in patronage, failure in influence, and failure in finances. To allow ourselves to fall into such a mistake, means to turn our girls over to the State and to let them be educated in an atmosphere that is alien to our church, an atmosphere where the secular life predominates. If such should come to pass, we may look for a lower order of spiritual life than we have to-day. So in building, it seems to me it will be necessary to have something like two hundred thousand dollars to begin again on the old site. For one, I am unwilling to incur a debt that will be a load on the shoulders of the two Conferences for years to come, and then may be to repeat the experience of the past in an auction sale. I believe the best solution to this problem is to rebuild the college in Durham, in connection with Trinity College and be the joint property of the two Conferences as it is at present. Here we have a great library, scientific equipments, a strong faculty, a large endowment and, in a word, the leading institution of learning in the South. To build here, about all we would need would be dormitories and class-rooms. This would give our girls access to the best equipment in the South and an equal opportunity with the boys.

Again, the expenses of a year in college would be lessened, at the same time giving better facilities for a well-rounded education, which is quite a consideration to those who have barely enough money for a year in college.

Second, how? Let those who have the finances in hand for Greensboro Female College take up the matter with Trinity and, both working together, make the necessary arrangements. Sell the property in Greensboro and apply the proceeds to the buildings at Trinity. I feel quite sure that the large-hearted, enterprising citizens of Durham will be glad to contribute liberally. Besides, let the whole of North Carolina lend a helping hand and the work will be done in a short time. There doubtless will be some who will feel like the spot of ashes in Greensboro is too sacred to leave. That is quite natural. I have some of that feeling myself. But if we can do so much better somewhere else, and if we can help more girls by building at another point, and give them greater opportunities, I think we ought to let our better judgment prevail. Our sympathies and sentiments sometimes lead us into entanglements from which it is hard to deliver ourselves. Many an orphan boy has been allowed to go to ruin because a sympathetic, sentimental mother refused to correct him. Her only reason for this course is the poor child's father is dead, and I have not the heart to correct him. Sentiment is a great force and cannot be entirely ignored. At the same time it cannot successfully battle with stern facts. We are face to face with a problem that needs cool heads and good judgment.

Third, when? Let negotiations begin at once. Plans and all the detail work laid out so the buildings can be completed and school open next September.

Manteo, N. C., March 22, 1904.

Religion in Our State Schools.

A. D. BETTS.

The presidents of these schools have given polite answers to my questions. The students in the State Normal at Greensboro meet the faculty in chapel worship every morning. The students have a short prayer-meeting every night. Several teachers have Bible classes in the college. There are fifteen or more Bible classes under the direction of the Y. W. C. A. teachers, and students largely attend the town churches. This school is doing a good work, for which we thank God. But no school can ever take the place of dear old Greensboro Female College. Let the Methodists of North Carolina make haste to reopen it.

As to the A. and M. College at Raleigh, President Winston writes me: "We will have daily worship here at the college for the students and instructors just as soon as we are able to plaster and ceil and heat our auditorium. We have a very active and enthusiastic Y. M. C. A., having probably, at least, a hundred members, and attended regularly by a larger number of instructors and students. Practically all our students are diligent in their attendance upon Sabbath School. * * * The young men are thrown in close contact with the congregations of their various churches, and form social and religious ties that are exceedingly beneficial."

Some of the professors teach in the Sunday-schools of the Raleigh churches.

No daily worship of God for the lack of a heated chapel!

Fifty years ago M. S. Davis, M. C. Thomas, K. P. Battle, R. H. Battle, N. B. Cobb, R. H. Marsh, and many others ran through snow and ice at twilight to answer to roll-call and listen to morning prayer in a cold chapel. They are perhaps as strong as the A. and M. boys will be fifty years hence.

When I saw the dress parade of the A. and M. boys last October, I thought it would be a nice time to form a "hollow square" and listen to evening prayer.

VOICES FOR PEACE.

Shall the United States be Ruled by Militarism?

BY BISHOP E. R. HENDRIX, D. D.

A standing army is a necessary evil like a constabulary, or police force.

A great standing army, especially in a republic, is a menace to the liberlities of the people. More than once in France it has meant the subversion of their liberties, whether civil or religious. Under the best discipline army life is demoralizing whether in times of peace or war. Men withdrawn for a term of years from commercial and industrial pursuits not only cease to be producers but soon forget the very arts which make producers. Retired soldiers from the regular army are usually unfit for anything but unskilled labor, and with such an aversion to that as often to be useless to their employers who may be moved by sentiment to give them work. London can tell the story of the countless discharged soldiers or "Redcoats" whom General Booth encountered as he began his Christian Mission to which he finally gave the name "Salvation Army" in order to appeal to the military instinct in men where every other instinct was long dead. His industrial colonies were undertaken to remove them from the vices so common to men whose idle hours in barracks and camp are usually spent in gambling, or worse.

General Sheridan shocked the sensibilities of many patriots when he declared that an Old Soldiers' Home should not be located near a great fort with its regiments of regulars. He knew too well the habits of even veterans to consent to have his army exposed to the same vices no longer controlled. We breathed easier when our regular army was reduced after the campaign in the Philippines, when we knew what vices were undermining the health and morals of thousands of our young men in another hemisphere. May we expose as few as possible to such evils of army life! Our own land, with its self-reliant manhood quick to respond in time of national peril, can be depended on to furnish an additional armed force besides our moderate sized regular army without invoking all the evils which come of large standing forces such as cursed the assembled troops at Mission Ridge waiting for orders during our war with Spain. The Hague Tribunal is better than a standing army of a million men to such a nation as America, the peace-keeper of the world.

Kansas City, Mo.

For Peace Among All Nations.

BY ALEXANDER M'KENZIE, D. D.

It is somewhat strange, and utterly sad, that at this late day nations should resort to war for the settlement of their differences, and the reconciling of their desires. It is time that the prophecy of the first Christmas was fulfilled. War is ancient and has not changed in principle. The effort is to kill—Cain resorted to this in his anger against his brother. That was not war because there was no resistance, but the underlying thought was warlike. Cain would get the better of his brother by slaying him. Warfare has changed, so that men can be killed at a greater distance, but otherwise the method is little altered. The savage tribes in Africa and on some of the Pacific islands adhere to the old and cruder methods—withe lubs, spears and the like. When they are as civilized as the nations they will have rifles and cannon, armored ships and torpedo boats. The necessary temper they already possess. War in self-defense is not war, strictly speaking. It is conceded that a man or a nation has the right to ward off a murderous attack. Then the effort to conquer is on one side, and on the other the refusal to be conquered.

It is a reproach on what is termed our advance that the extreme savage methods are readily resorted to. It is a reproach upon human nature; upon reason, and conscience, and every worthy quality. We recognize the crime in war when we punish boys and the roughest men for fighting, but we offset our instruction when on a larger scale we justify them. Shall boys obey their teachers, or their rulers?

There is some sign of the ascent of reason and right in the occasional resort to arbitration. There has been enough success in this method to warrant its general use. It is dignified, manly, humane, and secures results. A cause determined by war is not settled, but subdued, and it will come up if the opportunity comes.

No one seems to be asking the question; but with what right does the Czar of Russia, or the Emperor of Japan, send thousands of the men, whom it is their duty to protect, to be slaughtered in a dispute they do not understand.? Human life is sacred, too sacred to be sacrificed to settle a boundary line, or determine a question of etiquette; certainly when there is a better and surer way of doing it. It may be well to remember that kings and cabinets will answer for their use of authority at a tribunal which out-ranks even the "Powers." Yet there is hope. If civilization does advance, as we expect, wars will cease, and peace and good-will enter upon their reign.

Cambridge, Mass.

A Model Sunday School.

BY "X."

"A model Sunday-school" is one that has a great many scholars who are regularly in their places, there in good time, always in good humor, interested in the work of the school, with a welcome smile for their fellow pupils and for their teacher, with lessons well prepared, and ready to ask and answer questions about them; scholars who do not forget the school during the week, who often talk with each other about it and its work, and who are always on the lookout for non-members, that they may secure their attendance—ready for this purpose to visit them during the week, to call for them Sunday morning, and, in every possible way, show their real interest in them; scholars who are ready to visit the sick, to carry them flowers, to read to them, or in any way endeavor to cheer their lonely hours; who are ready to carry bread to the hungry, to clothe the naked, to comfort the sorrowing; whose hearts are big enough and liberal enough to love everybody, but are sufficiently attached to their own school to love its members the best of all, because of the same family; scholars whose sincere love for their school and its members is but an earnest of that higher, stronger, purer love for Him whose they are, who redeemed them with His own precious blood. That will be a "model school" whose scholars attain this standard. Ah! but you say, the standard is a high one and cannot be reached. A high one, certainly—but should our model be other than the highest and the best? Was not He who was given as the great model for all mankind the purest, and truest, and noblest of men—the only perfect one?

But how may we bring the scholars up to this high ideal? That is another story.

As a means to this end I would say secure as teachers, men and women who never fail to be in their places, with a full knowledge of their lesson, and a well defined plan for teaching it, who recognize the value of discipline, and are themselves always ready to conform to the rules and regulations of the school, and to lead their scholars in all its services, whether of song, or responsive reading, or in bowing reverently in prayer; who are intelligent, and are thoroughly consecrated to God and His service; whose lives are pure and holy, and full of good works; whose hearts are full of joy; whose faces are like the morning; whose words are gentle and kind, and whose deeds are gentler and kinder still, and who are daily chasing away sorrow and carrying hope and joy, and peace, and love into homes of sadness and hearts of woe; teachers who know their scholars, and love them, who are familiar with their home surroundings and the loved ones there, who know how and where they spend their week days and nights, who wisely plan religious or benevolent work for them to do, and lead them in its execution, whose own hearts being strangely warmed with the love of God are never at rest until every member of their class becomes a working member of the church.

Given teachers that meet these requirements, and, my word for it, your scholars will be many and ideal, and your school model.

But isn't the standard so high as to be unattainable? A high one—yes; but we have no right to lower it. We are seeking a model. How shall we reach it? There, again, is another story.

As a pre-quisite, I may say a sine-qua non, we must have a model superintendent. He must be a man of godly life, whose daily walk betokens the guiding presence of the Holy Spirit, a man who loves God and loves his fellow-man; who especially loves the children and recognizes that in them is the hope of the church and the hope of the world, remembering that these are they whom the loving Jesus himself took in His arms and blessed, and of whom he said: "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." He should be a man who commands respect, who does not depend on the inspiration of the moment, but recognizing the importance of his trust, studies and plans his work beforehand, and when the hour for school arrives, he is at his desk, and under his guiding hand its machinery starts promptly, and moves on through the hour like clock-work, with never a hitch or a jar. He should be quick to see a point, and quick to act, thoroughly familiar with the daily life of every teacher, with their attainments and capacity for teaching and he should know as well their weak points and when and how to extend needed assistance. His eye should take in at a glance each department of the school—and without any bustle or confusion he should be at every needed point during its session. He should be thoroughly familiar with the lesson, and his tact, his generalship and enthusiasm should be such as to inspire every teacher with the idea that only the best and most enthusiastic work is acceptable in the Sunday-school. Need any assurance be given that such a superintendent would create a model school? But where get such an one? Another story still.

One leading factor in the discovery and inspiration of such a man is a pastor whose heart is in the work and who recognizes it as a vital part of the work of the church. With him as leader, the superintendent as assistant, and the teachers standing, or rather kneeling by their sides in earnest prayers of consecration and asking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and then following this up with their own personal work, no power on earth can prevent the gathering of scholars, and the making of a model school."

Briefly, then, the first and chief essential to a model school is, with the pastor, a live, enthusiastic, consecrated superintendent, competent to select teachers who can be inspired with a like enthusiasm, and whose love for their work and for the children will win their hearts and enlist their best efforts not only in Bible study, but in deeds of love and mercy.

Back of these should be the parents of the children, requiring them to study their lessons, and to be regular and prompt in their attendance, and with the parents the other members of the church should encourage the management of the school by visiting it themselves, and by active membership when possible, for the Sunday-school should be the church at work with and for the children.

I wish I might point you to a school meeting all these requirements. There are many good schools, well worthy of emulation, but none that have attained to the best work of which they are capable, and become ideal.

There is no royal road to a successful school. The only secret is that of earnest, united personal work on the part of the pastor, superintendent, officers, teachers and scholars, each feeling an interest in the school as a whole, and in each other individually, but not letting this beget a spirit of selfishness, or prevent an active interest in the work of the church outside the school. Often the surest way to help ourselves is to do something for somebody else, and it not infrequently happens that a school or a church does its own work best when it becomes united and enthused in helping some good cause other than its own immediate work.

We can only plant our banner on the highest peak, and lead our forces as near to it as possible. Aim at the stars, and if we fall short of our mark, we will at least have our faces turned in the right direction.

A Hurtful Habit.

C. H. WETHERBE.

It seems to be well-nigh impossible to practically persuade an enthusiastic reader of sensational novels that the habit is a mentally hurtful one, and that it ought to be thrown off at once. It is certainly a means of producing a weak and wobbling mind. Such an one is incapable of any strong and healthy thinking. It is fortunate for some novel readers that, before their minds become sapped of all power, they got rescued from the hurtful habit. A young woman in New York City had an article recently in the Chautauqua Magazine, from which the following sentences are quoted:

"For three years after I left school I nearly ruined my mind by a course of novel reading. When I began the Chautauqua course I had a hard fight all the first year. But I determined with all my might to conquer. I think I have found out how to read, and I bless the Chautauqua course for it. I have now no taste for dissipating literature, and it would be as hard for me to wade through a trashy novel as it was once to read history."

Her hurtful habit was driven out by her thrusting spicy novel matter away, and in its place appropriating wholesome and upbuilding literature. Of course she had to make a series of most determined efforts to break away from the evil spell of novels, and then put her whole mind on a high grade of reading; and it was the pure literature which expelled the poison of bad literature from her mental system. The evil reading had, for the time being, destroyed this woman's love for the noble and life-giving kind; hence it required considerable time, and the use of elevating reading, to newly create a love for solid and worthful literature, but it was a vital turning point in her career.

This example should be an abiding warning to those of my readers who have just begun the habit of reading dashing and dissipating novels. Self-preservation requires that you shall refrain from beginning so perilous a practice. Your duty to yourself and to society is to feed your mind with the best kinds of truth.

Is It Wise?

METHODIST.

There are five charges in the North Carolina Conference, with an average of 530 members each, that are claimants on the Domestic Missionary fund. There are also eight charges, with an average of 457 members each, and ten with an average of 343 members each that are claimants on the said fund. All of these expect to receive a total of $3,300 from the Mission Board this year. Most of these charges are in the best sections of the Conference, and several of them have been nursed by the Mission Board for many years. The most of their people are prosperous, while some of them live in luxury. Surely it cannot be said of them, in the midst of these prosperous times, that they are not able to support their pastors. The truth is, if I were one of those 530 members, I would resent even an offer to be carried longer by the charities of others perhaps more needy than myself. No child can make much progress walking till it learns to stand alone, nor will any young man amount to much while tied to his mother's apron strings. Until the said charges in our Conference wake up to their own possibilities and assert more of the spirit of independence, they will make but little progress in anything spiritual. While there are still many millions in heathen lands who never even heard the gospel, is it wise to continue to carry those who know its benefits and can, if they will, be self-supporting? With love to all—at home and abroad—I raise this question, and hope ere this year shall close many of these charges may be sufficiently strong to at least stand alone. How can they do otherwise, when there are several charges in the foreign field, with less than one-fourth their strength, that are self-supporting. It seems to me that the Mission Board should at least consider the facts herein set forth.

Be calm and steady. Burn your own smoke. The greatest waste in the world to-day is the waste of energy in the consumption of fuel. In smoke and escaping heat the great part of the energy locked up in coal escapes without profitable use. The same thing is true in life. More energy is frittered away or wasted in smoke than is used for useful ends. If we would learn to be still when we can do nothing, we should have more power with which to do what we can do.

The Field

Clinton Circuit.

Dear Bro. Ivey:—As I haven't seen any letters from Clinton Circuit lately, I will write now. We have a new preacher this year—Rev. A. S. Barnes. Brother Barnes is a splendid preacher and is liked by all regardless of denominational lines. We hope to keep him four years. Our Sunday-school at Keener will begin the first Sunday in April. We don't have any Sunday-school during the winter, as we can't get the people to attend. We are having Sunday night prayer-meetings in this community and great good is being accomplished. We are expecting a great awakening and soul-saving throughout the Clinton Circuit this year.

Fraternally yours,

FRED C. PACKER.

Swan Quarter Circuit.

Dear Editor:—I have not written anything this year from the Swan Quarter Circuit, not because I have not been most kindly treated, for like many of my brethren in the Conference, I have received a real pounding; and from these people many acts of kindness are shown from time to time. I desire to express my gratitude to them all for every act of kindness shown to me and mine, and may God so help me to dispense to them the truth that it may be a great blessing to them all.

Our first Quarterly Conference was held February 14th and 15th. Rev. J. D. Bundy, our new Presiding Elder was with us, and made a fine impression both as a presiding officer and preacher. He delighted our people. They will be glad to see him come again.

Yours truly, W. Y. EVERTON.

Prof. O. W. Carr.

A. G. HANKINS.

I think it a happy idea to strew flowers along the pathway of the living rather than wait till our friends are dead and then decorate their graves. A few words of love and commendation from a friend cheers and encourages the disconsolate and helps us bear the increasing burdens of life.

I first knew Prof. O. W. Carr in 1857-58, at Old Trinity, or rather Normal College, as then called, where so many hallowed memories dwell. Kind and gentle in manner, loving and affectionate in disposition, always wearing a pleasant smile, he was father at once and brother to the boys, and gained their confidence and esteem, and drew them to him. By this means he exerted great influence over them for good, and was the instrument in the hands of God of turning the feet of many a wayward boy into the paths of righteousness. Though I have had the pleasure only once of meeting him in all these intervening years, I have carried a pleasing and grateful recollection of him in heart and memory. When the great day of final account shall come, doubtless he will possess much larger spiritual assets than he is aware.

Our Sunday School Work.

To the Sunday-School Superintendents and Pastors of the North Carolina Conference:—Greeting.

My Dear Brethren:—A vigorous winter is just now giving place to the first blush of spring.

The child-life of the land has been largely within doors, and there has been many a vacant seat in the Sunday-school; and in many places no Sunday-school for some months. But the prattle of childish voices is beginning to be heard outside the door, and by the time the spring-tide gives to the world its first bud and blossom, our little ones will be swarming out of the winter-time prison-house.

To you and me, my fellow-workers, a time like this will bring great increase of responsibility. And for a time like this the church, striving to do God's will, has set you and me as watchmen on the wall.

The many thousands of children that come back to the outside world, from the home limitations placed upon them by the rigors of winter, come to meet the inevitable of absorbing much of the life of the away-from-home world.

In thoughtlessness and innocence, unaware of evil, they will turn everywhere, and how easy a prey many of them will be to the silent onslaughts of evil.

They can never be again just what they are to-day. The enemy of souls has already a well-wrought scheme for the destruction of them all. And "the mystery of iniquity doth already work." The devil has an agent at every turn to seduce and solicit them to evil. The prayers that mother taught them in the winter's night will soon be out-grown. Outside frivolities will have a fresher taste. Oh God, forewarn them of the way of woe! Send guardian angels by their side and keep them pure.

But, brethren, God has no way among men, nor to men, save the church of Jesus Christ.

There is not a movement in the wide world to-day to save a soul from death, save what God has done, and is doing, through the church.

Not even a mother can be found that ever did, or ever shall, say, "God bless my child," until through the church of Jesus Christ the mother's heart is caught in the grasp of faith. Every problem that has, or shall arise, as pertaining to the world's salvation, is committed to the church of His Son, by God the Father; nor is God, to-day, anywhere on earth, to be found going before and apart from the church to save the world, or any part of it.

For six thousand years history makes no record of any instance where the light of the gospel, breaking off the shackles of sin and bringing in any knowledge of God, has ever sprung up, in any land, save only where the church of the living God has sent or carried it.

And to-day dark and benighted lands, festering in sin and ignorance, wait, not for God to have pity, but until God can move upon the heart and conscience of His church to go and "help them ere they die."

And now, my brethren, as I look out upon the child-life of our land, I do not see a God, gone up from them, but a God who has committed Himself to His church, as His one agency on earth, moving upon my heart and yours; and through us, in part; and wholly by His church, to them deliverance must come, if at all.

The church has recognized this principle, and in keeping with it, thereby making an effort to do the Father's will, has set us, pastors and Sunday-school superintendents, more than others, and over and above all others, as watchmen on the wall.

Without us, my brethren, the church does not touch, cannot touch, child-life.

In our appointment to the positions we hold, the church has expressed its conviction, as well as its interpretation, of the will of God relative to child-life, and His voice is behind it all, saying, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

By as much then as it is important to do the will of God, and by as much as it is strategic to train up a child in the way he should go, by so much is there a weight of responsibility upon a pastor and Sunday-school superintendent as upon none else.

Brethren, shall we discharge responsibilities and obligation of such magnitude with a slack hand?

If you take the salvation of a soul at a given value, then you cannot over-estimate the value of the part played by the Sunday-school; for it would be waste of time to stop to show by comparison the increased susceptibility of the Sunday-school scholar to the gospel.

It cannot be possible to ever estimate the influence of the Sunday-school upon character and destiny.

The Sunday-school is nothing more nor less than the church of God resolving itself into that form best adapted to the business and by the most effective methods striving to knead the leaven of eternal life into the dough of human life at its most impressionable period.

Brethren, I submit, that to the end of time, the church can never place more wisely or effectively than when it laid the foundation for the Sunday-school.

And to you and me, my fellow-pastors and brother superintendents, the church has committed the oversight of this tremendously important organization; and we have accepted.

Did you think of the grave responsibility of the position before you accepted, and if so, are we ready to answer for how we have discharged the duties of the office?

The pastor's relation to the Sunday-school is circumscribed by that of the superintendent; and for that reason, Brother Superintendent, I come now to put the greater weight of responsibility on you, as the one man of all men, in whose hand is held the success of failure of an institution of such importance as is not equaled in all the world beside.

I exhort, you, Brother Superintendent, to be mindful of a few facts which are as follows: The past is behind us and the fruit it has borne does not bear testimony that we have magnified our office as we should. The general state of the Sunday-school in our conference is far from what it should be. We put neither the heart nor the zeal into the work that we should; and doubtless we all have been negligent, and if we have, our sin should be ever before us.

But, brethren, do you recognize the fact that in the polity of the church there is no other man quite as responsible as the Sunday-school superintendent for the training of the minds of children in the way of life. We need a great revival of unextinguishable interest in the Sunday-school work of our Conference and I appeal to the men at the helm (the superintendent). The Sunday-School Board of your Conference is deeply concerned in this matter, my brethren; and the chairman of your Board appeals to you.

The eye of God is upon us; and I want to ask every Sunday-school superintendent in the North Carolina Conference to unite with us in making this the best year in the history of our Sunday-school work.

Brethren, we cannot afford to do this work with a slack hand, for we must give an account.

I herein urge every superintendent to see that his school is organized at once for effective work; and I beg that children's day be held in every school, and may God crown your labors with success.

Fraternally, K. D. HOLMES.
Chairman Sunday-School Board North Carolina Conference.

An Injustice to Business.

A gentleman once said to us: "I do not favor prohibiting the sale of liquor; it would be an injustice to the men in business; besides, it would throw thousands out of employment."

We replied: "You do not look at the issue from the right side. You take a contractor's view.

"Just before the war closed, a government contractor said in a car: 'I hope the war will not close under two years. I will lose thousands of dollars; besides, many men will be turned out of employment from the government works.'

"A lady passenger, clad in weeds of mourning, rose to her feet, and with tearful voice, said: 'Sir, I have a brave boy and husband sleeping the sleep of death in a soldier's cemetery. I have only one boy left, and he is in front of the foe. O God, I wish the cruel war would close now!'"

He saw the point. Do you?

It may be your boy that will fall the next victim to the drink "industry."

Would you consider the "trade" worth such a price? Stop the murderous traffic.—The Brotherhood.

Missionary Conference for Young People.

The dates of the Summer Conferences of the Young People's Missionary Movement are officially announced as follows:

The Western Conference at Winona Lake, Indiana, June 17-26; the Southern Conference at Lookout Mountain, Tenn., July 1-10, and the Northern Conference at Silver Bay on Lake George, N. Y., July 22-31.

The Winona gathering will be the first of these Conferences to be held in the West, though this will be the second year for the Southern Conference and the third for the one at Silver Bay.

The purpose of these Conferences is to afford a practical training school for missionary workers in Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies and to combine with such training the facilities for rest and recreation that most Christian workers are obliged to seek in connection with their summer vacations.

The list of speakers for the Conferences of 1904 is not yet completed, but among those who have promised to assist on the programs of one or more of these Conferences, are the following: Rev. John F. Goucher, D. D., Rev. W. R. Lambuth, D. D., Hon. Samuel B. Capen, LL.D., Mr. John R. Mott, Mr. Robert E. Speer, Mr. John Willis Baer, Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., Rev. E. E. Chivers, Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., Prof. O. E. Brown, D. D., Rev. A. L. Browne, Rev. E. H. Dutton, Rev. Wm. M. Bell, D. D., Rev. A. W. Halsey, D. D., Rev. Willis R. Hotchkiss, Prof. T. H. P. Sailer, Ph. D., Messrs Harry Wade Hicks, S. Earl Taylor, Harry S. Myers, John W. Wood, Don. O. Shelton, S. H. Hadley, M. E. Trotter, Harry Monroe.

It is expected that the Missionary Secretaries for Young People's Work of the leading Missionary Boards of America will be present. In addition to these, an invitation is extended to leaders and workers in national State district and local Sunday-school and Young People's organizations.

Missionary Secretaries and other leaders who are in closest touch with church activities have come to regard these Summer Conferences as one of the most effective agencies for the better equipment of young people for leadership in missionary work in the local church.

Reduced railroad rates and a combination of other favorable conditions, make it possible to offer the benefits of these Conferences to representatives of Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies for but little more than half of what ordinarily would be the expense of such vacation privileges.

Additional information concerning these Conferences may be had by addressing the Young People's Missionary Movement, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, or Rev. W. R. Lambuth, D. D., 346 Public Square, Nashville, Tenn.

An Orphan.

A well-known professor has a bright boy, who one day at the age of four appeared in his father's study clasping in his hands a forlorn-looking little chicken which had strayed from a neighboring incubator.

"Willie," said his father sternly, "take that chicken to its mother."

"Ain't dot any mudder," answered Willie.

"Well, then, take it back to its father," said the professor, determined to maintain parental authority.

"Ain't dot any fader," said the child. "Ain't dot anythin' but an old lamp!"—New York Times.

Admit Your Error.

There is only one way to rectify a mistake, and that is frankly to admit the error and make amends that may be required. A straightforward confession is good for the soul. It is the tribute which conscience demands of intelligence. The man who will not admit his blunders has neither a conscience to set him right, nor any intelligence to keep him so.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Household Hints.

The smaller a roast the hotter should be the oven at first, that the least possible amount of its delicate juices may escape.

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In making bread, rub a little sweet lard or butter over the top as often as it is kneaded, and it will not only rise more quickly, but have a soft, delicious crust when baked.

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Bread-crums for covering the top of scalloped and other baked dishes should be buttered evenly before they are spread, not put on plain, with bits of butter scattered over.

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Bread should never be covered with a cloth when taken from the oven, but laid on the side and allowed to become perfectly cold; then keep in a closely covered tin box without any wrappings.

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If rice is not disturbed during the process of boiling, the berries will be whole, dry and easily digested. A few drops of lemon juice added to the water will make it whiter and finer flavored.

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While the nutritive value of cabbage is less than almost any other vegetable, its digestibility when eaten raw makes it a valuable addition to the semi-invalid's limited bill-of-fare. Shaved very fine, thrown into cold water until crisped, drained and served with a French dressing of lemon, vinegar, and salt, it can usually be assimilated without unpleasant after results.

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Rice and orange marmalade constitutes a delicious pudding. Simmer a quarter of a pint of rice in a quart of milk till it is very soft and thick. Add a teaspoonful of salt, four tablespoonfuls of sugar, a little cream, and let all cool together for a few minutes. Pour into pudding-dish and bake till it is set. Spread over the pudding a thick layer of orange marmalade and over that a meringue and return to the oven until the top is lightly browned. It should be served cold.

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Buy a strip of asbestos cloth at the hardware store, and use small squares to interline your iron-holders. Keep a good-sized piece fastened to your cious pudding. Simmer a quarter of a pint of rice ironing-board to save the sheet, and lay a square under the table-pad where the meat platter rests.

SEVEN AGES OF A METHODIST PREACHER.

An Appeal for the Superannuates.

I THE DIVINE SUMMONS.

The awakening voice: "I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Inward struggles: Men preach not because they want to preach, but because they must. "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." Dawning convictions: "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." Worldly ambitions laid upon the altar. The sacrifice complete:

"My life, my blood, I here present.
If for thy truth they may be spent:
Fulfill thy sovereign counsel, Lord;
Thy will be done, thy name adored."

II. THE SHARPENING OF THE SWORD

Days of preparation. A long journey over a rough way. Hard work, much of it: Sacrifices for the sake of an adequate equipment daily. Patient effort, long continued: The preacher must get some word from God before he speaks it.

"Clearly he has a task which will need an undivided attention and a complete absorption in its fulfillment. He is to climb Sinai with its ring-fence of death, and on the summit speak face to face with Him whom no one can see and yet live. He is to push through the wilderness, eating angels' meat or nothing, and scale the crags of Horeb, where, in a great hollow, shadowed by a hand, he may, through earthquake, wind, and fire, discern the still small voice. What a venture it is for him! No sphere of human activity is to be compared with the exigencies of this endeavor."—Horton.

Days of waiting, as in the upper room in Jerusalem; desert days, as to John and as to Paul in Arabia; days of want and penury even, but days of heroic ideals and high hopes.

III. ON THE SKIRMISH LINE.

When, at one of the early Conferences of the church, Bishop Asbury called for a volunteer to go to some desert region in the far South, "the region of many diseases and broken constitutions," as he said, Enoch George sprang to his feet and cried, "Here am I; send me." This has ever been the spirit of the Methodist preacher. An apostle "by the will of God," he has gone to Hardscrabble Circuit, or other difficult field, with courage and gladness of heart. Salary small, $400 or $500 perhaps, but he is not of those prophets who, according to Amaziah's scornful judgment, preach in order to earn their bread. Anyhow, many churches seems to believe that ministers ought not to expect to live by bread alone, and furnish a more ethereal diet. So there is a continuation of the story of hardships and sacrifices.

IV. IN THE HEAT OF THE CONFLICT.

Sun at meridian; battle at high tide; the exhilaration of victory felt; all the powers of mind and heart at full play:

"'Tis not a cause of small import
The pastor's care demands;
But what might fill an angel's heart,
And filled a Saviour's hands."

Yet all the while continued sacrifices. Rigid self-denial the rule of the household; children to be educated; an example of benevolence to be shown; appearances to be kept up; a thousand demands on the preacher's income. What of the rainy day? Or old age? But why have anxious thought of the morrow? Has not this preacher the divine promises and the pledge of a great church?

V. THE TURN OF THE TIDE

Scarcely perceptible at first, but the tide is going out now. He is stronger and better equipped than at any time in his life, but fewer churches seem to desire him. Oh, the shame of it! There is a touch of gray in his hair, and church committees turn from him as "too old." He knows how false it is; his soul protests against the injustice of it all; but, but—why kick against the pricks? The tide is at the ebb now.

VI. THE LENGTHENING SHADOWS

The years multiply. Forty of them perhaps have now been given to the church. They have indeed been years of hardship and sacrifice, but glad, happy years of blessed service. Salaries have never been large, but there has been no complaint. He did not enter the ministry to make money—that question was settled in those far-off days when he heard the voice of the Lord. He has preached, not for money, but that he might have the seal of God's favor and the approval of his own conscience. Souls have been his hire. Neither God nor the Methodist Church has yet failed him. Why should he doubt or fear now, when he walks with faltering steps, when work is becoming too heavy a burden for him to carry much longer?

VII. SUPERANNUATION.

The preacher's Gethsemane, too often, alas! The fateful hour, towards which he has sometimes looked with mysterious dread, has come. He is no longer in "active" service. Another has taken his place on the firing line. He watches the conflict from a distance. Oh, the anguish of this, when his heart still beats with courage, and the song of battle is still on his lips! Few realize the agony and bitterness of this experience. But, anyhow, he is comfortable, you say. Is he? Is he comfortable?

What was it Cardinal Wolsey said, in his fall from power? "Had I but served my God with half the zeal I served my king, He would not in mine age have left me naked to mine enemies." This man, this Methodist preacher, has been serving God these many years. He has given to the church all his affection, energy, thought, and devotion. God has been his Master; the church has been the field of his unremitting toil. Now that he has come to old age, will the Lord cast him off? Never. God's promises are sure. But God works through his people. The church must make good the pledges of the Almighty. The church must, in the name of Christ, care for the Methodist preacher who in the journey of life has come to the last inn on the road and, "superannuated," waits the royal summons.

Is the Methodist Church doing its duty by the superannuates? Unhesitatingly and unqualifiedly, No!—Ezra S. Tipple, D. D., in Christian Advocate.

Our Boys and Girls

To Our Boys and Girls.

Many of you have been wondering why your letters have not been published. We have so many letters on hand that it will take us a long time to publish them all. In order to publish them all in reasonable time, we will have to shorten each letter as much as possible. If your letter has not yet appeared, remember that you will see it in good time, even if it comes late.—Editor.

Rose Hill, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy twelve years old. I have two brothers and two sisters. I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. I have no pets except four little calves.

Well, I will close for fear of the waste-basket. With best wishes for the Advocate.

PAUL FUSSELL.

Dear Advocate:—I am a boy eleven years old. I go to school every day. My teacher is Miss Alice Bryan, and I like her very much. We have between forty and fifty scholars. My papa takes the Advocate and I like to read the little girls' and boys' letters.

I will close by asking a question: What is the longest verse in the Bible? LESLIE RAND.

Hillsboro, N. C., March 7, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. The Advocate is a welcome visitor to our home each week. I go to school every day.

We little folks think our columns are the best in the Advocate.

With love and best wishes to all, I close my letter.

Your little friend,
FANNIE S. JORDAN.

Glenaloon, N. C., March 4, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am twelve years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little girls' and boys' letters very much. I have seven sisters and one brother. Our pastor is Rev. E. Pope. We all like him very much.

Your friend,
LESSIE HOWARD.

Buxton, Dare County, N. C.,
February 24, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. I go to school every day. Mrs. Sarah Gaskill is my teacher. My grandfather is going to give a nice dress to the little girl that wins the head mark in school this year, and I am working for it.

Who raised the son of the lady of Shunem to life.

EMMA B. MILLER.

Corapeake, N. C., March 6, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—My father takes the Advocate and I love to read the children's letters. I go to school every day. My teacher is Miss Minnie White, and we all like her.

I also go to Sunday-school. Our superintendent is Mr. D. W. Parker, dna our preacher is Rev. H. H. Parker. He is a fine preacher.

I will answer David A. Bruton's question: It was Zaccheus that climbed the sycamore tree. He climbed it because he was so small that he could not see over the multitude of people.

Your little unknown friend,
CARRIE I. BEAMON.

Camden, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl five years old. I go to Sunday-school when we are all well and it is not raining. My teacher is Miss Nora Doggett, and I like her and I love to go to Sunday-school. I know who was the first man now. Who was the first woman?

Your little friend,
IDA McPHERSON.

Wilmington, N. C., March 10, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My Sunday-school teacher is Mrs. R. H. Beery. Our preacher is Mr. Haltom. I go to every-day school also, and I have a real sweet teacher.

Who wrote the first five books of the Bible.

I will enclose ten cents for the orphans.

MARY LILY BOUSHEE.

Clinton, N. C., Feb. 29, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. My grandmother takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the boys' and girls' letters very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can, and our pastor is B. B. Holder, and I like him very much. I also go to every-day school, and my teacher is Mr. J. I. Singletary.

Who was cast into a lion's den?

Your little friend,
MATTIE LEE NEWMAN.

Society Hill, S. C.

Dear Advocate:— I am thirteen years of age. My papa takes the Advocate. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher's name is Miss Minnie.

The last time I wrote to the Advocate I lived in North Carolina, but we have moved to South Carolina. I like to live down here.

Now I will close by asking a question: How many times is God's name mentioned in the Bible?

I am your friend,
MAUD SNIPE.

Ellis, N. C., March 7, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy nine years old. I go to every-day school. My teacher is Aunt Mag Edge, and I like her very much.

I will answer Lilla May Thrower's question: Joseph had twelve brothers.

Now I will ask a question: Who is the oldest man mentioned in the Bible?

Yours truly,
ROMNEY OWEN.

Ellis, N. C., March 7, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I would like to enter your warm circle of boys and girls once more. I have not written in so long a time that I dare say none of the correspondents remember me. I will answer Earl T. Sell's question: Samson was the strongest man.

Now I will ask one: How many times is girl mentioned in the Bible?

Your unknown friend,
MABEL OWEN.

Burlington, N. C., March 8, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I have wanted so long to write but I was afraid of the waste-basket. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday, and I love to go. Our pastor is Rev. D. N. Caviness. I go to the graded school. I am in the sixth grade.

I enclose five cents for the orphans. Love to all of the children and an extra share for Bettie McGurt, our Sunday-school orphan.

Your sincere friend,
RUTH DAMERON.

Pittsboro, N. C., March 8, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I was five years old when I wrote before, but now I am seven. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy the childrens' letters and orphanage notes very much. I belong to the orphan class in our Sunday-school, and I like to pay my mite to help a little orphan. My grandpa is eighty-one years old.

Mamma and I expect to go to see grandma soon.

Yours truly,
MABEL ROSE THOMAS.

Cove, N. C., March 7, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. I go to school nearly every day; my teacher is Miss Eslie Holton. I go to Sunday-school and our superintendent is Mr. W. H. Townson, on the Craven Circuit. My papa and mamma are both living. I have two sisters and three brothers.

Enclosed you will find ten cents for the little orphans.

Your little friend,
SUSAN BEATRICE DAVIS.

Ashpole, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy eight years old. I go to school every day. Miss Rosa McKaughn is my teacher. One of our Methodist preacher's daughter is a teacher here. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Our superintendent is Mr. Parson Thompson and my teacher is Cousin Mary Thompson. Our pastor is Rev. J. M. Ashby.

Enclosed find ten cents for the orphans.

Your little friend,
HOKE FLOYD.

Cumnock, N. C., Feb. 6, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. I live on a farm. I like the country. We only have a four month's school, and it will be out this month. Miss Ida Bell Wicker is our teacher. Jones Chapel is our nearest church. It is four miles away, so I don't have the pleasure of going to Sunday-school. Rev. J. B. Mosley is our pastor, and we like him very much. I would like to correspond with some of the little girls who write to the Advocate.

I will answer David Bruton's question: Zaccheus climbed the sycamore tree to see Jesus.

I will ask a question: How many times did Jesus appear to the disciples after the resurrection?

Your little friend,
MINNIE JOHNSON.

Efland, N. C., March 7, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. I live on a farm with my uncle. He takes the dear old Advocate. I go to school when the weather will permit. My teacher's name is Miss Fannie Kinin. Our pastor is Rev. M. M. McFarland. My papa and mamma are both living. I have four sisters and one brother living, and one sister dead.

Your little friend,
ANNIE O. BROWNING.

Knap of Reeds, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. My grandma takes the Advocate.

Our superintendent is Mr. J. N. Tilley. My teacher is Uncle Ben Umstead. Our pastor is Rev. J. D. Pegram. We all like him very much. I have one sister and two brothers.

What did Jacob see in his dream? Where was the first home on earth and who lived in it?

I enclose five cents for the Orphanage.

ELLA UMSTEAD HALL.

A LOVE LETTER.

Would not interest you if you're looking for a guaranteed Salve for Sores, Burns or Piles. Otto Dodd, of Ponder, Mo., writes: "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year, but a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me. It's the best Salve on earth. 25c. at all drug stores.

CHEAP SETTLERS' TICKETS.

On January 19th, February 2nd and 16th, March 1st and 15th, and April 5th and 19th, 1904, the Frisco System (St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad), will sell reduced rate one-way and round-trip tickets from Atlanta, Birmingham and Memphis to points in Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territories and Texas. Write S. L. Parrott, District Passenger Agent, Atlanta, Ga.

SPECIAL RATES VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

$38.60 Raleigh to Dallas, Tex., and return, account General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Tickets on sale May 15th to 18th, inclusive, final return limit May 31st.

$25|75 Raleigh to New Orleans, La., and return account Southern Good Roads Meeting. Tickets on sale April 4th and 5th, final limit April 9, 1904.

$19.05 Raleigh to Jacksonville,Fla., and return account Interstate Sugar Cane Growers' Association. Tickets on sale May 2nd and 3rd, final limit May 8th, 1904.

$65.25 Raleigh to SanFrancisco, Cal., and return account General Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, Cal., May 3 to 31, 1904; also Meeting National Association of Retail Grocers of U. S., San Francisco, Cal., May 3rd to 8th, 1904. Tickets will be sold account of the above occasions April 22nd to April 30th, final limit June 30, 1904. Liberal stop over privileges and diverse routes will be allowed west of the Mississippi River.

For tickets sleeping car reservations and full particulars call on or address

T. E. GREEN, C. T. A.,
Raleigh, N. C.

Womans Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. B. F. Dixon, Raleigh, N. C.

Officers of the W. F. M. S. of the N. C. Conference, June, 1903-'04.

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I earnestly urge each Auxiliary, Golden Links and Bright Jewel Band to send delegates to the Annual Meeting at Elizabeth City, April 20-25th.

BLANCH FENTRESS,
Recording Secretary.

Our sisters who have made valuable contributions to our column—will have to bear patiently the postponement of publication. As our space will admit, each article will appear as early as possible.

We are pleased to give below a report from the Bright Jewels of Trinity church, Durham, from Mrs. G. W. Woodward:

We are glad to report a very flourishing Juvenile Society in Trinity church, Durham, under the efficient management of Mrs. Leon Richardson, who is very popular with the young people.

From some cause or other the Society was not kept up regularly last year, and the children really felt the loss of their missionary meetings; and when Mrs. Richardson took charge, they rallied to her help and reorganized the Society.

Thirty-one names were enrolled the first month, and new members were added at each meting until they number sixty-eight. They had quite an interesting party a short time ago, from which they realized over eight dollars. They are so enthusiastic that they do not stay away from the meetings on account of rain, and if the lady manager cannot be present, they conduct the meeting in a very business-like manner. They have raised a creditable amount on each fund, considering they organized in October; and hope to send in a good report to the annual meeting by their delegate.

MRS. G. W. W.

Important Notice: "Reduced rates to the Annual Meeting of the W. F. M. Society at Elizabeth City are secured, if fifty (50) or more persons have paid full tariff fare going, and who hold certificates of the standard form, properly executed and stamped by the agents at the starting points, will be sold tickets for return at one-third the first-class limited fare, plus twenty-five cents, via the routes traveled in going, as specified on the certificates."

They must be signed by Miss Blanche Fentress, Recording Secretary, and also by Mr. W. B. Keys, Agent at Elizabeth City.

I will mail to each District Secretary copies of Form 1—from W. H. Fitzgerald, Commissioner—relating to these important changes and conditions.

BLANCHE FENTRESS,
Recording Secretary.

Hear the report from the beloved Secretary of the Warrenton District:

The Warrenton District has paid on Pledge, $260, which is $40 more than the assessment.

The annual report shows an increase of $148 over last year.

The reports and letters from the Murfreesboro, Warrenton and Henderson workers have been most encouraging and helpful.

It is due the faithful Auxiliary and Bright Jewel Band at Jackson to state that they paid more than double the amount asked for on Pledge. Mrs. G. R. Calvert is one of our most consecrated workers, and she has willing helpers.

We rejoice over the work done by the faithful few; but our heart grows sad when we think of the number of women, bright young girls and children in the bounds of the Warrenton District who take no part in this all-important work.

For them a little heart searching is in order just now. Ask yourselves the question: Did any sacrifice or effort on my part bring about the above result? What am I doing for my Lord?

"The time is short!
If thou would'st work for God it must be now;
If thou would'st win the garland for the brow.
Redeem the time."

May the Spirit of the Lord quicken us to greater zeal.

K. P. BLACK,
District Secretary.

Our own capable Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Whitaker, sends in the following:

I am glad to state that all the Societies, both Adult and Juvenile, have sent in their reports for this quarter; but I am sorry that Apex Bright Jewels have ceased to work. I hope they will soon reorganize, and do more effieient work than they have ever done. It has been a faithful little Band for many years, and I regret very much to have to give it up.

The Raleigh District has raised $343.42 this, the last quarter of our fiscal year.

The Woman's Societies raised, of this amount, $304.96; Golden Links, $4.40; Bright Jewels, $34.06.

I will give you the annual report later.

Yours truly,
MRS. R. H. WHITAKER,
District Secretary.

My Dear Mrs. Dixon:

By request, I write you a few items concerning the work of our Auxiliary at Rocky Mount.

Our meetings are held on Monday after the first Sunday in each month.

We have thirty-three members, twelve of whom take the Woman's Missionary Advocate.

We have never failed to meet every assessment. During the past year we paid the dues, contingent fund, and Pledge in full.

Our Society has two life members.

We have a most efficient President, Mrs. J. L. Horn, and with her as a leader, we hope to do more for the cause of missions than we have done in the past.

Very respectfully,
MRS. J. D. ODOM,
Corresponding Secretary.

We are glad to have reports from the Corresponding Secretaries of the Auxiliaries; and we hope others will follow the above example.

We regret to have no room for the report from the New Bern Auxiliary—it will be good reading for our next week's issue.

Woman's Home Mission Society

Please send all communications for this Department to MRS. R. O. BURTON, Raleigh, N. C.

Officers of W. H. M. S. of the N. C. Conference.

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Centenary Church, New Berne, Our Banner Auxiliary.

This week I gladly yield our column to our banner Auxiliary, believing that every word of the fine reports will be read with joyful interest and grateful pride. In the name of our entire sisterhood, I salute these consecrated workers, and pray that their glorious efforts may continue to be crowned with success.

OFFICERS OF THE YEAR JUST CLOSED.

Mrs. S. H. Scott, President; Mrs. Edwards, First Vice-President; Mrs. R. F. Bumpas, Second Vice-President; Mrs. V. Harrison, Third Vice-President; Mrs. L. H. Cutler, Treasurer; Mrs. D. Congdon, Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. A. Meadows, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. A. Meadows, Agent of "Our Homes"; Mrs. R. T. H. Moore, Superintendent of Local Work.

Report of the Baby Roll for the Year Ending February 29, 1904.

Number on Roll, 107; number added during year, 25; number added during quarter, 15; mite box collections, $13.58; enrollment fees, $6.25; local work $10.24.

MRS. V. HARRISON,
Third Vice-President.

Annual Report of the Home Missionary Society of Centenary Church.

Another year has drawn to its close, and again we have assembled in the annual meeting of our Home Mission Society. As we enter upon the duties of a new year, it is but fitting that we review the work of the year which has just closed. As we look back upon it we see a marked improvement along all lines and tonight we lift our hearts to God in praise and thanksgiving for the wonderful love and mercy He has shown toward us.

Much interest has been manifested by the members of the Society in our monthly meetings. We observed, as is our custom, our Week of Prayer; the meetings were well attended and our Thank Offering was a liberal one.

We have a membership of 116. Five of our members have withdrawn, and five have moved from the city.

Much good has been done by the committee on local work. These ladies have made 179 visits to the sick, in many instances relieving needs of their less favored sisters by furnishing food, clothes, wood, and on many occasions, cash.

As our special work, we have clothed a girl at our Orphanage at Raleigh, have contributed to the fund for the Brevard School, and have pledged $1,000 towards the new church.

More than forty of our members subscribe to "Our Homes," and enjoy it very much. We would be glad for every member of the Society to take this paper, and thus become better acquainted with the cause.

Our Treasurer reports $1,350.98 raised during the year.

And now a new year lies before us. A year of great possibilities, as well as great responsibilities. May we, as a Society, be ready to meet these. Let us resolve that by God's help and guidance we will make the work a glorious advance over that of all past years.

MRS. D. S. CONGDON,
Recording Secretary.

The Anniversary Sermon, by Rev. G. T. Adams.

The fourteenth anniversary of the Home Mission Auxiliary of Centenary Church, New Bern, was celebrated with appropriate exercises the first Sunday night in February. The reports of the officers were read, showing progress in every department of the work. The presence of a large and appreciative audience gave evidence of the general interest in our Auxiliary.

The annual sermon was preached by our pastor, Rev. G. T. Adams, whose theme was: "The true motive for Christian service."

In the introductory remarks he set forth the aims and purposes of the Home Mission Society and briefly reviewed the work that is being done throughout the connection.

"All Christian activity," he said, "should be characterized by personal love for Christ.

1. "This personal love for Christ is born in a personal consciousness of His love for us.

2. "A distinctive mark of this love is its power to create ways and means for doing God's work even in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

3. "This love is whole-hearted, delights in self-sacrifices, and is liberal to the point of self-denial in its gifts."

The message was full of hope and encouragement and will no doubt stimulate our women to a more zealous service.

MRS. J. A. MEADOWS,
Corresponding Secretary.

Officers Elected for the New Fiscal Year at the February Meeting.

Mrs. S. H. Scott, President; Mrs. K. R. Styron, First Vice-President; Mrs. M. Morris, Second Vice-President; Mrs. V. Harrison, Third Vice-President; Mrs. L. H. Cutler, Treasurer; Mrs. J. Arendell, Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. A. Meadows, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. M. Morris, Agent for "Our Homes"; Mrs. R. T. H. Moore, Superintendent of Local Work.

An Honored Visitor, Mrs. J. E. Chapman, President of the Holston Conference Society.

It gives me pleasure to announce that Mrs. J. E. Chapman expects to be with us at our Annual Meeting. She is a very bright woman, a good talker and a consecrated worker. North Carolina will be glad to welcome her. I trust all delegates and visitors who have not already done so will send their names at once to Mrs. N. E. Edgerton, Selma. The meeting opens on Wednesday night, April 27, and will close on the following Sunday.

Editorial

OUR CHURCH PRESS.

The Conference organ is a prominent question just now. Almost every paper in Southern Methodism is lengthening its mailing list to a very gratifying degree. The mildewed, worm-eaten charge, made periodically for the last half century, that the religious paper is losing ground, would at this present time excite only a smile among Methodists who really know what Southern Methodist papers are, and are doing.

There is not only a lengthening of mailing lists, but a marked improvement in the style, matter, and make-up of the papers themselves. A better quality of paper is used, there is more regard to arrangement of matter, and there is manifested a more professional, intelligent, and seasoned editorial spirit and ability.

Yet we are many leagues from the boasting limit. We have a long road to travel, and we gladly hail the excellent article in last week's Nashville Christian Advocate from the pen of J. W. Moore, Ph. D., who in a brotherly spirit offers a just criticism on the conduct of Southern Methodist papers. We accept our share of this criticism and trust that our brother editors may do the same.

Dr. Moore thinks that there should be at least two pages of editorial matter in each issue; that current events should receive more attention, that longer space should be given to the news of the church; that there should be fewer clippings; and that there should be more articles from our good writers. In each case he is exactly right.

The reading public has not lost its interest in what the editor thinks. It expects the editorial—not a review article, not a few remarks on a clipped paragraph, not a few stale observations on such things as "The Reward of Virtue," "The Significance of Melchisedek," and "Humility," but a real live, plain, practical editorial that the reader needs.

We were very much surprised when a few weeks ago one of our Southern Methodist exchanges contained the editorial statement in effect that a church paper should publish only that which pertains to the church. Of course, such a thing as a discussion of current events is never seen in that paper. We feel sure that if this principle were widely adopted by the church press, there would be in a short while no church press. No brilliant editorial work and employment of brilliant contributors could prevent a brilliant feat of swallowing by the secular press, and the church press would be the "Great Swallowed."

Of course, Dr. Moore is right in saying that much space should be given to church news. It is a matter of gratitude that this fact is becoming more and more appreciated by our editors. While collecting church news from the exchanges is most difficult and laborious, yet it is the most profitable piece of work done for the paper. The religious journal is a newspaper, pure and simple. The church makes news and demands news. There are some Southern Methodist papers which always bring us joy. They contain church news. This news is patently covered with editorial perspiration. Such a thought brings confidence and encouragement. Other church papers are thrown aside because most of what they contain has been seen before.

Dr. Moore's intimation that it is a comparatively easy matter to secure gratis contributions from men who are able to write provokes a skeptical smile in this sanctum. While we have thus been favored to some extent, we must confess that our appeals in the main have brought no response. In some way there has grown up in the North Carolina Conference an idea that the appearance of a preacher in a regular article is an indication of egotism and presumption on the part of the preacher. We have been impressed with the apologies which came with manuscript from preachers who had been deputed by their Presiding Elder to furnish copy for District editions. Quite a number of the writers were careful to state that they had written the articles only at the request of the Presiding Elder. These preachers were simply apologizing for the performance of a duty to themselves, their church paper, and its readers. Some one has said that a Methodist preacher should be ready at all times to do two things: to preach and to die. From the plenitude of an editorial experience which has been hardened by numerous conflicts with the "scissors" temptation, we add another essential: to write an article for his church paper.

But let it be remembered as an encouraging fact that never before has our church press been so healthy and hopeful as now.

PLACE THE RESPONSIBILITY WHERE IT BELONGS.

When the pulses are galloping along at the rate of one hundred and twenty beats to the minute and the steam-gauge of the heart registers 110 degrees, it is folly for the physician to make his immediate and specific object the convalescence of the sick man. His immediate object is to reduce that temperature and regulate that heart. Then convalescence will take care of itself.

These thoughts somehow come into our mind as we read in our church papers the frequent notices of meetings in which special prayers are offered that God may call more men into the ministry.

There is now a shortage in preachers in all evangelical denominations as far as we can learn. It is a serious condition that we face. We are orthodox, it is honed, on the subject of prayer. Yet we must say that we cannot offer with any enthusiasm and faith the prayer that God may call men into the ministry. God always calls men when He has any to call. He is no God to become so indifferent on the question of manning the gospel field as to require a special petition from His followers.

It is God's part to call. It is our part to furnish Him the material. When He does not call we may be certain that we have not furnished the proper material. Let us rather pray that there may be on the part of the church such a waiting upon God, such a concern for souls, such a sweep of spiritual tides over the membership, and such a reaping of spiritual harvests, that, when God wishes to choose his men, there may be no lack of eligible material This is the point on which our prayers should centre. Let us not even indirectly accuse God of being remiss in His legitimate work—a work which He has ever delighted to do since Noah was commanded to build the ark.

And, mind you, we should help to answer our prayers by seeing that the work begins at Jerusalem. "Thou art the man" is a motto which should hang on the walls of every Christian heart. Let us get our own house in order, and we will be better prepared for praying. Let us place the responsibility where it belongs and not fasten it upon God.

THE BEST OF THE GATEWAY SERIES.

One evening, several years ago, after the day's work had been finished, we casually took down from the shelf "Carlyle's Essay on Burns." Carelessly we began reading; for while in former days we had been swept from our feet by Sartor Resartus, French Revolution, and other fire breathing books of the great Carlyle, we had never admired, nor do we admire to this day, the life of the famous Scotch poet. But a thrilling surprise was in store for us. We were held in its thralldom until long after the short hand had passed the zenith of the clock-face circle. We met a new Carlyle. For once he seemed tender and confidential. We could feel the throbbing of his heart as he steeped in an atmosphere of fine intellectual discrimination, ethical prophetic fervor, and plaintive brooding pathos the character of poor Robert Burns. We have read the essay time and time again since that evening. When our pulses need quickening we make that Essay one of our tonics and recommend it to others.

So it was with gladness that we hailed a few days ago that little book of the Gateway Series published by the American Book Company, and styled "Carlyle's Essay on Burns," by Edwin Mims, Ph.D., Professor of English Literature, Trinity College, N. C.

There is first an Introduction written in Dr. Mims' best style and giving a remarkably clear and faithful portraiture of Thomas Carlyle and Robert Burns. Then comes the "Essay" with copious foot notes, and followed by nearly twenty-five pages of general notes. The dainty appearance of the volume, the attractive type, and the skillful arrangement and scholarly elucidation of the text and the two characters, by Dr. Mims, make it a book to be greatly prized and frequently used. We thank Dr. Mims for this valuable contribution to literature.

We make a mistake in supposing that all the highest types of faithfulness in the field of service are found among distinctively religious workers. In the death on last Thursday of Dr. Stephen Truex, one of the most noted surgeons of this country, we find an illustration of fidelity to the highest ideals of service. For the last year he had been trying to take a vacation which a rapidly failing physical system had been calling for. Frequent and urgent calls to individual cases in hospital practice stole away his vacation time. On last Thursday, while almost too sick to be on his feet, he took the principal part in a difficult surgical operation. During the operation he handed the knife to one of his assistants, was taken to an adjoining room, where he diagnosed his own case and pronounced it fatal, and died in fifteen minutes. To one stopping to think, there is something intensely heroic in all this.

With the death of Sir Edwin Arnold is associated the idea of the evanescence of literary fame. Not so long ago the "Light of Asia" was discussed in almost every literary circle. This book ran through one hundred and twenty editions within ten years. Now the book is read by only a few. Only the book with a heart in it can live a century. Progress renders obsolete in a short time every chief work of science and philosophy—and even theology. But the currents of that literature which belongs to the heart keep their freshness through all intellectual drouths and cataclysms of progress. The "Light of Asia" was only the phosphorescence of a heathen ethical philosophy. It was foredoomed to an easy and early extinguishment.

Some believe that the establishment of the principle that our Government has no constitutional right to order that our public schools use the Bible as a textbook or even be opened with a mere reading of Bible passages means dire disaster to our Christian civilization and the church of God. But we do not see it this way. We believe that the establishment of the principle would force on the church such a sense of responsibility that there would be a perfect revolution in the home and Sunday-school in the matter of Bible teaching. The home and Sunday-school will never do their best and fullest Bible teaching until it is realized that the whole responsibilities rest in these places and in Christian schools.

We take the following from the Lumberton Argus: The meeting conducted under the auspices of the Methodists has been a glorious one. Mr. Glenn has preached some magnificent sermons, plain, pointed, practical, and powerful. Great crowds have attended the services. The business houses have been closed during the preaching hour. Hundreds of country people have attended the various services. Scores of Christians have renewed their covenants, while many have professed conversion outright. A number have given in their names for membership in different churches.

Methodist Mention

Elizabeth City District Edition of the Advocate next week.

It seems as if the Districts are going to carry out that resolution. "So mote it be."

Bishop Candler has in press a new book, entitled "Great Revivals and the Great Republic."

The Danville, (Va.), Methodist, which is always full of good things, has been enlarged to an eight-page, six-column paper.

In the storm that swept over Nashville, Tenn., a few days ago, Trinity Church, East Nashville District, was completely demolished.

A vigorous canvass is being made in Shreveport, La., to raise the $110,000 bonus for the removal of Centenary College to that city.

Leland Church, Town Creek Circuit, is out of debt, and will be dedicated at an early date, we are informed by Bro. W. R. Royall, P. C.

We have just received from Rev. A. J. Groves, who has our deepest sympathy, the sad news of the death of his brother, John D. Groves, at St. Lukes Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

Rev. William S. Patton, a young minister of Holston Conference, and stationed at Jefferson City, has left our church and gone to the Congregational Church.—Wesleyan Advocate.

Slips containing the new Order of Worship may be had of Smith & Lamar for seventy-five cents the hundred. They are of suitable size for placing in the backs of the hymnals.

On Friday, March 18, the Methodists of New Orleans and their friends gave Bishop and Mrs. Morrison a formal welcome to that city. Dr. W. H. LaPrade was master of ceremonies.

Centenary Sunday-school of our church, Chattanooga, Tenn., has an enrollment of nearly 1,400, with 53 teachers. Two large Bible classes are taught by two lawyers, C. F. Bates and W. G. M. Thomas.

Dr. W. P. Few, Dean of Trinity College, will deliver a series of lectures in Charlotte during the first week in May. The subject of these lectures will be "Southern Progress, and Some Ways to Promote It."

We regret that our Alabama correspondent, Rev. E. A. Wright, has been confined to his room for several weeks with a painful affliction. We are glad that he has so far recovered as to be able to walk about.

Rev. H. F. Chreitzberg, pastor of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, will preach the commencement sermon at the Salem Female Academy and College, the famous old Moravian school at Winston-Salem.

The second volume of sermons issued by the Methodist Book Concern under the title "The Methodist Pulpit," is prepared by Rev. Frank M. Bristol, D. D., pastor of the Metropolitan Church, Washington, D. C.

Rev. J. D. Bundy, P. E., requests the pastors of Washington District to forward at once to W. B. Cooper, Wilmington, N. C., a complete list of their Sunday-school Superintendents and the post-office address of each.

Rev. L. L. Johnson writes from Afton, Indian Territory: "We have had a most delightful winter. No snow to speak of; but little rain and only one little sleet. The air is balmy. We are ready to let the contract for a $4,000 church.

We acknowledge with appreciation the following invitation: "Mrs. Henry Clay Wall requests the honour of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Annie Leake, to Mr. Howard Alexander Foushee, on Wednesday evening, the thirteenth of April, nineteen hundred and four, at eight o'clock, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Rockingham, North Carolina."

Last year the Congregationalists in the United States had 1,001 churches without a minister and 2,047 ministers without a church.

The 120th session of the Baltimore Conference convened in the city of Alexandria on last Wednesday. We understand that the Baltimore Conference has withdrawn its support from the Advocate published at Richmond and will have its own paper.

The commencement exercises of the Harry North School, of Morehead City, will be held May 29th to June 1. The sermon will be preached by Rev. N. M. Watson, and the address delivered by Dr. W. I. Cranford. The school is having a most successful year under the management of Prof. B. I. Tart.

Bishop Hoss "has agreed to forward at least 100 new names, with the money," to the Wesleyan Christian Advocate. It has been said that there are some preachers who are too dignified to work for a church paper. Such will no doubt feel that the action and spirit of Bishop Hoss only furnish a case of "Jupiter nodding."

Rev. W. W. Rose thinks that his charge, Weldon Station, holds the banner as to the number of Advocates taken. He has 170 members, and forty Advocates are taken. This is good. Rev. G. W. Starling reports that every family in one of his churches takes the Advocate. Who besides R. L. Davis will enter the lists against Rose and Starling.

Mrs. M. A. Pritchett, through her sons, John E. Pritchett, of San Marcos, and H. C. Pritchett, of Huntsville, has given to Southwestern University one thousand dollars in memory of her late husband, directing that this money be invested in books which are to be kept in a designated alcove of the college library known as the William Ira Pritchett Memorial.

The following account of the labors of Bishop Smith in Elizabeth City comes from Rev. J. E. Underwood: "Bishop Smith was with us yesterday, and preached in First Church in the morning, and at City Road at night. His sermons were of great power, and made a profound impression on the large congregations, who heard them. In the afternoon he lectured to men, in the Y. M. C. A. hall. The hall was crowded with eager listeners, and strong men wept, as he appealed to them to live a better life. His visit has been a great blessing to the town. It was our great pleasure to entertain him, and a more charming guest has never been in our home."

The Commencement Exercises of Littleton Female College, Littleton, N. C., will begin on Sunday, May the 22nd, with a sermon before the Faculty and students of the College, by Rev. G. F. Smith, Presiding Elder of the Warrenton District. On Wednesday, the 25th, Dr. C. W. Byrd, of Atlanta, will preach the Annual Sermon in the College chapel. The Commencement Address will be delivered on Thursday, the 26th, by Rev. R. D. Smart, D. D., of Norfolk, Va. In place of the usual Annual Address on Missions before the Y. W. C. A., there will be, this year, a series of three addresses on Missions. These will be delivered by Bishop A. W. Wilson, of Baltimore, Md., on the evenings of April 12th, 13th, and 14th.

The Orphans Friend thus calls attention to the double honor conferred on the editor of the Advocate: At the recent session of the Grand Lodge in Raleigh, the Grand Chaplain was absent. One of our clerical brethren, Rev. Erskine Pope, was thereupon summoned to the East by Grand Master Clark and requested to open the communication with prayer. The next day a similar duty was performed by Bro. F. A. Bishop, another one of the brethren present who belonged to the clergy. Later the appointment of Grand Chaplain for the ensuing year was conferred upon Bro. T. N. Ivey. As to be Grand Chaplain is, in itself, so great an honor, what must be Brother Ivey's feelings of pride at being also the successor of Popes and Bishops!"

Publisher's Column

THE CAMPAIGN FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The Conference has requested each District to furnish 150 new subscribers by May 1, 1904. The report for each District will be made weekly in this column. The District reporting the largest number of new subscribers by May 1, 1904, will receive a present not costing less than $25.00, to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

The following new subscribers have been received since March 30, 1904:

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The following shows how many new subscribers have been received from each District since Conference:

Warrenton District	122	increase 51
Rockingham District	119	increase 31
Fayetteville District	100	increase 23
Washington District	95	increase 4
Raleigh District	86	increase 3
Elizabeth City District	68	increase 20
Durham District	60	increase 1
New Bern District	55	increase 6
Wilmington District	52	increase 7
Total new subscribers to date	757	
Total increase for the week	146	

First position, Warrenton District.

Second position, Rockingham District.

Last position, Wilmington District.

Warrenton District has largest increase for the week, with 51 new subscribers. Rockingham comes next with 31. Fayetteville comes next with 23. Elizabeth City comes next with 20. Durham has smallest increase for the week—1. Warrenton District lacks only 28 of supplying her quota. Rockingham District lacks only 31. These may reach the 150 mark by next report. Which will come under the wire first? Perhaps some other District will surprise these two leaders. We shall see what we shall see.

WHAT CAN BE DONE.

We copy the following letter from the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, which illustrates what almost any layman in the North Carolina Conference can do:

"We omit name and postoffice. Dear Wesleyan: Last Saturday, while it was raining, so I could not get out on the farm, I read the Advocate. I enjoyed it so much. I said to my wife 'that people who did not read our Advocate did not know how much they were missing.' I wish every Methodist had the paper and I could get some subscribers and I would go out and try. Eight new subscribers and three renewals are the result of my afternoon work. What I have done many laymen in our church could do. I am proud of my afternoon work for the Advocate. As ever your friend and brother."

We return our thanks to the friends who have sent us missing copies of the Advocate within the last few weeks.

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One Devotional Committee's Method.

Believing that novelty and variety may be successfully employed in the conduct of their meetings, one committee has printed on its list of topics such subjects as "A Telephone Service;" "A Telegraph Meeting." At the telegraph meeting letters were sent out some time in advance to workers in different parts of the country, asking them to send messages of encouragement on telegraph blanks to the officers of the society. These messages were read at the service, and the inter-change of thought proved inspiring to all who listened; and at the same time the faith of some weaker ones was strengthened by the reassuring words of the strong leaders in denominational life and enterprises.

It has been found helpful in some instances to ask a representative of another church, or possibly of another denomination, to lead the meeting occasionally. He brings new thoughts and new methods, and the workers are thus brought into closer fellowship.

In case the meetings are inclined to lag in interest, let the devotional committee secure pledged speakers. Ask a dozen members to testify, each speaking promptly; give others Scripture references to read, and the meetings will soon take on a new interest and enthusiasm. Of course, the committee will lead in the testimonies.—Exchange.

We wish to call the special attention of the readers of these columns, especially the young readers, to the clipping below. "Don't Make Enemies." It is well worth a careful perusal. All of us know those who have in them elements of success who never succeed because they play the "dog in the manger;" always growling and showing their teeth.

DON'T MAKE ENEMIES

Some men there are who leave enemies thick in their wake. They cannot walk around a corner without going out of the way to offend someone. If a stranger asks a civil question they reply rudely. If an acquaintance comes to them for a slight courtesy they deny it or grant it so grudgingly and in so insulting a manner that he goes away hating instead of grateful. They delight in uttering and repeating ugly remarks about friends and strangers, heedless of the fact that such remarks are always carried home. Satire and sarcasm are commonly on their tongues. They practice the charity neither of silence nor of speech. But in the long run they pay heavily for the pleasure of making enemies.

The man who plays the dog in office, whether it be in a public or private office, is a fool. Courtesy is so cheap and rudeness costs so much that none but fools will deliberately and needlessly offend even the weakest and most insignificant person. The manager of a business house, the foreman of a shop, an employe of a public office, any man in place or power, may be secure of his position, may be independent of any man's favor, may have no present use for friends and no fear of enemies, but he knows not and cannot know how soon or in what way he may be obliged to seek favors from the person whom he scorns to-day and treats rudely. Fortune's turning wheel puts men in very strange positions.

Politeness, courtesies, favors, are repaid not infrequently with ingratitude, and one sometimes wonders whether it is worth while to try to please people whom one does not have to please. But it is worth while, for the humblest office boy may one day have his chance to pay back a hundredfold slights and insults which were laid upon him wantonly by a man who did not imagine that the boy would ever be in a position to hurt him.

The prudent politician and the prudent man of affairs are schooled in this wisdom. People may forget the kindness you do them, but they will not forget injuries or insults. They may not be rich in gratitude, but they are very prone to revenge and will go far to even up an injury. Men have received a knock-out blow in business or politics from a hidden enemy of whose very existence they knew nothing. One never knows what connections a stranger, or even a friend, may have, or what influence he may control, either now or in the future.

Politeness may be preached not only on utilitarian, but also on esthetic and economical grounds. It beautifies social intercourse, smoothes the way of life, and to a mind rightly constituted the way of politeness is the way of least resistance. To be rude is generally more trouble than to be courteous. But there is a limit to courtesy, and that limit is the border of complaisancy or weakness. To make friends is noble and honorable only when it may be done with a clear conscience and without loss of self-respect. An honest man must possess the courage to make enemies when that is necessary for right's sake.—Toronto World.

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Sunday School

Lesson for April 10, 1904.

Peter Confesses the Christ.

(Mark 8:27-38.)

Golden Text: Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Matthew 16:16.)

After the miracles of healing recorded in our last lesson Jesus returned again to the vicinity of the Sea of Galilee, and there he fed the four thousand. This was followed by a controversy in which the Pharisees and Sadducees demanded a sign, which Jesus refused to give. The next event recorded is that of the healing of a blind man at Bethsaida, after which came the incident selected for our study, which occurred in the region of Caesarea Philippi.

A Momentous Question.—It was no ordinary question which Jesus propounded to his disciples when he asked them the direct interrogation "Whom say ye that I am?" Varied answers were given by the people at large to the question of Jesus' identity. Some saw in him John the Baptist restored to life, some thought he was Elijah returned from the skies into which he had been carried by a chariot of fire, while still others considered him simply as another of the prophets.

The question which Jesus asked his disciples was a most critical one, for it was intended to show whether or not they understood the mission of their Master.

The Messiahship of Jesus.—Peter's reply to the question of Jesus showed that the Master's teaching had not been in vain, but that, however dimly it might be, the disciples had begun to grasp at the all-significant fact that Jesus was the Messiah, the long-predicted and eagerly awaited Anointed One who should come to redeem his people.

Having elicited from his disciples through Peter as their spokesman the clear statement of their belief that he was the Christ, Jesus now proceeded to open their eyes more fully to the character of his Messiahship. They had pictured the Messiah to themselves as an earthly king in the full pomp of power; but he now declared to them the truth that the Messiah should be a suffering Saviour, who must be rejected of the elders, and the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and then after three days rise again.

Peter's Rebuke.—The program of suffering and death foretold of himself by the Master aroused in Peter a spirit of rebellion. He could not bear to contemplate the possibility of such a Messiahship, and began to reproach the Saviour for announcing such an untoward destiny. But Jesus was quick to check the complaints of his impetuous and warm-hearted disciple. "Get thee behind me, Satan," were his words of scorching reproof, "for thou mindest not the things of God, but the things that be of men."

The Conditions of Christian Discipleship.—The Master now turns from his instruction of the circle of his apostles to lay before the people at large the conditions upon which alone they might become his followers.

The program of suffering which the Master has announced for himself must be experienced in part at least by all who would become his disciples. The follower of Jesus must be a cross-bearer, and must seek constantly not to please but to deny himself.

Profit and loss in the spiritual world are reckoned on a different basis from that which is in vogue in the commercial world. It is only he who is willing to lose everything, including even his own life, who can hope to gain what is worth having in the service of Christ. But he who is willing to sacrifice everything for the sake of the gospel shall find an immeasurable reward.

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Secular News

STATE.

The North Carolina Teachers' Association will meet at Morehead City, June 8th.

Fourteen James City negroes, who engaged in a riot and resisted officers, have been arrested.

Editor J. W. Bailey made a very interesting talk before the Y. M. C. A. of Charlotte last Sunday.

Cases on appeal from the Tenth Judicial District were called for argument in the Supreme Court this week.

Governor Aycock has appointed a commission to investigate the affairs of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad.

Republican State Chairman Rollins has issued a call for conventions to nominate delegates to the Republican State convention.

The Summer School to be held at the A. & M. College next July promises to be the best of its kind that has ever been held in the State.

The association for the betterment of public school houses are giving a most interesting exhibit at the Governor's mansion this week.

Former Congressman W. H. Bower, of Lenoir, announces his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress for the Eighth District.

E. Spencer Blackburn was nominated for Congress in the Eighth District, April 1st, by acclamation, after one of the fiercest fights ever made against a man for office.

There was a debate in Charlotte Monday night between Wake Forest and Furman Colleges. A game of base ball was played by nines from the two colleges in the afternoon.

Wake Forest College gained a double victory over Furman University in their contests at Charlotte, winning the debate and base ball game both.

Judge Peebles hints that there will be proceedings for contempt, by the action of the Lumberton bar in refusing to make a calendar for the term of court over which he was to preside.

The commencement sermon at Trinity College will be preached June 5th by President Hyde, of Bowdoin College, and the baccalaureate address will be delivered by Dr. Frank C. Woodward, of Richmond, Va.

Representat Gudger has introduced a bill in Congress providing that on and after May, 1, 1904, no rural delivery route shall be refused on account of the condition of the road when a competent carrier can be obtained at the regular compensation prescribed by law.

GENERAL.

On Thursday Senators will listen to eulogies of the late Senator Hanna.

The Swayne impeachment resolution will be a feature in the House this week.

A great crowd of over 100,000 persons took part in the Easter parade at Atlantic City.

Missionaries engaged in non-Catholic mission work are to meet in Washington this week.

General Jiminez at St. Thomas has declared that the revolution in Santo Domingo is not over.

The Senate will devote most of this week to the Postoffice Appropriation and the Panama Canal bills.

The House will devote some time to the conference report on the District of Columbia Appropriation bill.

Friends of Senator Gorman say that he does not regard as impossible his nomination for the Presidency.

Several South Carolina papers are urging Governor Aycock for the Vice-Presidency on the Democratic ticket.

Russian authorities have warned anti-Jewish agitators that outbreaks against Jews will be severely punished and suppressed.

Hon. Patrick Henry Winston, brother of President Winston, of the A. & M. College, died at his home in Spokane, Wash., of heart failure, aged 57.

United States Consul Warner, at Leipzig, states that Germany's marvelous growth as a maritime power is due more to private initiative on scientific lines than to Government subsidies.

A hundred thousand men and six thousand horses, besides considerable artillery, have crossed Lake Baikal since the outbreak of the war, according to the Tageblatt military expert.

The Democratic Success League, organized at Omaha, Neb., to defeat the 16 to 1 platform, decided to make Hon. W. J. Bryan a delegate-at-large and a member of the resolutions committee.

Rev. Joseph Stitt, of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, died at the home of his son-in-law, in Hagerstown, Md., April 4. He had been connected with the Methodist Episcopal Conference since 1868.

Countess Cassini, daughter of the Russian ambassador, is going to open a Fair in Washington City to raise funds to "relieve the wounded of friend and foe alike left on the battlefields of the war." between Russia and Japan.

E. H. Harriman and Winslow S. Pierce entered suit at St. Paul to force the Northern Securities Company to return the stock of the Northern Pacific Railroad, as originally held, so that they will have control, as before.

A movement was started in Knoxville, Tenn., April 3, to secure a stricter compliance with the child labor laws in Tennessee. Reports made to Typographical Union No. 111 showed that the law was being openly violated in many cities of the State, and that the great drawback to the enforcement of the statute is the false representations made by parents of children in regard to the ages of their offspring.

Woman's Board of Home Missions.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the M. E. Church, South, will hold its sixth annual session April 15-23 in Troost Avenue Church, Kansas City, Missouri. Names of all officers, delegates, and visitors expecting to attend this meeting should be sent at once to Mrs. Z. M. Williams, 3117 Lydia Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

As the place of meeting is west of the Mississippi River there will be required in order to secure reduced railroad rates, an attendance of one hundred holding certificates of standard form purchased from starting point. We can hardly hope for so many, but the delegates are advised to secure certificates so they can be used in case the attendance should warrant the reduction. Correspondence of weeks with railroad authorities has not been able to secure reduction because the required number could not be promised.

MRS. FRANK SILER,
Recording Secretary.

Catalogue of A. & M. College.

The Catalogue of the A. & M. College, just issued, shows 521 students, as follows: Agriculture 140, Civil Engineering 74, Mechanical Engineering 75, Electrical Engineering 77, Chemistry and Mining 22, Textile Industry 42, Mechanic Arts 73, shop, drawing, etc., 18. States represented 7, foreign countries represented 2, Counties in North Carolina represented 85. Tuition $20 a year. Board $8 a month. One hundred and twenty scholarships. Summer School for Teachers July 4 to August 4. Address President Winston, West Raleigh, N. C.

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Visitors.

A large number of friends are visiting the Orphanage on Sunday evenings. We are glad to have them do so. But we do wish that those bad boys that come to play and frolic in our new building and to whoop and holler and throw missels at each other would stay away. They are a nuisance. We wish their fathers and mothers would make them stay off these grounds. It is hard to keep one's temper under such circumstances. They need a good spanking. Boys, you disgrace your mothers and fathers.

Big Money.

Several friends have talked about making us large donations. If ever it was needed, it is needed now. If you are ever going to make it, now is the time. The times are flush; cotton is high, tobacco is bringing a fair price, peanuts, "goobers," are selling well. Lumber is very high; wheat is at the top notch. They charge us $4.50 per barrel for Irish potatoes. Tell me what is not up. Money lies scattered all around.

Brother, God is filling your hands with blessings. When it goes well with you, will you not remember us? There is no better place in this round world for the investment of money in gratitude to God for prosperity than in the Methodist Orphanage. It will be doing good when you are dead and gone.

Subscriptions Again.

All the subscriptions made at the Conference in Goldsboro have been due since the first of February. We need the money now. Brother, if it is perfectly convenient, we will be glad of a remittance.

We have enough old subscriptions on hand to finish up a whole story. How it would help us, if they would only remember us in this, our time of need. Would not a clear receipt be beautiful in your eyes, brother, sister? I know it would help your conscience. You would sleep better for it. Do you feel restless at night? Get up and write a check and put it under your head, and see if you don't lie down and sleep like a baby. But be sure to mail the check to me next morning. Think of these things. There ought to be some principles in it, anyhow.

Work on Main Building Resumed.

We are having lively times here. About a dozen and a half of workmen are on the grounds, and more are expected next week. They have moved off to a lively tune. May they sing on to the end! Now for a forward movement all along the line. Let every man, woman and child that intends to help us, help now. I am glad to say that friends are sending in the cash. A brother sends $20 and says take $4 of it to put in a large window, and use the remainder as you may see best. A sister sends $5 to be used in the same way. Others have sent different amounts. They did not want to be called on by the Superintendent.

Don't wait for us, beloved. We can't get all round in a year. Send it along.

Statement and an Appeal.

The statement is this: We are exceedingly anxious to complete our Main building. It is very important that it should be. Hundreds of needy little orphan children are waiting for it. They greatly need it. It will take a snug sum to pay for the material and the work. Our hope is that the work may go on until the last touch is put on. It is far better not to go into that building until it is finished. To fill the lower story with boys and girls and to have the upper stories filled with all sorts of workmen, would not be pleasant, at least. Yea it would be hazardous, I think. There would be danger to life and limb and morals.

The money is not coming in satisfactorily. It is true, the winter has not been favorable to such work. Congregations have generally been small. But when they are not, the collections have not come up to expectations. But one man has given a hundred dollars. But one man fifty, and less than half a dozen twenty-five. Only about a dozen ten. Only two congregations have given over a hundred dollars. It seems that Dr. Ivey's assertion, that flush times are not the best times for benevolent collections is about to be our experience. The friends who have been thinking of making us large donations, put us off. Those who have made us good subscriptions beg for time. The situation is embarrassing. I am greatly burdened.

The Appeal.—Will not the friends of the Methodist Orphanage come to our help? I am not talking to the preachers now. They passed a resolution presented by their own Committee, that they would take a collection in every congregation not later than June. Of course they will do it. Neither am I appealing to the Sunday-schools. A part of these are doing nobly. God bless them! But I am appealing to every one that reads these lines. If you are ever going to help us in cash, help us now. Sit right down and send it before you forget it. If you have it not on hand, look it up. You can get it, or lay it by and send it soon. Delay may greatly hinder the work.

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FIRST ROUND.

Currituck, at Asbury, March 5, 6
Columbia, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Pasquotank Circuit, Mount Herman, March 19-20
Elizabeth City, First Church, March 20
Hertford Circuit, Anderson's, March 27, 28
Edenton (at night), March 27
Perquimans Circuit, New Hope, April 2, 3
City Roads (Elizabeth City), April 3
North Gates, at Hebron April 8
Gates at Zion, April 9, 10
Hatteras, at Cape, April 16, 17
Kennecet, at Clarkes, April 18
Roanoke Island, April 20
Camden, at Trinity, April 23, 24
Moyock, at Moyock, April 24, 25
Currituck, April 30, May 1
Dare, at Stumpy Point, May 7, 8
Kitty Hawk, at Collington, May 10
Columbia, May 14, 15
Roper, May 21, 22
Pantego and Belhaven, May 28, 29
Plymouth, June 4, 5

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Fifth Street, Feb. 28
Market Street, March 6
Bladen Street, March 6
Jacksonville, March 12, 13
Bladen Circuit, Center, March 19, 20
Southport, March 27, 28
Waccamaw, Zion, April 11
Whiteville, Chadbourn, April 2, 3
Shallotte, Sharon, April 9, 10
Town Creek, Zion, April 16, 17
Clinton, Kendall, April 22
Kenansville, Wesley, April 23, 24
Elizabeth, Singleta, April 30, May 1
Magnolia, Rose Hill, May 7, 8
Carver's Creek, Hebron, May 14, 15
Onslow Queen's Creek, May 21, 22
Scott's Hill, Union May 28, 29
New River, Sneed's Ferry, June 5
Burgaw, Wallace, June 11, 12
Grace, June 12

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Carteret, Newport, March 5, 6
Atlantic, Atlantic, March 11, 12
Straits, Summerville, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Mt. Olive and Faison, Mt. Olive, March 19, 20
Goldsboro Circuit, Daniels, March 26, 27
St. Paul March 27
Jones Circuit Oak Grove, April 2, 3
Centenary, April 8
Craven Circuit, Tuscarora, April 9, 10
Kinston, April 10, 11
Pamlico, Barnes, April 16, 17
Oriental, South Creek, April 23, 24

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Fayetteville, St. Andrews, March 12, 13
Hope Mills, Cumberland, March 19, 20
Cokesbury, Salem, March 26 27
Dunn, Black's Chapel, Ap il 2, 3
Haw River, Merritt's, April 9, 10
Elise, Tabernacle, April 15
Carthage, High Falls, April 16, 17
Jonesboro, Morris Chapel, April 23, 24
Silver City, Hickory Mountain, April 29
Pittsboro, Brown's Chapel, April 30, May 1
Lillington, Spring Hill May 6
Buckhorns, Olive Branch, May 7, 8.
Sanford, Jones Chapel, May 13
Goldsboro, Asbury, May 14, 15
Newton Grove, May 20
Dukes, Elevation, May 21, 22
Sampson, May 27
Fayetteville, Hay Street, May 29, 30]

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Hamlet, Tabernacle, March 12, 13
Laurinburg, March 20, 21
St. John and Gibson, Gibson, March 26, 27
Rowland, Centenary, April 2, 3
Red Springs, Rowmore, April 9, 10
Robeson, Bethesda, April 16, 17
Aberdeen, Asbury, April 23, 24
Pekin, Sardis, April 30, May 1
Mt. Gilead, Troy, May 7, 8
Montgomery, Ophir, May 14, 15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Farmville Circuit, March 5 6
Greenville (night), March 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Wilson Circuit, Black Creek, March 20, 21
Wilson Station, March 21
Spring Hope, Mt. Pleasant, March 26, 27
South Edgecombe, Temperance Hall, April 1
Fremont, Lebanon, April 2, 3
Rotersonville, Wharton, April 9
Washington, April 10, 11
Bath, Pine Town (night) April 10, 11
South Rocky Mount, April 16, 17
Rocky Mount, April 17, 18
Currituck and Pasquotank, April 24, 25
Swan Quarter, Soule, April 27
Matti muskeet, April 30 and May 1
Fairfield (night) May 1
Nashville, York Chapel, May 7, 8
Aurora (District Conference), May 14
Farmville, Bethlehem, May 21, 22
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Salem, May 28, 29
Greenville, night, May 29
Bethel, Shiloh, June 4, 5
Tarboro, at night, June 5

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

[SECOND ROUND.

Hillsboro, McTeyire, Feb. 27, 28
Milton Conns ly's, March 5, 6
Chapel Hill, March 13, 14
Durham, Trinity Church, March 20, 21
Carr Church and Branson, March 20 at night
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, March 26, 27
Burlington Station, March 28, 28
Durham Circuit, Fletcher's Chapel, April 2, 3
Durham, Main street, April 3, at night
Roxboro Circuit, at Lea's Chapel, April 9, 10
West Durham, April 17, 18
Durham, Maugum street, April 18, at night
Leasburg Circuit at Bethel, April 23, 24
Alamance Circuit, at Lebanon, April 30, May 1
Yanceyville Circuit at Locust Hill, May 7, 8
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, at Mt. Tirzah, May 14, 15
Burlington Circuit, at Mt. Vernon, May 21, 22

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

[FIRST ROUND.

Kenly, Buckhorn, March 5, 6
Wakefield, March 6
Tar River, Kittrell, March 12, 13

SECOND ROUND.

Edenton St., March 19, 20
Selma, Saunders' Chapel, March 26, 27
Smithfield, March 27, 28
Franklinton, Wesley, April 2, 3
Central, April 9, 10
Youngsville, April 16th
Louisburg, April 17th
Oxford Circuit, Hermon' April 23, 24
Clayton, at Zion, April 30th, May 1
Milbrook, Oak Grove May 7, 8
Brooklyn, at night, May 8
Granville Circuit, May 14, 15
Cary, May 21, 22
Kenly, May 28
Wakefield, May 28, 29
Tar River, May 28, 29

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Roanoke Circuit, Tabor, Feb. 17
Hobgood, Hobgood, Feb. 20, 21
Scotland Neck, Feb. 21, 22
Garysburg, Garysburg, Feb. 27, 28
Henderson, March 6, 7
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 19, 20

SECOND ROUND.

Northampton, Rehoboth, March 26, 27
Conway, Zion, March 27, 28
Rich Square, Lewiston, March 29
Bertie, Castle, March 31
Harrellsville, Van's Grove, April 2, 3
Murfreesboro, April 3, 4
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, April 6
Hobgood Palmyra, April 9, 10
Scotland Neck, April 10, 11
Warrenton, Warren Plains, April 16, 17
Littleton, Calvary, April 23, 24
Weldon, May 1, 2
Battleboro and Whitakers, McTeyire, May 7, 8
Roanoke Circuit, Rhenezer, May 14, 15
Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, May 21, 22

Marriages

PUGH—PAYNE.—On March 6, 1904, at the home of the bride, Mr. Rupert Pugh and Miss Lizzie Payne, Rev. B. H. Black officiating.

SKIPPER—ELKINS.—At Bladen Street parsonage, February 23, 1904, Mr. Ezekiel Skipper and Miss Luey Elkins, both of Wilmington, N. C., Rev. Geo. B. Webster officiating.

ORMSBY — MEEKS.—By Rev. Geo. B. Webster, at the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, February 10, 1904, Mr. George N. Ormsby and Miss Ida L. Meeks, both of Wilmington, N. C.

ALSTON—HARRISON.—At the residence of the bride's father, Bro. John A. Burt, of Franklin County, N. C., Mr. John D. Alston and Mrs. Emily Harrison, March 2, 1904, Rev. B. C. Allred officiating.

SELLARS — O'SULLIVAN.—On the 1st of February, in Wilmington, N. C., Mr. Henry H. Sellars and Miss Sadie J. B. O'Sullivan, both of Wilmington, N. C., Rev. Geo. B. Webster officiating.

WHITE—MOORE.—At the residence of Mr. J. E. Wilkerson, Wilmington, N. C., on February 10, 1904, Mr. Gaston O. White and Miss Irene Moore, both of Pender County, N. C., Rev. G. B. Webster officiating.

Obituaries

Obituaries containg not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

MOORE.—Frances A. Moore was born July 23, 1831, and died March 1, 1904, aged 72 years, 7 months, and 8 days. Miss Fannie, as she was called, joined the church at Mt. Zion in early life, and was devoted to the church and lived a very consistent member.

She was a Methodist of the pure type, gentle, unassuming, kind and affectionate. The last years of her life she was very feeble, but she bore her affliction without a murmur. She lives. I verily believe, in the blessed abode where there is no more pain nor sorrow; and where God is the light, life and love of that home.

M. D. GILES.

LOVE.—Mrs. Julia Love (nee Devone) was born at Brunswick in 1820 and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. Whiting, March 2, 1904. Converted in childhood, her life was a long, steady growth in Christian graces. Her good deeds and inspiring influence will long survive her. She died gloriously as she had lived graciously. Even when her body was racked with the pains of death, her thoughts lingered on the promises of God's Word which had so long been her companion, comfort and guide. With her dying breath she quoted: "For the Lord is good; for His mercy endureth forever."

Three children survive her—Mrs. E. M. Love, Miss Mary T. Love and Mrs. Cornelia Whiting. They are devoted Christians, and the mother died in full assurance of a united family in a land that knows no parting.

Her memory will be cherished long and tenderly by a host of friends and loved ones left behind.

W. T. USRY.

TILLEY.—Marcus Tilley was born February 28, 1832, and died March 2, 1904.

He was married to Miss Mary Ball September 23, 1853. To them eight children were born—five sons and three daughters.

One boy and one girl died in infancy. The other six are yet living.

Sister Ball died June 13, 1879.

It was under the ministry of Rev. J. A. McMannen, about the year 1848, that he was converted to God.

To Brother Tilley the Christian life meant much.

It stood for an upright and exalted citizenship, love for his neighbors, sacrifice for and loyalty to his church, and consecration to God.

Brother Tilley had been a great sufferer.

For many years he had slept only while sitting, but of his affliction he complained very little, and though four miles from his church it was a surprise not to find him at each service.

Truly a good man has gone.

J. B. THOMPSON.

GUTHRIE.—Mrs. Sarah B. Guthrie, daughter of Orin S. and Nancy B. Evans, was born July 27, 1835, and died February 16, 1904.

She was married to Mr. Joseph B. Guthrie, of Chatham County, N. C., October 19, 1854, and converted under the ministry of Rev. H. H. Gibbons, at a meeting held in Hickory Mountain Church in the summer of 1865. Her husband was a steward of the Methodist Church for many years of his useful life, and in their home the faithful pastors of the Pittsboro Circuit were frequent, and always welcomed guests.

Bright in intellect and cheerful in disposition, grace added to the charms of her companionship, and made her a model wife, and mother, and a wise and helpful friend.

Eight children wereb orn to her, seven of whom survive her, and they rise up to call her blessed. One of her surviving children is the Rev. James O. Guthrie, of the North Carolina Conference, and the deceased one, Rev. Thomas T. Guthrie, died while a student in Trinity College, and just before completing his preparations for the life work to which he had committed himself.

Eight children were born to her, circle of friends, as well as by her immediate family, and many hearts have been saddened by the loss they have sustained in her death.

Her mortal remains were interred in the Siler City cemetery, by the side of her loved and faithful husband, who had preceded her to the spirit world, and to await the voice of the Son of God calling her to the reward of those faithful unto death.

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LAWRENCE.—Miss Flora, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lawrence, was born November 14, 1870, and died September 14, 1903.

She was converted at the age of fourteen and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Concord, which was on the Cape Fear Circuit at that time.

The writer was her pastor four years and had reasons to believe she is now safe in the glory land. She attended services regularly at the church and had profound respect for her preacher and his family. She delighted to visit the parsonage and tender her services when necessary. She was an obedient daughter, affectionate sister, staunch Methodist and best of all, a devoted Christian. She was much afflicted for three years before her death, but endured her continued suffering with fortitude and resignation, which becometh a true child of God.

As she drew near the end and death's shadows were thrown about her and earth began to fade from her vision, she said: "I am ready and want to go."

May her life, her affliction and triumphant death influence the family to follow Christ as closely as she did.

W. F. GALLOWAY.

GARRISS.—Bro. J. Thomas H. Garriss was born April 24, 1830, and died near Margarettsville, N. C., December 7, 1903, and was, therefore, nearly seventy-four years of age. He was a member of Sharon M. E. Church, South, for nearly sixty years, and a steward for about forty years.

Brother Garris belonged to that class of church members who could be sincerely characterized as "faithful." He was one of the most faithful stewards this writer ever knew. Even after he became enfeebled by age and bad health, he offered no excuse. He loved the church and demonstrated his love by a willingness to lay aside personal affairs and attend to the work of the Master's kingdom. His life meant much to Methodism in his community. He was a great reader of Methodist literature, and was, therefore, familiar with our doctrines and polity. He was loyal to Methodism, far removed or close at hand. He was faithful and prompt in attendance upon divine worship, and was one of the best of listeners. His attention to the Word was inspiring to the preacher, and he could be counted on for moral, as well as material, support. He was the pastor's friend, and he was glad to have the pastor in his home.

He reared a large family. Fifteen children were born in his home. Seven of these preceded him to the grave. The widow and the other children are all members of Sharon Church. That they may all meet in our Father's home above, is the prayer of the pastor.

W. C. MERRITT.

CHEATHAM. — Ida J. Shaw, daughter of Malcolm and Charity Shaw, was born at Trinity College, Randolph County, N. C., on the 10th of April, 1865. At an early age she united with the Methodist Church, and on the 24th of January, 1889, was married to Dr. A. Cheatham, then of Henderson, now of Durham, and died in Durham on the evening of February 16, 1904.

This is a short chronicle of a pure and helpful life. She was a faithful and devoted wife, a loving mother, especially concerned for the moral and religious welfare of her children, five of whom were born to her and survive her. She was a good neighbor and a sincere friend. She loved her church and was a loyal and earnest Christian. A true woman was she, quiet, gentle, patient in suffering, very much of which she was called on to endure, loving flowers and all pretty things, cheerful, bright, sympathetic and helpful, kind to the poor, and had a large charity towards all persons.

She was a member of Main Street Methodist Church, from which she was buried on the morning of February 18, Revs. J. T. Gibbs, E. A. Yates, R. C. Beaman and J. C. Kilgo assisting the pastor in the services. Her body lies in Maplewood Cemetery. Her spirit is with God. The church and the community deeply sympathize with and earnestly pray God's sustaining grace to be given to the bereaved husband, the motherless children and her aged father and only sister.

W. L. C.

CAVENAUGH. — We are very much pained to chronicle the death of our beloved brother—Rev. J. D. Cavenaugh, who quietly departed this life on February 26th, after about two months confinement to his bed.

He was almost an invalid for several years—having received a serious wound during the Seven Days Battle around Richmond in the Civil War, after which he preached in the hospitals and continued to spread the gospel truths everywhere he went until seized by the horrid monster called death, which closed his useful career in this world.

He left a devoted wife, one daughter—Mrs. J. W. Anderson, of South Washington, and a son, Mr. Eli Cavenaugh, an energetic merchant of Newberry, S. C., also 13 grandchildren, who were the earthly centers of affection to the faithful grandparent, who has passed over the chilly river of death, and anchored safely on the "Golden Shore."

Some of his best sermons were his dying remarks and noble examples. He praised God and breathed his life sweetly out on the breast of Him who makes dying beds as soft as downy pillows are.

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5.25 a. m. No. 112 daily for Goldsboro and local stations; connecting at Goldsboro with Atlantic Coast Line for Wilmington, N. C., Wilson, N. C., Tarboro, N. C., Norfolk, Va., and intermediate stations; also, at Goldsboro with Atlantic and North Carolina Railway for Kinston, N. C., New Bern, N. C., and intermediate stations.

8:40 a. m. No. 107, daily for Greensboro and local stations; connects at Durham for Oxford, Henderson, Kayville and Richmond. At University Station for Chapel Hill, daily except Sunday. At Greensboro with train No. 34, "U. S. Fast Mail," for Washington and all points North; Pullman drawing-room sleepers to New York and Richmond. Close connection for Winston-Salem, Mocksville, and local stations, with train No. 7 for High Point, Salisbury, Charlotte and local stations.

10:20 a. m. No. 108, daily for Goldsboro and all local points; connects at Selma for Wilson, Rocky Mount and all Eastern North Carolina points. At Goldsboro for Wilmington, Kinston, New Bern, N. C., and Norfolk, Va., where close connection is made with Chesapeake Line for Baltimore and all other outgoing steamers.

3:25 p. m. No. 135, daily for Greensboro and intermediate stations; connects at Durham for Oxford, Clarksville, Kayville, daily except Sunday. At University Station for Chapel Hill, daily except Sunday. At Greensboro with train No. 29 for Columbia, Augusta, Savannah, Charleston, Jacksonville. Pullman sleeper and first-class coaches Washington to Jacksonville, Fla. No. 36, "U. S. Fast Mail," for Atlanta and all points South and Southwest. Pullman drawing-room sleepers to Birmingham and New Orleans; day coaches Washington to New Orleans, also with north-bound trains Nos. 34 and 36 for Washington, and all points North. Pullman drawing-room sleepers and observation car to New York; connection is also made at Greensboro for Winston-Salem and at Salisbury to Memphis.

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McClure's for April.

McClure's for April is fairly stunning in its effect. The first of a series of articles on "The Enemies of the Republic," by Lincoln Steffens which will consider the misgovernment of States, takes up Missouri and gives the reader a shock he will not soon forget. It is almost paralyzing in its relentless array of fact and logic concerning corruption as a custom, a system, a revolution in government. It is the bribe-giver, not the bribe-taker, who is really responsible for the bad government, Mr. Steffens points out. The successful business man, the captain of industry is the man to catch, and Mr. Steffens proceeds to catch him. In graphic, fearless words he tells the story of corruption's work and rule in Missouri, of the barter of public interest to the great trusts by the people's servants, of the big business men who buy and the politicians who sell a people's rights, their very government itself. Mr. Steffens' article is more than startling, it is staggering in its frank uncovering of the plain but alarming truth.

Ida M. Tarbell follows close with an account of the alleged "Breaking up of the Trust" in her "History of the Standard Oil Company." She gives the results of legislative investigations and court proceedings against the Company which forced it into publicity and reorganization. John D. Rockefeller's testimony in these cases is described in such a manner as to present clearly his limitations both in ethics and humor. Miss Tarbell simply quotes Mr. Rockefeller. His own words fix and define him. As usual, Miss Tarbell deals only with the facts. They tell their own story and shape their own conclusion.

Thomas Nelson Page goes right to the heart of the Negro Problem and uncovers some of its "Difficulties and Fallacies" in his second paper on that subject. With intimate knowledge and clear insight he shows where both North and South made mistakes in their treatment of the problem. He describes the changed relations between the two races in the South due to these mistakes, born largely of the ignorance of each section of the conditions and temper of the other. Mr. Page sweeps away both the vain theories of the doctrinaire and the narrow prejudices of the provincial with one free, strong stroke.

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Condition December 31, 1903, as Shown by Statement Filed.

Capital paid up in cash	$2,000,000.00
Amount ledger assets December 31st previous year	4,753,612.04
Income—from policy-holders, $3,551,867.23; miscellaneous, $254,844.38; total	3,806,711.61
Disbursements—to policy-holders, $1,632,282.24; miscellaneous, $1,591,783.07; total	3,224,065.31
Fire Risks—written or renewed during year, $484,465,649; in force	513,914,648.00

ASSETS.

Book value of real estate (less amount of encumbrances)	351,442.65
Mortgage loans on real estate	102,449.25
Loans on stocks, bonds and other collaterals	81,000.00
Value of bonds and stocks	5,129,697.00
Cash in home office and deposited in banks	419,537.10
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1903	320,264.76
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1903	1,473.31
Premiums unpaid	404,551.32
Interest and rents due and accrued	54,579.04
All other assets, detailed in statement	1,907.00
Total	6,866,901.43
Less assets, not admitted	13,240.14
Total admitted assets	6,853,661.29

LIABILITIES.

Losses and claims unpaid	$295,798.95
Unearned premiums	2,750,668.49
All other liabilities as detailed in statement	126,177.32
Total liabilities as to policy-holders	3,272,644.76
Capital paid up in cash	2,000,000.00
Surplus	1,581,016.53
Total liabilities	6,853,661.29

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1903.

Fire risks written, $2,615,667.00; premiums received, $23,043.85.
Losses incurred—fire, $6,936.77; paid, $11,192.76.
Now unpaid, $246.46.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Insurance Department,
Raleigh, N. C., March 23, 1904.

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Phoenix Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., filed with this department, showing the condition of said company on the 31st day of December, 1903.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.
JAMES R. YOUNG,
Insurance Commissioner.

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In 1895, there were enrolled in the Sunday-schools of the district 4,901, including officers and teachers; in 1903, the enrollment was 6,844.

Three thousand and eighty-four have been received into the church on profession of faith since the district has been organized—a little more than 40 per cent of the present membership.

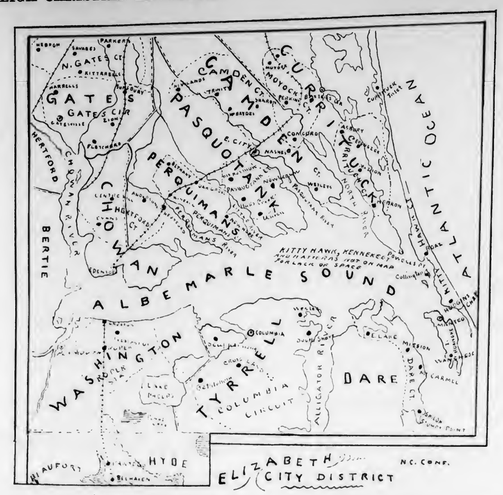
While the above figures indicate progress—progress quite equal to that of any district in the Conference—we are sure that it ought to have been much greater. A few thousand dollars have been contributed to missions. Many thousands have been expended for needless self-indulgences. More than three thousand have been converted; but many times that number have died without a saving knowledge of Christ, and have gone out into an eternity that is rayless and hopeless. That many who have been lost might have been saved if the church had measured up to its responsibility, there can be no doubt.

Let us repent of our past unfaithfulness and seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit, that we may be equipped for our God-given work. We cannot afford to be satisfied with the meagre results of our past efforts. We must reach the people who are perishing for the bread of life. As pastors, we need to come into personal contact with those who do not attend our churches, and the only way to do this is to go into their homes, and, like Paul, "warn every one night and day with tears." (See Acts 20:31.) I know this is difficult work, and much self-sacrifice is involved in it, but it is the work in which the Master delighted, and into which He calls His followers, giving them the promise of His own blessed presence. But the responsibility of this work is not on the preachers alone. There is much work that must be done by the laity. Our Sunday-schools are languishing for the want of consecrated teachers. In almost every Quarterly Conference I hear the cry, "We need teachers." I appeal to the men and women of our church who love the Lord to give themselves to this work and prepare themselves "as workmen who need not to be ashamed."

And then, we have many destitute places where Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings ought to be established. We sing—

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
Over mountain or plain, or sea;
I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,
I'll be what you want me to be."

And the Lord is saying: "Whom shall I send." How few of us respond, "Here am I, send me."



Mission Work in Elizabeth City District.

REV. F. L. CHURCH, PERQUIMANS CT.

"Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."—Joshua 13:1.

Our very age in this territory should stir us to greater zeal and activity. Joshua had but few years left to take Canaan for the Lord. How much longer shall we expect God to give us to take this field for Him? Will we let this generation pass without having fulfilled our mission?

The Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, etc., are still here in large measure. Shall we sit still and say we have enough; when God says, "Go ye out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come"?

But this is a difficult task you say. So it is. But what did Christ do, and suffer for poor fallen man? If Christ tasted death for every man, should we not bestir ourselves to bring every man to accept this Christ?

How may this be done?

First of all, have a message fresh and full from God's word, and it so filled and enriched by the Holy Ghost that it will attract and hold men. Some will not yield to that, "Go out"—search for them in their homes, fields, shops, stores, anywhere, everywhere. Pray with them, encourage them to come to places of worship.

Let us visit every unsaved home in the District this year, give a pressing invitation to Sunday-school and all the church services; assuring them of a hearty welcome by the church. But we may not be able to reach every family, they are numerous and we are busy. Search for remote or neglected communities, secure a place for a night, or a Sunday afternoon service, at a private house, school house, hall, any place, to call the folks together and have the glorious privilege to break the bread of life to the starving poor.

Organize settlement prayermeetings and Sunday-schools wherever at all possible. And there are not a few places in our District where we ought to push the conquest further and hold regular monthly services in mid week on nights, then a protracted meeting, organize a church and build a house, to the honor of our King and the salvation of the community. Let us search for these places, they are here, many of them, too.

But I am overworked, I hear you say. More of us preachers die of over-eating than over work. Who of us come in even hearing distance of the founder of our branch of the Christian Church, or Asbury, Whitfield or our early pioneer preachers.

They lived as long as we do, in this day.

But is there need of such strenuous work now? Are the people all saved? is our church doing all she can to foster and cultivate her members for high and efficient work? If so your question is answered, otherwise it is not.

But the laity has a large share in this home evangelization, get our members interested in our Lord's Kingdom, its enlargement and enrichment. Lay out work for them to do, old, young, male and female.

The church is God's working force, the world is the field to garner in.

Once engaged in this work our people become happy and energetic, influential and active for the Lord.

All, all God's people are interested in this great work.

Let us hie to the fields already ripe unto the harvest, and gather sheaves.

"And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal."

Monument Erected at Fort Raleigh, Roanoke Island, Birthplace of Virginia Dare, America's First English Child.

How Can We Make Our Sunday Schools a Greater Power for Good?

BY REV. W. F. CRAVEN, ROPER STATION.

I would answer first, by the co-operation of pastors, Superintendents, teachers and parents. The last-named is not the least important.

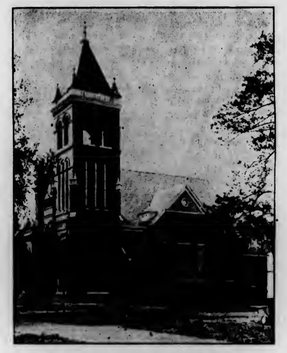
Since the beginning of the modern Sunday-school movement, which has been contemporary with the modern missionary movement, there have been steady gains, until the life and usefulness of a church today is largely measured by what she is doing in the Sunday-schools. A large part of Bible instruction has been turned over to the Sunday-school. The work of the teacher is becoming a life work, and the faithful man or woman in this department is taking stand alongside the ministry of the gospel preacher. The end and aim of each is soul-saving. Yet there is imperative need for much greater improvement. The work of Superintendent and teacher has been largely haphazarded. The schools must have an executive head. The class must have a consecrated, punctual teacher who comes every time with head and heart full. Picked-up teachers are unprepared. The use of the lesson paper in the class is as awkward and inexcusable as manuscript in the pulpit. It is much more so. "Study to show thyself approved, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." Dr. J. H. Vincent, now Bishop, said in 1865: "The teacher needs teaching. The obscure school has its ingenious and successful Superintendent and teacher who devise practical plans. Other schools need their suggestions." The same is still true. Not one of us should fail to keep up with Dr. Atkins and Dr. Hamill in the columns of our Sunday-school Magazine. Look out for Dr. and Mrs. Hamill's appointment at Elizabeth City in June. I venture this will prove an awakening in our District if well attended. "Let no guilty one escape!"

Local unions and circuit conferences have often been stimulating and very helpful. More libraries and other good literature ought to be used generally. Maps and charts and blackboards are an equipment that all our schools should have and use.

I have asked some of our practical Sunday-school men recently: How can our schools increase their power for good?

One of our superintendents says. Let every school organize into a missionary society and every one support or help support an orphan. Surely nothing could be more appropriate or produce better results. This spirit was in the very beginning of the modern Sunday-school movement. Robert Raikes in Gloucester, England, in 1781, and Hannah Ball, a Methodist woman in 1769, were touched with compassion for the neglected street urchins around them, and began to organize and instruct them. In 1785 John Wesley endorsed Mr. Raikes' work, and exhorted his people to adopt it. In 1786 Asbury introduced Sunday-schools into his work in America. It has been a marked feature of Methodism ever since. It is "Christianity in earnest." Let no school neglect it. There are so many around us untaught, perishing in sin. In the nine counties covering the territory of our district there are 14,367 young people, white between the ages of six and twenty-one years. In our Methodist Sunday-schools only 6,100 persons, young and old, were enrolled last year. Of these, more than 2,000 were absent a good part of the time. Making reasonable allowance for all embraced in other schools, it is evident that hundreds and hundreds at our doors are being neglected by us, and God has committed them to our charge.

I asked one of our teachers recently: "How can we increase our power for good?" He very readily answered: "By doing some personal work." This was a wise answer. How seldom is any inquiry made after an absentee! The farmer cares more than this for his hogs! We are guilty of fearful failure here. One of the very best schools I have ever known had a fine system of personal work. Every absent member was seen by the superintendent or a teacher soon as possible after the day of absence. The result was a steady high average of attendance. This plan of personal investigation had heart-searching in it also. The religious and spiritual life of their scholars was made an object of inquiry and of prayer. A few moments of silent prayer for God's blessing on his word and for the conversion of souls was spent in every opening service. To be in that school was to be under the power of God. "And the Lord added to the church continually such as were being saved."



City Road Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, N. C.

How I wish for such a school in every church and community!

As a final word, let me appeal to every father and mother to help in the great work. Yours is the most valuable help. Help in the preparation of the lesson and the study of the Bible. Help in the personal work and the attendance. Help with your prayers.

The Place of Money in the Work of Missions.

REV. H. M. JACKSON, PANTEGO AND BELHAVEN.

The place of money in the evangelization of the world is so prominent that the result cannot be accomplished without it as a prime factor. This finds support in the declaration of the Apostle Paul. Rom. 10:14,15. "And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" The divine plan is to place the power and ability in the hands of the few that the few may run with the blessing to the many. He said: "Give ye them to eat." The few were to feed the thousands. Today it is the same; the few believers are commanded to feed with the bread of life the 800,000,000 of souls who know not the Lord of life. Narrow minded men, men who cavil and desire to pose as smart, may wonder that it takes money to bring the Gospel of salvation to the vast outlying millions; but it is even so. What God might have done we are not to be concerned about; but what He has done and what He proposes to do in the light of revelation and providence do concern us vitally.

The tardiness of missions in this day is due, not so much to hostility, not to barred entrances, nor to lack of men and women well equipped and eager to go and spend their lives for the glory of God; but it is due most largely to the inability of the church to lay her hands upon the great wealth that belongs to God, and use it for the extension of His kingdom. There lies the problem. I see no reason why God has placed the wealth of the world in the hands of the Christian nations but that it might be used to evangelize the portions of the world as yet sitting in the region and shadow of death. There are some things we can't do, and there are some things we can do, and for what we can do we are held to strict accountability. We can't redeem the world. That has been done. Christ did that at a fearful cost in blood and agony and death. "Christ redeemed the world and we are commanded to evangelize it." But what are we doing? Look at it. We are told it takes, upon an average, more than seven thousand Southern Methodist saints to support one missionary. I know of a church, not, however, a Methodist Church, in Eastern North Carolina, where they have enrolled six or seven hundred members, that contributed during the year 1903 the sum of ten dollars for Foreign Mission work! I venture the assertion that that same membership spend for tobacco in its various forms more than six thousand dollars during the same period. Some one has calculated that it takes more to support the pet dogs of the country by more than eleven millions of dollars than it does to support the Gospel among us. It is a thing of easy observation that many, very many so-called Christians spend infinitely more for sinful pleasures than they do for the Gospel, and then wonder why the Gospel travels so slowly. Glaring and sinful incongruities and inconsistencies lie all about us. Men talk more foolishly about the work of missions and their consequent relation to their money than they do about anything else. The uplifting of the heathen nations into the glory of Jesus Christ lies not with them, but with us to whom He has given graciously the opportunity, and here in we find our own salvation. Men and nations are saved not by what they have given to them, but by what they do with what has been given to them. He said: "And cast ye the unprofitable servant into utter darkness." Why? Not because he had received only one talent, but because of what he had done with it, or failed to do with it, which is the same thing. All gifts and blessings are given that they may be blessings to others.

"Shall we whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Shall we to men benighted,
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation! O, salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
'Till earth's remotest nation,
Has learned Messiah's name."

But there is light in the darkness. There are some of God's people who are learning the relation they sustain to their gifts. To these God looks not in vain for co-operation in bringing in His kingdom. Let the faithful hold on to their faith, and take courage afresh: "And the stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth."

Euclid Heights Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, N. C.

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His kingdoms stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more."

To this glorious consumation men are called to have a part. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

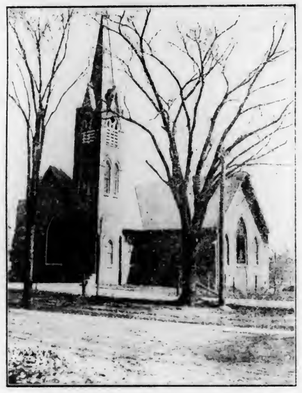
Behind every consecrated soul that feels the impulse to go in holy obedience to this command, God means there shall be one to furnish ways and means. How fearful will the call come to some of God's favored ones, when He shall say at last, "Give an account of thy stewardship." Will there be any to receive them into their habitations?

I think some one has said that the Methodist Church is on trial for her life. She has come to be in a short time the greatest religious force in the world. Our fathers labored and we have entered into their labors. May the God of all grace help us, who are the sons of so heroic an ancestry, enter also into their reward, the result of their supreme fidelity.

The Mode of Baptism.

BY REV. M. H. TUTTLE, HERTFORD CIRCUIT.

Water baptism, as a Christian rite instituted by our Saviour, has been, and is now, elevated in the ereeds of many sincere, honest people far above what God ever intended it to be. They confidently expect it to accomplish that which its Author did not design. These deluded ones, while they do not hold directly to the dogma of baptismal regeneration, teach those doctrines that are very closely connected with it. Now, at the very outset, we wish to say that water baptism is not regeneration, nor in any sense essential to it. For a man may be baptized with water, as was Simon Magus, and not be baptized of the Spirit; while, on the other hand, he may be bap-



Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Edenton, N. C.

tized of the Spirit, as was Cornelius, and not be baptized with water. Water baptism is not, therefore, so necessary to salvation but that a man may be saved without it, if his lack of it be due to no fault or wilful neglect of his own. Though this be true, still baptism, as a divinely instituted ordinance, is highly important and essential to Christianity in general, as is everything else that is enjoined upon us by Christ. The obligation rests upon us, therefore, to receive Christian baptism. "It becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." (Matt. 3:15.)

But the point for discussion in this paper is not the obligation, the nature, the results, nor the subjects of baptism. We have to do at this time only with the mode—the manner in which Christ intended water baptism to be administered. Now, as no specific mode of baptism is anywhere indicated or prescribed in the Scriptures, sprinkling, pouring, and immersion, as merely different modes of performing the sacred rite, depend for their support, in the very nature of the case, upon inference and indirect testimony. It is a fact capable of fullest proof that the general command to baptize has no direct reference to mode at all. It is clear that the word to baptize, in its Bible use, does not primarily mean to sprinkle, to pour, or to immerse, but to purify; and the manner by which this is effected is not at all important. The command in the "Great Commission" is not to sprinkle, to pour, or immerse, but to purify with water; and whether this be done by sprinkling, pouring, or immersion, the command of Christ is obeyed. In John 3:25, it is said: "There arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying"—that is, as the context shows, about baptizing. The word designating the ritual effects of baptism is here used to designate baptism itself.

On one side of this subject it is urged that immersion is the only proper mode of baptism, while on the other, sprinkling or pouring is contended for, and believed to be more in harmony with the Scriptures, more convenient and impressive in its administration, and more illustrative of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which it is evidently intended to represent. We regard immersion as a clumsy, inconvenient mode of administering the sacred rite; but allow its validity, as no specific mode is directly prescribed to the exclusion of all others. We are not so much opposed to baptism by immersion as we are to that spirit of narrowness which says: "You shall receive it in this way or not at all." The question then with us is not whether immersion be baptism, but whether it be the only baptism.

The main point in this investigation is to find out what is the meaning of the word baptize in its Bible use. This will settle the whole matter. We, of course, in an article like this, have no time to consider its classic meaning. This is not at all material or important. Though it may be clearly shown that the word, as used in the best ancient literature, means to sprinkle or pour, as well as to immerse. But its Bible meaning is all that directly concerns us in this discussion.

Now it is a universal rule, that the correct definition of a word will always make good sense when substituted in place of the word defined. All who know anything about the right use of language will accept this as a correct rule. Therefore, if the word baptize always means immerse, then immerse will always make good sense when substituted for baptize. Let us try it and see how this will work. "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." (Matt. 3:11.) Now change the terms thus: "I indeed immerse you with water; but He shall immerse you with the Holy Ghost, and immerse you with fire." The senselessness of such a construction as this is at once apparent to all. It needs no comment. When we read of people receiving the Holy Ghost, and the fire of God's love, or having them poured out; or sprinkled upon them, we understand the language; but when we read of people being immersed in them, we cannot understand it, neither can immersionists understand such wild figures as these.

Again, in 1 Cor. 10:1, 2, we read: "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea." To say that our fathers were all immersed into Moses would be senseless; but still immersionists say they were all immersed into Moses. If so, then he was more pregnant with Jews than the man was with devils in whom they cried out, "Our name is legion for we are many." On turning to the account of this baptism of our fathers, as recorded by Moses in the 14th chapter of Ex., we find that the Israelites crossed the sea on dry land. "And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left." Hence the notion that the children of Israel were to immerse; for if it did, then it would follow that the Pharisees were immersed before each meal, and that they immersed all their tables, couches, vessels and furniture. This is out of the question. It is folly to suppose that the Pharisees were immersed before each meal, and that they likewise immersed all their furniture. We dismiss such a preposterous idea at once. What, then, did they do? They simply purified or ceremoniously cleansed themselves and all their household furnishings by the ritualistic sprinkling or pouring of water, "after the manner of the Jews purifying." There can be no doubt but that these ceremonial cleansings by the Pharisees of themselves and their furniture, like the "divers washings" mentioned by Saint Paul in Hebrews 9:10, were always performed by sprinkling or pouring. The purifyings or "divers washings" of the Jews were not by immersion, but by sprinkling or affusion. The word baptize, therefore, in this important passage is used in the sense of sprinkling or pouring. There is no possible escape from this conclusion.

(To be Continued.)

Paul as a Missionary.

BY REV. D. H. TUTTLE.

Paul was by both natural and spiritual birth a missionary. By the former birth a zealous missionary of the ceremonial law as given by Moses, and as such a missionary was on his way to Damascus with authority to put to death those who had found him of whom Moses and the prophets had written when he himself had "the revelation of Jesus Christ." (see Gal. 1:12), and being born from above was at once made a missionary of the new and better covenant—the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The same man, with the same natural endowments, and active spirit of movement, but with a new objective vision that filled his entire being with a divine enthusiasm that swept him forward in adoring service till physical strength being spent, we find him taking pleasure in infirmities, and glorying in weakness because weakness became the seat of divine power in perfect action. Then our study shall be of Paul, the first missionary to the heathen. And,

I. God's birth-purpose for Paul was that he should be a missionary: He says: It pleased God who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the heathen. From this Scripture take two thoughts.

Scene at South Mills, N. C. Locks of the Dismal Swamp Canal.

1. Paul fell in line with God's purpose for him, was blessed and became a blessing. Have you done so? Will you be blessed or be a blessing if you do not?

2. We see here God's disposition toward the heathen. He purposes to give them the gospel. What is your purpose? If your purpose is not in line with God's who must change?

II. Place and times of Christ's revelation to Paul. On the way to Damascus. Time, about "noon-day." Acts 9:1-6. Do you know the time and place of Christ's revelation to yourself? Clearness in these things will carry with it clearness as to kind of service God would have you render to Him.

III. Paul's Credentials.

1. As to place of service. "To bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and children of Israel." Acts 9:15,16. Paul seemed to hesitate after these words from God through Ananias, and it came to pass at Jerusalem while Paul prayed and was in a trance the Lord said: "Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem, for they will not receive thy testimony. Depart for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles." Acts 22:17 18 and 21. Does this intimate that then and there immersed is worse than absurd. In what way then were they baptized? you may ask. Let the Psalmist, in the 77th Psalm, answer this question. He has left us a plain description of the mode of this baptism. He says that "the clouds poured out water" upon the Israelites as they marched through the sea. This ought to set the matter at rest forever. For the clouds pouring out, or sprinkling water upon the Israelites, is called baptism by Paul. The Israelites were certainly not immersed; but there was a big immersion shortly after this. Pharoah and his hosts were beyond question immersed, but they were not baptized that we ever read of. Here it is clearly shown that the word baptize is not used in the sense of immerse, for this baptism of the Israelites was by pouring.

Again, in Mark 7:4, we read of the Pharisees that "when they come from market, except they wash (baptize), they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing (baptizing) of cups and pots, brazen vessels, and of tables." Here the word in the original, which our translators have correctly translated by the term wash, is baptize. Therefore the Greek word baptize does not here mean

Paul was hesitating? That he loved in home work better than the "far hence" heathen land?

2. As to subject matter of His commission he was to "preach Christ and Him crucified" only. 1 Cor. 2:1,2. He was to "open their eyes"—turn them "from darkness to light." "From power of Satan unto God," that they have pardon, and "inheritance among them are sanctified by faith" in Christ. Acts 26:18. Paul honored his credentials by the high moral, and spiritual standard

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of his preaching. He lowered nowhere for nobody. 1 Cor. 1:30; Col. 1:28; 1 Thess. 5:23.

IV. Paul being chosen of God was sent by the church at Antioch. Acts 13:12.

1. We should be careful to send only those who are thus divinely chosen, for these only can have divine guidance (see Acts 16:6-10), and also be divinely protected. Acts 18:9,10. The fact that God selects, directs, and protects our missionaries should greatly comfort and encourage the church at home.

2. The "other churches" helped to support Paul. 2 Cor. 11:8,9. He says: "I took 'wages' for service as a missionary. Independent or self-supporting missions may do well, but God's plan is for the church at home to send out the missionary and support him, thus holding the church at home and abroad in mutual bonds of love.

V. Paul's commission and personal knowledge of Christ made him a debtor to all men—"to the Greeks and to the Barbarians; to the wise and unwise." See Rom. 1:14. Our religion, like Paul's, must not be limited by racial lines or social conditions. It is to be feared that here in our fair Southland that political prejudices have made many of our people intolerant and uncharitable toward others, for whom Christ died. If God has bestowed more upon our noble Anglo-Saxon race than upon others, and I think that He has, thus He will expect more of us. From us as the stewards of God's best things must blessings divine be shared with all kindreds, tribes and tongues. The law of grace is that the stronger must aid the weaker; the wise must teach the ignorant, until he who made of "one blood all nations" (Acts 17:26), shall bring all nations back through the blood of one common Redeemer to the one everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Think as you may, but this I say, God thinks far more of an honest negro, Indian or Chinaman than he does of a dishonest white man.

VI. Paul's devotedness to his work:

He said: "I count not my life dear unto myself." Acts 20: 23,24. Again he said: "I am crucified with Christ," etc. Herein he left an example that thousands of other noble spirits have followed, and are following. In the highest sense of the words, these are they who are "the light of the world," and the "salt of the earth." In the holy ranks of God's militant army the true missionary of the Pauline type holds the highest place, while those who support him have the next highest, and should enjoy the honor. O spirit of our God, breathe upon thy church now as in the olden time, selecting and sending forth missionaries, and begetting within thy people such enthusiasm of abiding self-denial as will yield support for all that have gone, and all that will go at thy call.

"There is nothing," says a more recent writer, "nothing that we do during the day which may not prove a help or hindrance in times of prayer. In reading, working, thinking, we are unconsciously training our minds for prayer."

Gates Circuit.

BY REV. T. J. DAILEY, P. C.

Gates Circuit embraces five churches with 547 members; nine added this year. The majority of our people are intelligent, liberal and spiritual. They love their pastor and thoughtfully look after his comforts.

We commenced a series of meetings at Gatesville on the 17th of March, which lasted for more than a week, and resulted in great good to the church. There were six accessions and several backsliders reclaimed. Rev. F. L. Church was with us five days and did some strong, convincing and uplifting preaching. He knows how to wield the sword of the Spirit with telling effect. He won us all to him, and did a work that will abide.

We have one Epworth League, three W. F. M. Societies, two W. H. M. Societies, a Sunday-school at every church that runs the whole year, and a Missionary Society in each school.

The circuit has improved very much along all lines of church work since transferred to the North Carolina Conference. Indeed, there has been considerable development in all of this transferred territory, and at no time since the transfer has the progress been greater than at present. Our wise and progressive Presiding Elder knows how to bring things to pass. He is a hard worker himself, and has the tact to stimulate others to greater activity. It was predicted by those who opposed the transfer of the territory, that if it were transferred to the North Carolina Conference it would be served by the runts of the Conference, but some of the people say they have been served even better by the North Carolina runts than they were by the Virginia giraffes. All seem to be perfectly satisfied, and the church is moving forward. To God be all the praise.

North Gates Circuit.

BY REV. W. H. BROWN, P. C.

Four nice churches, two of them comparatively new, with all necessary furnishings and a good parsonage likewise well furnished, situated in the centre of the circuit, compose our charge.

The generality of our people are characterized by their deep love for the church. Their fellowman, and for God. They are easy to lead into the ways of the right, and the devil finds his mightiest forces insufficient when he attempts to lead them astray.

The pastor cannot find a better home at his own home than he can find in the homes of his members. He himself is very small but he sometimes almost wishes he could be separated into sections complete in themselves, in order that he might be able to spend a night with all who seem to sincerely desire him to do so.

Our one purpose is to keep the circuit a unit, feed the sheep, and garner in the sheaves. Our prospects are bright and encouraging and by the help of God we will accomplish our purpose. We ask the earnest prayers of the district.

Currituck Circuit.

REV. W. A. PILAND, P. C.

I have not written anything to you about my work in some time; so I will write you a few lines, that it may appear in the Special Edition of the Advocate for Elizabeth City District.

Some material work is being done on this charge. We are trying to lay a foundation that can safely be built upon; and hope to do a better work this year than we did last.

We reported everything paid in full at the last Annual Conference, for the first time in the history of Currituck Circuit. May the Lord help us to do better than this the present year.

Our first quarterly meeting was held March 5th and 6th. Brother Underwood, our Presiding Elder, was with us, and preached with power. The Stewards reported on pastor and Presiding Elder's salary, one hundred and twelve dollars and seventy-five cents; the best report made at first quarterly meeting, since I have been on the charge.

While the Lord is blessing us financially, we pray that the spiritual side will keep pace with financial matters.

By the time this appears in print we will have commenced work upon a new church, to cost about fifteen hundred dollars, which we expect to have paid for when completed. We are purchasing material to repair one of our churches, which will cost about three hundred dollars, and we have part of the lumber bought to build our parsonage; besides these, there are many other little things we expect to accomplish during the year.

I believe that Currituck Circuit, when developed, will make one of the best charges in the Conference.

We are praying for, and expecting large things this year. May the Lord help us to realize our expectations.

I am working for the Advocate.

Dr. C. L. Raper, Associate Professor of History in the University of North Carolina, a graduate of Trinity College, and at one time Professor in Greensboro Female College, has just issued through McMillan & Company, "North Carolina: A Study in English Colonial Government." The book is highly commended. The work will be noticed later in the columns of the Advocate.

My orders are to fight,
Then if I bleed and fail,
Or strongly win, what matters it?
God only doth prevail.
The servant craveth naught,
Except to serve with might;
I was not told to win or lose,
My orders are to fight.

—Ethelwyn Wetherald.

After a Day's Hunt on the Waters of Eastern North Carolina.

The Duty of the Young People to the Church.

BY S. B. UNDERWOOD.

That the young people of the present generation owe a duty to the church, no one will deny. If for a moment this is doubted, let the eye be cast over the array of earnest, active Christian workers and see what a vast majority of them are being bent by time, and how many heads are whitening under the frosts of many winters. Too often we look in vain for young hearts, strong in their youth and eager in their determination to live a life of service. We find them not, and oft the ranks are depleted by death and there is no one to fill the vacany.

Yes, the vast concourse is moving slowly but surely on their march to the final goal, and one by one the leaders are crossing over the unseen line, and those who were in the rear guard yesterday are to-day called to the front of the line. To-morrow they will be gone to their final reward. Must the work cease? Whence must come the leaders to take their places?

The answer to this question is obvious. If the work of the church is to be carried on in the coming years, it must be by those who are yet young in the service—the thousands of young people within our borders who must hear the call to true and faithful service and heed that call. We cannot afford to be negligent in the face of those urgent demands which are being made upon us. A life of ease and pleasure presents certain attractions to certain minds, but the highest enjoyment is in service—service that is "true-hearted, wholesome-hearted, faithful and loyal."

Let no young person think that he or she can escape from this duty which is upon us all. He who would not labor can hope for no reward. There is work for all, and no one can do your work or mine. There is a task for each, and each must do that task faithfully and well. There can be no slipping out to let the burden fall upon the shoulders of some one else. There can be no halting in cooling shades by the babbling brooks of indolence and inaction. We must act: "act in the living present." As the intellect brightens by use, so a man's spiritual nature is stirred and quickened by intelligent service, or atrophied by neglect and disuse. We cannot hope to avoid the conflict, and reap the rewards of labors that we have never performed. "I cannot praise," says Milton, "a fugitive and cloistered virtue, unexercised and unbreathed, that never sallies out and sees her adversary, but slinks out of the race, where that immortal garland is to be run for, not without dust and heat.' Like all that emanated from this grand old Puritan of the seventeenth century, these words have a world of meaning for us of this present time. If Milton had been speaking directly to us in this year of grace, 1904, he could not have given an opinion of greater worth. In fact, there can be no cloistered virtue. Virtue inactive ceases to be virtue. A spiritual life that knows no service is dead, such a life is a cumberer of the ground.

Some of us cannot do much, our efforts may be circumscribed by conditions over which we have no control, but a small service done in the spirit of love and sacrifice becomes noble in the doing. Let us do our part, however small and unimportant it may seem to us, and be assured that if we have honestly done our best, all is well. There are no small things in the service of God. A simple act of faithfulness and truth becomes large in possibilities. It is a great thing to do any service for God and humanity. A deed small in finite minds is clothed in vast possibilities to the mind of the Infinite. Then let us do what we can gladly and with faithful hearts, and God will care for results.

Let us be satisfied that there is a duty; nay, there are duties devolving upon the young people; and let us not seek to evade them. There is no need to mention any specific duty. The Church of God is a field in which all who honestly seek it can find work to do. There is no reason why the young people should not perform any of the tasks which fall to the lot of the servants of the most high. The energy of youth coupled with the wisdom of old age and actuated by the spirit of God can capture this world and bind it to the very throne of God. If we can once get our eyes open to the fact that there is work to do there will be no trouble in finding work. And there will be no trouble in doing it if we go at it in the right spirit.

The future of the church rests with the coming generations. The past has been triumphant in its history. May the future be even more glorious in its aspirations and achievements.

The Influence of Religion in the Home.

BY REV. W. E. HOCUTT, P. C. CAMDEN CT.

This is a phrase frequently used; a topic much discussed. Yet we are unable to distinguish between religion in the home from religion in the work-shop, on the streets, in business, church or anywhere else. Religion is the same anywhere you find it. It does not fluctuate in value, nor change in its essence as a man goes from home to church, or from church to mingle in the social or business world. Hence, if a man is a Christian in church, he is also a Christian at home, and if his religion is laid aside in the vestibule of the church, as he passes out to his home, it is because the article is not genuine, and the possessor is a spiritual bankrupt. Therefore, the influence of religion in the home, practically the influence of religion in its broadest application to the business, social and spiritual life of man. From this view-point, its importance cannot be over-estimated.

First, the importance of religion in the home is equal to the importance of the salvation of your child, and the value of an immortal soul is a proposition that God himself has never undertaken to solve. He held the world in one hand and the soul in the other, compared their value, and threw the world down as worthless trash compared to the soul.

Do you ask why we compare the importance of religion in the home to the value of your child's soul? The answer is this: **Your** life, your precepts, your example in the home fixes the destiny of your child. Home religion is infectious as well as sin is, and if parents live godly lives and practice their profession in the home, it is sure to leave an impress upon the children that time cannot efface. But if the parents eat sour grapes the children's teeth will be set on edge. The saddest picture I have ever seen is an infant child in a godless home, rocked in the arms of a godless mother, to have its life and soul cursed and wrecked by the sins of its godless parents. What a blessing the family altar, the family Bible! Who of us can ever forget the soft touch of mother's hand upon the head, her sweet voice as she repeated the words for our baby tongues to lisp: "Now I lay me down to sleep?" How the memory of these Christian homes lingers with us. How such memories have steeled the arm for life's conflicts, none of us are able to tell.

Again, the religious life of the home sets the standard of the religious life of the church. Church life rises no higher than the home life of its membership. The church is a true thermometer of the spiritual atmosphere of the homes of its members. Show me a church whose members pray at home, read their Bibles at home, read their church papers, and live their religion seven days in the week, and I'll show you a church that is invincible in its influence and power for good. Revival fires burn brightly, souls are saved, collections are paid in full, and the church moves forward as a mighty conquering force that nothing can check. But show me a church whose members have no family altar except a brown jug, a Delineator and a pack of cards, and I'll show you a church that is dead. A dead church is a sad index to the homes of its members. It is as important, therefore, to have religion in the home as it is to have a church in the community in which you live. Good preaching, good singing, and a nice church building are all right in their places, but you can't have a church of power without the religion of Christ in the homes of its members.

I believer, however, that there are Christian homes where they do not have family prayers. Some good men are timid, some are neglectful, but where there is neglect of this duty, yea, privilege, there is leanness of spiritual life and power just as leanness follows a lack of food. No better legacy can a man leave his children than the memory of a family altar. Since prayer is essential to spiritual life, it might be made at least once a day with the family kneeling together.

Dare Circuit.

REV. WILLIAM TOWE, P. C.

Dare Circuit is situated in the western part of Dare County, and extends from East Lake, on the Alligator River, to Stumpy Point, on the Pamlico Sound, a distance of about forty-five miles. It embraces a somewhat narrow strip of land along Alligator River, Albemarle, Croatan and Pamlico Sounds. On the west of this is a deep swamp many miles in width.

There are three appointments—East Lake, Croatan, Stumpy Point, separated from each other by several miles of boggy land. Because of that, no roads have been built, therefore the pastor goes to his appointments by boat. Every three weeks he sails about ninety miles, that is, if the wind and the waves permit. At each point there is a good church worth $1,200. The parsonage is at Croatan, about the center of the Circuit, worth $500. All property is free from debt. There are 400 members, which will compare favorably with any in the Conference in their loyalty to the cause of the church.

At each appointment there is a Sunday-school in excellent condition. The attendance exceeds the church membership. It is no unusual sight to see the grand-parents and parents mingling with the children in this great work for Christ. Our people, as long as they are able to get to the house of God, don't get too old to learn about the "meek and lowly Jesus" in the Sunday-schools.

The regular services are usually well attended. The pastor don't have to do all the preaching, singing and praying. Many of the brethren are willing and able to help in the public worship.

The cloud of illiteracy which has hovered over us to a great extent in the past is breaking and drifting away. The beams of light have awakened our people to see their duty. Each district within the bounds of the Circuit has voted extra taxation to increase the terms of public schools. During last year one new school-house was built, and two more will be built at an early date. The attendance is greater than in the past.

We have two rural libraries which are developing our appetite for better food for thought.

Methodism has done much for this section. Each community is intensely Methodistic. Of about 420 members of the churches, 400 are Methodists.

Just a few years ago this Circuit was a part of a mission. Now it is self-supporting. It is a rare thing if it fails to pay all of its assessments in full.

Missionary Facts Gleaned from the District Secretary's Report, Elizabeth City District.

A. J. PARKER, SEC'Y.

Number of members in the District, 7,286; number members from whom contributions were solicited, 6,085; number of members from whom contributions were not solicited, 1,201; number members who contributed or subscribed, 4,464; number members who did not contribute or subscribe, 2,832; amount contributed by 4,464 members, $2,233.32; average per member, 50 cents; out of number approached 71 per cent contributed or subscribed; 71 per cent of 1,201 (number not approached) is, 852; 852 members at 50 cents each (loss). $426.00; number Sunday-schools in District, 71; number Sunday-schools organized into Missionary Societies, 45; number Sunday-schools not organized into Missionary Societies, 26; the 45 schools that were organized paid, $453.92; average per school, $6.55; loss from 26 unorganized schools, $170.30; number E. Leagues in District, 12; Moyock and Roper contributed, $38.46; loss from 10 Leagues who contributed nothing, $60.00; there are about 2,400 families in the District; number missionary periodicals taken, 302; City Road and Camden take 160; seven charges where none are taken.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. B. F. Dixon, Raleigh, N. C.

Officers of the W. F. M. S. of the N. C. Conference, June, 1903-'04.

President—Mrs. Lucy A. Cunninggim, Greensboro, N. C.
Vice-President—Mrs. R. A. Willis, Littleton, N. C.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. F. D. Swindell, Goldsboro, N. C.
Recording Secretary—Miss Blanche Fentress, Wilmington, N. C.
Treasurer—Mrs. B. B. Adams, Four Oaks, N. C.
Superintendent and Treasurer Juvenile Work—Mrs. L. M. Hendren, New Berne, N. C.

Mrs. R. H. Whitaker, Secretary of the Raleigh District, requests us to say that Miss Blanch Fentress has sent her some circulars about the excursion rates to Elizabeth City. If the names of the delegates who expect to attend the Annual Meeting at Elizabeth City, April 20th, be sent to Mrs. Whitaker, she will send them these circulars, which will give them instruction about rates of travel, etc.

Dear Mrs. Dixon:—Just at the close of the fiscal year the Foreign Missionary Society of New Bern may be pardoned if they indulge in a little self-satisfaction, because of the fine showing of the annual report; and we feel it encumbent on us to give expression to our elation in the columns of the Advocate, and show what can be done by a comparatively few women, actuated by a spirit of self-sacrifice and earnest endeavor.

The attendance at the monthly meetings is usually good, and much interest is manifested. Our President has the faculty of stimulating the indifferent ones and prodding the lagging ones, until a fair average of united effort is developed.

A certain standard has been evolved in previous years, and to fall short of it engenders a feeling of inefficiency, tinged with humiliation. We are fortunate in having a good collector, and consequently have few arrears to report.

Last April the Silver Jubilee was celebrated, a doubly auspicious occasion, as it was also the anniversary of the organization of our Auxiliary. Several ladies read papers of much merit, and the annual report was most interesting. The Week of Prayer was observed as usual, services being held each afternoon, and tended to much spiritual upbuilding. The Thank-offering, so appropriate for this Thanksgiving season, was liberal, sixty dollars being raised.

Many practiced self-denial, and abandoned some personal gratification in order to swell the treasury of the Lord.

We do not confine ourselves to dry business details exclusively, but bloom out in a social way annually. Generally at the conclusion of the week of prayer, a reception is held, and each member is allowed the privilege of inviting a friend.

Last month at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Munger, a most enjoyable evening was passed. The rooms were most tastefully decorated, the drawing room in which the President and officers received their guests was gorgeous in the Chinese colors, yellow and red. A canopy of crepe paper was suspended from the center of the sides of the room, and numerous lanterns, flags, fans and parasols added to the general effect.

A program was prepared which included the reading of several papers relative to the work, which were most instructive, an address of welcome by the President, and appropriate music by the choir.

The refreshments were of a high order, and temptingly served. The mite boxes were heavy with the voluntary offerings, and notwithstanding the evening was inclement, over thirty dollars were collected.

Our Society numbers ninety-four, of which twelve are life members; but at our last meeting six ladies pledged themselves to bring a new member next month, which will bring us to the long-coveted one hundred.

The whole amount raised during this year was $233.29. In addition to this our ladies agreed to give $1,000 to the new church now being erected, and in which the most intense interest is centered. We have already paid in $500 of this, making a total of $733.29 raised this year.

We feel that we have just cause for self-congratulation, and we hope that our good showing may prove a stimulus to other zealous co-workers for the Master.

Yours in the work,
MRS. R. P. WILLIAMS,
Corresponding Secretary.

Dear Jewels:—I want you to share with me the pleasure of the very fine report from the Juvenile work for the past year. It is the very best we have had for several years, especially the Pledge, and I do so much appreciate your promptness in responding to my request with regard to it.

Let us all thank God and take courage to go on and do still greater things the coming year.

The Rocky Mount Band has raised the largest amount during the year—$100.00—and will receive the beautiful Chinese banner presented by little Elizabeth Fram a few years ago.

Trinity Church, Durham, has had the largest increase in membership—38—and will receive the Brazilian flag offered by Miss Pescud at the last Annual Meeting.

On Sunday afternoon of our approaching Annual Meeting, Rev. W. B. Lee and Miss Pescud will address the Bright Jewels.

Hoping that many of you may be there to enjoy the rich treat,

Lovingly,

AUNT LIZZIE.

First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, N. C.

CONFESSIONS OF A PRIEST.

Rev. Jno. S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes, "For 12 years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for Liver and Kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by all druggists. Only 50c.

Woman's Home Mission Society

Please send all communications for this Department to MRS. R. O. BURTON, Raleigh, N. C.

Officers of W. H. M. S. of the N. C. Conference.

President—Mrs. J. E. Underwood, Elizabeth City.
First Vice-President—Mrs. V. Royster, Raleigh.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. K. P. Black, Littleton.
Third Vice-President—Mrs. J. A. Spiers, Selma.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. P. Jerome, West Durham.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. S. H. Scott, New Bern.
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Superintendent of Supplies—Mrs. Ivan Proctor, Raleigh.
Superintendent of Literature and Press Work—Mrs. R. O. Burton.

The W. H. M. S. in the Elizabeth City District.

A large portion of the history of all Christian endeavor is of such a nature as to be properly called unwritten history. The labors and prayers of God's children are often unknown to all but Him. The establishment of any department of church work is always attended with discouragements, more or less. The pioneers in all ages have been compelled to lead what we now term "the strenuous life."

The history of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on the Elizabeth City District has been a record of work and prayer; of success and failure; of faith and hope and love. The first auxiliary established since the reorganization of the Society in our Conference was at Gatesville by our faithful District Secretary Mrs. C. P. Jerome. Shortly afterward the Sunbury Auxiliary was organized. This was near the beginning of the fiscal year 1901.

In the early part of 1902, an adult and a Juvenile Auxiliary were formed at Hertford and an adult at South Mills by another faithful District Secretary, Mrs. S. I. Harrell.

The Auxiliary of the First Church, Elizabeth City, began its history with the fiscal year 1902. City Road (Elizabeth City), Roper and Belhaven were organized in 1903, and Winfall began with the present fiscal year. These Auxiliaries are the result of the labors and prayers of a few faithful women in a few years.

They have not always received that support and co-operation that they had a right to expect for so worthy a cause.

None of them are what we would term large or enthusiastic, but many of them are doing faithful work.

The great need of the District is leaders—consecrated and intelligent leaders—who, like the Macedonians of old, are willing to give themselves to the work of the Master.

We are by no means content with the record we have made. "A society in every church, and every woman a member," should be our hope and aim. We have been fortunate in securing Mrs. C. W. Hollowell as our standard-bearer for the District.

MRS. J. E. UNDERWOOD.

Leading Auxiliaries in the Fourth Quarter.

New Bern sent largest amount to Conference Treasurer, $160.99.

New Bern also added most names to Baby Roll—fifteen.

Wilmington gained most new members—twenty-four.

Fremont, numbering twenty-two members, reported best average attendance—sixteen.

Henderson made her first report—a most excellent one—and Weldon, as usual, made a very fine one.

May the good records continue, each member striving faithfully to give her best services to her heavenly King.

Elizabeth City District, Our Banner District.

"Honor to whom honor is due!" We joyfully accord to Elizabeth City the well-deserved honor of being our Banner District. May her zealous and faithful laborers see her ten Auxiliaries increased to one hundred!

I feel that our gifted President's communication will make many hearts glow with admiration and enthusiasm.

Annual Meeting, April 27 to May 2.

I shall see to it that no one forgets the time of our ingathering of facts and figures and fancies. I trust no Auxiliary will fail to send a representative, and that names of all delegates and visitors have been forwarded to Mrs. N. E. Edgerton, Selma.

Our First New Auxiliary of the Fiscal Year—Main Street Church, Durham, N. C.

This is a delightful announcement, and we extend to the youngest member of our band an affectionate welcome. Especial commendation is due Mrs. S. I. Harrell, our industrious Secretary of the Durham District. This makes the fourth Auxiliary in our sister city and she should be warmly congratulated.

Let me introduce the officers:

President, Mrs. A. E. Angier.

First Vice-President, Mrs. J. E. Stagg.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. M. T. Snead.

Third Vice-President, Mrs. C. W. Toms.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Roland.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. S. Christian.

Treasurer, Miss Sallie Brandon.

Agent of "Our Home," Miss Lillie Duke.

Mrs. Harrell writes: "We believe this Auxiliary will be a bright and shining light—it was born of prayer."

The Ministry of Prayer.

How often do we think of and pray for our leaders? Very much depends on them, and they are often almost too wearied to endure it all. Let us continually bear them up on the wings of feeling and fervent prayer. Let all the Auxiliaries unite as one voice in asking God's blessing on the meeting of the Board at Kansas City, April 15-23.

THERE IS A CURE

for every stomach trouble, including all forms of indigestion or dyspepsia, catarrh of stomach and flatulence in stomach and bowels. This remedy has never failed to cure the most distressing and stubborn cases.

This remedy will cure any case of constipation, to stay cured, so that you are free from that trouble in a week.

The name of this remarkable remedy is Vernal Palmettona (formerly known as Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine).

Any reader of the Raleigh Christian Advocate may have a small trial bottle of Vernal Palmettona sent free and prepaid by writing to Vernal Remedy Company, 538 Seneca Building, Buffalo, N. Y. It cures catarrh of the stomach, flatulence, indigestion, constipation of the bowels, congestion of the kidneys, and inflammation of the bladder. One dose a day does the work quickly, thoroughly and permanently.

This remedy for sale by all leading druggists.

Seven hundred and forty-seven patients have been cared for in the Sibley Deaconess Hospital during the past year, about one-third of the work being free. The number exceeds that of last year by 156.

(1) Rev. W. A. Piland; (2) Rev. L. B. Jones; (3) Rev. W. E. Towe; (4) Rev. W. F. Galloway; (5) Rev. M. H. Tuttle; (6) Rev. D. H. Tuttle; (7) Rev. W. E. Hocutt; (8) Rev. J. L. Cuninggim; (9) Rev. W. H. Brown; (10) Rev. H. M. North; (11) Rev. W. F. Jones; (12) Rev. H. M. Jackson; (13) Rev. F. L. Church; (14) Rev. A. J. Parker; (15) Rev. C. L. Read; (16) Rev. W. F. Craven; (17) Rev. T. J. Dailey; (18) Rev. A. W. Price.

Full Collections in Elizabeth City District for 1904.

BY REV. A. J. PARKER, ROANOKE ISLAND.

In 1895 the Elizabeth City District appears in the Conference Journal for the first time. This, the youngest District in the Conference, stands at the head of the list. A place which it gained two years ago. During the nine years of its existence it has made wonderful progress. In 1895 it paid for missions, $2,014.55; in 1903, $3,175.17. Two years ago we paid our missionary assessment in full and made large gains on all the other collections. This is a distinction of which we feel proud, it being the first time so far as I know that any District in the old North Carolina Conference had ever done such a thing. Last year we improved on that record by raising enough money to pay all the collections in full,but by some means the surplus was not distributed as it was expected, so our missionary assessment was overpaid, while the other collections showed a slight deficit.

This year we must make another advance on all previous records. We want a clean sheet from every charge on every thing. We cannot afford to stop short of this mark. To do this means that a great effort must be made to utilize the unused material and latent forces. There are 7,286 members in the District. Of this number last year there were 2,832 who did not contribute or subscribe a penny to these collections. This number must be decreased. A conscience on Christian giving must be developed in this mighty army of Anti-Missionary Methodists. Of course we must preach and make public appeals; but experience has taught us if we would reach these we must search them out, have a face to face talk, and if possible get them on their knees with ourselves, and ask God to direct. In doing this we will strengthen our charges both spiritually and financially.

The 26 Sunday-schools that are not organized into Missionary Societies, as the discipline directs, must be harnessed for action. The Epworth Leagues, which have done almost exclusively local work, must be led into larger fields of usefulness.

The Old Raleigh, the assistant pastor, will be a powerful help if we will only give it a chance. Out of more than fifty subscribers on my charge last year, only three persons from those families who read the paper, failed to contribute something toward raising our collections. "Go Forward," ought to find its way into the 2,500 or more Methodist homes in our District that our people may be kept in close touch with the foreign fields. This, of course, means hard, persistent, systematic, intelligent work on the part of the pastors who are willing to undertake the task.

The pastor who is unwilling to do his best has no right to a place in our itinerancy. One man who is out of harmony and neglects or refuses to co-operate with the plans adopted, works untold damage and incurs a fearful responsibility. Success will be obtained only by united effort on the part of all. Knowing the men of this District as I do, I expect that when we meet in Henderson every charge will report a clean sheet on every thing.

During these nine years of the history of Elizabeth City District there have been raised for all purposes, $240,234.94; of this amount $18,255.55 was spent in missionary and other enterprises outside the District. The remainder, $221,969.39, was spent in the District. During this period we have to show for the labor done, the care of the church, and the reception on profession of faith of 3,284 members, an average cost of $67.65 each. We have made a net gain, according to the minutes, of 554; or to carry the analysis a step farther, it has taken the influence, work and faith of 20 average Methodists to lead one sinner a year to Christ. This part of our record we are ashamed of. May the Lord help us to change it this year.

The largest number of members received during any one year was 637 in 1902. This same year also shows the largest increase in our collections. Which means if we would reach men's pockets for the Master's cause, we must reach their consciences with gospel truth. We have thousands of men among us who have never known what is meant by "Deny thy self take up thy cross and follow me." Our Missionary Institute closed with a prayer for the baptism of the Holy Ghost upon every charge in the District this year. May it come with great power.

Manteo, N. C., March 25, 1904.

Pasquotank Circuit.

BY REV. W. F. JONES, P. C.

Dear Bro. Ivey:—With no little difficulty we have filled our regular preaching appointments with about one exception since Conference. The kindness and promptness of our people to their preacher and to their church has helped much in making the above stated record during such a winter as we have just passed.

Too much could hardly be said in praise of the people of this circuit for their willingness to attend church services and their kindness to their ministering servants—preachers of the gospel. If it snows, rains, freezes or blows the preacher may expect to find some one at the church awaiting the message of truth.

Strong evidences of their kindness to their preacher are being made almost every day by giving such things as are useful to the body in keeping it strong and able to bear up under the demands of the present day work. Their help in the way of sympathy and prayer is as abundant as I have ever found among any people. No one could help serving with all their might so hospitable a people as the people whom it has been our lot to serve the past year and over.

Every claim made by the Conference last year was cheerfully responded to with all collections overpaid and the work this year promises even larger returns.

The stewards met and increased the salary from $525 to $700, giving in addition to the salary the use of a splendid house on Eringhouse Street in Elizabeth City, N. C., which, of course, is the property of the circuit. We feel thankful for their good treatment and bestow our true sympathy and best work, in the name of Christ, as a high privilege upon these kind people.

Quite a number of our people take the Advocate, but there are homes within the bounds of this circuit into which the Advocate does not go. If these homes knew just how much loss it means to them, spiritually and educationally, certainly this state of affairs would not longer exist on the grounds of the "price" of the paper.

I believe that it will pay any Methodist preacher to send the church paper into every Methodist home on his charge if he has to pay the price out of his own salary; and I have about decided to do this. A preacher cannot possibly think up as many good thoughts as come in the paper from so many different thinkers to his people each week. Frequently I hear people say, "Did you see what Mr. So and So said in this week's Advocate?" This I take to be an evidence of the truth of the statements just written above.

Little hope of accomplishing any large amount of lasting good must be the portion of the man or woman, of to-day, who passes the world without acquiring much of such knowledge as may be gained by a careful study of the literature created by the church.

Methodist Mention

Bishop Wilson gives three lectures this week at Littleton Female College.

Our brethren will please remember that we are still behind in the publication of obituaries.

The Eleventh Annual Session of the North Carolina Sunday School Association will be held at Greensboro, April 26-29.

Ten members were received into the City Road Methodist Church (Elizabeth City) as a part of the visible results of the recent revival services held there.

Rev. D. H. Comann, of the Western North Carolina Conference, will assist Rev. R. A. Willis in a meeting at Lumberton, to begin the fifth Sunday in May.

The Raleigh District Conference will be held at Cary, and will embrace the first Sunday in July. The Conference will convene on the preceding Thursday.

Rev. J. M. Culbreth reports a good meeting at Epworth. Quite a number of professions so far. Brother Culbreth is preparing to build a new church, near Raleigh, out of old Tucker's Grove Church.

We appreciate an invitation to attend the Founder's Day Reception to be given at Converse College on April 21 in honor of Governor C. B. Aycock, and Governor D. C. Heywood of South Carolina.

We are indebted to Rev. John C. Wooten for an invitation to attend the exercises of the graduating class of the Pacific Theological Seminary at Berkley, California. Brother Wooten is stationed at Berkley.

Rev. G. W. Fisher, Clayton Circuit, while in the office one day last week, reported that he had already forwarded $90.00 on Foreign and Domestic Missions. He believes in securing his Conference collections early in the year.

Rev. R. F. Bumpas received into Edenton Street Church on last Sunday twenty on profession and by certificate. Things are moving on in a healthy and satisfactory way at Edenton Street under the guidance of its faithful pastor.

We had a pleasant visit last week from Mr. L. B. Bynum and his bright little son, Jeff. Bro. Bynum is one of the Directors of the Asylum for the Insane (colored) at Goldsboro, and was on his way to attend the annual meeting. He reports affairs on Haw River Circuit to be in good condition.

Dr. R. H. Whitaker reports a very successful meeting at Kenly. He was assisted by Rev. W. H. Puckett, who preached nine strong sermons. Five were added to the church. Dr. Whitaker speaks in high praise of the Kenly people who are as faithful a band as can be found anywhere in the Conference.

Miss Blanche Fentress requests us to announce that the Suffolk and Carolina Railway Company will extend to delegates or members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, a rate of one dollar for round trip between Suffolk and Elizabeth City. The train leaving Wilson at 1.16 p. m. reaches Suffolk, Va., at 4.49 p. m. The Suffolk and Carolina train leaves Suffolk at 5.45 p. m., and arrives at Elizabeth City about 7.45 p. m.

The New Bern Journal, in speaking of the Easter services at the various churches in that city says: At the Methodist Church there was quite an unusual scene and one which will long remain in the memories of all who witnessed the services. The pastor waived the usual custom of preaching the sermon and took fifty persons into membership of the church. This number swells the membership of the church to 900. The church was filled with worshippers and the services were solemn and impressive.

Mr. J. W. Bailey, State Chairman, informs us that a recent copy of a letter to Chairmen of County Executive Committees was sent out to quite a number of friends by mistake without explanation. The letter was sent for information. Some of the brethren very reasonably inferred that they had been appointed County Chairmen.

Rev. W. D. Sasser, P. C., writes us as follows: "The Kenansville Circuit is moving along in a better way. Repairing one old church, planning to build another, and planning for a report in full this year. We will hold a Missionary Rally at Warsaw, N. C., the Saturday before and fifth Sunday in May. The people are kind and lovable everywhere here. The 'salt of the earth' is not a little on this charge. We are not fully over a gracious pounding from Warsaw last fall, and everywhere we go kind expressions of appreciations are tendered us."

NOTICE.

To delegates to Annual Meeting of W. F. M. Society at Elizabeth City, April 20 to 25, who live on line of Southern Railway from Burlington to Selma.—If you will come via Selma or Goldsboro on early morning train—leaves Durham 3.30 and Raleigh 5.15 a. m., making connection at Selma with A. C. L.—you will have more time at Suffolk, and be more likely to make connection.

D. H. TUTTLE.

NOTICE.

On the first of May I shall send out a statement showing how much has been received by the Treasurer of the Board of Missions from each charge in the Conference up to that date. Let every preacher send to Brother Walker all that has been collected for missions by that time. We hope that a comparison of this statement with the one sent out last May will show a considerable improvement in the matter of early collections.

R. H. WILLIS,
Conference Secretary of Missions.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Delegates and visitors to the Annual Meeting of the W. F. M. Society at Elizabeth City, who go via the Seaboard Air Line on the 20th inst., will ask for tickets via Suffolk to Elizabeth City, where I am informed a special train will run on that day for our accommodation. Delegates are earnestly requested to be there at the opening exercises on Thursday, 10 a. m.

LUCY A. CUNINGGIM,
President.

THE CRAVEN PORTRAIT.

We publish below the names of those who have subscribed to the Craven portrait; also the amount subscribed by each.

The work will be done in New York. Miss Mattie Dowd who has had art experience in Paris and New York, and whose late oil portrait of Governor Jarvis, presented to the Daughters of the Confederacy, elicited great admiration, will do the work.

Five hundred dollars must be raised by May 15th. We look to the old pupils and friends of Braxton Craven to pay this tribute to his memory. Remember that this amount is to be raised by the few. The dead are easily forgotten, but only by the many. There is always a remnant left to honor those who are no longer with us.

Let those who really hold in memory their lamented preceptor and friend, Braxton Craven, send in their contribution at once. Do not delay.

The following have subscribed already: J. M. Odell, $10.00; W. R. Odell, $8.00; H. M. Barrow, $1.00; J. C. Fink, $1.00; F. D. Swindell, $1.00; H. B. Lane, $1.00; J. B. Troy, $5.00; J. G. Brown, $10.00; J. O. Guthrie, $2.00; Dr. A. Anderson, $5.00; L. L. Little, $5.00; L. S. Overman, $20.00; J. H. Small, $5.00; C. H. Lewis, 75 cents; G. T. Sikes, 50 cents; W. R. Harris, $5.00; G. W. Sparger, $1.00; N. C. English, $3.00; W. T. Lyon, $3.00; H. W. Norris, $1.00; C. B. Townsend, $5.00. E. F. Wakefield, $1.00. Total, $94.25.

The names of those who subscribe and the amounts subscribed will be published each week in the Advocate. There is no time to be lost. Let us hear from you at once.

T. N. IVEY, Committee.

Publisher's Column

ONLY TWO WEEKS MORE.

The campaign for new subscribers up to date very clearly demonstrates that the Conference Resolution can be carried out and that each District can furnish more than 150 new subscribers by May 1. There are only two more weeks. In this time wonders can be performed. If each preacher would give even a day to securing new subscribers the summing up May 1st would be astonishing. Brother, try it. We cannot fail. We must not. We will not. What Warrenton District has done, every District in the Conference can do.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The Conference has requested each District to furnish 150 new subscribers by May 1, 1904. The report for each District will be made weekly in this column. The District reporting the largest number of new subscribers by May 1, 1904, will receive a present not costing less than $25.00, to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

The following new subscribers have been received since April 6, 1904:

Rev. W. C. Merritt	7
B. C. Glover	6
Rev. J. T. Stanford	6
Rev. J. W. Bradley	5
Rev. C. W. Robinson	5
Rev. T. J. Dailey	5
Rev. J. E. Holden	4
Rev. G. W. Starling	4
Rev. H. E. Tripp	4
Rev. J. G. Johnson	4
Rev. B. C. Allred	3
Rev. J. W. Hoyle	3
Rev. R. H. Whitaker	3
Rev. J. O. Guthrie	3
Rev. J. J. Porter	2
Rev. J. H. McCracken	2
Rev. V. A. Royall	1
Rev. J. H. Shore	1
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Rev. L. L. Nash	1
Rev. E. H. Davis	1
Rev. C. C. Brothers	1
Rev. W. P. Constable	1
Rev. W. H. Moore	1
Rev. W. E. Hocutt	1
Rev. A. S. Barnes	1
Direct	2

The following shows how many new subscribers have been received from each District since Conference:

Warrenton District	152	increase 30
Rockingham District	124	increase 5
Fayetteville District	107	increase 7
Washington District	96	increase 1
Raleigh District	94	increase 8
Elizabeth City District	77	increase 9
New Bern District	64	increase 9
Durham District	62	increase 2
Wilmington District	59	increase 7
Total increase for week	78	
Total to date	835	

Position of Districts same as last week with the exception that New Bern goes up and Durham goes down.

Warrenton goes above high-water mark and is first to send in her quota.

Rockingham lacks only 26 of reaching hers.

Fayetteville is very little behind, with 43.

There are several Districts which after reaching their number will be ready help their sisters. But if we know these "sisters" they feel that they are able to do their own work without depending on the generosity of other Districts. You may depend on them.

Watch next week's list.

We are indebted to Mr. W. A. Faucette, Foreman, for the typographical excellence of this issue. Every printer knows that it is a difficult work to manage so many cuts in one paper. We take pleasure in saying that Mr. Faucette adds to his great skill as a printer the merit of taking as conscientious care of the work entrusted to him as if it were his own.

Read carefully advertisement of Sunny Side Nursery. This Nursery is run by Mr. James M. Lamb, so well known throughout our Conference. You may depend on the merit of what he sells.

That Missionary.

We hope the Chapters brought up the matter of supporting a missionary at their regular business meeting for April, and that we will be able to announce favorable results in these columns at an early date. Let us take up this work with the liveliest enthusiasm. The Jews of old said "The Lord hath blessed us therefore we,His servants,will arise and build." It will cost us very little, only five cents the first month and two cents per month thereafter. Surely there is not a League in the Conference that will hesitate a moment to undertake so small a task. Let every chapter fall in line at once. The cost is so small to each individual and yet the result will be glorious. A missionary and wife representing us in the greatest of all works—world-wide evangelism.

A Challenge.

The St. John Chapter, the youngest Chapter in the Conference, challenges the Leagues of the Conference to the support of a missionary in a field to be chosen by the majority of Chapters contributing.

This is a mission church, and the members pay as liberally to all the causes of the church, according to their ability, as any church in the Conference. On the first Sunday in March they contributed ten dollars to the Bible cause, and they have now in sight all the collections ordered by the Conference.

Who will be the first to take up the banter?

Do It Now.

I had thought to send a flower to a sick friend, but decided: "Tomorrow will do as well." Next day the flower was laid on a still, cold form.

Because of busy, happy work, I neglected for a month writing to a dear friend far away. The tardy missive brought answer:

"Dear One: Your letter is a comfort to me. I have waited for it through a month of heavy trial. I know you would have written sooner if you could, or had you known the comfort your words would be."

Two friends misunderstood each other. "Soon," I thought, "I shall speak the little word that will clear their skies." The events of a day separated us all forever, and the little wrong was not made right.

An earnest youth was in need of a helping hand. I longed to extend the help, but self-interest answered: "You cannot; God will take the will for the deed."

Then the spirit within took me to my knees, and I prayed: "O God, shall this poor 'will,' and nothing more, be offered thee? Then thou hast naught. Oh, make it thine, that loving deed may prove the will to serve!"

And in that hour the youth's need was supplied, nor was self the poorer.

Oh, the blessed now, which is all of time I have! God help me to use it for him! And if there is a word to be spoken, a flower to be sent, an alabaster box to be broken, God help me to do it now.—S. M. Ritter.

Church Etiquette.

Please allow me to suggest a few thoughts regarding the above subject:

1. Come in time. It is as easy to be in time as to be late, if you arrange accordingly.

2. Bow reverently in prayer when you enter the house of God. It is one way we can declare our faith in God and hope in his mercy. Pray devoutly for God's help and blessing on yourself and all in that service.

3. Bring your Bible and hymnbook with you, or have them in your pew. It is a sad mistake to be destitute of these when you would join in a religious service.

4. Help to keep God's House clean. A returned missionary tells of an Indian who did spit on the floor of the mission church. One of the officers of the church took that Indian's cap and wiped the floor, and gave him to understand that they were not heathens any more.

5. Give diligent heed to the word preached. It is very discouraging to a speaker to see people not listening. If you were speaking to some one, and they would be evidently not listening, you would feel it a personal insult.

6. Practice the truth in your daily life. Show the effect of the divine teaching, and thus you will get help and scatter sunshine.—Church-Goer. Goer.

Helpful Programme Suggestions.

Rev. A. I. Terryberry, of Port Rowan, sends a copy of their League program, which contains some interesting and helpful features. Among the "Pointers" at the beginning of the booklet we notice "the A. B. C." of a successful meeting.

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—Era.

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Sunday School

Lesson for April 17, 1904.

Jesus Transfigured.

Mark 9:2-13.

Golden Text: A voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. Mark 9:7.

About a week after the incidents recorded in our last lesson, Jesus was transfigured. There has been much discussion as to the place where the Transfiguration took place, but there is now a consensus of opinion favoring Mt. Hermon as the probable locality.

The Witnesses of the Transfiguration.—Peter, James and John seemed to form an inner circle within the group of the twelve apostles, and these were the ones privileged to see the Transfiguration of our Lord. Doubtless they were chosen, not arbitrarily, but because their clearer view of spiritual truth and their more intense devotion to the Master rendered them more suitable to enter into what may be regarded as the "Holy of Holies" in the earthly life of Jesus.

The Heavenly Visitants.—A most remarkable feature of the Transfiguration scene was the presence on the Mount of Moses and Elijah, the one representing the Law and the other the Prophets. Both the Law and Prophecy found their complete fulfillment in the Gospel of Christ, and therefore the presence of Moses and Elijah at this time had the deepest significance.

It is also very suggestive to notice the subject upon which these heavenly visitants conversed with Jesus, for we are told that they talked about the decease of Jesus which should take place at Jerusalem, and this may serve to teach us that the death of Christ should be central in our thought.

The Voice from Heaven.—Peter was moved with the desire to remain for an indefinite period upon the Mount, but ere an answer had been given to his suggestion to build three tabernacles, a voice came from heaven, declaring the supremacy of Jesus.

"This is my beloved Son: hear him," was the message from God, and when the voice had ceased, and the cloud that had overshadowed them had passed away, the disciples saw no man save Jesus only.

The vision was ended. From the Mount of Transfiguration, the Master and his disciples passed down into the valley, and from thence Jesus went steadily forward in the pathway which he knew must finally end upon Calvary.

An After Conference.—As they came down the mountain side Jesus and his disciples held conference together. Jesus bade the disciples to say nothing of the glories which they had witnessed until after he should have risen from the dead. He knew that they could not properly interpret the Transfiguration at the present time, or even if they could, the people at large were not ready to receive the truths which it conveyed.

On their own part the disciples had some perplexing questions at work within their minds. What did the Master mean by his references to his approaching death and subsequent rising from the dead? Again, what did the scribes mean by saying that Elijah must first come?

Some of their questions Jesus could not fully answer in view of the present limitations of their knowledge, but he explained to them that Elijah had already come in the person of John the Baptist, and suggested that the fate of that prophet was an illustration of the things which he himself must suffer.

Teachings of the Transfiguration.—The Transfiguration teaches the complete divinity of Christ. Upon the Mount he was revealed in all the glory of his divine nature, and this scene alone would be sufficient to accredit the fact that he was the Son of God.

Heavenly visions come to fit us for earthly service. The Transfiguration strengthened Christ to endure Calvary, and the disciples in after years, in the midst of their service for the Master, found a ground of assurance and confidence as they remembered how they had beheld the glory of their Master, when he was transfigured before them.

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W. E. GRIFFIN.
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7 35	4 25	S.....†Caraleigh Mills...	9 35	6 20
7 45	4 30	F.....*Sylvania.....	9 30	6 15
7 54	4 39	F.....† Barnes.....	9 20	6 06
8 00	4 45	F.....Hobby.....	9 14	6 00
8 15	4 52	M.....McCULLERS...	9 10	5 55
8 25	4 56	F.....Banks.....	8 58	5 40
8 30	4 59	F.....Austins.....	8 55	5 36
8 50	5 07	S...†Willow Springs...	8 50	5 30
9 05	5 15	M...† JOHNSON MILL	8 40	5 15
9 15	5 17	P.....† Cardenas.....	8 38	5 08
9 20	5 22	S...C. F. & N. Junction	8 33	5 01
9 35	5 26	S...† Fuquay Springs..	8 30	4 50
9 40	5 31	F.....Buckhorn.....	8 20	4 35
9 45	5 36	F.....Rawls.....	8 17	4 30
10 00	5 45	S.....† Chalybeate.....	8 10	4 20
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No. 38.

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No. 66.

11.35 a. m.—"Seaboard Mail" for Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston. Connects at Richmond with C. and O. for Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis; at Washington with Pennsylvania and B. and O. for all points.

No. 57. SOUTHBOUND.

4.15 a. m.—"Seaboard Express" for Charlotte, Atlanta, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Tampa and all points South and Southwest.

No. 41.

4.00 p. m.—"Seaboard Local Mail" for Charlotte, Atlanta and all local points. Connects at Atlanta for all points South and Southwest.

No. 27

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Columbia Circuit.

BY REV. W. P. CONSTABLE, P. C.

The records of the early history of Methodism in this eastern section of North Carolina have unfortunately been lost. If they were available they would furnish much matter of interest and place on record instances of heroism and untiring energy on the part of the pioneer Methodists who wrought in Tyrrell and Washington Counties. So far as I have been able to ascertain, the seeds of Methodism were planted in this section by Whitfield, who preached at points adjacent to this territory. The first organization traceable is what was known as the Scuppernong Circuit, the metes and bounds of which are now not known; this was in 1780, or thereabout. When what is now known as the Co-

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lumbia Circuit was formed is also a matter of uncertainty, though it must be upwards of an hundred years. One of the oldest churches within its bounds is now about seventy years of age. The circuit was evidently cut out of the old Scuppernong work after the town of Columbia was started, from whence it takes its name, which was about the year 1800. This circuit consisted of a long string of churches from the Alligator River to what is now known as Roper. The appointments were Gum Neck, Wesley Chapel, Columbia, Scuppernong, Pleasant Grove, and Hebron. This string stretched out for forty miles or more. From this work was cut out Pleasant Grove and Hebron, which now comprise Roper Station. The present circuit consists of the following appointments, which take in the whole of Tyrrell County: Columbia, Scuppernong, Bethlehem, Cross-Landing, Wesley Chapel, South Shore, and Gum Neck.

The influence of Methodism has been felt along all lines in the past and she was a power for good. We find the church well represented in the list of those who taught school within the bounds of the work. Rev. James E. Mann, afterwards Presiding Elder, taught school in Gum Neck in 1850, and in the 60's we find graduates from old Trinity and also also Randolph Macon among those who instructed the youth in our midst and their influence is alive today. Among those who have served the church on this charge, whose memories still linger with us and whose names are mentioned with love, we note: Moses, Gray, Puckett, Guthrie, Bond, Dosier, Meachum, Wrenn, Clegg, Andrews, Mahoney, Mann, Culbreth, and Hunt, and among the more recent, Keen, Brothers, Lowe, Holder, Cole, White, Giles, Sasser, and Leffers.

For the past decade or more the work had been falling off; and when this scribe came here in December, 1901, everything was at a very low ebb. This was occasioned by the death of the older members and the large number of removals across the Albemarle Sound to Elizabeth City and other points. The records also show a woeful falling off in the various interests of the church. The salaries were not paid in full, and as to missionary and other collections, they seemed never to think of such a thing as paying them, and Methodism was fast losing her power and influence. In fact, the circuit had become to be looked upon as a hopeless case. Such was the condition of things which faced me as I took charge of the work after our Conference in Fayetteville in 1901. By the help of God we have been able to stop the downward tendency and bring about a change. The circuit, which had established a record of never paying up in full, is now among the list of those who pay up everything, and the salary has been increased from $400.00 to $475.00. A few figures will show what has been done along these lines. The report for 1901 shows: P. E., assessed $56.00, paid $32.00; P. C., $400.00, paid $285; Foreign Missions, $60.50, paid $15.00; Domestic Missions, $46.50, paid $12.00; for all purposes, $382.00. In 1902, which was my first year: P. E., $56.00, paid $56.00; P. C., $400.00, paid $419.71; Foreign Missions, $58.00, paid $60.00; Domestic Missions, $42.00, paid $42.00; for all purposes, $911.66. In 1903: P. E., $63.00, paid $63.00; P. C., $450.00, paid $450.00; Foreign Missions, $58, paid $58.00; Domestic Missions, $42, paid $42.00, and all other collections in full; for all purposes, $1,469.49.

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Among other tempters, this section of the country is frequently visited by the shows. Some of our good brethren go to see them, of course "to take the children." Those who have duly considered its evils would, no doubt, do violence to their consciences by going and become guilty. But many have never been sufficiently informed upon this subject, and go into temptation unconscious of their danger. This state of things seems to call for some attention from us; and the more because some preachers go to animal shows, and if we are not careful to say the contrary, people will take it for granted that we go to all

E. R. Daniels, Wanchese, N. C.

shows; and this liberty will be an occasion of stumbling, if not falling, to many. I will, therefore, offer you a few reasons why I think it's wrong to go to the shows, hoping that it may do good to some who are doubting just here.

1. It is wrong, because it is making an improper use of our Lord's money. It is altogether a mistake to suppose, as some seem to do, that the money we have is our own, and that we have a right to dispose of it as we please. We are but stewards, and our Lord has directed us how to use His money. (Luke 12:33, and 16:9.) After our own want, and the reasonable wants of our families are supplied, he has directed us to give the rest of his money to the poor. We have no permission either to waste or destroy it. But when we give it to the "showmen" we give it to them that do not need it, while the poor are by so much scanted. We take the money which the Lord has put in our hands for the use of the poor and give it to the showmen! We do not bury this talent as the miser does, but throw it away! Will our Lord say well done to such conduct? Nay!

2. It is wrong, because it is hiring people to sin, and consequently partaking of their guilt. It is evidently sinful to waste precious time and destroy the nobler faculties of human nature, and to perform such tricks and to sing such songs as the showmen do. It is evident that they do these things for gain; this is, they are hired to do these things, and that, too, by every one that goes to see them. All pay their part. Now this is all one as if those gentlemen and ladies had performed themselves. If one man hire another to steal or kill he is guilty of theft or murder. If gentlemen and ladies were to hire boys and girls to dance in the streets they would be condemned by all, and if they hire grown people to debauh themselves and sing bad songs and do frantic tricks, are they clear? Answer.

3. But the evil does not stop here. To say nothing of the loss of time and neglect of duties it occasions (for who would pray in a show?), it places us in the very atmosphere of temptation, it calls off the mind from all that is good and places it on what is bad; invites mirth and levity; inflames desire and greatly increases vanity. This is enough, it would seem, to keep one who has felt the plague of sin, and who knows the deceitfulness of his own heart forever from such places. But I can bridle my passions and keep under my will and maintain my firmness, says one, while I gratify my curiosity. This is the language of presumption, and not of self-knowledge. It is the very "hobby" that the moderate drinker rides into the jaws of death. "I can drink and not get drunk;" or the youth who goes to the horse race or the gambling house: "I can go and not participate." While the humble and God-fearing Christians pray: "Lead us not into temptation."

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Roanoke Island, April 20
Camden, at Trinity, April 23, 24
Moyock, at Moyock, April 24, 25
Currituck, April 30, May 1
Dare, at Stumpy Point, May 7, 8
Kitty Hawk, at Collington, May 10
Columbia, May 14, 15
Roper, May 21, 22
Pantego and Belhaven, May 28, 29
Plymouth, June 4, 5

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Shallotte, Sharon, April 9, 10
Town Creek, Zion, April 16, 17;
Clinton, Kendall, April 22
Kenansville, Wesley, April 23, 24
Elizabeth, Singleta 7, Ap 30, May 1
Magnolia, Rose Hill, May 7, 8
Carver's Creek, Hebron, May 14, 15
Onslow Queen's Creek, May 21, 22
Scott's Hill, Union May 28, 29
New River, Snead's Ferry, June 5
Burgaw, Wallace, June 11, 12
Grace, June 12

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SECOND ROUND.

Pamlico, Barnes, April 16, 17
Oriental, Smith Creek, April 23, 24
Mount Olive Circuit, Providence, April 30 to May 1
Dover Dover, May 7-8
Snow Hill, Moun Herman, May 14-15
Straits, Springfield, May 21-22
Atlantic, Wit. May 28-24
Morehead, May 26
Carteret, Bethel, May 28-29
Beaufort, Bethel, May 29
St. John, June 1
Grifton, Grifton, June 3-5
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Elise, Tabernacle, April 15
Carthage, High Falls, April 16, 17
Jonesboro, Morris Chapel, April 23, 24
Star City, Hickory Mountain, April 29
Pittsboro, Brown's Chapel, April 30, May 1
Lillington, Spring Hill May 6
Buckhorne, Olive Branch, May 7, 8
Sanford, Jones Chapel, May 13
Goldsboro, Asbury, May 14, 15
Newton Grove, May 20
Dukes, Elevation, may 21, 22
Sampson, May 27
Fayetteville, Hay Street, May 29, 30

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SECOND ROUND.

Robeson, Bethesda, April 16, 17
Aberdeen, Asbury, April 23, 24
Pekin, Sardis, April 30, May 1
Mt. Gilead, Troy, May 7, 8
Montgomery, Ophir, May 14, 15

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SECOND ROUND.

South Rocky Mount, April 16, 17
Rocky Mount, April 17, 18
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, April 24, 25
Swan Quarter, Soule, April 27
Mattamuskeet, April 30 and May 1
Fairfield (night) May 1
Nashville, York Chapel, May 7, 8
Aurora (District Conference), May 14
Farmville, Bethlehem, May 21, 22
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Salem, May 28, 29
Greenville, night, May 29
Bethel, Shiloh, June 4, 5
Tarboro, at night. June 5

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

West Durham, April 17, 18
Durham, Mangum Street, April 18, at night
Leasburg Circuit, at Bethel, April 23, 24
Alamance Circuit, at Lebanon, April 30, May 1
Yanceyville Circuit, at Locust Hill, May 7, 8
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, at Mt. Tirzah, May 14, 15
Burlington Circuit, at Mt. Vernon, May 21 22

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W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Youngsville, April 16th
Louisburg, April 17th
Oxford Circuit, Hermon' April 23, 24
Clayton, Mt. Zion, April 30th, May 1
Milbrook, Oak Grove May 7, 8
Brooklyn, at night, May 8
Granville Circuit, May 14, 15
Cary, May 21, 22
Zenly, May 26
Wakefield, May 28, 29
Tar River, May 28, 29

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FIRST ROUND.

Roanoke Circuit, Tabor, Feb. 17
Hobgood, Hobgood, Feb. 20, 21
Scotland Neck, Feb. 21, 22
Garysburg, Garysburg, Feb. 27, 28
Henderson, March 6, 7
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 19, 20

SECOND ROUND.

Northampton, Rehoboth, March 26, 27
Conway, Zion, March 27, 28
Rich Square, Lewiston, March 29
Bertie, Cashie, March 31
Harrellsville, Van's Grove, April 2, 3
Murfreesboro, April 3, 4
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, April 6
Hobgood, Palmyra, April 9, 10
Scotland Neck, April 10, 11
Warrenton, Warren Plains, April 16, 17
Littleton, Calvary, April 23, 24
Weldon, May 1, 2
Battleboro and Whitakers, McTyeire, May 7, 8
Roanoke Circuit, Ebenezer, May 14, 15
Garysburg, Oak Grove, May 28, 29
Roanoke Rapids, May, 29, 30
Warren, Cokesbery, June 4, 5
Henderson, June 5, 6
Ridgeway, Tabernacle, June 11, 12

Marriages

TAYLOR—MARTIN.— By Rev. F. D. Swindell, March 16th, at the residence of the bride's mother, near Faison, N. C., Mr. Claud Taylor and Miss Bessie Irene Martin.

LANIER—HARRINGTON.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Harnett County, N. C., March 16, 1904, Mr. W. F. Lanier and Miss Pennie Harrington, G. W. Starling officiating.

HUGHES—HOWELL.—By Rev. F. D. Swindell, in St. Pauls Church, Goldsboro, N. C., April 6th, Mr. C. Miller Hughes, of Raleigh, N. C., and Miss Julia Bailey Howell, of Goldsboro, N. C.

SANDERS—FOSCUE. — At the residence of the bride's parents at Fowle, Jones County, N. C., on March 23, 1904, Mr. Isaac N. Sanders to Miss Mabel E. Foscue, Rev. W. A. Jenkins officiating.

MINCHEW—GARDNER.—At the Methodist parsonage, February 25, 1904, at Scotland Neck, N. C., Mr. Isaac Minchew and Miss Maggie Gardner were united in matrimony, J. E. Holden officiating.

TAYLOR—MARTIN.—By Rev. F. D. Swindell, at the residence of the bride's mother, near Faison, N. C., March 16, Mr. Emmett Claude Taylor, of Carteret County, and Miss Bessie Irene Martin, of Duplin County.

Obituaries

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MASSEY.—Mrs. Louisa Massey died at the home of one of her sons Thursday, March 17, 1904, being about eighty-four years of age.

For the past year Sister Massey had not been able to be away from home much and so did not often get to chruch—the place she loved.

She had long been a member of the church and had lived such a beautiful life that one who knew her well said she had so lived that no one could speak evil of her.

The last conversation she had with any one (I learn) was with me, and in it she said she would be glad when she was released from her sufferings, fully expecting rest at God's right hand.

Last Friday, a beautiful afternoon, attended by her sons and other kindred and many friends, we laid her body in the new tomb in the family burying ground to await the resurrection morn. The Lord help us to meet her in heaven.

J. B. THOMPSON.

STALLINGS.—Archibald Arrington Stallings was born in Randolph County, North Carolina, March 9, 1842, and died in Wilson, N. C., March 4, 1904.

He was possessed naturally of a strong mind, but had little early educational advantages, and physically, he had a brawny frame and a fine constitution.

At the commencement of the Civil War he went into the service with a company formed at Cascade, Va., which was the second to reach Richmond, and was immediately sent to the front, engaging the enemy at Bull Run. This was Company K., Armstead's Brigade, 38th Regiment, Longstreet's corps. He was also in the seven days' fight around Richmond and in the battle of Gettysburg. He received slight wounds in the battle of Bull Run and also in the fight around Richmond, but in the battle of Gettysburg he was seriously shot three times. He was often detailed for dangerous duty, and his bravery was never questioned.

After the war his parents, W. P. and Sarah Stallings, moved to Wilson, to which place he came from the hospital.

On October 23, 1864, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Manning, daughter of Edward and Zelphia Manning, who was a true and helpful wife to him and preceded him to the spirit land some ten years ago. To them were born seven children, viz.: William, Edward, George, Robert, Albert, Wiley and Miss Mary, all of whom still live.

Brother Stallings professed religion in the winter of 1895, under the ministry of Dr. T. N. Ivey, and immediately joined the Methodist Church, in which he lived a faithful life, and died trusting in Christ.

The night that he joined the church he took up the duty of family prayer and he never failed to have family worship any night until at the beginning of his last illness he became too ill. He was a good man and lived a quiet and useful life.

He was ill of pneumonia for six weeks, during which time he suffered very much, and while he desired to live, still all along he said and did many things that indicated he was setting his house in order, and the end to him was not unexpected. Throughout his long suffering he was resigned and trustful, though he desired to live. He rests with the faithful.

It was early in the morning, surrounded by his children and relatives, that he heard the final roll-call and peacefully passed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees.

May our heavenly Father bless, guide and protect the fatherless and motherless children, and bring all of them to the haven of eternal rest!

ANDREW P. TYER.

In Memoriam.

The lamented subject of this imperfect sketch, Mrs. Charlotte N. Dozier, was born in Beaufort County, N. C., May 9, 1823, and died in Greene County, N. C., February 1, 1904, in her 81st year.

As Miss Patrick, she married, in 1853, Rev. Samuel B. Dozier, for thirty years a member of the North Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, South, and who departed this life in 1882.

Her remains rest beside those of her beloved brother, James C. Patrick, of precious memory, at Institute, Lenoir County, N. C.

In a ministry of fourteen years, spent on a half dozen circuits, and as their pastor for two years, I do truthfully and cheerfully testify that I have never seen anywhere more devout, consecrated, faithful servants of God, or more thoughtful, hospitable friends to the ministry of the church than Sister Dozier and Brother Patrick. They came of sturdy Methodist stock, and never sold their birth-right.

"Aunt Dozier," as I fondly called her, was the last of a family distinguished by piety, intelligence, hospitality and excellence of service. Professing faith in Christ and joining the church while quite young, she led a long life of purity, charity, and usefulness. Surely, "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." (Proverbs 31:29.)

Relatives, friends and neighbors—all conspire to say, "And let her works praise her in the gates."

Life has again been nobly lived; death has again been bravely met, and heaven has again been triumphantly won.

R. H. BROOM.

Carthage, N. C., March 23, 1904.

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Whereas, the relation held by the deceased to our church and Missionary Society at Hookerton, and to the community at large, render it proper that we should give expression to our appreciation of her worth in the community; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we deplore the loss of our sister, Mrs. Albritton, with deep feelings of regret, softened only by the confident hope that her spirit is with those who, having fought the good fight here, are enjoying perfect happiness in a better world.

2. That we tender her sorrowing husband and relatives our sincere condolence, and our earnest sympathy in their affliction in the loss of one who was a devoted wife, loving daughter and an upright Christian.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Society, a copy sent the family of the deceased and a copy sent the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

MRS. J. R. PALMER,
MISS SUE HOLLOWELL,
J. M. VANCE,
Committee.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, the all-wise God has deemed it proper to transplant into His heavenly soil the well-developed life of our friend and co-laborer, B. W. Stephens, who has for eighteen months been an important factor in Sunday-school work, and who has labored anxiously for the advancement of every cause of Christ; therefore be it.

Resolved 1. That we, the members of Ormondsville Sunday-school deeply mourn our sad loss, yet bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

2. That in his death the Sunday-school has lost a most valuable member, the church a consecrated worker, and the community an uplifting influence.

3. That his gentle and powerful character should inspire all those who knew him to aspire for the higher things of life.

4. That we as a Sunday-school extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved mother and other members of the family and pray that God, who is all love, may comfort them in this trying ordeal.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy be placed on the records of the Sunday-school, and a copy be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

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The Educational Outlook.

BY H. M. NORTH.

There is a spirit of unrest in the educational field that promises good to the rising generation. Our people are coming to look at this question both as a matter of business and of religion. This district will compare very favorably with other portions of the State in the matter of loyalty to our institutions. According to last year's report, there were forty or more of the young people of the various congregations attending school outside of the district, and thirty of these were in our church schools. There are doubtless more this year, but we are unable to give the exact number. Besides this, the Albemarle High School, owned and controlled by the Methodists of Elizabeth City, has an enrolment of about one hundred. This school has been in existence about one year, and will continue in a different form and on a broader basis, an explanation of which will be given below. Our people have waited in vain for a long time to get good town and city schools or private schools worthy of our confidence. So the Methodists of this District have been taking things into their own hands and have a movement on foot to establish a permanent school of which Eastern Carolina may well be proud. This is to be a high-grade preparatory school, owned and operated by Methodists. It will not attempt to do college work, but it will collect bright boys and girls from all of this part of the State and prepare them for entrance into our colleges. It will not be the exclusive property of the church in Elizabeth City as the Albemarle school is. It will be located, however, in this place on account of its affording superior advantages. A site has already been secured, and a building committee appointed. It is thought best to invest eight or ten thousand dollars in a well-equipped plant. A stock company is being formed in order to secure the necessary funds. The shares will be placed as low as twelve dollars and a half so that as many people as possible may buy them. Purchasers of stock may be anywhere in the district or outside of it. If at any time dividends shall accrue, each stockholder will receive his proportionate amount of the profits. The ministers of the district, assembled in their missionary institute in March, gave their hearty endorsement to the plan. They are hereby earnestly requested to keep the matter constantly bfore their congregations, urging them to invest their means and to furnish as large a patronage as they can. This school will probably do more in the coming years to make the eastern section of the State predominantly Methodist and Christian than any other one factor among us. We have not kept pace in the East with our Western brethren in maintaining preparatory schools.

It is doubtful if any church can claim for its college more zealous supporters than Trinity has in the ministers of North Carolina. They love her, pray for her, and fight her battles both in public and in private. And the time is coming when the majority of the best people will see things as the preachers see them.

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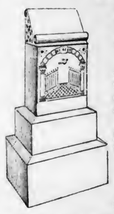

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OF HARTFORD, CONN.

Condition December 31, 1903, as Shown by Statement Filed.

Capital paid up in cash	$2,000,000.00
Amount ledger assets December 31st previous year	4,753,612.04
Income—from policy-holders, $3,551,867.23; miscellaneous, $254,844.38; total	3,806,711.61
Disbursements—to policy-holders, $1,632,282.24; miscellaneous, $1,591,783.07; total	3,224,065.31
Fire Risks—written or renewed during year, $484,465,649; in force	513,914,618.00

ASSETS.

Book value of real estate (less amount of encumbrances)	351,442.65
Mortgage loans on real estate	102,449.25
Loans on stocks, bonds and other collaterals	81,000.00
Value of bonds and stocks	5,129,697.00
Cash in home office and deposited in banks	419,537.10
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1903	320,264.76
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1903	1,473.21
Premiums unpaid	404,551.32
Interest and rents due and accrued	54,579.04
All other assets, detailed in statement	1,907.09
Total	6,866,901.43
Less assets, not admitted	13,240.14
Total admitted assets	6,853,661.29

LIABILITIES.

Losses and claims unpaid	$395,578.95
Unearned premiums	2,750,668.49
All other liabilities as detailed in statement	126,177.32
Total liabilities as to policy-holders	3,272,644.76
Capital paid up in cash	2,000,000.00
Surplus	1,581,016.53
Total liabilities	6,853,661.29

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Insurance Department,
Raleigh, N. C., March 23, 1904.

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Phoenix Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., filed with this department, showing the condition of said company on the 31st day of December, 1903.

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The World As We See It.

For a body of lawyers to protest against a Judge's sitting on their cases is an action to which North Carolina is not accustomed. But be this as it may be, the action is not without its significance. It makes no difference whether the protesting lawyers are justifiable or not, whether the Judge in question is culpable or blameless, the action shows a moral sensitiveness which is very refreshing and stimulating in these days when so much is said of the callousness of public conscience especially in legal and political circles. The protest must be moral rather than professional, and though the outcry be based on mistaken notions (this question must be settled in its proper arena), yet, we repeat, it must be regarded as a favorable feature in the diagnosis of any moral case of a people.

What we have long been waiting for has at last come in old North Carolina—the laying of the strong hand of the law upon men and women who, in the name of the drama, flaunt their lecherous obscenity in the face of public audiences. It happened in Wilmington when Duncan Clark and his troupe of female minstrels were arrested on the charge of presenting an indecent and immoral play at the Academy of Music. Wilmington has for Mayor a man with a moral backbone, and that man is William E. Springer. He is doing much for the city of Wilmington, we learn, through an official administration which is a terror to evil doers.

But coming back to the specific question, we ask why it is that the action in the case of the female minstrels should be so rare. The words spoken, the songs sung, and the actions presented in many of the plays presented in the towns and cities of North Carolina would not be tolerated in our homes and on our streets. Why should they be tolerated in our public auditoriums? They will not be tolerated by officials who rise to the occasion and do their duty. The "roasting" given by newspapers only advertises. The "roasting" given by city government has a more salutary effect. There is a great demand for the latter kind.

Considering the gravity of the charges brought by the Postoffice Department against so many members of the House of Representatives, it is refreshing to note that the special committee appointed to investigate the charges have brought in a report which exonerates all the accused members of any improper conduct. So what promised to be a fire-bleeching volcano has proved to be nothing but a vapor-wreathed hillock.

As a rule, the people of North Carolina are inclined to self-depreciation. The fact is due to several circumstances which need here no explanation. Virginia exults over the story of Pocahontas and resents any effort to discredit this choice tradition. The strongest efforts to disprove the Mecklenburg Declaration theory have come from North Carolinians. The old State cannot lay upon her shelf of wonders the only original Petrified Man without having the iconoclastic hand of her own children to write "fake" on the label.

But all this is no reason why we should withhold or praise from Dr. Baskerville, of the State University, who has recently discovered two new elements to be added to the seventy odd now known. These two elements have been resolved from thorium. One of them has been called Carolinium. Whether or not these be elements, Dr. Baskerville has performed a praiseworthy scientific feat, which, by all rights, should reflect great credit upon him and the institution which he represents.

A history of the moral warfare which has been waged in every era very clearly shows that great moral triumphs have not been won by political or purely social forces. These triumphs are won by moral forces. Through organization these moral forces reach their highest efficiency. Guerrilla operations have never amounted to much in the great contest of righteousness with evil.

In accordance with these principles, we must commend the advocates of Sabbath observance for their wisdom in preparing for a "Sabbath Rest Congress" to be held next October in connection with the St. Louis Exposition. This will be a notable Congress, and, it is to be hoped, will do much to call attention to the fact that this great civilized country of ours is rushing onward toward the obliteration of a great civil as well as religious institution—the Sabbath. The Congress will discuss the question in its sanitary, social, industrial, political, and religious phases.

The action of the Democratic Convention of the State of New York in instructing the delegation on the basis of the unit rule to vote for the nomination of Judge Alton B. Parker for President, occasioned no surprise to the country at large. It was a foregone conclusion that David B. Hill would absolutely control the Convention, and that he would be in favor of instructing the delegation for Parker. Tammany under the leadership of Murphy and Bourke Cockran worked for an uninstructed delegation. There is much bad feeling between Tammany and the dominant wing of the party. It being the fact that the election of a Democratic President is absolutely dependent on the Democrats carrying New York, that as New York city goes the whole State goes, and that the whole State cannot go Democratic without securing the co-operation of Tammany, the interesting question is now, "How will the breach between Tammany and the dominant wing of the party be healed so as to make victory possible?"

Everything points to the nomination of Judge Parker at the National Convention in July. While the country at large knows very little of him, yet the most earnest advocates of the other aspirants seem unable to find anything against him.

The A. & N. C. R. R. Investigating Committee, from all reports, is hard at work looking into the affairs of the much discussed road. The Committee is working behind closed doors, and consequently the people at large are very much disappointed. We cannot believe, however, under the circumstances that Governor Aycock who will receive the report of the Committee will hesitate to give to the public as early as possible the full report of the investigation, including the slightest details. The people are expecting this. They have a right to expect it, and Governor Aycock is a man whose wisdom we believe may be relied upon in this matter.

A certain prominent preacher in New York City has produced quite a sensation by saying in a public address that the church is becoming effeminate on account of the unwonted activity of the female members in church work. Indeed! Has this preacher just now opened his eyes to the fact that the women are at work? Their Christian activity as compared with that of the men has been unusual ever since those trembling, pale-faced women glided through the gray of early morning to the empty sepulchre of their Lord. The centuries-old effeminating process has resulted in the richest victories the cause of righteousness has ever won, and our prayer is that the process may be perpetual. In other words, to repeat a common question," what would become of the church if it were not for the active devotion of the women?" Let that preacher open his eyes a little wider, and if gray matter is not lacking, he will hush his truly ridiculous ululation.

Russia has suffered a most crushing reverse in the sinking of her best battleship and the death of Vice-Admiral Makaroff. On the night of April 13th, the Japanese torpedo boats laid mines in the outer harbor, and on the next day decoyed the Russian fleet to a point where it was surrounded by the whole Japanese fleet. The Russian ships made their way in flight to the harbor at Port Arthur. During the flight the cruiser Pabcido was badly damaged and the Russian torpedo boat Strashni was sunk. The Patropavlovsk, under the command of Vice-Admiral Makaroff, was just getting ready to enter the inner harbor when a submarine mine was exploded. The ship "turned turtle"—that is turned upside down, and quickly sank with Admiral Makaroff and about nine hundred men.

Since April 14, the Japanese fleet has bombarded Port Arthur, but without inflicting any great damage. There is nothing new in the land operations. The Russian army cannot complete its arrangements for the campaign before early summer. What the Japanese will do before that time is the question.

Contributions

South Carolina Letter.

S. A. WEBER.

The late George W. Ivey, the father of the editor of the Raleigh Advocate, was one of the best examples of self-education in the ministry I have known. I have been a close observer in matters of this kind since my first connection with my Conference, at which time Brother Ivey and I were members of the same body. He was a close student in his early ministry and continued to be so as long as I knew him. His elaborate and well-prepared sermons were in evidence of his habits of study. He comes up vividly before me in connection with an experience I have had today. One of our Conference undergraduates was showing me this morning his examination papers, specimens of the work he is doing under the direction of Prof. Cuninggim, of the Vanderbilt Theological Seminary. I could not but think, as I casually examined these papers, how very superior are the advantages of our youthful theologues now, as compared with that I used to be familiar with whether as an undergraduate student, or, as has been frequently my case, a member of a Committee of Examination. This new departure argues well for our coming young men if they will only appreciate and use their better chance.

We are on the eve of Easter decoration and of Easter services in our little church here in Yorkville. To-night (Good Friday) our pastor is to conduct a service in keeping with this solemn anniversary. Last Sunday we began Passion Week with a celebration of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday). The facts of the resurrection, with its suggested doctrines, will be to the fore in all the worship and service of next Sunday. We make quite a good deal of this occasion in the S. C. Conference. Preaching on the resurrection is quite general among our preachers on this glad day; and dressing our churches in flowers and evergreens is getting to be quite common with our principal congregations. What with our Passion Week observances and our new order of church service, we are surely not only a Methodist Church, but, to be sure, a Methodist Episcopal Church. (I won't say a small-case "m" and a capital "E.") In the matter of literature and the like, we have as much right to copy from the Anglicans as they have to copy from the Romans. They improved on Rome—the Episcopalians did—and we improve on them. And so it goes. Reverting to the new order of services, we here fell into it quite easily and gracefully. And I confess that I like it. Doing things decently and in order is very much to my liking. It is only an unreasoning and an unreasonable prejudice that will allow this new departure in our worship to make it less a means of grace than a simpler service and ceremony.

Bishop Ellison Capers spent last Wednesday in diocesan work in our town. I heard him twice and very much enjoyed hearing him preach. He is a son of our Bishop William Capers, and was at one time an exhorter in our church. He is every whit a Capers—a genial, Christians gentleman of the old school and a refreshing preacher of the gospel of love. I do so love this dear, good man. I have known him a long time. We were at one time pastors in the same town. That was a long time ago. He had more hair on the top of his head then than now, and while I have about as much now as then, it is of a different color. Yes, he is a venerable man both in character and looks, and is a man of very great influence in South Carolina. He was a brave Confederate brigadier, and is a battle-scarred veteran. His ghostly office and his military record give him an entree such as perhaps no other man has to all classes of society in our State.

Our colleges are doing well. Never better—never quite as well. South Carolina gives proof that supply creates or, at least, increases demand in the matter of educational facilities. In the multiplication of our opportunities here there has been a constant increase of patronage. Our church schools—Wofford College at Spartanburg and our female colleges at Columbia and Williamston—are doing a fine work if one may judge from the number of students in attendance and from the style of young men and maidens who emanate from their halls. Our principle need is money—money for the new and improved plants of our two female institutions; one to be removed from Columbia to the suburbs of the city and the other from Williamston to the city of Greenwood, fifty miles away. Yes, and money—and a good deal of it—for the better endowment of Wofford College. An especial effort is being made this year—Wofford's semi-centennial—for its better endowment. We want (in the sense of both "need" and "desire") $100,000 to make our endowment somewhat adequate to our imminent necessities.

You have already made editorial reference to the recent recent death of Dr. Osgood Andrew Darby (1828-1904) and of his excellent wife who preceded him to the grave by just ten days. They both died quite suddenly. They leave an only child, Dr. Frank Darby, the President of the South Carolina Medical Society. Dr. Darby's ministry was given in part (in the early stages of it) to North Carolina. He was a boy pastor in Wadesboro in the early fifties, and some years afterwards served the Pineville, Shelby and Lincolnton Circuits. He came to be one of the very first men amongst us. Served some of our best appointments both in stations and districts. He was for quite a number of years (nine years) President of the Columbia Female College. He represented us in the General Conferences at Atlanta (1878) and Louisville (1882). He was a polished gentleman and a sweet-spirited Christian. He was a cultured, strong and sometimes very eloquent preacher. He was educated in the schools of his native city (Charleston), and after that, at the Cokesbury Institute and the South Carolina Military Academy.

Our Presiding Elders are just beginning their second round. During the first they all held their Missionary Institutes. I am more and more impressed with the wisdom of this new feature of our economy. They prove with us to be very useful occasions, serving the purpose of intellectual and spiritual attrition. The preparation and discussion of papers on different phases of the missionary cause and movement must be of service; first, subjectively to those taking part in these exercises and services, and then, objectively to the church through their influence and spiritual contagion. It is a means and an occasion of seed-sowing. And may it not prove that we who go forth bearing precious seed shall in due time come with rejoicing bringing our sheaves with us.

God bless you!

Yorkville, S. C., April 1, 1904.

The Mode of Baptism.—No. II.

REV. M. H. TUTTLE.

Again, when Christ dined with the Pharisee, it is said that he marveled because Christ did not baptize Himself before eating. "A certain Pharisee brought Him to dine with him; and He went in, and sat down to meat. And when the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that He had not first washed (baptized Himself) before dinner." (Luke 11:38.) Here again, the word in the original, which our translators have correctly translated by the term wash, is the famous Greek word baptize. The word in this passage certainly does not mean to immerse. If it did, then the Pharisee expected Christ to immerse Himself before He ate, and marveled because he failed to do so. The whole truth is the Pharisee expected Him only to wash His hands and His arms from the elbows down, according to the custom of the Jews in purifying. Christ had been mingling with the multitude. It was His need of ceremonial cleansing in the ordinary way, therefore, which the Pharisee had in mind. That cleansing was always by sprinkling or pouring. It was performed with water in motion. "Running" water, or "living" water, was prescribed for these ceremonial purifications. (Lev. 14:5, 6.; Num. 19:17.) The Saviour, therefore, was not expected even to dip so much as His hands in the water; but the "living" water would have been poured or sprinkled upon His hands and arms. The Jew would have been shocked at the idea of dipping his hands into the basin. The basin or vessel used was not for the purpose of dipping the hands into, but for catching the falling or waste water. This, then, in this noted passage, is all that is meant by the word baptize. This, of itself, ought to be sufficient to decide the whole controversy as to the meaning of the word baptize.

Once again, in the Book or Eccleiasticus 34:25, we read this passage: "He that is purified (baptized) from a dead body, and touches it again, what does his cleansing (baptism) profit him?" The manner of cleansing from a dead body is laid down in the nineteenth chapter of Numbers. And the only and entire process required was that the ashes of a burnt heifer should be put into a vessel, running water added thereto, and this water sprinkled upon the unclean with a bunch of hyssop in the hands of a clean person. "Whosoever in the open field toucheth one that is slain with a sword, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. And for the unclean they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification of sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel: And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and shall sprinkle it upon him that touched the bone, or the slain, or the dead, or the grave: And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day." (Num. 19:16-19.) Thus we see that the entire process of cleansing or purifying (baptizing) from a dead body, to which the author of the Book of Ecclesiasticus refers, was by sprinkling, and yet he calls it baptism. This clear passage alone ought to settle the question of the meaning of the word baptize in every candid mind.

Had we the time and space we could refer you to other similar passages, but the above ought to be sufficient. You will notice in these passages of Scripture which we have examined, that the word baptize, in every case, means to purify; and all these purifications were effected by sprinkling or pouring. Therefore sprinkling and pouring, as valid modes of baptism, might safely rest here; but to make the argument still more complete, we shall now examine a few examples of the administration of baptism recorded in the New Testament.

The first example we notice is the baptism of the apostle Paul, recorded in Acts 9:18; 22:16. The facts in this case are briefly these: He was baptized in the city of Damascus. He was baptized on the street called Straight. He was baptized in the house of Judas. He was baptized not lying down in water, but standing, either on his knees or feet; for Ananias said to him, "Arise, and be baptized." It is not reasonable to suppose that Paul was baptized by immersion, in the city of Damascus, on the street called Straight, in the house of Judas, particularly as it is said, "Standing up he was baptized." Here, then, we have an illustrious example of baptism in the private dwelling house of Judas, and it would be bare-faced presumption to contend that Paul was immersed. To make immersion out of such a case as this, would require a degree of skill in logic to which no one has yet attained.

Our next example is the baptism of the Philippian jailer and his family. He was convicted by the miraculous interposition of God in the deliverance of Paul and Silas, whom he had in his custody as prisoners. At the hour of midnight the earthquake shook the prison to its foundations, the doors flew wide open, the prisoner's bound hands were loosed, and the alarmed jailor running in brought them from the inner prison into the outer apartments and there inquired of the apostles what he must do to be saved. Paul and Silas instructed him. The jailer washed their stripes; and the apostles baptized him and all his family. Now if they had to leave the prison, and grope off at midnight, out of the city, and into the surrounding country, no one can tell where, in search of a river, creek, or pond to baptize this family in, is it not strange that nothing is said on the subject? It is gratuitous to assume that in this heathen prison there was a pool or tank ready prepared for immersion. Hence if there was any immersion in this case, they must have left the prison and gone out in search of some suitable place for it. Now, is it not folly to suppose that the jailer, just recovered from his terrible fright about the supposed escape of his prisoners, could have been induced so soon after, in bold violation of law, to lead these same prisers from the jail, out through the city into the country, in search of a place for the administration of an ordinance of which, till that hour, he had never heard? No one, however credulous, can believe this to be at all probable. When in the morning, the magistrates sent the sergeants, saying, "Let these men go," and Paul was informed of it, he replied, "They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? Nay, verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out." And they positively refused to leave the prison till the magistrates came themselves and legally released them. Now we ask, could this conduct of these holy men of God, in the light of the morning, be reconciled with the supposition that they had already, under the dark cover of midnight, not only left the jail, but wandered off, none can tell where, in search of a place for immersion? To entertain such an idea would be almost blasphemous. However men may, in their zeal, convict themselves of absurdity in defense of a false theory, let them beware how they involve the holy apostles in hypocrisy and crime. Here we have a clear case of baptism by sprinkling or pouring. The circumstances of this baptism preclude any other mode. A small portion of the water which the jailer brought into the prison to wash the apostle's stripes with, was sufficient for his baptism and that of his family. How plain and simple is the truth!

(To be Continued.)

The Old-Time Camp-Meeting.

REV. R. H. WHITAKER.

Camp-meetings were very common away back in the forties and fifties, and, as I recollect them, they were not only very enjoyable, as social gatherings, but very great spiritual blessings to those who attended them to be benefited. I think it likely that many young readers of the Advocate never heard of a camp-meeting, and for their benefit I will describe one.

There in a grove, we see a sort of pavilion which covers a stand, or pulpit, and an altar. In front of the stand, under a bush arbor, are several rows of seats made by laying planks across logs. The altar in front of the stand, and also between the seats, are thickly carpeted with wheat straw. The altar and seats referred to are for the white congregation. In the rear of the stand similar arrangements are made for the colored people. Running around the stand, altars and seats, and forming a hollow square, are the tents, twenty or thirty of them. These are log cabins of various sizes, but all of them are floored with straw, and divided into apartments by hanging up quilts or blankets, so that a tent serves for sitting-room, dining-room and sleeping room, and some tents will accommodate, comfortably, fifteen or twenty people at night, besides feeding many others in the day.

The preachers have a tent all to themselves, and are just as comfortable sleeping on feather beds and eating around at the various tents as if they were at home. Five services are held each day. In the first place there is the sunrise prayer service. A man, with a tin trumpet, goes around by the tent doors and blows a long blast, soon after day, which is a notice to sleepers to rise and get ready for prayers. At sunrise he sounds the trumpet again, and the tent doors begin to fly open, and the people come pouring out to the prayer service. A preacher is generally selected for each morning service, but usually they all come out; if not when the service begins, they'll be at the close so as to be invited to breakfast by some tent-holder.

A camp-meeting breakfast is something to be remembered, for the farmers have been fattening pigs and procuring lambs and chickens for the occasion, and their wives know exactly how to prepare things in the very best style to tempt the appetite.

At eight o'clock the man of the trumpet sounds another long blast, which is a signal for eight o'clock preaching. As the country people have not yet come in, the morning congregation is small, so one of the smaller preachers is put for that hour, the heavier gun being held in reserve for the eleven o'clock service. But it frequently happens that the eight o'clock smaller gun does better execution than the bigger one at eleven o'clock. This eight o'clock service is held principally for the purpose of giving the tent-holders a service extra, and in consideration of the trouble and expense they have to incur in providing for the meeting.

When the trumpet announces the eleven o'clock service, the seats are pretty well filled, but still they come—carriages, wagons, carts and scores of people on horse-back. The singers in the altar are making the old hills ring with songs of melody while the new-comers are peering in this direction for eligible seats. Most of the preachers are in the stand, but the one who is to preach has not yet left the preacher's tent, where he is lingering for a few moments of meditation and earnest prayer. But I see him coming now; and his head is bowed as if he felt the weight of an awful responsibility resting upon him.

Late comers are crowding into the altar and finding seats upon the pulpit steps, and the tent-holders have closed their doors and seated themselves, in chairs, on the outskirts of the congregation. When the preacher rises to read his hymn a sea of faces is before him, and as he slowly and solemnly, yet with a smile of joy beaming on his face, reads—

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see!"

a thrill runs through the vast audience that is perceptible to even the casual observer. And oh, how to the tune of old "Mear," the great congregation is pouring forth, in sweetest melody, thanksgivings as they raptuously sing:

"Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home."

The man who has never heard a thousand good voices singing, "Amazing Grace," to the tune of "Mear," at a camp-meeting, has yet to hear the grandest music that mortals can make. The preacher is lining out the hymn, and what a halo of delight is on his face as he reads the last verse:

"Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease;
I shall possess within the vail,
A life of joy and peace."

O, what a prayer the preacher is praying! He seems to be talking with God, as if He were, indeed, present. How the "Amens" come from every quarter, and what moans I hear, in the altar and in the congregation, from troubled souls! There's a shout! An old mother in Israel is praising her Redeemer for the grace which brought salvation to her, while there are sobbings, as if hearts were breaking all around. The Holy Spirit is present. We all realize His presence, and are praying that He may

"Kindle a flame of sacred love
In all these hearts of ours."

The preacher is having "liberty" today. He seems to be in close touch with God. His soul is on fire; and, standing behind the cross, his cry is: "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world!" And, with the eye of faith, we see that bruised and mangled form, hanging, with bowed head, upon a cruel tree; and, as He is about to give up the ghost, we hear Him say, "It is finished!" The atonement has been made. The debt has been paid: and whosoever will may come and be saved.

The preacher is extending an invitation, and sinners are rushing to the altar. The cries of penitents are as the wailings of the lost. Men, strong men, old and young, are crying for mercy, while women, rich and poor, are kneeling side by side, and sobbing, as if their hearts were breaking. The old-fashioned songs, so full of melody, and true gospel inspiration, are being sung with the spirit and with the understanding. Some of the saints are shouting and praising God; and, going out into the congregation, I see them leading friends and neighbors, who come weeping, to the altar of prayer. One after another, in quick succession, men, women and children, are converted, and, ever and anon, waves of glory seem to be rolling over the vast audience, sweeping everything before them. For an hour, yea, two hours, the scene is indescribably awful, yet glorious.

At 3 o'clock and, again at night, we witness similar scenes; and so, for a week the gospel fires burn, and scores and even hundreds are converted; the saints are strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man, backsliders are brought back to the shepherd and bishop of their souls; and sinners, who were in the galul of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity, are made to rejoice in a saving knowledge of Christ.

That's an old-time campmeeting.

Some fifteen years ago I was invited to make a Sunday-school address at old Buckhorn, in Chatham County. During the intermission I went up the hill, from the church, to the site of the old camp-ground. How changed! Nevertheless, I could locate everything. There stood the pavilion, and there was the altar, and there were the arbor and the seats; and looking to the front, as well as to the right and left, memory brought back the scenes of long ago. In imagination I saw the tent doors all open and the men and women I used to know so well, standing or sitting about those doors: the Avents', the Crosses, the Raglands, the Rollins', the Pegrams, the Mims', the Partridges, the Booths, the Dennis's, the Prince's, the Burts, who were always regular attendants there, and whose faces, to memory, looked so natural.

I went to the spot, as nearly as I could, where I was kneeling, 58 years ago, when I believed in Christ as my Savior; and, all alone, I sat and thought of that day, and that hour, and that moment, when the new life began. What a glorious day to the many of us who believed! Yes, I sat and thought it all over; and while, with all my soul, I praised the Lord for keeping me safely, and bringing me back, once more, to that sacred spot, yet the stillness and the loneliness of feeling, as I remembered that hundreds of those who had worshipped there, whom I had known and loved, were gone to the spirit land, sent a thrill of sadness through my soul.

Oh, how changed! Pavilion, altar, arbor, seats, tents, all gone; and, in their places, large trees had grown up; and, instead of the songs, and the prayers, and the praise of the long ago, a painful silence told me how ruthless had been the ravages of time.

Campmeetings had their day, and thousands of souls in glory will forever be thankful for them. If I had to choose between going to the finest cathedral in the world and listening to the grandest music, or going to an old-time campmeeting, I think I should go to the campmeeting.

Campmeetings are still kept up in some places; but they are not as they were in the early days of Methodism, when our church was yet in the wilderness, and the Canaan of her success was still ahead. Then we dwelt in tents and worshipped in tabernacles; and talked of the days to come, when we should reach the Mount Zion of our hopes and expectations, and build thereon a temple, commemorative of the trials and struggles through which we had come, and typical of Methodism's glorious future.

Our church worships no longer in tabernacles, but in temples. The tents have all been torn down and folded away, as things of the past; and this favored generation knows but little of the early struggles of a church that had its birth in the coal mines of England, and, for a hundred years preached and prayed and sung and shouted its way, through a wilderness of opposition and difficulty, equal to that through which Israel went from Kadish-Barnea to the crossing of the Jordan. What a glorious thing for Methodism was the old time campmeeting!

The Field

A Wise Suggestion.

Editor Advocate:—The season for Sunday-school excursions and picnics is here. Let all the schools that possibly can go on an excursion to Raleigh and picnic on the Orphanage grounds. Let the schools take along enough dinner and refreshments for themselves, the children, teachers and superintendent of the Orphanage. Let the children (and large people too) of the Sunday-schools of the State mix and become acquainted with the orphans and sunny-spirited superintendent, and I venture the prediction that the collections from the schools for the Orphanage will increase one hundred per cent.

As a member of Smithfield Lodge, N. 84, A. F. and A. M., I entertained, for two days, two of a class sent out from Oxford. Since then my children have been intensely interested in orphans.

Yours truly, H. COLE.

Smithfield, N. C., April 5, 1904.

A Word About the Future of Greensboro Female College.

L. L. SMITH.

Under this caption, Rev. A. J. Parker, of Manteo, writes an article in last week's Advocate, the conclusion of which, at this late day, surprises me very much.

He proposes to sell out at Greensboro and to build at Durham.

Such a proposition is now too late and out of the question. I have no objection to the building of a Female College at Durham in connection with Trinity College, or anywhere else, but I do not consider the selling out at Greensboro and using the proceeds to build elsewhere an open question at this time.

For soon after the fire, which destroyed the college, the trustees, appointed by the two Conferences, were called together at Greensboro, and they carefully considered the whole matter, and after due deliberation, decided to rebuild on the old site, and accepted a plan and appointed a building committee to begin the work as soon as $35,000 shall have been subscribed.

Now since that action has been taken and announced by the trustees, it is too late to reopen the question and to begin the agitation of selling out at Greensboro and building elsewhere, and to do so is but throwing obstacles in the way of this great and important enterprise of the Methodist Church in North Carolina.

In fact, the selling out at Greensboro and using the money to build elsewhere, in my opinion, has never been a practical question. When the college was closed last summer the Alumnae Association, with unsurpassed devotion, zeal and enthusiasm, came to the rescue, and in thirty days raised $25,000 and purchased the stock, and afterwards transferred a good title to the property to a board of trustees appointed by the two North Carolina Conferences.

Now since the insurance money has practically paid the bonded debt, the Methodist Church of North Carolina owns the property clear of incumbrance.

But when the appeal was made for contributions to purchase the stock, not only liberal responses came from different sections of the State, but also the greater part thereof came from Greensboro, and not only the Methodists of Greensboro, but the people generally in that splendid city manifested a most commendable liberality in behalf of their time-honored institution. Of course they all were assisting in the preservation of Greensboro Female College; and now as soon as the title is secured to the church, the proposition is made to sell the beautiful site, with its hallowed associations and brick walls standing erect, and to take the proceeds and build a college somewhere else.

It would not be right, and it would be acting in bad faith towards the good people of Greensboro; and for one, I shall not be a party to it.

I have no feeling whatever against any proposition to build a college elsewhere, but instead of throwing obstacles in the way, let all loyal Methodists all over the State send in their contributions, and that the good work begin at once. It is too important to be neglected or forgotten.

Speaking for the trustees, and especially for the Alumnae Association, I wish to announce—Greensboro Female College will be rebuilt on the old site, with modern improvements, conveniences and equipment, and the "two Conferences" will not be called upon "to assume a debt of $200,000," or any other sum.

Let us have faith, and good works: and building, equipment, and endowment will follow.

Down by the Seashore.

A trip to Morehead City and Beaufort will make you feel better for going. They are, and have been in the past, the leading summer resorts of North Carolina, and continue to grow in popularity.

Morehead City is beautifully situated, bound on the south and east by Bogue Sound; in fact, almost surrounded by water, which makes it a most delightful place for recreation and pleasure. Once going to this place you will want to go again, especially after meeting such good and congenial people as the writer finds in these places. These people have the manhood and womanhood enough to stamp out the curse and corruption of these towns, and by this means they have now prohibition, and the writer is informed that business is better, and these places are growing rapidly in both population and Christianity. Go forward, Christians, and continue to work for the good of the Lord and you will be rewarded.

The waves on the sea are beautiful. As I stood and gazed upon them, they reminded me of a passage in the Bible, that a man in his sins is restless and cannot be at ease.

God is the key to life. Life is a miracle. The budding of a rose and the birth of a soul are alike beyond our comprehension, and could we trace vitality to its source,ordinary events would be as impressive as extraordinary. To Drummond the natural was as miraculous as the supernatural. No scientist has ever discovered life, or defended it. It is the touch of God on a dead world. A flower blooms, a bird sings, a brain thinks, a soul loves, when the mystery, which we call life, is present. The moment it is gone the blossom fades, the song ceases, the brains dissolves into dust and the spirit escapes. He who holds the key to life holds the secret of the universe. I hope that I will have the pleasure of again visiting this beautiful place and these God-fearing people.

Very respectfully, B. C. GLOVER,
Travelling Representative Raleigh Christian Advocate.

Easter Celebration.

Mr. Editor:—My apology for sending you this squib for publication in the Advocate is, that the propriety of giving some public notice to our Bethel Sunday-school Easter celebration, upon the ground that it is expected of me, has been represented to me by a member of my church. The occasion was one of very considerable interest. The weather was favorable, and the entire seating capacity of the church was appropriated. The pulpit and chancel were tastefully decorated, measuring up to the ideal of educated esthetic taste.

The program was thoughtfully arranged, and the exercises throughout were very impressive and in harmony with the character of the event which they were designed to commemorate.

Much credit is due Miss Mann and Miss Creef, two of the popular teachers in our growing graded school.

In concluding the exercises, the pastor delivered a short address, which was accepted as a substitute for a sermon on the resurrection of our Lord. W. H. KIRTON.

Bethel, N. C.

Carver's Creek Circuit.

Dear Bro. Ivey:—If you will give me just a little space I will write a few words from Carver's Creek Circuit. The Bishop saw fit to appoint me to this work for the third year, and the people received us very kindly and pleasantly, and we have received many acts of kindness and many words of cheer and encouragement have been spoken to us by our people. We have been the recipients of two nice poundings—one by the good people of Wayman, and the other by kind people of Shiloh, and aside from these, we have received many presents—articles varying in size from a package of coffee to a ham with side and shoulder attached.

We very much appreciate such kindness. It is substantial help in our home, and the kind feeling and spirit that prompts such acts cheer and encourage the pastor. May God bless the dear people, and help us to go in and out among them and serve them as an humble servant of God. I have found some of God's elect on every charge that it has been my privilege to serve. There is quite a number of them on my present charge. Many of them will hear the welcome plaudit, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

I am glad to say the outlook on the work is encouraging. We are building one new church; have most of the material to finish another, and have another in process of being painted. We have organized one Missionary Society since Conference that has started off well.

Truly, we have great cause to thank God and take courage.

You are giving us a good paper. I am glad whenever I can secure a new subscriber for it.

Yours in Christ,

J. J. PORTER.

Notes From Grimesland and Vanceboro Circuit.

My first quarterly meeting has just passed. Brother Bundy came and made himself very useful in that he preached on Saturday and then three times on Sunday. If I am to judge from what I heard of him and his preaching, he made a very favorable impression. I think he is a worthy Presiding Elder.

This circuit has a plenty of work for me to do; but I trust that if the mosquitoes will be peaceful in the summer that I can attend to it.

There are a number of good people on this charge who are a help to the pastor. There are others who are careless and indifferent. If I was not so modest, I could mention some names at two of my churches at least who have been helpful to us both materially and spiritually. They have rendered us a much needed service in giving many things, such as hams, butter, lard, potatoes, etc. Doctor, is this what some of the preachers call pounding? If so, I have been pounded!

It is my great desire and prayer to bring up the collections in full and to increase the missionary spirit on this work, because both are very much needed, and especially the latter.

I have taken a collection in three of my congregations for the American Bible Society, and raised about $7.00, and want to take it in all. Last year only one dollar was raised for this worthy cause.

Every one that takes the Advocate speaks in highest praise of it. It has been but very little trouble to get subscribers, but the field has been canvassed and do not think that I can do much more now.

With best wishes. B. E. STANFIELD.

A Good Word for the Advocate.

Dear Bro. Ivey:—I have been a subscriber to your paper many, many years. It is a great comfort to me in my lonely declining years. I ask you and all the readers to pray for me that I may be enabled, by His grace, to say "thy will, not mine, be done."

"I am waiting, only waiting, till this weary life is o'er."

Your sister in Christ,

MRS. M. E. DAILEY.

Yanceyville, N. C., March 13, 1904.

"Is It Wise" Considered.

Dear Advocate:—Under the caption, "Is it wise," purposter to have been written by "Methodist" in the Advocate of April 6th, we find some amazing things suggested.

The writer argues that while some who live in mission fields have luxurics that the whole field should be self-sustaining. From the same standpoint our free schools should not be tolerated because there are those all over the State who are able to pay tuition for their children. He forgets that the best material, perhaps, is to be quarried from the cabin home where there is squalor more often than luxury.

Our mission circuits, especially, are not to be put on trial balance as to financial profit—though in most cases they will even stand that test—but for the higher benefit we get from the often meagre assistance we render them.

If "Methodist" will read the "Gospel among the Slaves," by the sainted Harrison, he will discover that Methodism owes much to missions.

Before we established missions the pastors' salaries were at a minimum, scant enough for "Methodist," who observed the closest manner of living. Out only the "wear and tare" of equipment, for they lodged among the membership and received $60 per year.

After the missionary was sent out among the rich planters to minister to master and slave, the wonderful change took place among the slaves: they became religious. Their hearts getting right made them of more value to their owners, which resulted in saving, as well as making, much wealth to the rich planter who was honest enough to see and acknowledge it. And he said: "Sir, I must pay you some of this increased wealth which your gosnel has brought to us." Consequently, the first man to get a respectable salary was our missionary.

The mission appointment stood at the top. Just where it ought to stand. Pay the missionary enough so he can do his work without being cramped.

The bishop said: "We sent out missionaries because we believed the Bible. We now believe the Bible because we are sending them."

If we would destroy our faith, take "Methodist's" advice and withdraw support from our mission fields at home. Here is where we find the very men who are to take charge of the affairs of the church in the future day.

Don't get weary of well doing, brother. If you are in the ministry, ask for one of these places and learn its worth; and when you write about such an important matter, sign your name.

Fraternally, H. G. STAMEY.

Troy, N. C., April 12, 1904.

Letter From a "Transfer."

Dear Dr. Ivey:—This is my first letter to the Advocate since I transferred to this Conference, and I simply wish to say, that I have gotten back home and gone to work. Fourteen year's hard work in the Western North Carolina Conference have wrought some change in me, and the same have wrought quite a change in the old Conference to which I return. I was more than pleased with the warm welcome I received at Goldsboro, and with the work to which I was assigned. I did not expect the best charge in the Conference; but I have no doubt I got it. A kinder and more congenial people I never served. They fixed my salary at $800.00, but they have already given me over $100 not included in the salary.

We have undertaken the erection of a new church at Lumberton, one at Barkers, and another at Regans. So, you see, there is work ahead, besides four protracted meetings to be held in the summer. This 250-pounder will likely blow a few times before he gets through with all this work.

But, I feel that God is with me, and I was never happier in my life. God has wonderfully blessed our labors here.

Brother Glenn has just closed a most glorious meeting at Lumberton. Over one hundred conversions or professions of faith; the churches of the town quickened, and forty-three accessions to the Methodist Church, twenty-nine to the Baptist, thirteen to the Presbyterian, and eight to the Tabernacle. I need not say that Brother Glenn is a strong preacher; but I will, he is a growing preacher. He is the only evangelist or revivalist I know of who is improving as a preacher.

It was a treat to have him and his wife stop at the parsonage while here.

I have added sixty-six members to Lumberton Church alone since Conference.

The District Conference convenes here the fifth Sunday in May; or, rather, embraces that Sunday. We shall expect you, Mr. Editor, to stop at the parsonage with your Conference classmate, whose wife is also an old pupil of yours from Gaston County.

Brother Cole, our new Presiding Elder, is in high favor with his people. He looks after every interest of the church. To know him is to love him. We are always glad to have him at Lumberton.

Come to see us.

Your friend and brother, Z. PARIS.

Lumberton, N. C., April 8, 1904.

Beaufort Station.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—For sometime I have been thinking of writing something from Beaufort, but have put it off from time to time until now. One third of the Conference year is now behind us. How time flies! It seems only a few weeks since I bade the good people of Greenville good-bye; and here I am feeling very much at home with a people, that four months ago, were strangers. But no Methodist preachers can be among strangers very long in Beaufort. These people have made the preacher and his family feel perfectly at home with them.

Our Quarterly Conference embraced the fourth Sunday in February. At that time we began a series of meetings which continued about three and a half weeks. Dr. Swindell was with us the first week, and a part of the second and third weeks and did valuable service. He preached nine strong and impressive sermons. The results, so far as the visible part of it is concerned, were ten conversions, several reclaimed, four accessions to the church, and the church, generally, revived. While the results were not all that we desired and hoped for, yet we feel that we are in better shape for work in all the departments of the church than we were before.

Last Thursday night these good people gave us a surprise in the shape of a "pounding." A goodly number came to the parsonage and brought tokens of love and appreciation and deposited them in the dining-room. Of course we appreciated the pounding, but we appreciate the spirit which prompted it more.

Last Sunday—Easter—we raised on the Conference collections, $228.77. We hope to raise the entire amount before District Conference.

H. M. EURE.

Smithfield Station.

Mr. Editor:—I will send you a few notes from Smithfield station. You know this is our first year as a station. I came from Conference, received a most cordial greeting by the brethren, and all the work of the station began most auspiciously. The congregations were large during all the inclement weather of the long winter. We began with one hundred and fifty-two members; have had twenty-one additions, and only five removals. We have paid off the debt of over two hundred dollars on the parsonage and replaced with superior furniture, that which went to Selma, let by the division, at a cost of about one hundred dollars, and paid in full, up to date, the salaries of pastor and Presiding Elder.

Bro. T. R. Hood, with his corps of efficient and faithful officers and teachers, is making a fine Sunday-school. It is growing in interest and numbers. We have organized an Epworth League with fifty-two members, which promises much for our young people.

This excellent people have shown marked kindness to their pastor. The tokens of their appreciation of his services have been many; and on last Monday evening they collected a company and formed a procession of young and old, and led by Bro. W. S. Stevens, surrounded by a bevy of beautiful young girls, entered the parsonage, took possession of the dining-room and deposited there their numerous packages and bundles of the most choice groceries on the market. When the bright faces of the happy band were gone, and the sound of merry, cheerful voices had died away, the occupants of the parsonage entered the dining-room to take an inventory of the good things, and I thought of Paul's words to the Philippians.—4: 18-20. N. E. COLTRANE.

Atlantic.

Dear Advocate:—We reached this charge the 24th of December with family. Had preceded family two weeks, coming here the second Sunday after Conference. We were safely brought and well received and all housed and set up by night after arriving at 12 m. 24th.

Brethren and friends met us before we hardly stopped; they then saw us in the (rented) parsonage O. K.

At our first service we raised our Home Missions in full. Expect to pay all in full this year. Have raised money, bought and paid for new seats for church here, and they are in the church. Going to buy a bell for another—making up money for that now. Have doubled our appointments. The congregations and interest are good at the new points. Organized one new Sunday-school. Sunday-schools now at all points at which we preach. Are speaking of moving one church, and painting and otherwise improving two.

Hope we may have a good year. Some of our people take the Advocate—wish all did.

Yours in the field,

THOMAS W. MANSFIELD.

Clinton Circuit.

Dear Advocate:—We appreciated last week's paper very much. We enjoyed reading the letters from the different preachers, and especially did we enjoy a letter and a picture from our beloved former pastor, Bro. J. G. Johnson. We want him to write often, for Christ said, "Feed my sheep." We desire the sincere milk of the Word that we may grow thereby. If the preachers would all write regularly to the Advocate they could break the bread of life to the people they have served in time past, and thereby feed our hungry souls and perfect that which is lacking in our faith; for one word from those whom we have learned to love will do more good than a dozen from one we have never met.

I will close, with best wishes to the Advocate and its noble editor.

Yours in Christ,

MRS. J. B. R. MERRITT.

Notice to Pastors of Washington District.

Pastors please notify me by card a few days before Conference at Aurora how many of their delegates are coming. Also those that are coming by private conveyance will please inform me at once.

Fraternally, J. M. LOWDER,
Aurora, N. C.

We are glad to learn that Mr. F. P. Brown, one of the Advocate stockholders, and agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, has won one of the prizes offered to the agent writing the largest number of policies during the year. He gets a trip to the Exposition, all expenses paid. Brother Brown deserves it.

That part of your life which you still withhold from God is the very part you must surrender before God can be all in all to you. You must first be all for Him before He can be all in you.

Habit never dies of old age.

Our Boys and Girls

Clinton, N. C., Feb. 29, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. My grandma takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little childrens' page.

I go to every-day school. My teacher is Prof. John I. Singletary.

I will answer David A. Bruton's question: It was Zaccheus, and he climbed it to see Jesus pass by.

Who took Mark and sailed unto Cyprus?

Yours truly,
SALLIE NEWMAN.

Camden, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am eleven years old. I go to Sunday-school. Papa is our Superintendent. Rev. W. E. Hocutt is our preacher, and we like him very much.

I have three brothers and two sisters.

Who knows the Golden Rule?

Enclosed you will find five cents for the Orphanage.

Your unknown friend,
HARRIET McPHERSON.

Keener, N. C., March 8, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl thirteen years old. My mama and Papa are both living, and are Christians. Papa takes the Holiness Advocate, and I would like for him to take the Christian Advocate, for I would like to read the children's letters. We have a glorious prayer-meeting every Sunday night. I will close.

Yours truly,
LULA MAY GAUTIER.

Oxford, N. C., March 3, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters. I go to every day school. I have five sisters and three brothers.

Our school is just three weeks longer, and we are going to have an entertainment the last day.

We have preaching at our school-house every third Sunday.

I am a little twelve-year-old girl.

An unknown friend,
JESSIE MANGUM.

New Bern, N. C., Feb. 29, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My teacher is Miss Ada Lane. Our Superintendent is Mr. Daniel Lane. He was Superintendent of the same school when mama was a girl, and is still at his post.

Papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters very much. My mother and father are both living, and one of my grandmas.

I have five sisters and two brothers living. I enclose ten cents for the Orphaunge.

I will close by asking a question: How long was Noah in building the ark?

Your unknown friend,
EUNICE DIXON.

Glenaloon, N. C., March 4, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the letters from the little folks. I have seven sisters and one brother. We are all members of the M. E. Church, South,—all except the three small ones.

Your little unknown friend,
SHEPPIE HOWARD.

Keener, N. C., March 8, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a boy of fifteen. My papa and mama are both living. I have been going to school. My teacher's name was Mrs. A. M. Barbrey. She was a nice teacher. My school is out now, and I am helping my papa on his farm. You must excuse bad writing. My father does not take the Raleigh Christian Advocate, but I wish he would, for I love to read the childrens' letters. Well I must close, for I am sleepy. Good-night.

Yours truly,
NORMAN T. GAUTIER.

Oxford, N. C., March 3, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I go to school every day I can. My teacher's name is Mr. W. T. Allen, and I like him very much. I have five sisters and three brother.

Papa takes the Advocate, and I like to read the little boys' and girls' letters.

We do not have Sunday-school in the winter, we only have it in the summer. Our pastor is Rev. W. H. Puckett. We also have preaching at our school-house.

I will close before the waste basket catches me.

BESSIE MANGUM.

Hemp, N. C., March 2, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am twelve years old. I am going to school now. My teacher is Mr. J. E. Deaton.

I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My teacher is Mrs. Hoyle. I think she is a fine teacher.

Papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters.

I will answer David Bruton's question: Zaccheus climbed the sycamore tree to see Jesus as he passed by.

How many people died at one time for murmuring against Moses and Aaron?

Your unknown friend,
MAGGIE M. BROWN.

Wanchese, N. C., Feb. 19, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. I go to school, and my teacher is Miss Hattie Taylor, and I like her very well. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher is Miss Aldean Meekins, and I like her very well, and most everybody likes her.

I have two brothers and one sister living, and there are nine dead. My oldest sister has just died.

Well, I must close for this time.

CARLIE L. CAHOON.

Aberdeen, N. C., Feb. 28, 1903.

Dear Advocate:—Our Sunday-school has increased in interest and in number. I will tell you about it: Our Superintendent has got a banner to increase the Sunday-school. The way to increase is to have each class on a roll book, and the class that has the best attendance will get the banner. Class No. 2 got it the first two months. I hope our class will get it next time. Our class is No. 4. Rev. Mr. Oglesby is our pastor. Mr. H. A. Page is our Superintendent, and Mrs. Ellis is my teacher.

BROOKS SHARP.

Kenansville, N. C., Feb. 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy twelve years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the letters from the little boys and girls. Our Sunday-school is not going on now.

I will answer David A. Burton's question: It was Zaccheus that climbed the sycamore tree, and he climbed it to see Jesus.

Inclosed find five cents for the Orphanage.

Yours truly,
BENNIE F. PEARSALL.

Meredith, Fla., Feb. 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—This is Sunday night, and my mama and I have just been reading the little folks' letters in the Advocate. I will answer Erl Sell's question: Solomon was the wisest man.

We have been down here all winter, and I have not seen any snow yet. I have seen the Gulf of Mexico and the St. Johns River, and alligators, and we have lots of oranges.

Sometimes I get home sick for our North Carolina home.

I will be seven years old in May, on Independence Day.

Your little friend,
ANGUS DEEMS PHILLIPS.

Smithfield, N. C., March 13, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eight years old. I go to Sunday-school, and Miss Candice Sanders is my teacher. I like her very much. I go to every-day school, and my teacher is Miss Fannie Freeman, and I like her very much, too.

My mamma takes the Advocate, and I like to read the little boys' and girls' letters.

I inclose 10 cents for the Orphanage.

I will close, hoping to see my letter in print.

Your friend,
HELEN TOMLINSON.

Elease, N. C., March 8, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I have wanted to write to you a long time, but I have never been to school much, and cannot write well with pen and ink. I hoped to learn many things this winter, but have had whooping cough, and could not go to school all the time, especially in bad weather. All of my brothers and sisters(they are six) have whooping cough.

My grandma and one of my uncles take the Advocate, and I enjoy the children's column.

When our Presiding Elder, Mr. Hurley, came to see us last year he told us about the orphans in Raleigh, and I have been trying to earn a little money to send them. Enclosed find 20 cents—ten cents is sent by my little sister, Elizabeth. With best wishes for all the orphans, I am

Your friend,
ELLA C. COGDELL.

Oxford, N. C., March 3, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am nearly nine years old. I send three dollars to the Orphanage in memory of sister Hester, who went to Heaven two years ago last Christmas. She was in her ninth year. Not long before she left us Mrs. Ned Roberts, of Roberts Chapel, Granville Circuit, gave her and myself each a hen. We kept sister's ever since as a missionary hen, till we left Stem. We then gave the hen back to Mrs. Roberts's little boy Vasser, who still keeps her as a missionary hen. She did not always do well, but we received from the sale of her chickens four dollars and forty cents, which we divided equally between Foreign Missions and the Orphanage. To the last-named portion I have added thirty cents from my mite box. The remaining 50 cents of the $3.00 was sister Hester's money. It was given her when she was sick, and it has been in her little pocketbook ever since. Her love for children was beautiful, and she was so fond of our organ, that we know she would be glad for all of the little sum I send to help buy an organ for the little children at the Orphanage. If they have already bought it, then we would like it to be used for the Sunday-school library. We are so glad the Orphanage children have such a lovely, sweet lady as Mrs. Jenkins to care for them. We knew her as Miss Mattie Atwater. Please excuse this long letter.

With love to the Orphanage and Dr. Ivey, I will close.

Your little friend,
VIRGINIA R. PUCKETT.

Comic and Curious.

"This is certainly having words over nothing," mused the wireless telegraph operator as he sent a message.

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"Why, Frankie, what are you reading in that book about bringing up children?"

"I'm just looking to see whether I'm being properly brought up."

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Scribbler: "I'm writing a book called 'How to Live on Five Hundred Dollars a Year.'"

Scrawler: "What's your object?"

Scribbler: "To get the $500."

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His Worship (to prisoner who has been up every month for years): "Ebenezer Noakes, aren't you ashamed to be seen here so often?"

"Bless yer worship, this place is respectable ter some places where I'm seen."

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"Willie, you may finish this piece of pie if you want it," said mother. "It isn't enough to save."

"Mother," said Willie when he had finished it, "a boy in the family comes in very handy when there is a little bit of pie over, doesn't he?"

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Mrs. Crawford: "So you haven't found the course of lectures on cooking you attended to be of much practical use?"

Mrs. Crabshaw: "No, my dear. They either told you how to prepare terrapin and canvasback, or else how to live on fifteen cents a day."

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The printer who interpreted "s. c. hams" as South Carolina hams was surprised when the proofreader corrected the proof to "sugar-cured hams." Abbreviations are perilous things; as witness the expressman who had a package addressed to "Mr. Fish, c. o. d.," and who inquired at the address given for "Mr. Codfish."

Womans Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. B. F. Dixon, Raleigh, N. C.

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As our readers have seen for several weeks past, Dr. Ivey kindly allowed us to have two columns of the Advocate for our missionary news and notes. But the demands upon his space for advertising purposes are such that he can, in the future, allow us but one column.

Send on your contributions, my dear sisters, as you have been doing—very much valuable missionary reading can be placed in that one column.

We appeal again to the Lady Managers of Bright Jewel Bands for communications in the Juvenile department.

There are a few District Secretaries yet to hear from. After the business of the Annual Meeting is over we know these Secretaries too, will gladly commend the work of their auxiliaries in our column.

Mrs. B. N. Mann, the faithful Secretary of the Fayetteville District, has moved to West Durham. There will be regret over her leaving that District where she has done good earnest work; but West Durham will rejoice to have her valuable assistance in the missionary work there.

The following article on the condition of affairs in her District will be read with interest:

"Dear Mrs. Dixon:—The 'bugle call' has been heard—the District Secretaries have awakened.

It gave me much pleasure to read Mesdames Gibbons and Horne's reports. They are fine, and bespeak well of the work done by those elect ladies in their respective Districts.

"As you inquired for the silent Districts, I take pleasure in answering the call for 'Old Fayetteville.' She is alive and progressive. The leaven has been at work. Her auxiliaries are in a flourishing condition. From each auxiliary comes the news: 'We have no delinquents, our dues have been collected.'

We made an effort this year to have the treasurers of the different auxiliaries collect all back dues. Thus we have to the credit of Fayetteville District, a larger amount of dues collected than in any previous year. We shall meet our Pledge.

Miss Mary Pescud, our consecrated missionary, visited many of the auxiliaries, rallying them, and giving them an insight into the grand work carried on in Brazil.

They raised between forty and fifty dollars, which were cheerfully given to Miss Mary to aid her in her work in the field.

"During the fiscal year, auxiliaries have been organized at Lillington, Goldston, Newton Grove; Golden Links at Carthage; Bright Jewels at Steadman.

Our membership shows a decided increase. Taking circumstances into consideration, I can truthfully say Fayetteville has done well. We have only one strong church within our borders—Hay Street, Fayetteville. The others are circuits—some mission churches, aided by the Board. With these facts before us, Fayetteville District, if she fall in line with the stronger, merits praise.

"In conclusion, I must say that I am proud of the work done. Our women—some in the face of adverse circumstances—have labored well, and we can say that God has indeed blessed our work, and that our women are awakening to their responsibility and trying to fulfill the commission of Christ given to Mary Magadalene, 'Go tell my brethren.'

"MRS. B. N. MANN,
"District Secretary."

Woman's Home Mission Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. R. O. Burton, Raleigh, N. C.

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Annual Meeting April 27 to May 2, Selma.

You will be glad to hear that Rev. E. R. Welch will speak at our meeting on Friday evening, 8 p. m.—subject: "The Factory Problem in Our Conference."

During the session Dr. J. W. Jenkins will talk of our Orphanage.

Our President, as you see, is arranging a most interesting program, which I earnestly trust many will enjoy.

Notice.—The A. and N. C. R. R. will grant reduced rates to the Annual Meeting at Selma.

Amity Auxiliary, Lake Landing.

As requested, we write to tell you what our auxiliary of Amity Church is doing. At our last meeting, held March 9th, one-half the members were present; a baby roll was started with three names; a Florine Brigade with eight, and one new member joined us.

By members present dues in full were paid. The enrolment fees of children and new members were paid, except a few cents, which can be readily collected.

The Bulletin for the month was read, and some points carefully studied, especially "A Country Auxiliary," "What Might Have Been," and "Brigade Results." Our Brigade, we are proud to say, is made up of bright, active little girls and boys, that are awake to the usefulness of mite box work, and we feel sure they will find pleasure in giving to the Lord the mites collected by their own willing hands.

We have reason to believe the parents of these children will encourage and help them in many ways. It afforded us much pleasure to visit their homes and invite them to help us work for the dear Savior, who, while on earth, took little children in His arms and blessed them.

Literature sent by our Conference Corresponding Secretary was received too late to be distributed at the meeting, but will be sent out soon.

MRS. M. M. FISHER,
Corresponding Secretary.

New Deaconesses.

Mrsr. L. P. Lansby, Miss Maria Elliott, and Miss Mamie Olsen, will be consecrated as Deaconesses this spring. These make 9 to answer the call for 100! Who can sound the trumpet notes with which to arouse our women who are "at ease in Zion"? City missions are daily asking for workers, and on all sides there is pressing need for women to "join in solid phalanx of attack upon the power of darkness at our very doors."

Applied Christianity.

The Home Mission Society has been called "Applied Christianity." It should develop in our workers (mark the word—those who do not work cannot expect full development) every virtue taught by our Lord. The gamut of service extends from willing help for the most degraded, to the sweet self-sacrifice for those who love best, and the tender, personal interest in all around us. Can every Home Mission woman testify to a knowledge of these experiences?

Mission Notes.

There are now 6,838 preaching stations in Africa, and there are 3,051 missionaries laboring in the Dark Continent.

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The German Christian Endeavor Union has offered to support one or two German missionaries in the Caroline Islands under the care of the American Board, thus filling the places of the English speaking missionaries whom the German government removed.

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In Turkey, India and Ceylon, China, Africa and Japan, the American Board has a total of forty-two dispensaries and twenty-eight hospitals. The Missionary Herald states that 253,800 patients were treated in these hospitals last year, under the superintendence of forty American physicians, twelve of whom were women.

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Bishop Graves writes from China that whereas the Chinese Government has to pay a salary to students to get them to attend the Government institutions for Confucian learning, the schools and colleges of the missionaries are crowded with young Chinese who are willing to pay liberally for their education out of their own pockets.

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The Interdenominational Conference of representatives of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions in the United States and Canada will be held in the future once in two years. At the recent one, held in New York, a proposition that a summer school be held for the training of workers in women's boards received consideration and was referred to a committee to be composed of representatives of the various boards.

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A new hospital has lately been opened at Tsang Chow, China, by the London Missionary Society. A big tablet was presented by the gentry, which states that the location is hereafter to be known by the name of Lo Shan Yuan, which means, "The place of those who delight in doing good." Nearly a thousand people were entertained on the day of opening, and many ornamental tablets and silk or satin scrolls and banners, with complimentary inscriptions, were received.

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The past fifteen years have seen a marvelous growth, numerically, of Korean Christians. In the Methodist communion there are 10,000 enrolled Christians; in the Presbyterian 20,000 more, making 30,000 in all in evangelical Christianity. There are 55,000 Roman Christians, evangelical and Roman Christianity have, in addition, over 100,000 adherents, making a total Christian population of about 200,000 either in the church or favorable to it. This is about 2 per cent of the entire population.

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The interesting work carried on among the deep sea fishermen of Great Britain by Dr. W. T. Grenfell was in its initiative due to the influence of two men, Mr. J. E. K. Studd and Mr. Moody. Dr. Grenfell had been a professing Christian before he met them, and it was not until near the time of his death that Mr. Moody knew what had been the effect of his words. The mission was in existence, but only in its infancy, when in 1889 Dr. Grenfell, just through his studies at the London Hospital, was appointed to superintend the work. In addition to mission ships, which visit the fishing fleet, there are numerous homes for sailors on shore. In recent years, Dr. Grenfell's energies have been directed to helping the fishermen of Newfoundland and Labrador, and his name is now known almost as well amongst the toilers of the deep on this side of the Atlantic as on the other.

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Editorial

THE "UNREST" IDEA.

"The Gospel for an Age of Unrest" is the title of B. Fay Mills' summary of his new gospel.

B. Fay Mills has had a checkered career. For a number of years he did valuable work as a Presbyterian evangelist. Over a decade ago, he became an ardent disciple of George D. Herron, who made such a ship-wreck of his faith on the shoals of sensuality. Mr. Mills then went to Boston where, for two years, he preached to large congregations as a Unitarian pastor. The next thing we hear of him, he is pastor of the First Unitarian Church in Oakland, California.

When Mr. Mills found himself in California, he found himself in the great western hod-bed of religious fads and freaks. He succumbed to the feeundating influence of the peculiar soil and climate, and lo! the erstwhile Presbyterian evangelist has bloomed into the founder of a new religion. The flower was strangely parti-colored, wearing the hues of quasi-Christianity, Hebraism, Theosophy, and Freethinkerism. It is not strange that such an efflorescence should be as the mist of the morning. Mr. Mills, the Dugald Dalgetty of modern ecclesiastical life is now disporting himself in the radiance of Southern California sunshine as the author of "The Gospel for an Age of Unrest."

And such a gospel as it is! It proclaims no special "glad tidings," but only three religions: the Religion of Learners, the Religion of Laborers, the Religion of Lovers. Mr. Mills got the last, we presume, from Herron. The only vertebrated vital part of the new gospel is the declaration that "unselfishness is the solution of every individual and social problem." The remainder is a jellified ethical mass embodying the doctrine that the "unselfishness" can be put on and off with the ease that a man doffs or dons an old coat, and that the great demand of the age is for a more ready willingness for disturbed men and women to be "unselfish."

Mr. Mills' case is a sad one—sad enough to make all men sad. He is drawing nearer and nearer to the rim of that mental and spiritual darkness in whose depths a man must either call out like Jacob at Jabbok to the God of his boyhood days or in despair plunge into the eternal gloom.

Really, Mr. Mills is not such a column or factor in the religious life of this country as to justify us in giving him special prominence in our discussion of religious forces. There are two thoughts, however, which we wish to draw from the career of Mr. Mills.

(1) When a messenger of God loses sight of the fact that the thing which we call sin is the one supreme evil of this world, and begins to gild it and beautify it by labelling it "unrest;" when he loses sight of the fact that the only true gospel is that of Jesus Christ which means "glad tidings" for men and women fast held in the toils of sin;—in other words, when he looks upon the gospel as ministering only to "unrest," he might as well cast away his divine credentials, if these credentials he has, for all the good he may do in relieving the world of its real burden. A cancer specialist can do little for cancer when he treats it as eczema. A messenger to sinners can bring relief only when he brings relief for sin. God save us from the day when our evangelical ministry shall cease to believe and teach the doctrine of the universal prevalence and virulence of sin, and that Jesus Christ is the only cure! That word "unrest" is the key word in the sad tale of B. Fay Mills' spiritual decadence. When the idea got into his mind that "unrest" is humanity's great disease, the idea naturally and logically followed, that such a disease can be cured by the little emollients of social culture.

(2) Mr. Mills lost sight of the fact that the real germ of the true social theory is in the individual heart, and that it can be warmed into life only by the supernatural force of the Holy Spirit sent by the ascended and enthroned Friend of Sinners. Thus losing sight of this fact, he posited what we call salvation in mental and ethical culture. He changed a treatment which Christ designed to be special and individual into a "milk-and-water" panacea for mere social ills. It is no wonder that he lost his grip on God and his hold on sin-cursed humanity.

THE RIGHT KIND OF DIVIDEND.

Every missionary appropriation is made with the expectation that the money expended will bear interest, not in mere dollars and cents, but in spiritual life or that which promotes spirituality. We are sorry that the expectation has lacked fulfillment in so many cases that it is a complaint that the ordinary appropriation for a home mission point is fruitless. There is certainly no reason why it should be.

This has been forcibly illustrated in the recent history of Epworth Church, Raleigh, and in making this statement we are not implying that the same is not true at other points.

For years, the little church known as Epworth, seemed to stand in bashful shrinking timidity in North Raleigh. The passer-by could easily imagine the church as saying in the language of persistent Lot: "Is it not a little one?"

But some time ago, the progressive and faithful young pastor, Rev. J. M. Culbreth, took it into his head that great things could be done for Epworth. He made plans, at which of course, wise heads were shaken. When was it ever otherwise. Culbreth though is a man of large faith, and has a military temperament like unto that of Dewey and Togo, which dashes in among the mines.

Now there is an imposing building with handsome auditorium and Sunday-school room, supplied with opera chairs and a fine piano. The green yard in front is a landscape picture. The members are enthusiastic and energetic. What is better, the pastor has just concluded revival services which resulted in about twenty-five conversions. Fourteen were received into the church on last Sunday.

This is what we call a case of good dividend paying. May it be repeated at every mission point. By the way, Culbreth believes that the Epworth League Union of Raleigh can support a city missionary. It would be well to watch him as he manipulates this idea.

THREE PRIZES.

One of the new and unique features of the Handbook for 1905 will be a photographic display of the exterior ornamentation of Methodist parsonages in North Carolina.

There is nothing in a material way that is of more importance to Methodist life than the development of an interest in the beautifying of the preachers' home.

In order to stimulate and develop this interest, the North Carolina Methodist Handbook will offer:

(1) Twelve and one-half dollars to the preacher's wife or daughter who will send us by October 1, 1904, a photograph of the most tasty living floral decoration of the parsonage front which may include doorway, windows, piazza and space immediately in front.

(2) Seven and one-half dollars to the sender of the photograph second, in artistic taste.

(3) Five dollars for the one-third in artistic taste.

A committee from one Conference will pass on the parsonages of the other.

You can see that a simple cottage has as good a chance to win the prize as a larger and costlier house. A parsonage with only a window and doorway has an equal chance with a parsonage with balconies, etc. Simple artistic effect is what is aimed at. Flowers, shrubs, and vines to be used.

Those who enter the contest must send us their names by July 15. The photographs must be in our hands by October 1, 1904.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

Washington District, Aurora—May 11-16.
New Bern District, Beaufort—June 30-July 3.
Raleigh District, Cary—June 30-July 3.
Wilmington District, Southport—July 28-July 31.

The dates of the other District Conferences will be published as they are announced by the Presiding Elders.

ANOTHER NORTH CAROLINA BOOK.

Dr. Charles Lee Raper, Associate Professor of Economics and Associate Professor of History, in the University of North Carolina, has lately brought out a most valuable historical work which has been favorably received in England and Germany. It is entitled, "North Carolina: A Study in English Colonial Government." Dr. Raper has in a scholarly, accurate, and luminous way drawn from the original records those facts which are necessary in giving to the reader a history of provincial government in North Carolina. He has spared no time in making the most careful investigations, and his work will prove one of the most valuable books brought out by any North Carolinian.

THE CRAVEN PORTRAIT.

Scattered throughout North Carolina and many other States of the Union are thousands of the friends and pupils of Braxton Craven whose impress for good on humanity was strong and has proved lasting.

The letters which we are receiving from those who are contributing to the fund to be used in the execution of an oil portrait which is necessary to complete the noble monument in the shape of the Memorial Hall on Trinity Park are surcharged with an affectionate and admiring devotion which is wonderful.

We have just received a letter from Bro. J. A. Edwards, of Snow Hill, N. C., the oldest living graduate of Trinity, who received his diploma just fifty years ago next June. He speaks in warmest terms of his old preceptor and wants to know how much he is expected to give, as he feels that the opportunity of contributing to this portrait fund is a high and rare privilege.

Mrs. A. G. Headen, of Pittsboro, N. C., sends a dollar in memory of her dear brother James A. Williamson, deceased, who was a pupil of Dr. Craven.

We trust to hear within the next few days (for the time is short) from hundreds with a material contribution.

We have received the following since our report last week:

W. M. Russ, Raleigh, N. C.	$5.00
G. W. Holmes, Kittrell, N. C.	2.00
Rev. J. Ed. Thompson, Charlotte, N. C.	3.00
Mrs. A. G. Headen, Pittsboro, N. C.	1.00
Thos. Taylor, Townesville, N. C.	1.00
Amount previously reported	94.25
Total to date	106.25
Total amount needed	500.00

We trust that this amount will be greatly increased by next week. Send in your contribution at once to T. N. Ivey, Committee, Raleigh, N. C.

The Charlotte Observer, in a very forcible way, calls attention to the singular fact that Vasili Verestchagin, the noted Russian artist who went down on the ill-fated Petropavlovsk last week and who had consecrated his life to the great work of making war hideous through his genius, himself became a victim of war.

Yet, after all, such a case is not uncommon. How often the savior becomes a victim of the thing he fights! Christ came to save men from sin, yet he became a victim of sin. Verestchagin only illustrates the old story told serially through the centuries that righteousness becomes established by laying some bleeding sacrifice on an altar which evil builds.

Never give the tongue its full liberty, but always keep it under control.

Methodist Mention

In Tokio, Japan, three of the eight daily papers have Christian editors.

Rev. E. C. Glenn will begin a meeting in Burlington on next Sunday.

The Emory boys won this time in the intercollegiate debate, but watch out for Trinity next time.

The South Carolina Conference has 79,082 members, an increase of about 1,200 over the year before.

The Wilmington District Conference will meet at Southport July 28, and will embrace the fifth Sunday.

Prof. E. C. Brooks, of Raleigh, will deliver the address at the commencement of Readland Academy.

The sum of $625.00 was subscribed for Greensboro Female College at the Mount Airy District Conference.

We are glad to learn that Dr. Jonathan Sanford is himself again and preached to his congregation on last Sunday.

Prof. Borden P. Bowne, of Boston University, has been acquitted of the charge of heresy on every specification.

Thirty-three young men have lately received diplomas from the Medical Department of Vanderbilt University.

Revs. Sam Jones and George Stuart are announced to begin a series of meeting in Greensboro the first of May.

It is claimed by one of our editors that the New Order of Worship is more acceptable to the laity than to the preachers.

The total contributions for debts and endowments under the Metropolitan Thank Offering Fund amounts to more than $1,030,000.

Rev. J. O. Guthrie says that the contract for a new church at Princeton has been let and that work on the building will begin May 1st.

Rev. D. H. Comann, of the Western North Carolina Conference, assisted Pastor W. W. Rose in a good meeting at Weldon last week.

The New Orleans Preachers' Meeting passed a resolution requesting our Bishops to withhold their approval of the new "Order of Service."

Dr. S. A. Steel has been tendered the presidency of the Methodist University at Oklahoma City—the joint property of the M. E. Chruch and the M. E. Church, South.

Do not forget that Dr. H. M. Hamill and Mrs. Hamill will conduct a Sunday-school Institute in Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, Monday and Tuesday, June 28, 29.

Rev. R. F. Bumpas is to preach the annual sermon before the Woman's Home Mission Society of the North Carolina Conference at the session in Selma, April 27 to May 2.

The sad news comes to us that Rev. I. N. Mann, of Siler City, is critically ill. The church will lose in his death one of its worthiest and most faithful local preachers.

In Alabama last year 8,433 persons were received into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on profession of faith. This was an average of twenty-two persons for each charge.

A Boston jury has rendered a verdict against the editor and publishers of Zion's Herald, giving Dr. E. A. Schell, formerly Epworth League Secretary of the M. E. Church, damages to the extent of $24,000.

Rev. J. C. Humble, P. C., requests us to say that the new church, Asbury, on the Goldston Circuit, will be dedicated on the third Sunday in May. Rev. J. B. Hurley, P. E., will preach the dedicatory sermon. All former pastors are cordially invited to be present.

The commencement sermon at Vanderbilt University will be preached June 12 by Bishop Candler. Judge Dickinson, of Chicago, will deliver the literary address, and Mr. Charles N. Burch, the alumni oration.

How vain is all the talk about the decline of religious journalism! For the last year and a half the New York Chritsian Advocate has been receiving on an average one thousand new subscribers per month.

A series of lectures by eminent men has been arranged during the General Conference of the M. E. Church at Los Angeles. Among the lecturers will be Bishops Warren, Fowler, Vincent, Drs. Buckley, Quayle, Mason, and Palmer.

Sixteen Conference organs of the M. E. Church, South, have Epworth League Departments ably edited. Rev. H. B. Anderson deserves great credit for the interesting way in which he edits the Epworth League column for the Raleigh Advocate.

The Eleventh Annual Convention of the North Carolina Sunday School Association will be held in Greensboro, April 26-29; and I feel sure you will be glad to help in making it a success. Present indications point to the largest and best Convention the Association has ever held.

The Summer School at Raleigh for this year promises to be an occasion of unusual significance and importance. It promises to be greater in every particular than the one last year. A large and expert faculty has been secured, and it is probable the attendance will be among the thousands. Secretary C. J. Parker is showing great skill and executive ability in promoting this valuable enterprise. Drs. Kilgo and Mims of Trinity College are on the program.

Lewis Cole, eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Cole, of Rockingham, N. C., died on last Thursday night. He was just blooming into manhood. He was only nineteen years old. He was a bright, manly youth. About one year ago he had a serious spell of typhoid fever, from which he never recovered. His death on last Thursday night resulted from that sickness. Lewis was ready for death. He has left behind him a name which should be an inspiration to every young man. His remains were carried to Durham on last Friday and buried the same afternoon in the presence of many sympathizing friends. We mourn with the stricken father and mother and brothers and sisters.

A party connected with the Florida Seminary, consisting of President and Mrs. Walker, Miss McRea, Miss Slaughter, Miss O'Conner, Miss Newton, and O. D. Bourland, left Sutherland on the morning of April 4 for a pleasure sail to Anclote. As they were returning in the afternoon, the boat capsized in a gale, and Mrs. Walker, Miss McRea, Miss O'Conner, Miss Slaughter, and O. D. Bourland were drowned. President Walker and Miss Newton were rescued in the morning, after clinging to the upturned boat all night. They are in a precarious condition, but hopes are entertained for their recovery. Mrs. Walker leaves six little children. Miss McRae and Miss Slaughter were teachers in the Seminary.—Florida Christian Advocate.

"Isaac Insight," in the Biblical Recorder, undertakes in his regulative capacity, to deal over the left shoulder of ritualistic Baptists a stinging blow on the body of ritualistic Methodists. But the blow strangely lands on the Bishops who are rebuked for having in effect tyrannically ordered, formed, and enforced the New Order of Worship. Now the truth is, the Bishops were actually ordered by the General Conference, one-half of whose membership is composed of laymen, to appoint a Committee to formulate the "New Order of Worship." Really the Bishop had less to do with it than the humblest lay member of the General Conference. We would suggest to "Isaac" that the safest and most appropriate place for him to establish a reputation for accuracy, and incidentally to illustrate a certain old adage which contains a wise exhortation on the subject of "attention to business," is the discussion of ritualism, etc., in his own church.

Publisher's Column

THE CAMPAIGN FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The Conference has requested each District to furnish 150 new subscribers by May 1, 1904. The report of each District will be made weekly in this column. The District reporting the largest number of new subscribers by May 1, 1904, will receive a present not costing less than $25.00, to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

The following new subscribers have been received since April 13, 1904:

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The following shows how many new subscribers have been received from each District since Conference:

Warrenton District	176	increase for week 24
Rockingham District	131	increase for week 7
Fayetteville District	115	increase for week 8
Washington District	98	increase for week 2
Raleigh District	96	increase for week 2
Elizabeth City District	84	increase for week 7
Wilmington District	75	increase for week 16
New Bern District	72	increase for week 8
Durham District	64	increase for week 2
Total increase for week	76	
Total to date	911	

The position of the Districts is the same as last week with this exception: Wilmington moves from the lowest position to the seventh. This throws Durham to the bottom again, while New Bern is next to the last.

Warrenton has 26 over her quota. Rockingham lacks only 19; Fayetteville, 35.

ONLY ONE WEEK MORE.

Our preachers and laymen accepted in dead earnest the Conference Resolution pledging 150 new subscribers for each of the nine Districts in the North Carolina Conference.

The tables which we have now been publishing for more than two months show a commendable loyalty to the Advocate on the part of preachers and laymen. It makes us feel proud that we represent in an editorial capacity such people. Some of the preachers have made phenomenal records in securing new subscriptions. Others have not sent in so many, but this does not mean that in sending in the small number they have sent in, they did not manifest the same energy and devotion manifested by those who sent in a larger number. To one and all, we extend our thanks.

There is only one more week. We lack only a little over 400 new subscribers to have the number aimed at. A majority of the preachers have already responded. Some have not been heard from. We do not assume that these latter brethren lack interest in the Advocate. No, not by any means.

Now what we want is a grand rally during this last week of the Campaign. Let those from whom we have not heard rejoice us by helping to raise the full number. Let those who have been sending in send in more. Let our laymen strive during this the last week to send in each at least one new subscriber. Let it be remembered that our highest motive is not to work for the highest District record, but for the cause of Christ. The District, the charge, which during this year will have the largest percentage of Advocate readers, will have an advantage which cannot be properly estimated. Methodism advances when Methodists read their church paper.

And now to the work! Let us publish a phenomenal record next week in publishing the total record by Districts showing how much each preacher has done.

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The April number of the Canadian Era is a floral number. The cuts are all beautiful and some very suggestive, and it is filled with very interesting reading.

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A little plant was given to a sick girl. In trying to take care of it the family made changes in their way of living. First, they cleaned the window, that more light might come to its leaves; then when not too cold, they would open the window, that fresh air might help the plant to grow; next the clean window made the rest of the room look so untidy that they used to wash the floor and walls and arrange the furniture more neatly. This led the father of the family to mend a broken chair or two, which kept him at home; and then as home grew attractive, the whole family loved it better, and grew healthier and happier with their flowers. Thus the little plant brought a real blessing.—Exchange.

Conference Resolutions.

Are they of any value? They may be of some ethical value as they are a tacit recognition, by the body, of the utility of the thing resolved; but they are of little practical value; since they are seldom ever realized among the actualities of church life. If the committee or board that secured the passage of it should insist on the execution of a Conference resolution we regard the effort as an officious intrusion, and resent it by casting all such communications, unread, into the proverbial "waste basket." We have not, or seem not to have, any time to make a courteous reply to communications concerning matters of Conference business.

Even those of us to whom issues are committed seem to be indifferent to every other interest. We make so great a cathrough about matters we have in hand that we are deafened to all other calls.

Two brethren after repeated calls through the Advocate to the several interests committed to them were complaining at the members of the Conference for neglect of a plain duty when one received a personal appeal from the other and both realized that they were guilty of the same thing of which they were complaining of in others. The lesson is clear. The great need of co-operation is clearly manifest. There is the Orphanage, the Sunday-schools, the Epworth League, missions, the Women's Home and Foreign Missions, each in itself a worthy cause, and connectional in its interests, that should share the intelligent concern of all, and specially of all ministers. And yet there seems to be a tendency among us to stand aloof, with "hands off" everything that does not officially concern us. A warm brotherly interest of all these varied enterprises of the church would set them forward to a glorious success.

Without a dissenting voice the following was passed at the Goldsboro Conference:

"Looking to the enlarged usefulness of future Methodism, as well as the present organization and development of the young life of our connstituency, now going astray or drifting into other churches, we recommend that in every district there be appointed by the Presiding Elder, an organizer whose duty it shall be to promote the organization of League Chapters wherever feasible, who shall also, with the assistance of the Presiding Elder, hold a District League Conference, either separate or in conjunction with the Sunday-school Conference."

Has there been a single organizer appointed? If not, why not? Is there not a single available man in either of the districts or is the resolution impracticable? It cannot be correctly said that the League is impracticable.

To Make the Tramp a Man.

General Booth, it seems, has been studying the tramp question, and has issued a pamphlet on the subject, in which he expresses the conviction—a conviction shared by others who have made it a matter of study—that there is no remedy for the tramp evil but compulsory labor, not in prisons, but in labor colonies. He proposes giving magistrates power to commit vagrants to colonies or settlements, for not more than three years; these colonies to be established by poor law or municipal authorities, or by charitable societies, the public funds being applied to assist in defraying the expenses. The tramp has to have the idleness habit broken, and the work habit formed, and time and training and oversight are needed for that. Given such training and oversight, for sufficient time, particularly under religious influences, and the tramp might become a useful and industrious member of society. It would certainly be worth trying, for the tramp is a waste product of our modern civilization—at once a nuisance and a menace.—Exchange.

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Sunday School

Lesson for April 24, 1904.

The Mission of the Seventy.

Luke 10: 1-16.

Golden Text. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. Luke 10:2.

Soon after his Transfiguration Jesus completed his great Galilean ministry. After a brief visit to Jerusalem at the Feast of Tabernacles, he returned to Galilee for a few weeks, and then entered into Perea.

The Seventy Sent Forth.—An important feature of the Perean ministry was the sending forth of seventy disciples to prepare the cities and villages for the coming of Jesus.

Nothing is known positively concerning the identity of these seventy men who were sent forth, but Eusebius mentions an interesting tradition that among them were Barnabas, the companion of Paul, Matthias, who was chosen in place of Judas, Joseph Barabbas (Acts 1:23), and Sosthenes (1 Cor. 1:1).

The seventy were sent forth, two by two, just as had been done previously in the case of the twelve apostles. This was the wisest method, for thus each could supplement the work of the other.

The Instructions of the Master.—The body of our lesson is taken up with the instruction given by Christ to the seventy as they went on their mission. Some of these instructions were adapted simply to the particular circumstances under which the seventy went forth, while there are some of the Master's directions which will always apply to missionary work everywhere.

The mission of the seventy was to be a brief one, and therefore they were not to go prepared as if for a long journey. They were to depend, for their entertainment, not on arrangements made beforehand, but on the generous hospitality of those to whom they were sent.

Like the Master, their mission was to be one of teaching preaching and healing. They were to proclaim the coming of the kingdom of God, and to demonstrate the validity of their claim as disciples of the Lord by the miracles which they performed.

A close study of our lesson throws many side-lights upon Oriental customs. For example, the injunction to salute no man by the way suggests the formal and elaborate method of salutation in the East, which would have greatly embarrassed and delayed the disciples, if they had attempted to salute all those whom they met in their journeying. The direction to enter into houses, unbidden, and to remain in the same house as long as they stayed in any one place, reflects the Oriental custom which prevails where there are no inns, and which requires that for a limited period, due hospitality be shown to any stranger who presents himself. Even the wiping off the dust as a sign against any city that refused to receive them mirrors the Oriental custom, which often expresses in action what in our more reserved manner we indicate simply by word of mouth.

Words of Warning.—The closing portion of our lesson includes the Master's sad prediction of woe upon the cities and towns that persistently rejected himself and his disciples. We must always remember that destruction came upon Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum and Jerusalem, not because Christ predicted their fate, but because of their own wickedness and folly. Christ foresaw their continued rejection of himself and of his message, and this explains the severity of his utterance.

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101	105		104	102
A. M.	P. M.	Lv. Ar.	A. M.	P. M.
7 20	4 15	.....Raleigh.....	9 45	6 35
7 35	4 25	S.....†Caraleigh Mills...	9 30	6 20
7 45	4 30	F.....*Sylvania.....	9 30	6 15
7 54	4 39	F.....† Barnes.....	9 20	6 06
8 00	4 45	F.....Hobby.....	9 14	6 00
8 15	4 52	M.....†McCULLERS....	9 10	5 55
8 25	4 56	F.....Banks.....	8 58	5 40
8 30	4 59	F.....Austins.....	8 55	7 36
8 50	5 07	S.....†Willow springs....	8 40	5 30
9 05	5 15	M.....† JOHNSON MILL....	8 40	5 15
9 15	5 17	F.....† Cardenas.....	8 38	5 05
9 20	5 21	S...C. F. & N. Junction	8 33	5 01
9 25	5 26	S.....† Fuquay Springs..	8 30	4 50
9 40	5 31	F.....Buckhorn.....	8 20	4 35
9 45	5 36	F.....Rawls.....	8 7	4 30
10 00	5 45	S.....† Chalybeate.....	8 10	4 20
10 05	5 50	S.....Bradley.....	8 00	4 06
10 15	6 00	F.....*Smith Mill.....	7 55	4 00
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No. 66.

11.35 a. m.—"Seaboard Mail" for Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston. Connects at Richmond with C. and O. for Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis; at Washington with Pennsylvania and B. and O. for all points.

No. 57. SOUTHBOUND.

4.15 a. m.—"Seaboard Express" for Charlotte, Atlanta, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Tampa and all points South and Southwest.

No. 41.

4.00 p. m.—"Seaboard Local Mail" for Charlotte, Atlanta and all local points. Connects at Atlanta for all points South and Southwest.

No. 27

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Secular News

STATE.

Ex-Mayor Wm. H. Dodd, of Raleigh, died on last Sunday morning.

Charlotte is making great preparation for her 20th of May celebration.

The total amount of pension warrants issued this year in this State was $202,000.

Judge Ewart's friends claim that he will without doubt receive the Republican nomination for Congress in the Tenth District.

It is reported that capacity of the railroad shops at Spencer, N. C., will be doubled. Seventy-five thousand dollars a month are now paid in wages at that place.

Train No. 35, the through passenger train on the Atlantic Coast Line was wrecked last Monday night, by dashing into an open switch. Several people were injured.

The State Association of Elks is to meet in Winston-Salem, May 11th and 12th, at which time the handsome and costly home and auditorium will be formally dedicated.

The Commission appointed by Governor Aycock to inquire into the affairs of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad are now taking testimony. The hearings are secret.

Mr. James M. Norwood, Chief Clerk in the Raleigh Dispensary, has resigned; giving as his reason that he had conscientious scruples about selling whiskey. He is a member of Raleigh Tabernacle Church.

Judge Peebles is holding Columbus Superior Court this week. It is not known whether he will bring contempt proceedings against the Robeson County attorneys who refused to make a calendar for the term of court over which he was to preside, or not.

A number of prominent North Carolina cotton mill men are to take part in the program of the eighth annual convention of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association which will be in session in Arlington Hotel, Washington, D. C., May 11th to 12th.

Northwest wind and clouds Saturday night and Sunday saved the fruit and vegetable crops of Eastern Carolina. The farmers feared that great damage would be done, but the temperature kept well above freezing and there was no trace of frost throughout the district.

State Auditor B. F. Dixon says that there will be probably $4,000 in pension warrants returned by the registers of deeds on account of the death of pensioners. Quite a number of counties, probably half, have already returned the unclaimed pension warrants amounting probably to $2,000.

The Democratic Convention of the Third Congressional District has been called to meet at Goldsboro, N. C., on Tuesday, June 21, 1904, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the nomination of a Democratic candidate for Congress, a Democratic presidential elector, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Convention.

The Southern Student Conference of Young Men's Christian Associations will be held in Waynesville, N. C., on July 10 to 19. This conference has been held annually since 1892 for the purpose of promoting organized Christian work among Southern college and preparatory school students, and of training the student leaders of this work.

GENERAL.

A Sicilian tribunal sentenced a noted forger to imprisonment for 189 years.

The Seven Star Inn at Manchester, England, boasts of having been licensed for 550 years.

Corean commerce amounts to about $15,000,000 per annum, the imports being double the exports.

John T. Stetson, director of pomology at the World's Fair, says that apples are a cure for bad habits.

The cost of taking the first census was a little over 1 cent per head; that of the last census 17 cents.

The State Convention of New York Monday to elect delegates to the National Democratic Convention instructed for Judge Parker for President.

A drinking cup, pronounced by the British Museum to be 3,000 years old, has been found in a field at Stoneington, Essex. It is now in the Chelmsford Museum.

Only 6,550 death from cholera in the Turkish empire were reported for the year ending February 22 last, but experts believe the real number was three times as large.

The second graphite deposit of any extent in the United States was discovered recently near Cameron, Col., the vein measuring from 15 to 40 feet in width. Thorough tests show it to be worth $250 a ton.

Patent medicines are never sold in apothecary shops in Sweden. The government limits the number of these shops and there are only 350 in the whole country, Stockholm, with a population of 300,000, having only 22.

Final arrangements have just been concluded between the Hungarian government and the Cunard line establishing a fortnightly service between Fiume and New York. Three steamers are detailed on the line.

It is stated that over 2,700,000 tons of dust ejected from the Soufriere volcano in St. Vincent have fallen on the Island of Barbadoes. The dust, contrary to expectations, has been found to have no fertilizing value.

Russia bought from the United States in 1903 nearly $20,000,000 worth of goods, which is double the average of previous years, and sold the United States nearly 11,000,000 worth, which is an increase of 50 per cent over previous years.

The wine output for California for 1902 was 43,000,000 gallons, and for 1903 was 35,700,000 gallons, made up as follows: Dry wines, 22,000,000 gallons; sweet wines, according to internal revenue returns, 13,000,000 gallons; commercial brandy, 700,000 gallons.

New Orleans reports the best building prospects ever known in that city. Plans are definitely adopted for structures which will cost more than $6,000,000, the largest single undertaking being a hotel which will represent the investment of about a million dollars.

Fruit growers in California complain loudly of delays in getting their products to the Eastern markets and blame the railroads for an insufficient supply of cars. Oranges have been so cheap in the principal cities of the East that there is some question whether a more rapid movement of citrus fruits to the Atlantic seaboard and the Mississippi valley would have better conditions for the California growers.

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Graham.

When Burlington becomes the western suburb of Graham and Haw River its eastern annex, it will be a big town. As it is, it is larger than we expected to see. There seemed to be no trouble as to the entertainment of the Durham District Conference. We were able to get in a ten minutes' talk to the Conference on Friday morning, and to take a small collection Friday night. The elegant home of Capt. E. S. Parker furnished this way-worn traveller a sweet resting place during his stay in the capital of Alamance.

A Proposition.

It may be that our friends have not prayed enough for the success of our work. Will not every man, woman and child that reads this, offer up each day a prayer, if not but one sentence—God bless the Orphanage; God help us to complete our Main building? The orphan's father and God will hear. The going on of the work will be the answer. The "Faith" building at the Thorwill Orphanage at Clinton, S. C., was commenced without a dollar. The work never ceased a single day. They paid up weekly. When finished, there was not a dollar's debt upon it. Will not all who respond to this proposition drop me a card to that effect.

Running Comment.

Our turnips are blossoming.

Our spring salad is up—collards, mustard and lettuce.

Salad onions are growing nicely. They will soon be shedding a sweet perfume from the kitchen.

Our silver skins are coming up. So are our English peas, and radishes.

The wild violets are blooming nicely; and the blushing hyacinth with its aroma. Soon the flaming honeysuckle will be inviting our boys and girls to the woods.

We planted early corn and snap beans today, March 30. Did not wait for good Friday.

Our bees arrived yesterday and are at work beautifully. They worked not so beautifully on me in bringing them. One put his dagger into the back of my neck, and several got an inning on Bob—the horse. They made things lively for a little while. Thanks to Brother George Mitchiner for them.

Work Going On.

I found twenty hands at work on our building on my return from Plymouth and Greenville County, Tuesday, 22nd inst. That makes things look lively. We hope it will be still more lively next week. We are expecting a full corps of carpenters soon. The heaving hammer, shaking saw, pushing plane, mauling mallet, and chipping chisel will ring through this grove. Let them ring, it will be music to our ears. We would rather hear that now than Orpheus' lyre. If our friends will send along the sine qua non, it will be kept humming until the katydids scratch their hind legs in great glee, and make the trees tremble and the very stars quiver in gladness. Send it on, beloved. There are more than fifty windows waiting to be taken—$2 and $4 a piece—cheap. The proposition will not always stand open. Don't be too late. But better late than never.

Plymouth.

Plymouth—not Plymouth Rock—but down on the classic Roanoke—is very dear to my heart. It was my first pastoral charge. Some said that the congregation there was the most intelligent in the North Carolina Conference. Joseph Ramsey, General Hizzie Spruill, William Bagley, Charles Latham, H. B. Short, Asa Gaylord and Dr. Bell, the many-sided preacher, lawyer, doctor, constituted an official board in 1860, that could not well be beaten. They have all gone. But a goodly set are there still. They have not lost the spirit of hospitality either. If you believe it has, step in and sit down at the table of Norman and let his wife and cultured daughter prepare you a meal. Somehow the brethren give me the best homes in the towns where I go. They are so kind to this old man. Plymouth is still dear to my heart, though my friends of the long ago, have all gone.

Items.

Our gardening goes on apace. Cabbages planted.

Thanks to Mrs. Elias Jenkins and Mrs. W. H. P. Jenkins and Miss Sallie Jenkins, for various kinds of seeds for our truck patch. We expect to raise "some pumpkins" this year.

Speaking of doctors—we do not think that the Raleigh doctors can be beaten. Then they are so kind. We are under special obligations to Drs. McGhee, father and son; Dr. McNider, and Dr. R. H. Lewis. So also to Drs. Flemming and Whitaker, dentists. These friends charge our orphans nothing for their services. The orphans bless them in their Father's name.

We are indebted to Mr. Wharton, photographer, for reduced rates on our childrens pictures, and to Mr. Fred Watson for pictures of the children free of cost. Also for photos of the Superintendent and the Matron free. May their shadows never grow less!

We have planted a half dozen pecan trees. Thanks to Captain and Mrs. B. P. Williamson. If our grand children have to be cared for here, they will get the benefit of them.

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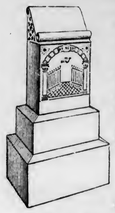

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Hatteras, at Cape, April 16, 17
Kennekeet, at Clarkes, April 18
Roanoke Island, April 20
Camden, at Trinity, April 23, 24
Moyock, at Moyock, April 24, 25
Currituck, April 30, May 1
Dare, at Stumpy Point, May 7, 8
Kitty Hawk, at Colli-gion, May 10
Columbia, May 14, 15
Roper, May 21, 22
Pantego and Belhaven, May 28, 29
Plymouth, June 4, 5

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Shallotte, Sharon, April 9, 10
Town Creek, Zion, April 16, 17
Clinton, Kendall, April 22
Kenansville, Wesley, April 23, 24
Elizabeth, Singleta-y, Ap il 30, May 1
Magnolia, Rose Hill, May 7, 8
Carver's Creek, Hebron, May 14, 15
Onslow Queen's Creek, May 21, 22
Scott's Hill, Union May 28, 29
New River, Snead's Ferry, June 4
Burgaw, Wallace, June 11, 12
Grace, June 12

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Pamlico, Barnes, April 16, 17
Oriental, Smith Creek, April 23, 24
Mount Olive Circuit, Providence, April 30 to May 1
Dover, Dover, May 7-8
Snow Hill, Mount Herman, May 14-15
Sarah's, Springfield, May 21-22
Atlantic, Wit. May 23-24
Morehead, May 26
Carteret, Bethel, May 28-29
Beaufort, Bethel, May 29
St. John, June 1
Grifton, Grifton, June 3-5
Hookerton, Ormonds, June 4-5
LaGrange, Trinity, 11-12

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. S. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Elise, Tabernacle, April 15
Carthage, High Falls, April 16, 17
Jonesboro, Morris Chapel, April 23, 24
Sher City, Hickory Mountain, April 29
Pittsboro, Brown's Chapel, April 30, May 1
Lillington, Spring Hill May 6
Buckhorne, Olive Branch, May 7, 8.
Sanford, Jones Chapel, May 13
Goldsboro, Asbury, May 14, 15
Newton Grove, May 20
Dukes, Elevation, may 21, 22
Sampson, May 27
Fayetteville, Hay Street, May 29, 30

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Robeson, Bethesda, April 16, 17
Aberdeen, Asbury, April 23, 24
Pekin, Sardis, April 30, May 1
Mt. Gilead, Troy, May 7, 8
Montgomery, Ophir, May 14, 15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

South Rocky Mount, April 16, 17
Rocky Mount, April 17, 18
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, April 24, 25
Swan Quarter, Soule, April 27
Matttamuskeet, April 30 and May 1
Fairfield (night) May 1
Nashville, York Chapel, May 7, 8
Aurora (District Conference), May 14
Farmville, Bethlehem, May 21, 22
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Salem, May 28, 29
Greenville, Zion, May 29
Bethel, Shiloh, June 4, 5
Tarboro, at night, June 5

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

West Durham, April 17, 18
Durham, Mangum Street, April 18, at night
Leasburg Circuit, at Bethel, April 23, 24
Alamance Circuit, at Lebanon, April 30, May 1
Yanceyville Circuit, at Locust Hill, May 7, 8
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, at Mt. Tirzah, May 14, 15
Burlington Circuit, at Mt. Vernon, May 21, 22

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Youngsville, April 16th
Louisburg, April 17th
Oxford Circuit, Hermon' April 23, 24
Clayton, Mt. Zion, April 30th, May 1
Millbrook, Oak Grove May 7, 8
Brooklyn, at night, May 8
Granville Circuit, May 14, 15
Cary, May 21, 22
Kenly, May 28
Wakefield, May 28, 29
Tar River, May 28, 29

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Roanoke Circuit, Tabor, Feb. 17
Hobgood, Hobgood, Feb. 20, 21
Scotland Neck, Feb. 21, 22
Garysburg, Garysburg, Feb. 27, 28
Henderson, March 6, 7
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 15, 20

SECOND ROUND.

Northampton, Rehoboth, March 26, 27
Conway, Zion, March 27, 28
Rich Square, Lewiston, March 29
Bertie, Cashie, March 31
Harrellsville, Van's Grove, April 2, 3
Murfreesboro, April 3, 4
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, April 6
Hobgood, Palmyra, April 9, 10
Scotland Neck, April 10, 11
Warrenton, Warren Plains, April 16, 17
Littleton, Calvary, April 23, 24
Weldon, May 1, 2
Battleboro and Whitakers, McTyeire, May 7, 8
Roanoke Circuit, Ebenezer, May 14, 15
Gerysburg, Oak Grove, May 28, 29
Roanoke Rapids, May, 29, 30
Warren, Cokesbury, June 4, 5
Henderson, June 5, 6
Ridgeway, Tabernacle, June 11, 12

Marriages

KNOWLES—SMITHWICK— By Rev. G. F. Smith, P. E., in Cashie M. E. Church, South, on March 31, 1904, Mr. John P. Knowles and Miss Carrie W. Smithwick, both of Bertie County, N. C.

WALKER — MILLER. — At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Tempy Miller, near Warsaw, N. C., Mr. Robert Walker to Miss Addie Miller, March 2, 1904. Their home is at Burgaw, N. C. Rev. W. D. Sasser officiated.

CAHOON—HARRISON.—On the 30th of March, 1904, Mr. Clyde Cahoon was united in matrimony to Miss Minnie Harrison, in the M. E. Church of Plymouth, N. C. J. H. Buffaloe officiating.

BRADLEY—CARROWAY.— At Park Place, Va., Mr. Elmer N. Bradley, of Riverton, to Miss Nellie Carraway, sister of Rev. J. M. Carraway, of North Carolina Conference, of Norfolk, formerly of New Bern, N. C., Rev. George Wesley Jones officiating.

BURWELL—WATSON.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. L. N. Watson, near Axtell, in Warren County, N. C., Wednesday afternoon, April 6, 1904, at 5 o'clock, Mr. W. A. Burwell, Mayor of Warrenton, N. C., and Miss Mary L. Watson, Rev. L. M. Chaffin officiating.

Obituaries

Obituaries containing not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

GALLOP.—Bro. Paren G. Gallop, the subject of this sketch, was born June 1, 1860, and died December 11, 1903. Bro. Gallop had been a member of Mount Zion M. E. Church, South, for a number of years. He will be missed by his church. The community in which he lived will miss him. But more than these, will his family miss him.

Bro. Gallop leaves three children (girls) who now have no mother or father to love and care for them. May heaven guide them through this bitter, sinful world.

We laid the remains of Bro. Gallop to rest on December 13th in the family burying ground, near Powell's Point, N. C., with the service of our church, the honors of the Masonic fraternity and Odd Fellows, to await the resurrection morn. We implore heaven's richest blessigs upon the sorrowing relatives.

W. A. PILAND, P. C.

SPARROW.—The little sons of Brother and sister R. D. Sparrow were killed on the afternoon of March 22, 1904, by the rolling of some heavy logs upon them near the mill of J. B. Whitehurst & Co., at Aurora, N. C. The boys, Willie H. and Ellison, were playing on the logs, when the logs commenced to roll down a steep grade. Willie, 12 years old, was out of danger, but he bravely jumped to the rescue of his little five-year-old brother. Both were horribly mangled, the younger dying in less than an hour, the older that night at one o'clock. Willie was a brave boy. He said: "It was all for Ellison"—i. e. his hurt. He expressed himself as willing to die. They were both good boys. We buried them in the same grave in the family burying ground at Core Point on the banks of the majestic Pamlico River, to await the resurrection morn. Weeping parents, look to Jesus for consolation.

J. M. LOWDER, Pastor.

WHITEHURST.—Simon Whitehurst was born near Aurora, Beaufort County, N. C., January 26, 1826, died March 18, 1904. He lived to a ripe old age, a few days over seventy-eight years. He married Miss Mary Hudnell August 26, 1845. Eleven children were the fruit of this union —five sons and six daughters. Three of the sons and two daughters are now living. The same year Brother Whitehurst was married he joined our church. He lived a consecrated life to the end. He was a kind neighbor, a true friend, and zealous for God's cause, always true to his convictions. His first wife having died years ago, he married the widow Litchworth about five years since. With both he lived a happy life. His end was peace, for he lived an upright life.

J. M. LOWDER, Pastor.

GIBSON.—Again, for the third time, death has entered the home of John L. Gibson at Grimesland, and carried another precious baby jewel away. Although there was more than a year's difference in the death of each one, yet they were all about the same age. The last one, little Johnnie, died March 30, 1904, aged 10 months. He was a great sufferer for more than six weeks, and his disease seems to have baffled the skill of the best physicians and patient care of its mother. I do not think that I ever saw a more devoted, attentive, and loving mother than sister Gibson.

Thus another has gone unto Him who said: "Suffer the little ones to come unto me."

Another promising bud opened on earth, but has been transplanted to that beautiful Eden above, to blossom throughout all eternity. There, in that sinless summer land, the little darlings are waiting to welcome papa and mama. May they each one be patient and faithful, and meet them "over there."

B. E. STANFIELD, P. C.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, it has pleased our kind Heavenly Father in His wisdom, to take from us our former steward, Nathan Gilbert, we, as the Quarterly Conference of Jones Circuit, desire to express our appreciation of his faithful service, and our admiration of the beautiful example of Christian patient endurance as shown forth in his daily life among us; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That the Quarterly Conference and the church to which he belonged, have lost one of their most faithful members, and the community at large one of its best Christian characters.

2. That we submit humbly to the will of Him who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind.

3. That we extend to the bereaved widow and fatherless children our love and sympathy.

4. That copies of these resolutions be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate and to the family of the deceased, and that a copy be spread upon our minutes.

J. W. WOOTEN,
W. DAIL,
D. C. GEDDIE,
Committee.

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove by death our friend and brother, John Vaughan, therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we, members of the Jonesboro Sunday-school M. E. Church, South, do deeply deplore the loss of one of our good and faithful members.

2. That we give this public expression of our sorrow, and while we cannot understand the mysterious workings of our Heavenly Father, yet we know that "He doeth all things well."

3. That we extend to the family in this dark hour of bereavement our heartfelt sympathy, and hope that they may be comforted by Him who is infinitely mereiful and who does not willingly afflict any.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Sunday-school, a copy be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate, and one to the bereaved family.

HUGHES B. HOYLE,
GEO. B. CADDELL,
G. W. AVENT,
Committee.

Whereas, our heavenly Father has called from labor to reward our beloved sister, Annie Blanche Walker, who, for a number of years, was a faithful member of Central M. E. Sunday-school; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That while yielding with deep humility to the hand of an all-wise providence, we can but lament the death of one who, by her kindness and loyalty, had impressed us as a true follower of Christ.

2. That in her death the Sunday-school has lost a most faithful teacher, loyal member, and a devout Christian.

3. That her life should inspire us to a more effective service and greater sacrifice in our efforts to further Christ's kingdom on this earth.

4. That we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family, and pray that they may be resigned to the will of our heavenly Father who doeth all things well.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, also recorded in the minutes of our Sunday-school and a copy be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

CENTRAL M. E. S. S.,
L. M. JOHNSON,
R. E. PRINCE,
BETTIE McG. RUTH,
Committee.

Raleigh, N. C., March 18, 1904.

Whereas, God in His wise providence has removed our brother and co-laborer, Mr. John Henry Clifton, from the Sunday-school militant to that unending Sunday-school triumphant; and,

Whereas, he has been so faithful to that department of church work; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we bow to Him who doeth all things well.

2. That we have lost a faithful member and feel keenly our loss.

3. That we offer condolence to the bereaved family in their great bereavement and may his God be their God, and lead them to the land that is fairer than day.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, that a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Sunday-school record and that a copy be sent to the Raleigh Chritsian Advocate for publication.

W. J. ABRAMS,
N. TYSON,
J. S. RIDDLE,
Committee.

Resolutions from Hangum M. E. Sunday School.

Whereas, our heavenly Father has seen fit to take from among us one of our beloved pupils, Luther D. Veazey; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That as a Sunday-school we bow in humble submission to this all-wise providence, feeling that He doeth all things well.

2. That with a feeling of regret we bid farewell to the familiar face, realizing that a seat is vacant which can never be filled: yet hoping that in the sweet bye and bye we may meet where accidents never happen and partings never come.

3. That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of great sorrow, trusting that a kind Father will comfort and sustain them.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the stricken family and also to the Morning Herald and Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

E. M. HOYLE,
J. F. McGHEE,
D. B. CAMERON,
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Scholarships, $100.70.

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Total Dues, Pledges, etc., $2,322.98.

Remitted Bishop Galloway, $25.00; remitted Miss Billingsley, $41.90; remitted Mrs. McTyeire, $2,256.08. Total, $2,322.98.

Missionary Candidate Fund.—Balance forward, $23.21.

Conference Expense Fund.—Balance forward, $12.60; Current Quarter, $127.39. Total, $139.99.

Expense account for quarter, $19.05.

Balance on hand, $120.84.

Balance in bank, $144.05.

MRS. B. B. ADAMS,
Treasurer.

Four Oaks, N. C., Mar. 20, 1904.

Latest North Carolina Crop Bulletin in Farming Progress.

During March, for the first time in six months, a slight excess in monthly mean temperature was recorded in North Carolina. The temperature conditions were therefore favorable, but the frequency of rains, though light in character, kept the soil too wet to plow, so that in many portions of the State plowing was a week or two behind the average. The rainfall was very necessary, however, in view of the preceding months of dry weather, giving the soil a store of moisture for the use of coming crops and placing it generally in good condition for plowing on the advent of dry weather. Winter wheat improved somewhat, began to show above ground and though small. was green and vigorous; in some sections stands appeared better than expected. Winter oats remained very poor. Some spring oats were sown and came up nicely. Preparations for truck crops were commenced very late; some potatoes and peas were planted; towards the close of the month shipments of lettuce began. Strawberries appeared to be in good condition, though late.

Preparations for a large cotton crop are now well under way and large amounts of fertilizer are being distributed. Planting corn is progressing over most of the eastern and southern portions of the State. Tobacco plants in beds are small and late, but look well. Winter wheat has made marked improvement during the week; also oats where not killed. Rye, clover and grass are growing rapidly. Spring oats are being seeded, and many have come up nicely. Considerable advance has been made in the progress of planting and growth of truck crops; large quantities of Irish potatoes have been planted; lettuce is heading and shipments going North; May peas will probably recover from the damage by frost, and yield fairly well. Strawberries are coming into bloom. Planting gardens is progressing well.

Coldest Weather on Record.

The winter of 1903-1904 was in reality the coldest on record since meteorogical observations began to be systematically taken, namely in 1872.

The mean temperature for the three winter months is 36.9 degrees which is the lowest on record; the previous nearest approach to such a low winter mean occurred in 1892-93 with 37.8 degrees. Yet the absolute minimum temperatures recorded this year were not noteworthy, having often been surpassed on previous occasions, the low temperatures were rather the result of the complete absence of the usual periods of a few warm days that generally occur during our winters. It is remarkable that the cold weather was not accompanied by much precipitation, though the average snowfall (unmelted) for the winter, 8 inches, was somewhat larger than usual. The deficiency in rainfall for the four months was over 5 inches. The effect of the dry weather during the fall was greatly to delay the seeding of winter wheat and oats, while the early cold prevented germination and gave the cereal a very late start.—Weather Bureau Report.

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Capital paid up in cash	$162,294.00
Amount paid in by shareholders as a surplus fund	162,294.00
Income—from policy-holders, $160,337.97; miscellaneous, $15,317.27; total	175,655.24
Disbursements—To policy-holders, $14,336.00; miscellaneous, $74,254.48; total,	88,590.48
Fire risks—Written or renewed during year, $14,062,864.22; in force	9,380,278.14

ASSETS.

Mortgage loans on real esate	$16,740.90
Loans on stocks, bonds and other collaterals	9,944.50
Value of bonds and stocks	250,460.00
Cash in home office and deposited in banks	75,277.13
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1903	36,308.03
Interest and rents due and accrued,	1,881.95
All other assets, detailed in statement	27,397.41
Total	418,009.92
Less assets, not admitted	27,397.41
Total admitted assets	390,612.51

LIABILITIES.

Losses and claims unpaid	$4,611.00
Unearned premiums	84,610.50
Total liabilities as to policy-holders	89,221.50
Capital paid up in cash	162,294.00
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Insurance Department,
Raleigh, February 12, 1904.

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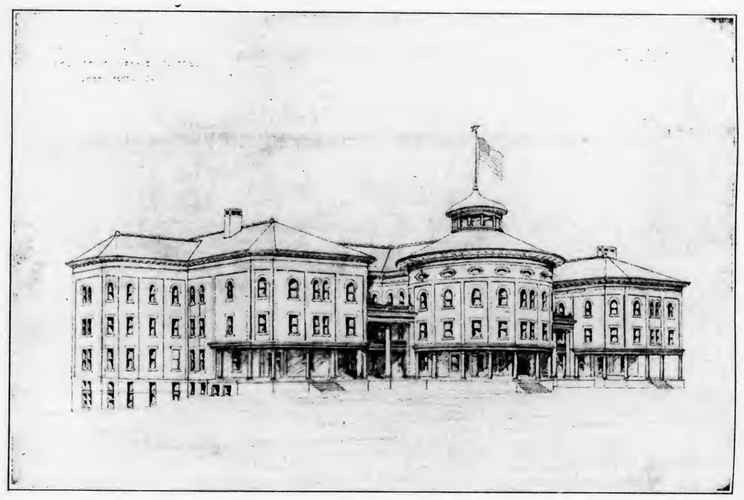

GREENSBORO FEMALE COLLEGE

RACHEL F MANNING WILL

Contributions

Greensboro Female College.

I have been hoping to hear that the movement to rebuild this noble institution was being vigorously pushed. I believe that it ought to be rebuilt, and the sooner the better. Below I give the reasons for this position:

1. Because the Methodist Church in North Carolina cannot afford to be without an institution of real high grade for the education of our girls. I am not reflecting upon such female colleges as are in the State which are run under the auspices, or in the interest, of the Methodist Church. They are doing a good work in the field of Christian education; but there is imperative need for a female college in the State, which shall be run in the interest of the Methodist Church, of far higher grade than any of these can claim to be. We are suffering at this point, and many of our brightest girls are going elsewhere because they cannot get what they want in our schools. It is also true that we have the fact to face that they are getting their mental training in institutions that are not in sympathy with our church—a fact, too, that is full of danger to the future church.

2. At Greensboro we have a good foundation for such an institution. A more beautiful site could not be found in North Carolina. The altitude is sufficiently high; the campus is large, and covers a beautifully rounded eminence; the student body there during the years of its history has been remarkably free from sickness; and, though the building is burned, it is still a very valuable property, and is now practically free from debt.

3. The history of this institution is too valuable to lose. It is the oldest institution save one in the South for the higher education of women. Her alumnae are found from the mountains to the seashore, and they are devoted to their alma mater. I believe that they will show their faith by their works, if we will only give them an opportunity under wise leadership. Such co-operation is essential to the rebuilding of the institution. This sentiment, treasured up in the hearts of these godly women and of the men whom they have captured, must somehow be transformed into money that is current with the merchant. Those years of toil and struggle which have enriched the history of this noble institution have been wrought into the character of these women, and into the character of the homes which they have made. Such history is invaluable, and we may say essential to a great educational institution. It is something that cannot be built in a day, but is attained through a process of growth. Greensboro has this advantage over any new institution that we might build.

4. All this emphasizes the importance of rebuilding upon the old site. We might move the name and faculty to a new city, but most of the sentiment referred to above is not transferable. Any attempt to move the college to another point would certainly develop enough opposition to create factions, and for one, I think that we have had enough of them in our educational work. And then for the whole State, Greensboro is very centrally located, and well adapted to the purpose. To move it would be unwise in my judgment, unless by so doing enough money is secured to build and equip the college, and put it upon a sound financial basis.

A SUGGESTION.

Now let me make a suggestion. In rebuilding this old college, let us make it the head of our Methodist institutions in the State for the education of women. I do not mean simply that it shall do a higher class of work than any other. I suppose that has been recognized all the while; but why cannot there be a recognized correlation between it and the others? It seems to me that there ought to be. The Methodism of North Carolina ought to give it the equipment and furnishing, and then require of it the standard of scholarship, that the Educational Board of our church requires of the collegiate institutions. We have only one such female institution in Southern Methodism, but this is no reason that we should not have such a one at Greensboro. It is rather the greater reason we should have it. Then let the other female institutions of the State which are run in the interest of the Methodist Church be correlated with this. Let Littleton and Louisburg and Davenport and the rest do as high grade work as they are doing, and, if possible, even higher; but let it be understood that the graduates of these institutions are only prepared to enter Greensboro, or at best, no higher than the sophomore class. This would give us as a church some system in our female education in the State, and we might hope to accomplish something worthy a great church. Our efforts have been too helter skelter, too much energy has been wasted, there has been lack of unity. Hitherto we have been in the wilderness in this work; and with the disjointed methods hitherto employed, we are likely to stay there. L. S. MASSEY.

A Few Reasons Why Greensboro Female College Should be Rebuilt

1. A failure to rebuild would mean that the Methodists of the State have decided to take a great backward step in educational work in behalf of her women, which of course should not be thought of for a moment.

2. The place for it is Greensboro, N. C., because it has an old and historic site, and an association that it would take nearly a century to build in any other locality.

3. A failure to utilize the present site would mean the throwing away of from $40,000 to $50,000 worth of as valuable property as any college ever had, and which could not be utilized in any other place.

4. It is an ideal situation because it is in the centre of the State, in one of the most up-to-date and progressive cities of the State where an educational atmosphere pervades the whole community, making a congenial clime in which to thrive.

5. It will have an equalizing effect. Being in the Western Conference, just on the line, the prestige will be in favor of neither Conference in particular, but will equalize both, and will appeal to the patronage of both and thus unite the forces of Methodism which is all that has ever been needed to make our educational work a grand success.

6. Our ability calls for expenditure on a scale that will place us in the front rank in an educational way, with any denominations in the State. The trustees evidently had this in view when they selected the plan and laid out an enterprise commensurate with the Woman's College at Lynchburg, thus removing such a thing as competition between any of our other schools and Greensboro Female College.

7. The time for it is now. Possessing as we do a student body, which insures us a patronage equal with that of any other denominational institution in the State, more than anxious to return, we can start off with a senior class, which we could not hope to do if we delayed even for a year.

8. The record of the past is a pledge for the character of the future work to be done by the institution, and surely no people have had greater cause to respect, venerate and revere an institution than have the Methodists of this State to so regard Greensboro Female College.

Finally, brethren, let us be one. We can never hope to attain anything as long as every man has a different idea. Can't we centre our forces and act as a unit? We some times talk about what other denominations are doing, and it is wholly due to the fact that their forces act as a unit. Let Methodism unite for one year on Trinity College, as do the Baptists on Wake Forest, and we would have to double its capacity to hold the students. Let Methodism unite on Greensboro Female College as do the Methodists of Virginia on the Woman's College, and we will have an institution that will be second to none in the United States. The trustees of this institution have but one single desire, and that is for the upbuilding and uniting of the forces of Methodism for the education of her daughters. We have laid out plans which, if carried out by our people, mean success. I plead for the burial of the little differences which are not of the greatest importance, and frequently are imaginary the unifying of our forces in co-operation in this work, and a reasonable degree of liberality. With this the work will be secured. Shall we do it?

C. H. IRELAND.

A Daughter From Mississippi Writes.

"905—22 Avenue,
"Meridian, Miss., March 10, 1904.

"Miss Nannie Lee Smith, Greensboro, N. C.

"My Dear Miss Smith:—I am glad the college is to be rebuilt. I should like to be able to help liberally. When you are ready, I hope to be of some small service in the way of contribution. Every member of the church interested in education should feel it a duty to help in the rebuilding. I enclose a money order for ten dollars for the college. Never let it get in debt again, for debt will choke the life out of anything. With best wishes for the abundant success of the college, I am,

"Yours cordially,

"AMY J. STEVENS.

The Need of North Carolina Methodism for a First Class College for Women.

That Methodism in North Carolina should make provision for the education of her daughters, does not admit of dispute. That such provision has been made will hardly be affirmed.

It is true that to the North Carolina Conference is due the distinguished honor of inaugurating the first chartered insttitution in the South for female education, and Greensboro Female College is a monument of the wisdom and foresight of our fathers.

The value of this institution cannot be easily expressed. Much of the culture and progress and influence of Methodism in our midst is due to the noble and devout women who received their mental and moral training under its fostering care. But Greensboro College has never done the best possible work from lack of financial resources. Instead of ample and suitable buildings and needed apparatus and teaching force, the college has had to drag along the best it could with its own created resources, and a part of the time under the competition of other institutions subsidized by the State, that could offer equal advantages at less expense. We as a church owe it to ourselves to have a college for women equal to the best in intellectual requirements and other advantages.

We have easily sufficient means for this. The useless expenditures of the Methodists in North Carolina would be ample to found and endow such a college, apart from the gifts that self-denial should prompt, to aid in so worthy and valuable a cause. We are not doing our duty to our girls. We have our colleges for males, and we have taxed our people regularly for their support, and emphasized the duty of loyalty to them. Our leading college is well endowed, and well equipped, and we rejoice in the great work Trinity is doing, and in the prestige she has gained.

But where are our colleges for the education of our girls? We own none that are distinctly such.

All we have for that purpose are individual enterprises, and in the nature of things incapable from want of resources to do what they wish toward higher education. It seems to me more important to educate our girls than our boys. The world is to a very large extent what women make it. Whatever the type she impresses on it, is the type it will bear. The history of the human race is largely the history of her influence over man. Where her influence has been least, man's degradation has been greatest, and where her influence has been greatest have been developed the highest civilizations, and the purest religions. She is the home-maker, and the home is the bulwark of society, of the State, and of the church. Make of the home-makers cultured, refined women, and the effects will be visible on all phases of life.

The educated father may have ignorant children, but the educated mother never. Her own trained intellect will impart, by assiduous efforts, its own attainments to them.

As the strength of a monument depends upon its base, so the mental and moral welfare of the world finds its strong foundation in the home where woman occupies the central throne of power and holds the key of the soul, and stamps the coin of character on those entrusted to her reign.

Our first duty is to help by all available resources, to make our women what they can be, that they may help make the world what it ought to be.

We owe it to our girls to provide a great Christian school for them.

F. D. SWINDELL.

A College That Has Done So Much Should Be Helped.

There is not an alumna of Greensboro Female College who does not feel deeply the loss of her alma mater, and who does not realize the necessity of rebuilding at once. Any delay in the beginning of this important work would endanger its completion in time for the opening session in September.

Let every friend of the college assume a part of the responsibility of a new building and equipment by that time.

We cannot afford to do without a college that has done so much for the womanhood of North Carolina. If those who really have the best interests of the State at heart, and especially the Methodists of the State, upon whom mainly rests the responsibility of rebuilding and maintaining this time-honored institution, fully appreciated its value to the State and the Church, there would be no lack of means to re-establish it, and the re-opening in September, 1904, would be the best in her history.

To that end let us all work and pray.

ELIZA NORFLEET SMITH, '02.

What North Carolina Methodism Can Do for G. F. C.

The church has been in the educational work from the earliest period of the State's history. Dr. Charles L. Raper, who has made a serious study of this subject, says in his book, The Church and Private Schools of North Carolina: "The majority of men and all the women until 1892 have received their education from church and private enterprises, and these have failed to reach hundreds and thousands." At present, there is an educational awakening and more are going to school than ever before, and more eager to make sacrifices in order to get an education. At such a time as this, it would be strange to think of Methodism relinquishing her hold upon the future by neglecting the development of her women. And still more strange would it be to see our denomination contented with an educational plant adapted to the needs of our grandmothers.

Woman is becoming more and more conscious of the numerous demands that the present day is making upon her. As she struggles to serve her generation well, she realizes the necessity of thorough training. She needs to know many things well or else, by one fell stroke, the equilibrium of a whole household is upset.

North Carolina Methodism is able to make an investment in a Woman's College thoroughly equipped and heavily endowed. It is no use to expend time and money in providing an institution that is not strictly of the highest order. The demand is for the best, and our women will have it if they must go from home in order to secure this. There is no question of ability on the part of the Methodists of North Carolina; only a definite purpose and a concerted effort is needed. Think for a moment of their annual contributions:

Missions	$46,333
All benevolences	97,386
Support of ministry	226,354
All purposes	556,927

These figures do not include the amount contributed for purposes not reported to the Annual Conferences, neither do they take into account the money raised by the women in their societies. A church that contributes annually more than half a million dollars for all purposes, and nearly a hundred thousand dollars for benevolences, can build a great Woman's College whenever she sets her hand to it. Greensboro Female College can be rebuilt; it must be rebuilt.

EPIE SMITH PLYLER.

G. F. C. Should Be Rebuilt on the Old Site.

As has been said, and truthfully said, may be said again, that the history of Methodism cannot be written without writing the history of her institutions of learning. For the reason they are the highest exponent of the thought and doctrine as well as the deepest source of the influence and power of the church. Take out of North Carolina Methodism the vast contributions Greensboro Female College has made to her life, domestic, social, intellectual and religious, and you eliminate the richest portion of the church's heritage. There is not a Methodist community in the State, and far beyond, that has not been blessed by her gifts and enriched by her cultnre. The Methodist Church in North Carolina never could have been what it is today had it not been for Greensboro Female College. Who could measnre the infinite loss, both to church and State, should she cease to be? What then, rebuild? By all means rebuild. Where? Why, upon the very same campus, where she has been twice burned to ashes. There is no more lovely spot in the State. Beautiful for situation. The joy of the whole church. Thousands of her noblest daughters and sincerest friends turn hither with fondest recollections. Build other than there and you tear the college away from the best constituency the institution has ever had or ever will have.

To rebuild there would best conserve the history, life and work of the institution. Greensboro Female College has had a noble past. Her life is incorporated in the best womanhood of the church. This is her richest endowment, an entailed legacy increasing in interest and influence as the years go by. Remove her to any other community and you dissipate and throw to the winds the accumulations of years, worth more than endowments of gold or legacies of silver.

This is not sentiment, and if so, you cannot ignore sentiment altogether; especially sentiment full of highest purpose, tenderest love and fondest hope. But this is not sentiment, but the fixed and settled judgment of so many of the wisest and best people of the church that it may be taken as the will of the majority. Greensboro is one of the best towns in the State, of easy access, healthy, and centrally enough located, touching both east and west.

By all means then, rebuild in Greensboro on the same old cherished site. When and how let the wise and Godly men and women now at the helm say, and then let every loyal son and daughter respond. J. B. HURLEY.

A School for Methodist Girls.

Methodist parents should have a first-class educational institution for Methodist girls. Such a statement cannot be denied. From every mother's heart that beats with love for her church, the cry should go up: "Let Greensboro Female College be rebuilt."

Let every alumna work for her alma mater.

Thousands of hearts were torn by the terrible havoc wrought by the fire-fiend that laid her in ashes; but let those hearts resolve that it shall be so, and she will rise again, Phoenix-like, from her ashes to bless future generations of girls as she has blessed those of the past.

My mother was a graduate of the first college, burned in 1863. My sister and I were graduates of the one just destroyed, which my daughter has also attended. Such has been the history of many families in North Carolina Methodism, and there are many homes today in North Carolina where a thousand tender memories hover around the beloved spot. Let our noble hearted men and women get to work. Let the Conferences help, and let the College be rebuilt in a style suited to the growing demands of our twentieth century work for our children.

MARGIE CHERRY JAMES.

Greenville, N. C., March 23, 1904.

A Tower of Strength

Greensboro Female College has been through its long life such a tower of strength to North Carolina Methodism, no arguments should be needed to hasten her rebuilding. Unless we have too many educated Methodists the doors of Greensboro Female College should be reopened next fall.

Alumnae need no arguments. They need to measure their love and faith in our college by energetic work and liberal gifts. If our preachers and people need arguments the strongest reasons can be found in the life and work of G. F. C. women among us. Let each pastor remove from his charge mentally if he can the influence of Alumnae and students of Greensboro Female College and the loss to every department of woman's work would be a convincing argument to him. The long career of the College in the past explains its widespread influence; but high standards of education and character held up by the precepts and example of Christian teachers more fully give us the reasons why G. F. C. girls are leaders in good causes. Our church cannot afford to let this influence be lost to her people, and I do not believe that she will be ready to lose it even for a time.

With united efforts money can be raised at once. Do not wait for others, but send the most you can give now, and let us start the work of rebuilding.

REBECCA WILSON LeGRAND.

Rockingham, N. C., March 22, 1904.

An Earnest Letter.

My Dear Mrs. Cunninggim:—I have watched with deepest interest every publication looking to the rebuilding of Greensboro Female College. North Carolina cannot afford to sustain the loss—nor can Greensboro.

What has she not done, and can yet do, for the once small town—and yet for the future prosperity of the present city!

It seems so necessary to do quickly, what can be done, in order to let the school go on before the present organization is scattered. Surely the wealth of Greensboro and of the State will come to the rescue!

If it were possible for the alumnae to raise it again, it would not long be in ruins. I am with you in sympathy and in anything that I can do in my small way. The whole amount to rebuild would be at your disposal if I had it. We can pray that God will direct the means for its success.

Your friend,

LAURA A. PATRICK.

Danville, Va.

As Early As Possible.

Greensboro Female College should be rebuilt as early as possible, or the education of women in our church and State will suffer irreparable loss. It is my earnest wish that this should be done.

Yours in love for our alma mater.

L. M. HENDREN.

New Bern, N. C., March 22, 1904.

The New College.

It is the history of nearly all cities and institutions destroyed by fire that their successors have always been more impressive and noble. Out of death, to use the ressurrection analogue, there has sprung a larger life. May the truth of these statements be reverified in the rebuilding of G. F. College.

In some three respects the college ought to come out of its ruins better and stronger than before:

1. The buildings themselves should be and will be better. The old college, dear as it was to us **all**, **was** not adapted to the needs of a twentieth century institution. To any thoughtful friend its limitations in that regard were of recent years most embarrassing.

2. The public generally, and especially the Methodist Church, should have a deeper interest in the school—and they will have. Hitherto it has been too much in the category of the "Forgotten Man." Its rebuilding will make it blossom anew in the minds and hearts of our people.

3. A new epoch will be begun as to the scope of work done. It is a sad fact that in North Carolina there is not a school for the education of women that ranks along with such institutions as the Woman's Randolph-Macon. The curricula of most of them, indeed, are disgracefully low. Greensboro Female College can be, ought to be, the Smith, the Vassar, the Bryn Mawr of the Old North State.

If these points of greatness and strength are possible of attainment, North Carolina Methodism cannot afford to leave the college in ashes. Everything is to be gained by building—and, it may be added, all is lost by not building.

T. A. SMOOT.

Fayetteville, N. C., April 14, 1904.

Three Questions

1. Is it necessary to rebuild Greensboro Female College?

As a Methodist proud of the history of my college, as an alumna believing in its beneficent and lasting influence on my State, and as an individual bearing joyful testimony to the debt of love and gratitude I owe "G. F. C.," I answer most emphatically, yes.

2. When should the new building be erected?

Not one moment later than common sense and business principles make delay necessary.

3. Where is the money to come from?

That is for the Methodists of North Carolina to answer. Last summer a handful of women, most of them working for a living and none of them wealthy, saved the college—how? Seeing their faith, generous friends—many not Methodists—gave them the help they sought.

Never have the affairs of the college been better managed than during this scholastic year, and if once a good modern building stand on the old site, the future of the college will be assured, for our State has a multitude of girls who ought to go to college but who are as yet unreached by all the schools of church and State combined.

A few unaided women can not rebuild and carry on the work of the college. Will the Methodists of North Carolina let the Alumnae Association try and fail, or will they rally to our support and lead us on to victory?

BERTHA MARVIN LEE.

On The Old Site.

Mrs. L. A. Cunninggim, President Alumnae Association:

May Greensboro Female College be rebuilt at once, on the same site, so beautiful for situation, that the number of cultured Christian women, as sent forth, shall increase; and Methodism, the advocate of education, be exalted.

Earnestly,

BLANCHE E. FENTRESS.

Wilson, N. C., March 22, 1904.

An Earnest Exhortation.

My Dear Sister Cunninggim:—I wish to express my hearty sympathy with the movement to rebuild Greensboro Female College. Let it be done at once, and on the old foundation. I shall gladly aid the enterprise in any way in my power.

Wishing you abundant success in your great undertaking, I am,

Yours truly,

JAMES H. WEAVER.

April 14th, 1904.

Without Delay.

We must rebuild, without delay, Greensboro Female College. Methodism in North Carolina cannot afford to let her lie in ashes. We are well able to start her again. A. D. BETTS.

Lillington, N. C.

The Field

Hope Mills.

I have not written anything for the Advocate this year, so I will say a few words now. I was appointed to this charge at last Conference, and received a most cordial reception. Evidences of love have been steadily accumulating from all sources.

Owing to the partition of the old Cumberland Circuit, Camp Ground being placed with Fayetteville Circuit, it became necessary for the preacher to live at Hope Mills, instead of Cumberland. So we rented the parsonage, and are living in a "hired house" at No. 1 village. The elect ladies immediately proceeded to replace the old furniture with new and substantial. All the preachers who preceded me will know what that meant. The residence of the preacher in charge at Number One village is evidently providential. It is the oldest, largest and most important point on the work. Yet Methodism has done nothing for it. We had no semblance of organization of any kind here. It is the only town of 1,500 people in the State that has no Methodist Church. To have had none here all these years is nothing short of a calamity. We have lost ground sadly and baldy. At present there are some sixty Methodists living here. The writer has never seen more anxious ones for a church. Tis true they are all poor people, but they have souls, and true ones at that. The church has no more loyal friends than some who live here. But they must have a church. We have organized a flourishing Sunday-school here, holding it in the old school-house, where we also hold preaching services. Recently we organized a class of membership, and appointed a building committee to devise ways and means for our new church here. The mill company has donated us a very desirable site, and we must build. The membership here are not able to complete the church. But we believe that God will go before us, and He will send us the help from other sources.

We are remodeling, painting, and otherwise beautifying our church at Number Two village. Will paint Marvin Church, are discussing the advisability of building at Parkton.

Have most of my collections in sight, and expect to raise all claims this year. I am in love with my work. Am enjoying the continual presence of the Holy Spirit, and am much encouraged to go forward.

Brethren, pray for us. This is a large and responsible work, and I need your prayers.

Fraternally for the Master.

E. R. WELCH.

Trinity College Notes.

Commencement is fast approaching, June 1-6 commencement days. Work on the home stretch is now being done all along the line. The following commencement officers have been elected by the Societies: E. R. Hines, chief marshal; J. B. Aiken, R. J. Matlock, R. M. Bryant, L. J. Carter, Fred Flowers and L. M. Johnson, assistant marshals; J. B. Sidbury, chief manager; J. C. Wilson, J. E. Matthews, Robert Baker, Gordon Smith, A. F. Goodman, Jarvis Terry and Fred Sigman, assistant managers.

The senior class is composed of about fifty-five members. They have elected the following class day officers: Orator, A. L. Wissburg; historian, W. V. McRae; "phunny man," P. H. Elkins; poetess, Miss Rosa Lee Thomas; statistician, W. H. Saunders.

The base-ball team went to Cary last Saturday and played the Cary High School. The game resulted in a victory for the T. P. S. by a score of 15 to 5.

Thursday was observed as donation day at the school. The classes, individual students and others contributed in various amounts. Below we give a list of the donations:

Mr. J. D. Maultsby, four pecan trees; Mr. Geo. A. Gray, $10.00 on piano; Mr. J. W. Woodard, $5.00 on piano; Mrs. J. W. Allen, $1.50 on piano; Mr. J. C. Wilson, $1.75 on piano; Mr. J. F. Bivins, $5.00 on piano; Mr. F. S. Aldridge, $5.00 on piano; Mr. P. H. Elkins, $1.00 on piano; Mr. W. R. Grant, $1.00 on piano; Mr. G. B. Spivy, $1.00 on piano; Mr. C. L. Hornaday, $2.00 on piano; Mr. G. A. Behlan, $1.00 on piano; Mr. L. C. Sessoms, $1.00 on piano; Mr. J. F. Buckman, $1.00 on piano; Mr. R. O. Baghy, $1.00 on piano; Miss Annie Roney, $25.00 on piano; Mr. C. C. Barbee, $5.00 on piano; Mr. E. R. Hines, $1.00 on piano; Mr. C. C. Council, $1.00 on piano; Mr. A. L. Wissburg, $1.00 on piano; Mr. C. C. Barnhardt, $1.00 on piano; Senior Class, two busts—Homer and Plato, and picture of class; Junior Class, two pictures; J. M. Holland, picture; Fred Flowers, picture; W. H. Saunders, J. B. Aiken, picture; R. J. Matlock, J. B. Sidbury, J. Terry, picture; base-ball team, picture; Intermediate Class, portrait of Wm. E. Gladstone; R. C. Goldstein, picture; W. P. Boyd and Adams Bros., picture Intermediate Class; Calhoun Literary Society, picture of Society; R. C. Nicholson, picture of Grady Society; E. W. Elliott, $1.00 on piano; Chemistry Class, $1.00 each; Claude Flowers, chair for rostrum; Miss Annie Umstead, picture.

D. S. M.

Trinity Park School, Durham, N. C., April 15.

The Old Songs.

BY J. V. WILLIAMS.

I stepped into a city church the other day in Texas and was in time to hear the choir give us some excellent Coney Island music.

I endured. It is written "endure harness as a good soldier," and if that sort of squalling is not "hard," what is it? It is hard for me to stand, but then, you know, I must go to church.

After the "smart set" in the choir cut their capers, the pastor arose and read that old hymn—

"Come humble sinners in whose breast
A thousand thoughts revolve;
Come with your guilt and fear oppressed
And make this last resolve."

I thought those in the choir would fit some Coney Island tune to it, but they didn't, and began to sing the same old tune they used to sing for sinners down in old Hyc County fifty years ago.

That tune carried me away. I first joined in the singing with all my voice, but I found that I had to clinch my teeth and hold fast to the seat to keep from shouting, and it would never do to disturb that church. Soon I was lost in reflections, and not only heard the singing of the good old Hyde County Methodist of other days, but was again looking into their noble Christian faces.

How these old songs carry us away! Are we to let them die and substitute a lot of jigs?

How I would delight to sit down again under the cypress trees in Old Hyde and hear them sing—

"On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
When I can read my title clear,
Come ye sinners, poor and needy,
Of him who did salvation bring."

And then hear those old choruses again—

"There is a rest remains,
Happy day;
O the storm will soon be over,
We'll cross the river of Jordan.
My home is over Jordan,
"There's balm in Gilead;
O shout we're gaining ground,
My soul is heaven-bound;
Say, brothers, will you meet me,
I'm tired of this world,
Happy Christian over yonder
When we land on that shore."

But I must stop and wait for many a saint to again sing the dear old songs our fathers sang.

Fayetteville.

The writer had the pleasure of visiting Fayetteville, N. C., on his trip, and must say that he fell in love with the good town of Fayetteville and its people. The writer was treated most royally, with all whom he came in contact with, and shall always remember old Fayetteville. We are glad to note the good work and progress that Bro. T. A. Smoot has done in this town for Christianity, and bringing souls to Christ. He has not only been winning souls to Christ, but has also won the highest esteem and confidence of the people as a whole in Fayetteville. Bro. T. A. Smoot's time of serving his people is drawing near to a close, and they are realizing that it will not be long before he will have to leave them. The writer finds these people are already grieving over losing him, and December will bring many a sad heart. We are confident that Brother Smoot will win the love and confidence of his people wherever he may be sent.

Very respectfully,

B. C. GLOVER,
Traveling Representative Raleigh Christian Advocate.

Elise Circuit.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—Elise Circuit is making progress in several ways. More than half the money is already in hand to pay for all the furniture in the parsonage. The parsonage had to be furnished and we expect to see it done this year. There has been as much money raised for the support of the P. C. and P. E. as was raised last year up to June. The "Old Raleigh" is going into five times as many homes as it was at the beginning of the year. Six have joined our church this year. Six Sunday-schools are running and doing good work.

The home of brother, W. T. Garner was saddened by death, claiming his little ten-year-old daughter. She was a sweet little girl. May God bless the bereaved ones and help them to meet her "where the surges cease to roll."

The 15th was the quarterly meeting for Elise Circuit. Notwithstanding it was a very busy time with farmers (and my official board are farmers), two-thirds of the officials were on hand. And my, my, how Brother Hurley did preach! I don't believe he has any better sense than to preach his best all the time. It's a treat to any one to hear him.

J. W. HOYLE.

Mrs. Caroline Davis' Birthday.

Please allow me space within your columns to make a few statements concerning the celebration of Mrs. Caroline Davis's seventy-ninth birthday, which came off the third Sunday in April, being the 17th day, and took place at her old homestead, near the winding stream of Core Creek, and near her old home church, Asbury, in Craven County.

The day was a very pleasant one.

About noon a sumptuous dinner was spread on a long table in the yard, and after thanks had been offered to the Giver of all good, and blessings asked for from the Heavenly Father, by Mr. Brice Ipock, all proceeded to allay their hunger by partaking of the tempting viands before them. They all having taken their places, she stood on her front piazza, by the side of her deceased husband's only living sister, Mrs. Susan Debruhl, of Rhem's, Jones County, and in company with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Emily Daugherty, of Cove, and Mr. H. P. Daugherty and wife, of Dover, N. C.

All the children present with their companions were as follows, viz.: Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Heath, of Cove, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Lamb Fields, of Ft. Barnwell, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. R. Davis, of Cove, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Brice Ipock, of Cove, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis, of Cove, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ipock, of Cove, N. C.; and Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie Davis, of Cove, N. C.

This old mother in Israel has been the mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of one hundred children, eighty-one of whom are living, and nearly all of whom were present to make glad her seventy-ninth birthday.

Mrs. Davis has been a consistent member of Asbury M. E. Church, South, for about sixty years, and has seen all of her children become members of the same; also many of her grandchildren. Has not God blessed her in her old days?

There were a number of friends and visitors present.

A number of presents were given to Mrs. Davis during the day, and it made her heart glad to think she was so kindly remembered by so many.

D.

A Reply to Rev. A. J. Parker.

I read the communication of Brother Parker in regard to Greensboro Female College and there is so much, wholesome reading in it that I dislike even to think of differing with him on a subject which we both hold so dear and sacred. But there are one or two points that I think deserve some attention and, as Brother Parker reasons from a basis that I always like to reason from, namely, plain, every-day, practical wisdom, I am sure that he will not misunderstand my position. And while I must admit a certain amount of sentiment in my make-up, yet, dealing as I do with the practical forces of life daily, I am more in my element when in the realm of stern, practical facts than when moved by sentiment. Brother Parker thus speaks of the college:

"The history of female education in the United States can never be truthfully written without mentioning her name."

You can build a barn, or a house in a week or a year, but it takes generations to make a real college or university. And right here we Methodists have an asset of incalculable value which we seem to overlook in connection with this subject. There is not another denomination in the South that would not be willing to count the fact of its being next to the oldest chartered Female College in the United States as an asset that could not be purchased with any amount of money. This may be sentiment, but it has a lot of the practical in it as long as people are moved and actuated as they are to-day, and I trust they will never change in that particular.

"The old institution is dear to us all and must not remain in the ashes of her misfortune."

Nay, verily! The good Lord never intended it to be otherwise, for He defeated our plan of trying to get along with an old building by allowing it to burn in the parts that should be destroyed, but so tender was He to preserve intact all that could be utilized, that even the ivy on the walls was not scorched and has never ceased to grow, pointing, with finger tips of new life, upwards to Him who has done so much for us as a denomination, and asking us to remember the past, and build grander and broader for the future. The trees which stood in ten feet of the walls have never ceased to put out their new buds, preparing a shade for the young lives which were soon to congregate beneath their boughs. The Board of Trustees and Brother Parker were evidently of the same mind as to the character of the plan wanted for our denomination, and it only needs a glance at the plans adopted to convince any one that great things only are contemplated, and if these plans are carried out it will not only place us abreast of any institution, but ahead of all in the epuipment which looks to the comfort and convenience and improvement of the student body, and of course the educational feature could not be other than the best. The past has demonstrated this for, although laboring under disadvantages, it has always maintained a curriculum second to that of no institution in the State, and with a united constituency back of it, and the needed funds to meet the requirements of an up-to-date college, we can do grander things in the future than we have done in the past. Now what is needed to accomplish this? Only two things—unity and cash. Let us secure the first and the second will follow as logically as the day follows night. And here is the point we want to stress, Mr. Editor. Let us stop hunting around for things outside and foreign to us. You recollect the fable in the reader of the man who had the sons, and who had the bundle of sticks brought to him. He tried to break them all together and could not. One by one they were easily snapped in two. That old lesson is here for us to learn to-day. Methodism united defies the world, the flesh and the devil combined. Divided we are as sheep without a shepherd. When will we learn our lesson? Now according to Brother Parker, the only way to secure the cash is to remove this institution to Durham. Well, in the first place, it would not be Greensboro Female College if moved to Durham. And why Durham rather than Greensboro? Talk about its being a failure at Greensboro—it has never been. I deny it in toto. A college must not be estimated by the number of pupils within its walls, but the characters it sends from its doors. Viewed from this standpoint, it has been one of the grandest successes of any institution in existence. The failure to have more pupils was due, not to the college, but simply to a division of our people who have felt called upon to criticize rather than to pray. Now why should we move this institution to Durham? In my judgment it is simply this: One or two good Methodist laymen have felt that the Lord was entitled to a portion of the goods that He had blessed them with and, actuated by that motive, turned over to His use a certain portion of their stores. With what result? One hundred and forty thousand Methodists have dropped everything and dumped their burden off on these two brethren, while one portion stands off and howls because these brethren have done so much, thus making an excuse for escaping their own duty, the other portion fold their hands and cry, "No need for us to do anything more as Brother Duke pays all of our tithes and all we have to do is to jump on the wagon and let him pull the load." Now is this fair? Is it right? Is it just? Is it religious? Before God, I belive it is a crime. I thank the Lord for every dollar that Mr. Duke has put into Trinity College and my only regret is that other men are not actuated by the same motive and willing to make a like division with the Lord. If we could get the same motive back of the Methodist people of this State that Mr. Duke has, and go to work and do something ourselves, we would see things move in this State in an educational line and every other line. I am not a mind reader, neither have I ever talked over this matter with Mr. Duke, but, with my limited knowledge of him, I feel no hesitancy in saying that I will guarantee no pleasure that could come to him would be comparable to the knowledge that his brethren throughout the State has decided to consecrate a portion of their means to the building, equipping and endowing of an institution of learning for their women, and it would be entirely satisfactory to him if they put it at Greensboro or any other point that suited them. Not only this, but I believe it would encourage him to do even more than he has done for Trinity. There is no conflict on earth between Greensboro and Trinity, and to remove this institution from Greensboro to Durham, simply to tack it on to Trinity College, and thus escape paying what we owe the Lord, and throw away $50,000 or $60,000 which could not be utilized any other way than by using it here, would be, in my judgment, a great blunder. Then beyond all, in the name of humanity, I want to beg 140,000 Methodists to get out of Mr. Duke's lap and go to work and do something themselves. We are able abundantly to do this, and God expects it of us. Let us put $60,000 in this present building on this historic ground, $140,000 to endow the institution, and I can assure Brother Parker and all other Methodists of the State that they will never have any occasion whatever to raise the question as to whether Greensboro Female College will be a success or not. It will be demonstrated the moment unity of action is secured between our people.

CHARLES H. IRELAND.

Greensboro, N. C.

The Golden Opportunity.

The Methodists of North Carolina have joint ownership and control of two great institutions of learning, and have much cause to be grateful for the record which each has made. One is Trinity College for young men, which has an equipment of more than a million dollars. It is open and its halls are filled with young men. The other is Greensboro Female College. It is in ruins, its charred walls are deserted, its faculty and students are scattered abroad, and from its ashes holds out its wounded hands for sympathy and help.

The Methodists outside of Durham have very little invested in Trinity College. The Methodists of this generation had only a few thousand dollars invested in Greensboro Female College at the time it was burned. They feel the fresh inspiration that has recently awakened the State in the cause of education. The misfortunes that have befallen Greensboro Female College in the last few months have aroused their interest and sympathy as never before. They are abundantly able to furnish the means for rebuilding the college. The golden opportunity has now come for our people to show their devotion to Methodism and the cause of Christian education, and most assuredly they will do it. Let them rise and build and give the honored old college a new start on a scale that will compare favorably with our college for young men in Durham.

The prestige which our Female College has won from the past, the expectations of the future, the interest of our daughters and the heroic efforts of the Alumnae Association all demand it. A prompt response will give us a better building, followed by larger patronage, and what seemed to be a great calamity will prove to have been a "blessing in disguise.

J. J. RENN.

Guilford College, N. C.

Some Reasons why Greensboro Female College Should be Rebuilt on the Same Site At Once.

1. We have already the most beautiful campus in all the land; admirably located, on the street-car line, and yet, only a short walk to the churches and to the business portion of the city.

2. To the hundreds of women and girls who claim Greensboro Female College as their alma mater, no other place could have around it the sacred memories and tender associations that have for fifty-eight years been gathering around this dear old college. Over a large part of the United States are to be found the alumnae of Greensboro Female College filling positions of usefulness and honor, and in the "nations beyond," Brazil and Korea. We find them living and teaching the blessed truths of the gospel they were taught in old Greensboro Female College—all of whom feel that to them is committed a sacred trust, not only to perpetuate this noble old institution, but to empower it for grander achievements in the future than ever in the past.

3. It is just and right, and due our noble and heroic fathers, Peter Doub and his co-laborers, not to give up that for which they sacrificed and toiled so assidnously to establish. They, with prophetic vision, saw what it meant to Methodism in North Carolina to have such a college for the Christian education of their daughters. And when disaster befell it forty years ago, there still were found brave, noble hearted Christian men who risked their fortunes and their homes for its resurrection. Yea, the blood of that good man, the lamented Wm. Barringer, crieth from the ground. "Arise and build at once."

4. What has been done can and will be done again. We believe God has not accomplished all He intends through Greensboro Female College, and with His blessings upon our efforts, it will arise gloriously and speedily from its ashes.

5. It is not an impossibility. If 72,000 members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, by their small contributions in one year raised $112,458.78, what could not our great and strong Methodist Church in North Carolina do in building and equipping a college, equal to the best, if with determined, united effort they go to work?

LUCY A. CUNINGGIM.

Of Course.

My Dear Aunt Lucy:

Of course I am in favor of rebuilding the College at once, on the same spot. I wish I could express how strongly I am in favor of doing it.

The things that were accomplished last summer give me the hope that we shall soon see G. F. C. again. Yours most sincerely,

MARY PAGE.

Aberdeen, N. C., March 21, 1904.

Our Boys and Girls

Jarvisburg, N. C., March 22, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eight years old. My mama is my teacher. I will answer Florence Bobbitt's question: Jesus was tempted forty days in the wilderness by Satan.

I will close, hoping to see my letter in print.

Your unknown friend,
PEARL COPELAND SCOTT.

Windsor, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am going to school to Miss Mamie Moore. We do not have Sunday-school now. We have missionary society at Ebenezer Church second Sundays, and I am Secretary. We had not had any meeting, before this morning, since the second Sunday in November.

Who was the strongest man?

Who sold Joseph?

Your friend,
MARY PRUDEN.

Clarkton, N. C., March 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy eleven years old. I go to school every day and to Sunday-school every Sunday. My Sunday-school teacher is Miss Empie Brown, and I like her very much.

Jesus fasted in the wilderness and was tempted of Satan forty days and forty nights.

How old was Noah when he died?

Your unknown friend,
LESSIE WOOTEN.

Cary, N. C., March 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years of age. My mama and papa are both dead, and I live with my uncle and aunt. And I love them very much. My uncle takes the Advocate, and I like to read the little girls' and boys' letters. Our preacher's name is Mr. Rood.

Who was struck dead for lying?

Your friend,
BERTIE KING.

Rocky Hock, N. C.

We are two tiny little girls. One of us is three and the other four years old. We are too young to go to school so we cannot read and write. We get mama to write for us. We hope when we get old enough to go to school, we will soon learn to read and write for ourselves.

Inclosed is $1.00 for the orphans, with best wishes for them and the Advocate.

Your little friends,
LIZZIE LEE and
IDA RICHARDSON BUNCH.

Vass, N. C., March 19, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. My father does not take the Advocate. But I enjoy reading it. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Our Superintendent is Mr. A. Cameron, my uncle. Our pastor is Mr. G. A. Oglesby. We all like him very much.

I like history best of all.

Noah was one hundred and twenty years building the ark.

What did he build the ark of?

Your unknown friend,
BESSIE N. CAMERON.

New Bern, N. C., March 20, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. I go to Sunday-school, and every-day school. I am in the fifth grade at school, and my teacher's name is Miss Rosa Dail. My Sunday-school teacher's name is Mrs. Pauline Williams, and we all love her. My pastor's name is Rev. G. T. Adams, and I like him very much. We have a society called the C. L. W. to help along with the new Methodist church. We have raised $50, which will help a great deal.

Now, I will answer Alice Turner's quetsion: Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan.

What one miracle of Jesus is found in all four of the Gospels?

Your friend,
MURIEL E. GROVES.

Littleton, N. C., March 14, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I live with my uncle. He takes the Advocate. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My teacher's name is Miss Nettie Johnston. Mr. W. E. Spruill is our Sunday-school Superintendent.

I will answer Alston Brooks's question: Methuselah was nine hundred and sixty-nine years old when he died.

What king was eaten up by worms?

Your unknown friend,
SUSIE DANIEL.

Aulander, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am a litle girl eleven years of age. I am going to school now to Miss Mamie Moore, and I like to go to school to her.

Our pastor is Rev. R. L. Davis, and I like him very much. We have missionary society every second Sunday in the month.

What are the names of the first four books in the Bible?

How long did the flood last?

Who was the strongest man?

Your friend,
CHLOE PRUDEN.

Echo, N. C., March 15, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. Mama takes the Advocate. This is my first letter to the Advocate. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. I also go to every-day school. Our pastor is Rev. J. W. Bradley. We all like him very much.

Who was it at midnight sang praises to God in prison?

Inclosed find fifteen cents for the orphans.

Your little friend,
DAISY WARD.

Capelsie, N. C., March 18, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years of age.

When I was going to school I studied arithmetic, grammar, fourth reader, geography, history and spelling. I like to go to school of all kinds. I am studying music, and I like my teacher.

Our pastor is Rev. H. G. Stamey. We all like him very much.

How many times is the word Mary in the Bible?

I hope to see my letter in print.
ILA BRUTON.

Clay Fork, N. C., March 13, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eight years old. I thought I would write to you. I have been writing to the North Carolina Baptist. My grandpa takes that paper and papa takes the Advocate, and I do love to hear the childrens' letters read.

Who baptized Enoch?

Will some one send me the song, "Put My Little Shoes Away"?

I will close.
FENTON M. GARDNER.

Smithfield, N. C., March 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy twelve years old. My grandmother takes the Advocate, and I love to read the boys and girls letters. My grandmother is eighty years old, and is very active. My papa and mother are living. I have three brothers. Our preacher is Mr. Guthrie. We all like him.

I will answer Florence Bobbitt's question: Jesus in the wilderness was tempted of Satan forty days.

I will ask a question: How old was Methuselah when he died?

Your unknown friend,
ROBERT P. WHITLEY.

Durham, N. C., March 15, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy nine years old. I go to Sunday-school; also to the graded school. Our pastor is Rev. R. C. Beaman. Our Superintendent is Prof. E. G. Green, and my teacher's name is Mrs. Merley.

I will answer Irma Walker's question: The one hundred and thirty-first Psalm is the shortest in the Bible.

I will close by asking a question: How old was Jesus when he was crucified?

Your friend,
EDDIE EDWARDS.

Hertford, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am a boy twelve years old. I enjoy reading the letters. I go to Sunday-school. My teacher is Mrs. J. P. Winslow. My pastor is Rev. M. H. Tuttle, and he is the best I ever saw.

I will answer Otis Moffitt's question: Samson called his wife a heifer.

Now I will ask one: Who ate grass like an ox?

I caught a hare in the yard eating evergreens, and I sold him for ten cents, and I'll send it to the Orphanage.

Your friend,
HINTON CHAPPELL.

Oxford, N. C., March 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old.

We have a new preacher, Rev. J. D. Pegram. I like him very much.

I will answer Etta Butt's question: Methuselah was the oldest man.

I will answer Florence Bobbitt's question: Jesus was forty days and forty nights in the wilderness tempted by Satan.

How old was Noah when he died?

Inclosed find five cents for the Orphanage.

SALLIE FULLER.

Weeksville, N. C., March 13, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old, and I enjoy reading the childrens' letters very much.

My mother and father are both living.

I go to Sunday-school every Sunday, and my teacher is Miss Bessie Standly. Our Superintendent is Mr. Markham, and our pastor is Rev. W. F. Jones.

I will answer Alston Brooks's question: Methuselah was nine hundred and sixty-nine years old when he died.

What is the longest verse in the Bible?

Yours truly,
BIRDIE JENNINGS.

Chadbourn, N. C., Mar. 14, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years of age. I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. My teacher's name is Miss Sarah Chapin. I like her very much.

Our pastor's name is Rev. J. T. Draper. We all like him. I am a member of the M. E. Church at Chadbourn.

I have no pets except my baby sister. Mama takes the Advocate.

Methuselah was nine hundred and sixty-nine years old when he died.

What is the shortest verse in the Bible?

Inclosed you will find ten cents for the orphans.

Your little friend,
JESSIE INMAN.

Clay Fork, N. C., March 13, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will write to you for the first time. I am a little boy six years old. I am breaking a pair of oxen, but I am afraid they will get to be too much for me after awhile. I hope you will publish this. I am,

Yours truly,
FERBER P. GARDNER.

Carters Mills, N. C., March 14, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—We are two sisters. Our papa takes the Advocate. We enjoy reading the little folks' letters. We go to Sunday-school most every Sunday. Our teacher is Mrs. Hoyle; our Superintendent is Mr. L. S. Maness. Our pastor is Rev. J. W. Hoyle.

What three men fasted forty days and nights?

Good-by, with best wishes to the Advocate.

EMMA and BLANCHE CARTER.

Raleigh, N. C., March 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy ten years of age. My papa takes the Advocate. I go to school every day. My teacher is Miss Bessie Brown, and I like her very much. I go to Central M. E. Sunday-school. My teacher is Mr. N. B. Bagwell. Our pastor is Rev. F. A. Bishop. He is very fond of children, and children are very fond of him.

Methuselah was the oldest man.

Who buried Jesus?

Your little friend,
EDWIN HURLEY RICHARDSON.

There was no bitterness in her poverty; she met, looked at it, often even laughed at it, for it bound all the family together hand in hand; it taught endurance, self-dependence and, best of all lessons, self-renunciation.—Dinah Maria Mulock.

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of Vernal Palmettona (formerly known as Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine), will be given away this month, and if you ever suffer from constipation, indigestion, stomach trouble, kidney difficulties, catarrh of the bladder, painful urination or enlargement of the prostrate gland, you should see that you are included in this grand free distribution. It will not cost you a cent. Simply send your name and address to the Vernal Remedy Co., 538 Seneca Building, Buffalo, N. Y., and they will mail you at once a free trial bottle which will demonstrate that a sure and perfect cure has been found for these distressing chronic troubles. One dose a day does the work and the action of the medicine is gentle, soothing and healing. Nearly all druggists keep it for sale, but if you want to try it free, sit down now and write to this company for a sample.

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN SEABOARD AIR LINE SCHEDULE.

Effective April 17th, the following changes will be made in the Seaboard Air Line Railway Schedule:

Trains arrive and depart from Union Depot as follows:

Northbound.

Train No. 34—Arrive 1.20, leave 1.25 a. m.

Train No. 38—Arrive 10.55 a. m., leave 11 a. m.

Train No. 66—Arrive 11.46 a. m., leave 11.50 a. m.

Southbound.

Train No. 31—Arrive 3.55 a. m., leave 4.00 a. m.

Train No. 41—Arrive 3.50 p. m., leave 4.00 p. m.

Train No. 43—Arrive 7.30 p. m., leave 7.35 p. m.

Train No. 50 has been changed to No. 34, train No. 57 to No. 31 and train No. 27 to No. 43.

Greensboro Female College Day.

A special day to raise a rebuilding fund for Greensboro Female College has been recommended by the Board of Trustees of this institution to be announced later. The two Conferences accepted the proposition of the Alumnae Association in appointing this Joint Board of Trustees, representing the two Conferences and the Alumnae Association, to look after the interests of the College. The Special Commission appointed to investigate the matter of title and to arrange the details of having College property legally transferred to the church, officially met and reported that the interests of the church had been duly perfected and recommended the College to the support of our people. This recommendation of a special day to secure funds for the rebuilding of the College was promptly made by the Trustees soon after the burning of the College, in connection with their decision to rebuild the College. Such a decision on the part of the Board of Trustees was both timely and heroic, was worthy of the high trust committed by the church to them, and also placed the responsibility upon the masses of the people whom such Trustees represented. Can we consistently feel indifferent or opposed to such an appeal for our loyal support made by wise and good men, appointed to represent and lead us? Under such circumstances, at a crisis when a legitimate call has been made for our united action, is it timely to become divided and to jeopardize an important common interest by varied discussions? Has the recent disaster changed any principle of a claim resting upon us when we provided for the adoption of the college? Its location is the same; its friendly relation to every other institution is the same; its mission is the same. If an institution is now needed elsewhere in our State it was needed when we appointed the Joint Board of Trustees to secure and run Greensboro Female College as our own institution. Besides, the saving of Greensboro Female College does not conflict with any other institutions needed among us; for the Methodists are well able to meet all reasonable demands resting upon them. The Journals of our two Conferences report 146,318 members, including 439 ministerial members of our Conferences. One dollar per member would build on the present site a magnificent structure, with enlarged and improved equipments for our educational work for women, and would leave $98,000 (including the $12,000 secured last November and December) on the Endowment Fund. The $35,000 insurance practically clears off the bonded indebtedness. Less than 50 cents per member would rebuild the College, with the property practically free from debt, and having about $12,000 on the Endowment Fund. About 17 cents per member would raise $25,000, which, added to the $35,000 insurance money, would build the proposed edifice. The matter involved then in the burning of the College is only a small amount of money per member. Is it possible that the hosts of Methodists will become dismayed at raising such a sum after all that has been done in the past? The heroic fidelity repeatedly manifested in behalf of this time-honored institution throughout its history has been applauded as worthy of the noble men and women that made the loving sacrifice, as well as worthy of their important cause for which such devotion was rendered. Shall we show ourselves worthy to nobly build on foundations already laid? The call is urgent. Shall we respond? We can if we will.

S. B. TURRENTINE.

Greensboro, N. C., April 20, 1904.

"Wouldn't hurt a baby." Rheumacide is entirely vegetable, and instead of hurting the digestion, tones up the entire system.

Womans Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. B. F. Dixon, Raleigh, N. C.

Officers of the W. F. M. S. of the N. C. Conference, June, 1903-'04.

President — Mrs. Lucy A. Cunninggim, Greensboro, N. C

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The annual meeting of this society convened in Elizabeth City, Thursday the 21st. A full report of the proceedings will be published in the Advocate.

Raleigh sent a smaller delegation to Elizabeth City than it usually sends to the annual meeting; but Raleigh District will report much activity and greatly increased collections. Mrs. B. F. Dixon represents Edenton Street Society, and the Young Woman's Society of Edenton Street Church is represented by Miss Pescud. The Societies at Central elected delegates, but business engagements prevented their attendance.

Mt. Tirzah, N. C., April 18, 1904.

Dear Mrs. Dixon:—We organized a W. F. M. S. at Mt. Tirzah the third Sunday in December. Our Auxiliary numbers sixteen.

The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. S. S. Moore; Vice-President, Miss Lizzie Stanford; Recording Secretary, Miss Lizzie Moore; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Geo. T. Bowen; Treasurer, Miss Lizzie Powell.

We have on hand $5.80 dues and $3.65 "Thank Offering."

We should have reported sooner, but so few of our members have been able to attend that we could not hold our meetings regularly. We sometimes feel discouraged because our members do not attend, but we do pray that our Auxiliary may yet be a bright and shining light. This is our pastor's (Rev. M. D. Giles) last year, and we do regret so much to give him up.

Yours truly,
MRS. GEO. T. BOWEN,
Corresponding Secretary.

CONFESSIONS OF A PRIEST.

Rev. Jno. S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes, "For 12 years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for Liver and Kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by all druggists. Only 50c.

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Use your gifts faithfully, and they shall be enlarged; practice what you know, and you shall attain to higher knowledge.—Thomas Arnold.

Woman's Home Mission Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. R. O. Burton, Raleigh, N. C.

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Our Peril.

Bishop Galloway with his discerning judgment and fine opportunities for observation, says our gravest peril is in the congested cities, and our hardest problem the large foreign element among us. Would that all Christians, men and women, could realize this fact, and prepare for the conflict before us—perhaps in the near future! The integrity of our people and their spiritual life will be involved, and there is pressing need for vigilant watching and aggressive planning if we would preserve it.

The Panama Canal.

Legislatures, political and commercial conventions and the daily press are discussing the effect of the Panama Canal on the future of the South. It is probable that Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Tampa, and possibly other towns will become great marts through which the traffic between the Western and Eastern world will pass, and will therefore become the converging foci of the great streams of immigration flowing into this country.

Homes, lodging houses, schools, churches, will be in such rapid demand in the next two decades, that unless State and municipal laws are enacted that will grapple with the danger in the beginning, the overcrowded, badly built tenement houses of London and New York will be duplicated, with the same fearful results.

All good citizens should see to it that such laws are passed as will preserve sanitary conditions in homes and factories, regulate immigration, so as to prevent the evil of a vicious vagrant foreign population, and secure the abolition of degrading and degenerating vices.—Our Homes.

I have given the above words from Our Homes because so pertinent and so practical. Let them be a bugle call to arouse us to new consecration and new activity.

Next week I desire to tell you what our organ considers the duty of Christian churches in these conditions; also the great opportunities that they will give to the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Every Member Should be a Subscriber.

I wish I could convince our members, and other intelligent women as well, of the wisdom of taking this excellent paper. The clear, strong editorials are of great value, and the news of our work throughout the connection stirring and encouraging, while the spiritual help cannot be easily estimated or expressed.

Annual Meeting April 27 to May 2, Selma.

Our Conference convenes tomorrow morning, and you will look eagerly for news of it. I hope to give it to you in the issue two weeks hence. I also hope to have the pleasure of meeting many of you there.

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OUR ENTERPRISE FOR THIS YEAR OF GRACE, 1904.

We give much of our space this week to a discussion of that enterprise which should be so dear to the heart of every North Carolina Methodist—the rebuilding of Greensboro Female College. Since one of the prime functions of a church paper is to make public, magnify, and develop the interests of the Church, we feel that in giving so much space this week to Greensboro Female College, the Advocate is exercising one of its highest functions.

What is more vital to the Church than the education of her daughters? We may neglect to educate her sons and yet be able to retrieve some of the consequent loss through the education of her daughters. A great loss would ensue to the church through a failure to educate the boys. A double loss would ensue through a failure to educate the girls.

There is really only one thing to do in connection with Greensboro Female College—and that is to build it. The question of a site, with all deference to those who have contrary views, has long ago been eliminated. The logic of events, the action of the two Conferences, the history of the institution, the possession of one of the most magnificent school sites in the South, with walls already standing worth at least $15,000, the expectation of thousands of friends both East and West, and the wonderful possibilities inherent in the present location—all render it imperatively necessary that the Methodist people of North Carolina rise in their might and rebuild at once this institution.

The question, "Can it be done?" has no place in our consideration of the enterprise. Methodism is unused to the habit of illustrating in her experience the meaning of the word "cannot." It will require only about seventeen cents per member to set the old institution on her feet again. The Baptists of the State once addressed themselves to the enterprise of helping their noble college, Wake Forest, and an endowment fund of $100,000 was the result. Again, they addressed themselves to the enterprise of building an institution for their women. Handsome buildings, free from debt, a magnificent faculty, and a large enrollment of girls from all over the State, are the result. A call is now made to the Methodists of North Carolina to take the walls valued at $15,000 now standing on propery worth $50,000, with no encumbrance of debt, with the prestige of a glorious history behind, and the vision of greater triumphs ahead and rear an institution of which the whole South may be proud. Shall we once think of saying, "It cannot be done."? Shall we forget the obligations of the hour and the genius of Methodism and say, "We will not help?" No! we cannot afford to do so. We will not do so.

So we present to our readers the statements and appeals in this issue, and ask that they be prayerfully considered. A great duty is before us, because a great opportunity is staring us in the face. Look at the cut of the proposed building on the cover page of this paper; study the noble proportions; calculate the sacred possibilities slumbering within the completed walls; behold the inspiring vision of an army of morally and intellectually cultured young women issuing from the portals, year after year, to consecrate the altars of home and strengthen and beautify the pillars of society—and then ask God to make you an effective instrument in materializing the hopes represented in that picture.

OUR ZION.

There is an oft-neglected duty which confronts every intelligent Christian, and that is to keep himself informed of the progress or decadence of the church in general and of his own denomination in particular.

This duty is not to be performed in order that one may answer the quibblings of those who are ever predicating or predicting the decay of the church. Such quibblers are the logical descendants of the one of old who was ever asking the question: "Who can show us any good?" The duty is to be performed because an intelligent grasp of the question of the material and spiritual movement of the church is a condition of the most effective personal service. When the exhibit is favorable, showing progress, there comes a new strength into faith, and a new inspiration into the heart. When the exhibit is unfavorable, the true soul hears a trumpet blast calling to renewed activity and a closer waiting upon God.

The General Minutes of the M. E. Church, South, for 1903, are just from the press. Dr. Tigert the Book Editor, says: "The results indicate a year of uniform and uninterrupted prosperity in every department of church activity."

The increase in membership for the year was 31,635. To those who were depressed by the showing for 1902, this fact comes with refreshment for the spirits. Our total membership is now 1,566,828. The number of infant baptisms was 27,788; of adult baptisms, 59,424. When we compare the net gain and the number of adult baptisms, it is not difficult to see what inroads death and other causes of removal are making into our membership.

It is a sad fact that there was an increase of only 151 travelling preachers for the whole connection. Of course, more than this number were admitted on trial, for death removed many from the ranks. Yet we cannot contemplate with any degree of satisfaction that the net gain is so small.

There was an increase of 4,191 Sunday-school officers and teachers, and of 45,285 scholars. Perhaps the noblest achievements of the Sunday-school, not considering its direct spiritual effects, have been wrought through the Bible Teachers' Study Circle. Dr. James Atkins, the Sunday School Editor, did a great thing when he conceived and executed this idea. He was the pioneer in a very important field. Other denominations are just beginning to appreciate the importance and magnitude of this work. The seed is being sown and the harvest will be rich.

There was an increase of 286 in the number of Epworth Leagues; 6,746 in the number of Epworth League members. It is an encouraging fact that the Epworth Era not only paid expenses but made a small surplus. Considering the equipment and opportunities, Dr. DuBose has done a wonderful thing, and he and the whole church are to be congratulated.

The total amount paid during the year for Bishops, Presiding Elders, and preachers-in-charge was $3,107,689.16, being a gain for the year of $108,237.13. The gain in the amount paid Presiding Elders is nearly the same as that paid the preachers-in-charge, showing that the ratio of increase for the Presiding Elder has been greater than that for the preachers in his District.

The total collection for missions including Church Extension and the American Bible Society, was somewhat surprising. It amounts to over $800,000. The sum of $192,029.31 was raised for superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers. In this amount are not counted the sums collected on the Superannuates' Endowment Fund.

In the main, the general report for the year is encouraging. Let us all try to make next year's report better.

The weekly papers of the various denominations are nearly 1,100 in number. The Roman Catholics have 160. Protestant journals number over 900. The Methodists have about 140, and the Baptists about the same.

THE NEW GREENSBORO FEMALE COLLEGE.

The cut on our first page is a good representation of the proposed new building for Greensboro Female College. A brief review of what already has been done, and what North Carolina Methodists expect to do, may be interesting to our readers. Last summer, the Alumnae Association raised a subscription of $25,000; this was to buy the stock of the Greensboro Female College Association, one-half of this has already been paid, and there are solvent subscriptions with which to meet the other as it falls due.

There is a bonded debt of $40,000, and the insurance money, amounting to $35,000, will be used in liquidating this sum. Many of the bondholders have expressed their willingness to scale their claim so that the insurance money may extinguish the debt. As the College owns a trust fund, invested in these bonds, the interest of which is payable to itself, the insurance money will relieve it of all embarrassment from this debt.

There then remains to the College a lovely campus, only a few blocks from the heart of Greensboro, on West Market Street, worth about $50,000, and the old walls valued at $10,000 to $15,000.

The Trustees propose to erect a new building on the old site, using the old walls, which, when complete, will be worth $75,000. It will be equipped with all needed conveniences, such as water, baths, rooms, etc., etc., and all the sanitary arrangements will be complete. The boiler will be removed to the rear of the building, all wood work, exposed in the least, to any danger of fire will be wrapped in asbestos. Fire escapes with landings on each floor will be provided. There will be a gymnasium, etc., supplied with all the necessary athletic appliances. The building will accommodate 200 girls, two in a room, and will have elegant parlors, library and reading room, art studio, chapel and society halls.

In short, the new College will be an up-to-date, modern school building with every convenience.

Twelve thousand dollars have been contributed to the building fund, and work cannot commence until about $20,000 more is subscribed. Work must begin by June 1st, if the school is to open September 15th, which is of the utmost importance. Send your subscriptions at once to Miss Nannie Lee Smith, Greensboro, N. C.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

Washington District, Aurora—May 11-16.
Fayetteville, Jonesboro—Fifth Sunday in July.
New Bern District, Beaufort—June 30-July 3.
Raleigh District, Cary—June 30-July 3.
Rockingham, Lumberton—May 26-29.
Wilmington District, Southport—July 28-July 31.

The dates of the other District Conferences will be published as they are announced by the Presiding Elders.

CRAVEN MEMORIAL PORTRAIT.

The following amounts have been received since last week:

Rev. R. B. Clark, Coleridge, N. C.	$2.60
Rev. R. H. Broome, Carthage, N. C.	1.00
Rev. J. D. Pegram	1.00
Amount previously reported	106.25
	110.85
Total required	$500.00

We regret to announce the death of Rev. I. N. Mann, who died on last Friday afternoon at his home in Siler City. He was buried at Mt. Pleasant Church on last Sunday. Rev. J. H. Frizelle, conducted the funeral service. North Carolina Methodism has lost in Brother Mann's death one of her choicest sons. His life was a benediction to all. He was always deeply interested in this paper, and in every interest pertaining to North Carolina Methodism. His obituary will appear in the Advocate. With hundreds of his former friends and acquaintances we mourn with the bereaved family.

Dr. James H. Carlisle is one of the "grand old men" of Southern Methodism. He is now 79 years old, and still teaches astronomy and ethics in Wofford College.

Methodist Mention

Our church in Cuba gained 235 members last year, and 300 probationers.

Rev. Euclid McWhorter preached to the Odd Fellows at Southport on last Sunday.

A lady in Kentucky has given Bishop Candler $600 for the new mission work in Pinar Del Rio, Cuba.

We learn that the citizens of Lumberton, Miss., have made a gift of a $25,000 residence to Dr. S. A. Steel.

The united contributions from all the Methodist churches last year for missionary purposes was $7,500,000.

The Rockingham District Conference will meet at Lumberton May 26th, and will embrace the fifth Sunday.

We look for great things from the Missionary Conference to be held the first week in May in Waco, Texas.

Rev. A. J. Parker found thirty Advocates on Roanoke Island. There are now seventy-five. Who can beat this record?

Edmund Clarence Stedman has written the hymn which will be used next week at the opening of the St. Louis Epoition.

They have organized in Atlanta, what is known as the Preachers' Wives Circle. There are in this organization vast possibilities for good.

Bishop A. W. Wilson will preach the annual sermon at Randolph-Macon Commencement, and Bishop Galloway will deliver the address.

Mr. J. H. Southgate, of Durham, was so kind as to call one day last week. We are sorry that, on account of our absence from the office, we were unable to see him.

Rev. James Chapman, of England, will deliver the Cole Lectures at Vanderbilt University, April 24-May 1. We acknowledge with thanks an invitation to be present.

The Methodists of New Orleans have just given to Bishop Morrison an elegant espiecopal residence, costing $10,000. The Bishop and his family will soon move into it.

The St. John's congregation of St. Louis have purchased a parsonage for their pastor, Dr. J. W. Lee, at a cost of $12,500. St. Louis Methodism does things on a large scale.

We repeat our exhortation to the brethren to be patient in waiting for the publication of the obituaries sent this office. We are very much crowded with obituaries at present.

Rev. Jno. F. Butt, Charlotte, N. C., after spending some time in Florida, has returned to North Carolina with renewed health, and announces that he can help the brethren in a few meetings.

The Western Christian Advocate comes out in the handsomest edition we have yet seen in the newspaper field, to celebrate its 70th anniversary. The Western is a credit to religious journalism.

The Alabama Christian Advocate is now sending out weekly 9500 papers, and an urgent appeal is being made for 500 more to make the number 10,000. We trust that the requisite number will be forthcoming.

Mr. Joseph G. Brown left on last Monday to attend the National Bankers' Meeting in New York City. He will attend the annual meeting of the Epworth League Board in Waco, Tex, before returning to Raleigh.

Rev. C. L. Read thus writes of a recent visit of Bishop Wilson to Edenton: "The Bishop preached twice and delivered an address on Missions. His reputation as a thinker and preacher was fully sustained. We were charmed by his visit and preaching. Besides our congregation and visiting members of the other Edenton congregations, there were visitors present from Hertford, Roper, Plymouth and other points to hear the Bishop.

A brother speaks in highest praise of the good work that Bro. N. H. D. Wilson is doing on his work. They now have lumber on the ground for the construction of a new church at Barnesville, on Robeson Circuit.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Z. Paris, Bro. W. H. Humphrey, one of our zealous Methodist laymen of Lumberton, conducted religious service at Moss Neck a few Sundays ago. This is our idea of a true layman.

Rev. E. R. Welch was in Raleigh on last Monday. Assisted by Rev. F. A. Bishop, he conducted in the afternoon the funeral service of the little child of Mr. and Mrs. John Marr of Hope Mills, but formerly of Raleigh.

Bro. W. T. Jenkins, of Aurelian Springs, writes: "I want to help the Advocate to help the people and keep the Warrenton District in the front rank." So he sends a check for three new subscribers. May God bless our laymen!

The young ladies of the State Normal College of North Carolina, located in Greensboro, have agreed to educate a young lady from one of our colleges in Brazil, and Greensboro Female College, despite its fire, has agreed to do the same.

Rev. R. F. Bumpas began a series of meetings at Central Church on last Sunday. Rev. N. L. Scabolt has closed his meeting at Brooklyn. It was a most successful meeting. There was quite a number of professions and accessions.

Southern Methodism is alive on the Pacific Coast. Eight thousand dollars for a deaconess home and $7,500 for a Berkeley Church, besides meeting all Conference and connectional demands, is a better record than many numerically stronger sections can show.—Epworth Era.

We congratulate the Epworth League and all Methodists on the fact that the Epworth Era paid all running expenses during the year which has just closed. Now let the Board give Dr. Bu Bose "full swing" in the matter of column space and equipment. We must spend money in order to keep from losing money.

"A Soldier's Story: Prison Life and Other Incidents in the War of 1861-5." This is the title of a most readable and well written pamphlet by Mr. M. O. Sherrill, State Librarian. It is written in that style which both instructs and entertains. The sterner scenes are relieved by that play of humor for which the author is noted.

Mrs. B. F. Dixon has sent the following item from Elizabeth City: Our Annual Meeting has opened in the most promising manner—all the executive officers present and all the District Secretaries except three. At roll-call this morning fifty answered "present." We are anticipating a most enjoyable, successful meeting. Miss Pescud and Rev. W. B. Lee, missionaries to Brazil, are here.

Bishop John H. Vincent's four years' residence in Europe ended with March of this year. He has had espiecopal supervision of the Methodist Episcopal Churches in the old countries which is now conducted in nine Annual Conferences. Reports show 60,000 members and probationers, 80,000 Sunday-school members, with book deposits, and periodicals in Germany, Switzerland, Scandinavia, Italy, and Bulgaria.

President Kilgo will leave the first of next week for Los Angeles, California, and will be absent from college during the month of May. The College of Bishops of the M. E. Church, acting under the orders of the General Conference, selected him as Fraternal Messenger to the General Conference of the M. E. Church. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Kilgo and Prof. R. L. Flowers.

The Advocate office was honored one day last week with a visit from Miss Nannie Lee Smith, who was in Raleigh on a canvassing tour. Her faith and energy are boundless. She has not the slightest idea that the College will fail to open on time. Neither has any one who comes within range of her faith-compelling words. The educational interests of North Carolina Methodism already owe much to Miss Nannie Lee Smith.

Publisher's Column

AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

Losing sight of the fact that the month of April expires nearly a week after the last issue of the Advocate in this month, we announced last week that the week just closed would be the last week of the Campaign for New Subscribers. Of course, it is plain that properly speaking the campaign does not close until next week. So our preachers and laymen have one more week in which to work. There are lacking only 293 new new subscribers to make up 150 for each District in the Conference—the great object to which we have been bending our energies. We can secure this number by next Wednesday. We must do it. We cannot afford to fail. The brethren are hard at work. Let us reach the goal next week.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The Conference has requested each District to furnish 150 new subscribers by May 1, 1904. The report of each District will be made weekly in this column. The District reporting the largest number of new subscribers by May 1, 1904, will receive a present not costing less than $25.00, to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

The following new subscribers have been received since April 20, 1904:

B. C. Glover	32
Rev. A. J. Parker	13
Rev. W. C. Merritt	12
Rev. J. W. Hoyle	8
Rev. W. A. Piland	7
Rev. W. E. Hocutt	6
Rev. E. R. Welch	6
Rev. W. F. Craven	5
Rev. G. B. Perry	5
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Rev. R. H. Broom	5
Rev. J. M. Lowder	4
Rev. J. G. Johnson	3
W. T. Jenkins	3
Rev. B. C. Thompson	3
Rev. L. H. Joyner	2
Rev. G. D. Langston	2
Rev. H. G. Stamey	2
Rev. D. N. Caviness	2
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Rev. Chas. A. Jones	1
C. W. Ezzell	1
Rev. N. H. Guyton	1
Rev. W. F. Sanford	1
Rev. A. McCullen	1

The following shows how many new subscribers have been received from each District since Conference:

Warrenton District	202 increase for week	26
Rockingham District	163 increase for week	32
Fayetteville District	158 increase for week	42
Elizabeth City District	117 increase for week	33
Washington District	103 increase for week	5
Raleigh District	96	
Wilmington District	78 increase for week	3
New Bern District	73 increase for week	1
Durham District	67 increase for week	3
Total increase for week		146
Total new subscribers to date		1,057

You will see that two more Districts, Rockingham and Fayetteville, have gone above 150 and seem determined to match Warrenton's record. Elizabeth City moves up two places and turns Washington down two places. We believe that every District is determined to reach the mark and above.

Mr. J. L. Ramsay, an experienced newspaper man and a former editor of the Progressive Farmer, has begun in Raleigh the publication of a weekly independent newspaper called the Raleigh Enterprise. The first number has been received at this office, and from the way it has started, we would judge that it will prove a very valuable paper to all its readers—and we trust that it may have many.

NORTH CAROLINA EPWORTH LEAGUE
CALL FOR CHRIST
DEVOTIONAL. CHARITABLE. LITERARY. EVANGELICAL.
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EDITED BY REV. H. B. ANDERSON.

The Leagues of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, have joined forces to build an Epworth Lodge at Seashore Camp Ground, near Biloxi, Miss. Dr. Featherstun is the leading spirit in the movement.

So far as we are concerned Leagues, preachers, and Presiding Elders are as silent as the grave. Is it because there is "nothin' doin'" in League circles and toward the organization of new Leagues?

The issue, April 28, of the Epworth Era will be a special jubilee number celebrating the triumph of the League and the Era. The number will be about double the usual size. We hope the editor will be able soon to give us monthly if not weekly a thirty-two-paged journal.

As will be seen from clippings in these columns the Era and Bro. Gus W. Thomasson, the wide awake League Editor of the Texas Advocate, both indorse our plan of supporting a League missionary. We are pleased to have such indorsements, and shall shout for joy when the plan issues in glorious success.

We will gladly welcome for these columns any plan that you have successfully worked in your chapter. It may be helpful to others. We will at least see that you are alive if you will say we held a successful, pleasant or profitable meeting at Old Bethany church, or somewhere else.

At the late Virginia League Conference it was decided that the Leagues of the Old Dominion would support a missionary. We believe that inside of two years every League Conference will have its own missionary in the field. The North Carolina Conference is in the van. The movement has the hearty indorsement of the League Central Office and of the Mission Rooms.

The North Carolina Leaguers are raising funds to put a missionary in the foreign field. Their plan of assessment is similar to the one formerly used by the Texas Leaguers. In our opinion the Texas Leaguers made a mistake in discontinuing their special missionary effort. North Carolina Leaguers are on the right track. Push your work and may God bless you therein!—League column Texas Advocate.

Rev. H. B. Anderson, Secretary of the North Carolina League and League Editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, is an ardent missionary worker. In his endeavor to have the Conference Leagues take up the work of supporting a missionary, he has the hearty indorsement of the Central Office and of the Mission Rooms. The great Conference at Petersburg did no wiser or better thing than its undertaking to support a missionary. It is possible for each State League, on an average, to support a missionary. What we need is the feeling of specific responsibility, the presence of a specific work in missions to do, and a well-planned movement.—Era.

Fifty Cents.

What for? For the Era from now until January 1, 1905, in clubs of ten Let the agents of the chapters now reap a harvest. The Era widely disseminated and carefully read means a growth of interest in chapter work and an enlarged League membership.

A Timely Invitation.

A business man was on his way to the prayer-meeting. His work had detained him so long that his dinner had been hastily eaten, and yet he was late for service. The sound of music floated down the street, and, as the church came into view, he quickened his steps.

On the pavement he hurriedly passed a stranger, who was gazing curiously up at the open windows. Acting on a sudden impulse, he turned back.

"This is our prayer-meeting evening. Will you go in with me?"

The stranger hesitated a moment. "Why, yes," he answered.

Prayer-meeting ended, the two went out together.

"I was very glad to have your company tonight," said the business man, as he parted from his new acquaintance, after finding out his name and where he lived. "May I call for you next Wednesday?"

The man, without much enthusiasm, replied that he "didn't care" if he did.

He called, and followed it up on succeeding Wednesdays, taking care to introduce the stranger to the other men of the congregation.

That was the starting-point. Prayer-meeting led to church service. The stranger finally, with his family, united with that congregation. He has become an active and efficient church worker.

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Should G. F. C. be Rebuilt?

The whole country was shocked when the wires spread the news that for the second time Greensboro Female College had been laid in ashes. The first enquiry that came from all parties, the friends of the College, those who were indifferent, and the casual listener, was, will the College be rebuilt? A more important question than that is, Should the College be rebuilt? Mere sentiment should not enter into the answer to this question. Greensboro Female College has done a great work in the past, she has a glorious history. But will past achievements meet future demands, or mark changed conditions? Sometimes what appears to be an unmitigated calamity brings to us opportunities that we would not, and could not have without them. Often the burning of a town gives better facilities for handling a larger business. So may it not be that the burning of G. F. C. is the opportunity for a better equipment, and a larger usefulness? But should G. F. C. be rebuilt? I answer, Yes. The State is full of female colleges. Every denomination of adequate strength has one or more female colleges. The State has also provided well for Female education. Our own church has several colleges, and are these not amply able to meet the demands for this class of work? And is there room for another? There is plenty of room at the top, and I am in favor of putting G. F. C. at the top of our female educational system, as Trinity is at the top of our male educational work.

The insurance money will [illegible] the indebtedness, which I think ought to be done. Then we have in the very heart of one of the most progressive cities of the South a campus of about 30 acres unsurpassed for beauty, and accessible from all parts of the State. It seems to me to be the proper thing to put there an institution that will meet not only the present demands, but we should build for the future. A building should be projected that will cost not less than one hundred thousand dollars, with all modern improvements and conveniences. With such a building not less than one hundred thousand dollars should be secured as a permanent endowment. Randolph-Macon at Lynchburg has $102,000, and G. F. C. must have an ample endowment to do the work expected. The curriculum should be placed in line with the best colleges for women. The very lowest that should be thought of would place a young woman in the senior class in the Woman's College of Baltimore, Vassar, or Wellesley. G. F. C. should not be put in competition with the colleges we now have, but let them send their graduates there for post graduate work. The college should be put in close touch with Trinity, and form a part of our educational system, which ought to be more compact and unified. With such an institution, the zeal that has characterized her faculty in the past, will place her among the very highest grade institutions of this Union. This is what we need, this is what we want, and we should not be satisfied with anything less.

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7 20	4 15	.....Raleigh.....		9 45	6 25
7 35	4 25	S.....Caraleigh Mills...		9 35	6 20
7 45	4 30	F.....*Sylvania.....		9 30	6 15
7 54	4 39	F.....† Barnes		9 20	6 06
8 00	4 45	F.....Hobby		9 14	6 00
8 15	4 52	M.....McCULLERS.....		9 10	5 55
8 25	4 56	F.....Banks.....		8 58	5 40
8 30	4 59	F.....Austins.....		8 55	5 36
8 50	5 07	S...†Willow Springs ...		8 40	5 30
9 05	5 15	M...† JOHNSON MILL		8 40	5 15
9 15	5 17	P.....† Cardenas.....		8 38	5 05
9 20	5 22	S...C. F. & N. Junction		8 33	5 01
9 35	5 26	S...† Fuquay Springs.		8 20	4 50
9 40	5 31	F.....Beckhorn		8 20	4 45
9 45	5 36	F.....Rawls		8 17	4 30
10 00	5 45	S.....† Chalybeate.....		8 10	4 20
10 05	5 50	S.....Bradley		8 00	4 06
10 15	6 00	F.....* Smith Mill.....		7 55	4 00
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Secular News

STATE.

The Charlotte Evening Chronicle will issue a woman's edition on May 20th.

Judge H. G. Ewart, of Hendersonville, was nominated Wednesday for Congress by the Republicans of the Tenth District.

Lieut. Richmond Pearson Hobson lectured in Charlotte last Monday evening on "America's Mission in the World." He received quite an ovation.

The Masons of Rocky Mount have begun tearing away the remains of the opera house which was recently destroyed by fire, and will promptly begin rebuilding.

The amount of the frauds on the Government at Milton, Caswell County, by two distillers in collusion with internal revenue officers is said to be $100,000.

Heriot Clarkson, Esq., has placed on foot a movement to place a bust of I. E. Avery in the Charlotte Carnegie Library. The movement is meeting with great success.

Judge Peebles has named the 10th of May and the city of Fayetteville as the time and place for hearing the contempt proceedings which he has brought against the bar of Robeson County.

The police of Durham are arresting all persons who refused to be vaccinated. Small pox continues to prevail at several places throughout the State. Several cases are reported at Rockingham, N. C.

The Raleigh Enterprise is the name of a new paper, the first issue of which appeared last week, published by Mr. J. L. Ramsey, who at one time was editor of the Progressive Farmer. It is to be independent in politics.

Lexington, N. C., was visited by a large fire last Sunday night. A furniture factory, electric light plant and several dwellings were burned. Many men were thrown out of employment. The total loss is estimated at $65,000.

GENERAL.

Diamonds have been found recently near Pretoria.

Federal Judge Simonton died in a hospital in Philadelphia on Monday.

Fifteen dead and scores of injured mark the path of a tornado which swept through Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas and Indian Territory Sunday and Monday.

Russia's population in 1903 was 141,000,000, divided as follows: Russians, 66 per cent; Poles, 7 per cent; Finns, 5 per cent; Tuco Tartars, 9 per cent, and Jews, 3 per cent.

There are more than a dozen business women in Chicago enjoying incomes of from $3,000 to $10,000 a year resulting from their own enterprise, promoted and managed by themselves.

British manufacturers appear to be steadily losing ground as regards agricultural machinery in Russia, while America and Germany are continually increasing their output to that district.

Great Britain has in course of construction: Battleships, 8; armored cruisers, 4; scouts, 8; destroyers, 23; submarines, 11; river gunboats, 6. The new battleships, to be known as the Lord Nelson class, will cost $8,000,000 each.

There are 14 different bodies of Lutherans in New York with 125 ministers. There is now a movement toward uniting these churches in practical work.

According to statistics compiled in Havana, Cuba, exported baled leaf tobacco to the value of $12,000,000 and cigars to the same value. America took more than one-half of the tobacco in bales and received less than one-fourth of the cigars.

There is a movement on foot to apply the curfew law to the national capital. About 4,000 cities and towns in the United States, mostly in the West, now have curfew laws to keep children who are unattended off the streets after a stated hour in the evening.

The loss of life from accidents and disasters in the United States last year was: Fires, 1,792; drowning, 2,471; explosions, 736; falling buildings, etc., 474; steam railways, 4,000; electric railways, 573; electricity, 156; mines, 788; cyclones and storms, 187; lightning, 139.

The Virginia cases, involving the validity of the suffrage provision of the new Virginia State Constitution, were dismissed by the United States Supreme Court on the ground that relief was impossible, the acts from which relief was sought having already been committed.

There are afloat 13,381 sea going steam vessels of over 100 tons. Of these Great Britain has 5,929, aggregating about 14,000,000 gross tons, while the United States has 846, aggregating little more than 1,500,000 tons. The merchant fleet of Germany is one-fifth that of Great Britain. The United States ranks third among the nations in amount of steamer tonnage and second in sailing vessels.

New York health statistics show that from January 1 to March 15 last there were more than 10,000 cases of measles in the city, with 323 deaths. Deaths from pneumonia from December 1, 1903, to March 15, numbered 6,144. The Board of Health ascribes as the cause of a large percentage of the cases the habit of spitting in public places, especially on street cars, and during March the arrests for violation of the anti-spitting ordinance averaged 200 weekly.

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University of North Carolina.

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This publication of the University of North Carolina, made by the generosity of Mr. James Sprunt of Wilmington, contains much material of value to historical readers. It consists of extracts from the papers of the deRosset family, members of which have been prominent residents of that city since 1735; extracts from the Journal of the Board of Commissioners of the city prior to the Revolution, with notes by Captain Samuel A. Ashe, of Raleigh, of distinguished Cape Fear stock; Letters of a Loyalist, Mr. James Murray, 1735-1756; Journal of Joshua Potts, in regard to the location of Smithville, now Southport; Letters of Captain Samuel Ashe, son of Governor Samuel Ashe, to Jo Seawell Jones, in regard to men and events of the Revolution; Journal of General Joseph G. Swift, a United States officer, stationed on our coast in 1807 and later, who married Miss Walker, a North Carolina lady, printed for private distribution but very scarce; and lastly, extracts from an oration by Colonel James G. Burr, who was an ardent antiquarian.

We hope that the old families of other sections of the State will enable the University to illuminate the past, growing more dim every day, as brightly as has been done by this publication in regard to the Lower Cape Fear.

The House passed a bill providing for the relief of growers of leaf tobacco. It repeals the internal revenue tax of six cents a pound on leaf tobacco in the "hand" and all special taxes. The bill will not pass the Senate at this session.

BOILS

PYRAMIDS OF PAIN

Boils show the blood is in a riotous, feverish condition, or that it has grown too weak and sluggish to throw off the bodily impurities, which then concentrate at some spot, and a carbuncle or boil is the result. To one already enfeebled by disease, boils seem to come with more frequency, causing the intensest pain and greatest danger to the already weak and debilitated sufferer. All skin eruptions, from the sometimes fatal carbuncle to the spiteful little cat-boil, are caused by bad blood, and the only way to avoid or get permanently rid of them is to purify and build up the deteriorated, polluted blood, and counteract the humors and poisons; and nothing will do this so quickly and thoroughly as S. S. S., which is the acknowledged king of blood purifiers and greatest of all tonics. Where the blood has become impoverished and is poor and thin, no medicine acts so promptly in building up and restoring its richness, purity and strength. The time to cure a boil is before it develops, when it is in a state of incubation or formation in the blood; for boils are, after all, only the impurities and poisons bubbling up through the skin, and this will continue in spite of poulticing and lancing till the blood gets rid of its accumulated poison. The way to stop boils is to attack them in the blood, and this is what S. S. S. does. All danger of boils is past when the blood has been thoroughly purified and the system cleansed of all morbid, impure matter. If you are subject to boils, then the same causes that produced them last season will do so this, and the sooner you begin to put your blood and system in good order the better the chance of going through the spring and summer season without boils or other painful and irritating skin eruptions. S. S. S. is guaranteed purely vegetable, and can be taken with perfect safety by old and young, and without harm to the most delicate constitution. It is mild and pleasant in its action, and unequaled as a cure for boils and kindred eruptions. Write us if you would like medical advice or other information.

Allegheny, Pa., June 11, 1903.

From the age of twenty or thirty I was sorely afflicted with large, awful boils on my face and body. As soon as they would heal up in one place they would break out in another part of the body, and this continued for ten years. I tried everything I could hear of to get relief, but nothing did me any good. I had but little faith in S. S. S. doing me good when I began it, but after taking it for a short while the boils began to disappear. I continued on with the medicine, taking six bottles, and all the boils entirely disappeared. Five years have elapsed since that time, and I have never been bothered since, showing that the cure was permanent. I had some thirty or forty of the most painful boils one ever had, and to be entirely rid of them by your great purifier, S. S. S., puts me under a debt of gratitude to you.

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Fish Fish.

Thanks to Swindell Brothers and Bro. E. B. Moore, of Wilmington, N. C., for a nice box of fish each. The finny tribe find hearty welcome here. May their number never grow less. Also a box from Bros. Swindell and Fulford, of Washington.

Our Visitors.

We have had several visitors recently whose visits were highly appreciated. Among them, Miss Emma Page, Bible teacher in Greensboro Female College at the time it met its sad fate, accompanied by Miss Burkhead and Mr. Jos. G. Brown. Also Miss Sarah Ann Davis, of Beaufort, and Mrs. E. C. Duncan and little Miss Duncan and the Duncan boys, of Raleigh. Come again, friends.

Those Rooms.

We offered memorial rooms from $400 to $1,000 to individuals. But one has been taken. We now offer them to churches. There are twelve churches in the North Carolina Conference, either of which can pay $500 for a room to bear its name. That would raise us $6,000, which would put us beyond a peradventure. I could call the roll and anyone could see the ease with which they could raise that amount. What church will respond first?

Greenville.

It is always pleasant to me to spend a day in Greenville. We carried greetings from our Cassie Bright. That Sunday-school supports her, and they love her, though they never saw her, and she loves them, though she never saw them. We have no warmer friends than these. Hornaday is in clover, and he is weeding a wide, clean row there.

Sister Harris and her cultured daughters gave me a delightful home during my brief stay in that hustling town upon the Tar. It was great pleasure to meet that grand veteran, statesman and patriot, Gov. T. J. Jarvis, who has filled almost all the posts of honor in North Carolina, and honored them all.

Lively Times at the Orphanage.

Things are lively at our house now, April 22. The finishing touches are being put on the chapel by the carpenter's tool. The last plastering is being put on the second story, and the flooring is going down rapidly right after the masons. The material for the finishings has arrived, and will be put on first story right away. There will be no let or hindrance in going forward to the end unless it be the giving out of the money. Let the stream flow on. Everybody help. The good Lord is helping. We are greatly encouraged. If some friend would just send us a thousand dollar check now, it would help wonderfully. That two hundred dollar check from "a Methodist" brightened up things mightily.

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Roanoke Island, April 20
Camden, at Trinity, April 23, 24
Moyock, at Moyock, April 24, 25
Currituck, April 30, May 1
Dare, at Stumpy Point, May 7, 8
Kitty Hawk, at Collington, May 10
Columbia, May 14, 15
Roper, May 21, 22
Pantego and Belhaven, May 28, 29
Plymouth, June 4, 5

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Shallotte, Sharon, April 9, 10
Town Creek, Zion, April 16, 17;
Clinton, Kendall, April 22
Kenansville, Wesley, April 23, 24
Elizabeth, Singletary, April 30, May 1
Magnolia, Rose Hill, May 7, 8
Carver's Creek, Hebron, May 14, 15
Onslow, Queen's Creek, May 21, 22
Scott's Hill, Union, May 28, 29
New River, Snead's Ferry, June
Burgaw, Wallace, June 11, 12
Grace, June 12

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

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SECOND ROUND.

Pamlico, Barnes, April 16, 17
Oriental, Smith Creek, April 83, 24
Mount Olive Circuit, Providence, April 30 to May 1
Dover, Dover, May 7-8
Snow Hill, Mount Herman, May 14-15
Straits, Springfield, May 21-22
Atlantic, Wit, May 23-24
Morehead, May 26
Carteret, Bethel, May 28-29
Beaufort, Bethel, May 29
St. John, June 1
Grifton, Grifton, June 3-5
Hookerton, Ormonds, June 4-5
LaGrange, Trinity, 11-12

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

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SECOND ROUND.

Elise, Tabernacle, April 15
Carthage, High Falls, April 16, 17
Jonesboro, Morris Chapel, April 23, 24
Siler City, Hickory Mountain, April 29
Pittsboro, Brown's Chapel, April 30, May 1
Lillington, Spring Hill May 6
Buckhorne, Olive Branch, May 7, 8
Sanford, Jones Chapel, May 13
Goldsboro, Asbury, May 14, 15
Newton Grove, May 20
Dukes, Elevation, May 21, 22
Sampson, May 27
Fayetteville, Hay Street, May 29, 30

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

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SECOND ROUND.

Robeson, Bethesda, April 16, 17
Aberdeen, Asbury, April 23, 24
Pekin, Sardis, April 30, May 1
Mt. Gilead, Troy, May 7, 8
Montgomery, Ophir, May 14, 15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

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SECOND ROUND.

South Rocky Mount, April 16, 17
Rocky Mount, April 17, 18
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, April 24, 25
Swan Quarter, Soule, April 27
Mattamuskeet, April 30 and May 1
Fairfield (night) May 1
Nashville, York Chapel, May 7, 8
Aurora (District Conference), May 14
Farmville, Bethlehem, May 21, 22
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Salem, May 28, 29
Greenville, night, May 29
Bethel, Shiloh, June 4, 5
Tarboro, at night, June 5

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

West Durham, April 17, 18
Durham, Mangum Street, April 18, at night
Leasburg Circuit, at Bethel, April 22, 24
Alamance Circuit, at Lebanon, April 30, May 1
Yanceyville Circuit, at Locust Hill, May 7, 8
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, at Mt. Tirzah, May 14, 15
Burlington Circuit, at Mt. Vernon, May 21, 22

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SECOND ROUND.

Youngsville, April 16th
Louisburg, April 17th
Oxford Circuit, Hermon, April 23, 24
Clayton, Mt. Zion, April 30th, May 1
Milbrook, Oak Grove May 7, 8
Brooklyn, at night, May 8
Granville Circuit, May 14, 15
Cary, May 21, 22
Keuly, May 26
Wakefield, May 28, 29
Tar River, May 28, 29

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FIRST ROUND.

Roanoke Circuit, Tabor, Feb. 17
Hobgood, Hobgood, Feb. 20, 21
Scotland Neck, Feb. 21, 22
Garysburg, Garysburg, Feb. 27, 28
Henderson, March 6, 7
Warren, Providence, March 12, 13
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, March 19, 20

SECOND ROUND.

Northampton, Rehoboth, March 26, 27
Conway, Zion, March 27, 28
Rich Square, Lewiston, March 29
Bertie, Cashie, March 31
Harrellsville, Van's Grove, April 2, 3
Murfreesboro, April 3, 4
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, April 6
Hobgood, Palmyra, April 9, 10
Scotland Neck, April 10, 11
Warrenton, Warren Plains, April 16, 17
Littleton, Calvary, April 23, 24
Weldon, May 1, 2
Battleboro and Whitakers, McFyeire, May 7, 8
Roanoke Circuit, Ebenezer, May 14, 15
Garysburg, Oak Grove, May 28, 29
Roanoke Rapids, May, 29, 30
Warren, Oakesbury, June 4, 5
Henderson, June 5, 6
Ridgeway, Tabernacle, June 11, 12

Marriages

KELLAM— ARCHABELL. — At the Tolar residence in Belhaven, N. C., on the 30th ultimo, Dr. W. D. Kellam and Miss Minnie E. Archabell. H. M. Jackson officiating.

JORDAN—NYE.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in Columbus County, N. C., February 24, 1904, Mr. T. B. Jordan to Miss Laura E. Nye, Rev. J. J. Porter officiating.

GALLOWAY—POTTER.—At the Methodist parsonage, Snow Hill, N. C., April 5, 1904, Mr. Edward C. Galloway and Miss Mamie Potter, both of Snow Hill, Rev. E. C. Sell officiating.

Obituaries

Obituaries containg not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

TINNIN.—Joseph Pierce Tinnin was born March 3, 1855, died February, 3, 1904. Brother Tinnin was converted under the ministry of Rev. W. H. Moore while yet a young man, and joined the Methodist Church in Pittsboro. He lived a consistent Christian, serving his church faithfully in whatever work was assigned to him. He served his county as Treasurer for several years. In this office he showed the same pure, clean spirit. He was married to Miss Clara Haithcock when a young man. His devotion to his wife and his mother was beautiful indeed.

Those who knew him throughout his life said of him, "A more upright, honest man I have not known."

Brother Tinnin was for years bent with rheumatism, and suffered as few are called to suffer. As his pastor, I never heard him complain of his lot. He was always cheerful and bright, considerate of those about him. When the end came he was ready. He fell on sleep as a little child on its mother's arms. We laid his body away in the church-yard beside that of his sainted father, the Rev. John W. Tinnin. He awoke in glory. We shall meet him on the other side.

May God comfort his bereaved wife and mother.

JAS. H. FRIZELLE, Pastor.

GUTHRIE.—To the memory of my friend and relative, Mrs. Sallie Brantly Guthrie, who died at our home February 16, 1904, in her sixty-ninth year. She had been in declining health for some time prior to her death. Last fall she came to Burlington and was visiting us at the time when she grew worse, and continued to get weaker and weaker until the angels came on the morning of February 16th, and bore her spirit home.

Her maiden name was Evans, daughter of Oren and Nancy Brantly Evans. Her husband, J. B. Guthrie, preceded her to the spirit world some three years ago. He was a good husband, a kind father, and a devoted follower of Jesus. A short time before cousin Sallie's death she seemed to see him, talk to him, and she called him by name.

Seven children survive their parents: Rev. J. O. Guthrie, of the M. E. Church, South, Raleigh, N. C.; B. O. Guthrie, Burlington, N. C.; Mrs. J. M. Pugh, Greensboro, N. C.; J. A. Guthrie, Cross Hill, S. C.; Mrs. P. H. Highfill, Winston, N. C.; Mrs. J. H. Stackhouse, Dillon, S. C., and Miss Lillie Guthrie, who was with her mother all the time during her last illness, and ministered very faithfully, tenderly, and lovingly to her at all times. During her sickness and as the end came her children near and at a distance ministered to her, and gathered around her bed. But their love could not detain her in her upward flight, and so she fell asleep in Jesus. "Blessed sleep, from which none ever wake to weep."

It was a source of pleasure to Mr. Hall, my husband, and to me, to have such a godly mother in our home, and to do all in our power for her comfort. I can never forget that when I was left fatherless, that it was her loving voice that helped to soothe my breaking heart, and her tender hand that helped to brush away the blinding tears. I am glad to have been permitted to help minister to her during her last sickness. She asked me to write her obituary when she was gone, and what I have written is in fondest remembrance of her that I loved in life, and love in death, and believe I shall meet in heaven.

She was a member of the M. E. Church, South, faithful and true. She loved all God's people, and to know her was to love her.

The burial was at Siler City. The dear Lord comfort the children in their loss of mother, and all of us who mourn.

EUPHIE BROOKS HALL.

Burlington, N. C.

PIKE.—Mr. George H. Pike, a well-known citizen of Winfall, N. C., departed this life February 21, 1904. He was spared to greet the dawn of his 57th year of age. Was a member in good standing in the M. E. Church. He left to grieve after him wife and three children, over which he was a faithful father and husband. This community as well as the home has lost a good man, over which our mourning is not in vain. "We loved him well, but dear Jesus loved him best." So we bid him sleep on.

Sleeping from all toil and danger,
Resting in his home above,
Where his rest is with his Savior.
Dwelling in His gentle love.

Sleeping where no pain can harm him,
Where no winds or thunders roar,
With a host of angels with him,
Passing through the Heavenly doors.

Sleep on my friend, 'till Jesus calls thee from the silence of the tomb. We will meet you in that morning and will praise the Savior's name.

"Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep."

J. B. PIKE.

Winfall, N. C., Feb. 21, 1904.

JONES.—Ila B. Jones, nee Hunter, departed this life March 24, 1904.

Her death was a sad one to all of us, but we believe from the example she lived that she is at rest.

She was converted at an early age, and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Concord, and lived a faithful Christian life till her death. She was one of the most gentle, lovable and kind-natured ladies I ever met. So much so that she drew a large circle of friends around her.

She lived but a few weeks after she was taken sick, but suffered a great deal, but seemed to be perfectly resigned to God's will. She laid down this life of sorrow, pain and suffering and took up her abode among angels in the sweet by and by.

She reflected the true light of a Christian character in gentleness, piety and love. She was very much devoted to her husband and child; self-sacrificing for the comfort and pleasure of those near and dear to her.

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the lives of loved ones in years to come. She leaves a grief stricken husband and one child, four brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

May the blessing of God in this sad hour rest upon them and bring them all together in the beautiful home of the soul.

J. F. JONES,
Her Superintendent.

BALLARD.—Mrs. Louisa Mabette Ballard, eldest daughter of the late Gen. David Clark and Mrs. Anna M. Clark, and wife of Mr. F. S. Ballard, of Franklin County, died at Rocky Hill, their home, near Louisburg, N. C., on the 17th of February, 1904, in the 53rd year of her age. She had been happily married about 24 years, to a kind, true and faithful husband. They had but one child, Mr. David C. Ballard, now living in Georgia. The summons came very suddenly, but we believe she was ready to answer the call of her Master and enter into His glory.

She had a strong hold on the affections of her friends and relatives, and it was a sad message that flashed over the wires that Mabette Ballard was dead. She was a very quiet, unassuming woman, and one must know her well to appreciate her real worth. The writer can truly say that her gentleness and retiring modesty always marked her as a high type of womanly Christian character.

As her son grew up and was away at school, and her husband busy with the farm, she was left much alone. We believe that the secret of this gentle life may be found in the communion she had with her Lord in her quiet hours, with no one to see and no one to hear but the eye that never sleepeth and the ear that never grows dull. It has been the privilege of the writer to read many of the great number of clippings she made from newspapers and magazines. These clearly indicate the trend of her mind, and the aspirations of her soul. All bear the stamp of a devout and thoughtful mind. There is not a light or trifling one among them. The comments she made on them show clearly that she took a broad, sane view of life, and never once lost sight of the fact that here we stand only upon the threshold of the "House not made with hands—eternal in the heavens." These quiet moments spent alone in reading, prayer and meditation, give the true index to the spirit within.

She was the first to be called of a large family that had reached mature manhood and womanhood. The good Father above only knows when the next summons will come. Farewell for awhile, gentle Mabette—we drop our tears and strew our flowers upon the mound above your sleeping form. Your memory will ever be a precious heritage until by Divine grace we meet you again in the "House of many mansions."

I give one clipping found in her own handwriting—and then her comment:

And will not He who watched the seed
And kept the life within the shell
When those He loves are laid to rest,
Watch o'er their buried dust as well?

Just such a face as greets you now.
Just such as here we bear,
Only more glorious far will rise,
To meet the Savior in the air.

In peace let me resign my breath.
And Thy salvation see;
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Should We Rebuild?

If one ask himself the question, Should Greensboro College be rebuilt? and seek for reasons to sustain a negative answer, he will not find them; on the other hand, the reasons sustaining an affirmative answer multiply.

1. The traditions of the institution are excellent, and her achievements notable. In the home, in the school, in the church, in the community, her daughters have been a great blessing.

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3. The school is needed. It will not conflict with any other institution. No other of our church or State schools can do its work. While others have recently built, for instance, the Presbyterians in Charlotte and the Baptists in Raleigh, shall we surrender the field?

4. God has graciously given a great opportunity here. Campus ample and beautiful, the city of its location beautiful and progressive and cultured; for accessibility to the two Conferences, the most admirable location in the State.

5. God is about to give her a clear field financially. Weaverville expects to be out of debt by June, and Davenport and Rutherford are in good shape. A sound financial policy in the future will keep all our secondary schools out of debt. The expenditures of a preparatory school should always be less than the income derived from pupils, and doubtless will be in these schools hereafter. Brevard is about to be free from debt. On the part of the Trinity debt is only $20,000, and that is not due for some years.

With the foregoing conditions, our Conference ought certainly to be in position to do its part towards Greensboro.

6. We are able. Ours is one of the greatest of Conferences already, and rapidly but healthily growing. Many of our members can give thousands, and many more hundreds. When the cause is wisely and inspiringly presented to them, I have faith that there will be a generous response.

Let us go forward courageously.

E. L. BAIN.

Damage by Frost Last Week.

The heavy frosts that were expected in this immediate section last night did not materialize and the crops and fruit trees suffered but little damage from the cold in addition to the damage of the night before. Further reports from Tuesday night's damage, however, show that many truckers and fruit growers have lost heavily. From the sections heretofore not heard from came the report to-day that at least two-thirds of the entire crop of snap beans had been killed outright and that many farmers had lost their entire crop of beans. The strawberries in the eastern district are at least one-third killed, which means, a grower said to-day, that what few early strawberries are had will be of the "knotty-flop-sided" variety only. The truckers are very blue, as they had been banking upon this being a very full and profitable season for them.

Reports from other sections show that the peach crop has been largely cut off. Apples and pears do not seem to be much hurt in these sections, so far.—Raleigh Times, 22d.

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Atlanta Birmingham Fire Insurance Company
OF
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Condition December 31st, 1903, as Shown by Statement Filed.

Capital paid up in cash	$162,294.00
Amount paid in by shareholders as a surplus fund	162,294.00
Income—from policy-holders, $160,337.97; miscellaneous, $15,317.27; total	175,655.24
Disbursements—To policy-holders, $14,236.00; miscellaneous, $74,254.48; total.	88,530.48
Fire risks—Written or renewed during year, $14,062,861.22; in force	9,380,278.14

ASSETS.

Mortgage loans on real esate	$16,740.90
Loans on stocks, bonds and other collaterals	9,944.50
Value of bonds and stocks	250,460.00
Cash in home office and deposited in banks	75,277.43
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1903	36,308.03
Interest and rents due and accrued	1,881.95
All other assets, detailed in statement	27,397.41
Total	418,009.92
Less assets, not admitted	27,397.41
Total admitted assets	390,612.51

LIABILITIES.

Losses and claims unpaid	$4,611.00
Unearned premiums	84,610.50
Total liabilities as to policy-holders	89,221.50
Capital paid up in cash	162,294.00
Surplus	139,097.01
Total liabilities	390,612.51

No business in North Carolina in 1903. Entered the State January, 1904.
President, J. T. Dargan; Secretary, L. C. Fletcher.
Head Office, Empire Building, Atlanta, Ga.
Business Manager for North Carolina—Managed from Atlanta office.

State of North Carolina,
Insurance Department,
Raleigh, February 12, 1904.

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Atlanta Birmingham Fire Insurance Company, of Alabama, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1903.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

JAMES R. YOUNG,
Insurance Commissioner.

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The World As We See It.

THE OPENING HYMN.

Ode Composed by Edmun Clarence Stedman, Which Was Sung at the Opening Exercises at St. Louis Last Saturday.

(The following hymn, written upon invitation of the Exposition management, by Edmund Clarence Stedman, was sung by a chrous of five hundred voices. The music for the hymn was written, also upon official invitation, by Professor John K. Paine, of Harvard University):

HYMN OF THE WEST.

(World's Fair, St. Louis, 1904.)

O Thou, whose glorious orbs on high
Engird the earth with splendor round,
From out Thy secret place draw nigh
The courts and temples of this ground;
Eternal Light,
Fill with Thy might
These domes that in Thy purpose grew,
And lift a nation's earth anew!

Illumine Thou each pathway here,
To show the marvels God hath wrought
Since first Thy people's chief and seer
Looked up with that prophetic thought,
Bade Time unroll
The fateful scroll,
And empire unto Freedom gave
From cloudland height to tropic wave.

Poured through the gateways of the North
Thy mighty rivers join their tide,
And on the wings of morn sent forth
Their mists the far-off peaks divide.
By Thee unsealed,
The mountains yield
Ores that the wealth of Ophir shame,
And gems enwrought of seven-hued flame.

Lo, through what years the soil hath lain
At Thine own time to give increase—
The greater and the lesser grain,
The ripening boll, the myriad fleece!
Thy creatures graze
Appointed ways;
League after league across the land
The ceaseless herds obey Thy hand.

Thou, whose high archways shine most clear
Above the plenteous Western plain,
Thine ancient tribes from round the sphere
To breathe its quickening air are fain;
And smiles the sun
To see made one
Their brood throughout Earth's greenest space,
Land of the new and lordlier race!

The committee having in charge the Mormon investigation suddenly resumed its sittings last week, but almost as suddenly adjourned temporarily, having been in session three or four days. Nothing new was brought out. The story of Mormon intrigue and tyranny was only carried through another chapter. The testimony of several apostles was expected, but these high official saints made themselves invisible to the extent of hiding their whereabouts from the officers of the law. It is not now known when the investigations will be resumed.

We are not sure that Bishop Galloway, who addressed the Conference for Education in the South in Birmingham last week made such a hit with the learned and philanthropic tourists from the North as with the Southern portion of the audience. The Bishop advanced a theory which is deemed somewhat "non-progressive and narrow" by some would-be leaders of thought even in the South. He actually said that two points had been settled in the South: (1) The negro will never enjoy social equality; (2) they will be educated apart from the whites. Good doctrine and true, but we believe that it was accounted by some of the philanthropists as pure heresy.

The application by Mr. Cuyler of New York, for a Receivership for the A. & N. C. R. R., occasioned no surprise in these parts. Such a thing has been expected for several weeks. Judge Purnell of the Federal Court, has designated June 21 as the day on which the railroad shall show cause why a Receiver should not be appointed. This day was fixed with reference to the time of the completion of the Investigation Committee's report for which the State is now anxiously waiting. It is thought that the report will be in the hands of the public by May 21. It is almost the consensus of opinion that the road should have been leased long ago. When the difficulties of the A. & N. C. R. R. shall have been satisfactorily adjusted, the people of the State will breathe more freely. They are tired of this constant turmoil.

It was "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," we believe, who was made to utter that immortal saying about her placing all her troubles in a box, pushing down the lid and then "settin' on it." It was "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," we believe, who in her own true name, Mrs. Mary Bass, on last Saturday was arraigned in a Louisville court on the charge of emptying the contents of a slop jar on Mrs. Emily Smith, whose only offence, it seems, was in visiting the Cabbage Patch with the news that she had read the book, and in not "gittin'" when she was told to "flit" by the irate Mrs. Wiggs. We can hardly believe the story. Yet it is true. It is with difficulty, though, that we can see in the incensed slop-thrower that unique, witty, patient philosopher, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." What a difference, anyway, there is between fiction and reality. Yet after all, when we consider the circumstances, there was no great incompatibility between the fictional qualities of Mrs. Wiggs and the real qualities of Mrs. Bass. The people worried the latter very much by visiting her, and carrying away mementoes, and the Judge did right when he dismissed the case on general principles.

At 12.15 p. m. on last Saturday, President Roosevelt pressed the button which set in motion the machinery of the great St. Louis Exposition. A large crowd of people, many of them visitors, witnessed the opening ceremonies, which were opened with prayer by Rev. Frank M. Gunsaulus of Chicago. Mr. Taylor, Director of Works, presented to President Francis the keys of the Exposition. Sousa's band played the "Louisiana" march. President Francis delivered the Exposition buildings to Frederick Skiff, the Director of Exhibits. Edmund Clarence Stedman's "Hymn of the West" was sung, several addresses were made, the button in the White House in Washington was touched, and the answering rumble of thousands of wheels, the fluttering of thousands of banners, and the shouting of thousands of spectators announced that the greatest Exposition on the globe had been opened.

It is a matter of pride to North Carolinians that the North Carolina display, on the first day was a centre of interest. No North Carolinian need feel ashamed of the State exhibit.

On Sunday, the gates were closed. They will not be opened on Sunday. The Christian's Sabbath has gained a great victory.

On the heels of the report that the Vladivostock Russian fleet was not hemmed up in the harbor, but had sunk a Japanese transport, came the news that the Japanese army was crossing the Yalu river to attack the Russian defences. This movement began on Tuesday morning, April 26th. By Saturday the Japanese had crossed over from the island on which fortifications had been thrown up. The Japanese army formed a battle line four miles long. On Saturday General Kurako sent this message, "I will attack the Russian defences May 1 at dawn." This promise was carried out, and on last Sunday a great battle was fought. The Russian army 30,000 strong, was driven back, and the strategic key to the military situation in Manchuria was captured. It is reported that the Japanese lost 700 men, and the Russians, 800—a small mortality when we take into consideration the number of combatants

This battle was a crushing blow to Russia. This gives Japan a strategic position which will be quickly used. It seems to be the purpose of the Japanese army to occupy the Liaotung peninsula. This will place the Japanese behind Port Arthur with their warships in front.

This crushing defeat for the Russian arms immediately after the proclamation that Russia would brook no mediating interference by other powers, but would proceed to punish Japan in her own way, is particularly hard.

It is conceded by the majority of military experts that Russia is already whipped. Ex-Viceroy Alexieff is responsible to a large extent for Russia's bad plight. He succeeded in making the Czar believe that Japan would not fight but was only blustering. Russia realizes now that she has on hand one of the most serious wars in which she has ever engaged. In the language of the London Daily Telegraph, "Russia at the hands of the new power in the Far East has suffered the greatest defeat that has befallen her arms upon Asiatic soil since Ermak the Cossack, crossed the Urals."

Contributions

A Morning Prayer.

MARY CHASE CORNELIUS.

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."—2nd Cor. 10:5.

Help me, dear Lord, to do Thy will today.
All imaginations casting down.
Shed Thou the light of truth along the way,
That leads from earth to Heaven and its crown.

Let no high thing exalt itself, I pray,
Against the knowledge of my Sovereign Lord;
But may I learn to walk the heavenly way
That's pointed out within Thy Holy Word.

May every thought of mine be captive brought
To the obedience of Christ, Thy Son,
Let me so live that I can look to Thee,
And ask Thy blessing, when the day is done.

The Importance of Observing The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper.

C. L. READ.

The institution of the Supper of our Lord is recorded in each of the first three Gospels, and by St. Paul in his first Epistle to the Corinthians. No mention of the institution is made in the Fourth Gospel. This omission has been attributed to the fact that this Gospel bears a later date than the journeys and letters of St. Paul in which we find that the observance of the Supper of the Lord had been already established in the practice of the church.

But St. John is not silent concerning this sacrament. That which it serves to commemorate and to perpetuate in the thought and worship of men is closely interwoven in the entire text of his Gospel. So much so that Bishop Ellicott says, "The whole Gospel is sacramental. The direction of Christ concerning this sacrament, "This do in remembrance of me," seems, from the spirit of the occasion and the circumstances attending its institution, to contain the pathos of entreaty and the force of a command, and should appeal with peculiar force to every follower of Christ.

We must have intimate heart-knowledge of Him in order to enter into the true spirit of this act of worship. And there is perhaps no higher source of information concerning Christ and His mission in the world, the purpose of His manifastation, than the Gospel by St. John. The Christ is pre-eminently the theme of this Gospel. The spirit of His vicarious life and passion and death breathes in every chapter.

We have then the writer of each of the first three Gospels, and St. Paul in First Corinthians, recording the institution of this sacrament by Christ and His command for its observance. We find its real significance set forth and its value magnified in the Gospel by St. John. And St. Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, and St. Paul, in his writings, show that it had been firmly established in the life of the church at the time of their writing. These facts argue its importance.

Further evidence of its importance is found in the nature of the sacrament itself, which is fittingly expressed in the title.

"Sacrament," from the Latin sacramentum. This word, I quote Mr. Watson, "in its largest sense, may signify a sacred ceremony; and is the appellation, also, of the military oath of fidelity taken by the Roman soldiers. For both these reasons, probably, the term sacrament was adopted by the Latin Christians. For the first, because of the peculiar sacredness of the Lord's Supper; and for the second, because of that engagement to be faithful to the commands of Christ, their heavenly Leader, which was implied in this ordinance, and impressed upon them by so sacred a solemnity."

This sacrament has lost none of its sacredness and solemnity, and the obligation to observe it is as binding upon us as it was upon the early Christians. It is as much a means of grace for us as it was for Paul or John and the Christians whom they addressed directly. As often as we partake of it worthily we renew our vows of loyalty to Christ and set a seal to our faith in His mercy to save. And more, we receive thus a visible sign of God's grace to us. "The sacraments are," says the Heidelberg Catechism, "visible signs and seals ordained by God for this end, that He may more fully declare and seal by them the promise of His gospel unto us; to-wit, that not only unto all believers in general, but to each of them in particular, He freely giveth remission of sins and eternal life, upon the account of that only sacrifice of Christ, which He accomplished upon the cross."

It is a duty as well as a most sacred privilege then to observe this means of grace.

Preachers.

BY REV. J. H. M GILES.

There is one subject in the New Testament which cannot be stressed too much at this time, and especially is this true with reference to those who have the authority to elect or appoint men to ecclesiastical offices. We think that the Scripture sets forth the all important fact that none should be elected or appointed who are not able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convince the gainsayers; the necessary powers for this are natural, gracious and acquired. If a man be without good natural abilities, nothing but a miracle of grace from heaven can ever make him a proper preacher of the Gospel of Christ; and to make, or put any man into the sacred office of the ministry, who is unqualified for any function of civil life, is a travesty on the Christian ministry and sacrilege before God. Adam Clarke said: "If the grace of God do not communicate ministerial qualifications, no natural gifts, however splendid, can be of any avail."

To be a successful minister of Christ a preacher must feel the weight of immortal souls in such proportions as God only can press it upon him, in order to spend and be spent in the Master's vineyard. He who has never "passed from death unto life" of the soul in the work of regeneration in his own heart, can never make plain the way of salvation to others, or have a true zeal for conversions.

There was once a preacher from a very important station sent to my charge to preach at a Q. M. instead of my P. E., whose manner of preaching was that of a very good natured man talking in a room where every one except one other was fast asleep and he (the preacher) was too kind to disturb them. So he talked very softly indeed. I like Bishop Candler's style of preaching. It seems that he has a message that is akin to Paul's "woe is me if I preach not the Gospel."

The Bible.

BY FLORA WILLIAMSON.

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character. Here paradise is restored, heaven is opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand spirit, our good its design, and the glory of God its end.

It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully.

It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.

He Missed the Mark.

BY METHODIST.

In the Advocate of April 20th, Rev. H. G. Stamey, in attempting to answer the question, "Is It Wise?" raised by "Methodist" in a former issue of the said paper, missed the mark. In other words, he failed to even see the point in the mind of the author of the former article. No, Brother Stamey, I am not opposed to the Home Mission work of our church, as you seem to think. Be it far from me to even suggest withholding one cent from any part of our mission work that is in reality dependent, or in any way to cut short the support of the faithful man appointed to minister to those unable to help themselves. More still, if they are able, and know not this blessed gospel, why, then carry it to them whatever the cost.

Nothing short of carrying out our Lord's command (Mark 16, 15), will bring the church blameless to the bar of God. This, however, is different from sending a missionary to preach to 500 church members, here in North Carolina, who know the benefits of the gospel and are able to pay for it if they will. Is it possible to conceive of 500 members, in any charge in the North Carolina Conference, who have professed to renounce the devil and all his works and to support the church to which they belong, who, in reality, cannot support one man to preach the gospel to them. Yes, Brother Stamey, if there is such a place by all means continue that charge on the Mission Board.

Knowing something of most of the territory covered by our Conference, I hardly think such a condition possible. Yet, there are charges with more than 500 members that have been helped by the Mission Board for years. To drop these, and all the 23 referred to in my former article, as to that, does in no way mean to abandon the Home Mission work of the Conference and leave the other 34 mission charges to perish. The truth is, those who are able should help themselves, the real dependent should be helped more, and the church should occupy other fields, yet ungleaned, till all shall be left without excuse to be saved from sin. Now, Brother Stamey, read again from your "Methodist" friend and see if he is still so amazingly out of order, with all law and gospel, as you first seemed to think.

The Pride of Methodism.

C. F. SHERRILL.

Through many honored years Greensboro Female College has been a pride to North Carolina Methodism. The location was wise. The sample grounds were picturesque and beautiful. The alumnae were the choice women of the State. The record was one of imperishable honor.

The hearts of many wept when the old college was in ashes. But the temporary loss is permanent gain. We will have a more modern and commodious building.

Besides, the devotion of the friends of the college to it in its greatest need is as beautiful as Jonathan's friendship for David and far more successful. From the ruins a great college will arise.

Our Church in North Carolina needs Greensboro Female College. It has been to us a crown of glory. When I saw the noble, intelligent, consecrated women at the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society last year at Shelby, I said in my heart: "I am proud of my church; I do not fear for its future when such are our mothers and daughters." No church can hold the future without an educated womanhood. Methodism is more than an emotion. John Wesley's divine enthusiasm was the Holy Spirit's quickening of a great mind and heart. The most beautiful and effective zeal is that of a cultivated and cultured and intellectual and moral nature.

All honor to the noble women, the alumnae and all women who love Methodism, who have worked so nobly for our college. All honor to the choice men who have come to their rescue. It is a matter of rejoicing to us that the college will open in the fall. Her equipment for work will be superior to what it was before. Her friends have multiplied. Long may Greensboro Female College live to do good.

Bible Training Classes.

BY C. H. WETHERBE.

I have no direct knowledge of the work which is done in what are called Bible training classes, but I have noticed that the editors of some religious papers have presented some criticisms of certain classes of this kind. I suppose that such a thing is to be expected. It may be that some erroneous teaching is done in those classes, yet that does not prove that no great work is accomplished. I am glad to learn that a vast deal of eternal benefit to many people has resulted from such training. Rev. H. W. Pope, of New Haven, Conn., in an article in Union Gospel News, says: "I know of a training class, out of which three young men started for the ministry, two young women went into mission work, and one offered herself for the foreign field. Out of another class of sixteen members, two became ministers, twelve went to the foreign field, one is a traind nurse, and one is the religious reporter on a daily paper. Another class of twenty members sent nearly all of the members into some form of Christian work. The fact is that when people know how to do Christian work well they love to do it. Why not have a training class in your church? These are stirring times, and God needs every available worker." I observe that there are some religious bodies, believing themselves to be Christians after the New Testament pattern, who put all possible emphasis upon the idea that all church work, or all Christian service, should be done only according to such examples as are found in the New Testament. Those people cannot find in the Bible any examples of Bible training classes, unless they do so by inference, and I suppose that they would oppose the kind of training classes which Mr. Pope mentions. But I say that God never designed that the Bible should be a guide, in all the future, for all needed forms and methods of Christian work and worship. It is enough to know that any plan by which young people may be trained for most efficient service is in harmony with the progressive character and spirit of Christianity. And I am confident that God is working through channels, outside of colleges and theological seminaries, to prepare young men and women to preach and teach the gospel most productively. Gospel agencies are multiplying, even though fewer young men are in theological seminaries than there were a few years ago.

The Mode of Baptism.—No III

BY REV. M. H. TUTTLE.

Another example of sprinkling or pouring is the baptism of the three thousand on the day of Pentecost. These were evidently baptized by the mode of sprinkling or pouring. There were no places in Jerusalem suitable for immersion except those under the control of the Jews. These were the pools of Siloam and Bethesda. The Jews held these pools in great sanctity, and were openly and bitterly hostile to the Apostles and the followers of Christ. It is, therefore, absurd to think that they would have allowed the Apostles to immerse such a multitude in these pools which were guarded by them with such extreme ritualistic care. Such a baptism would not only have ritualistically but actually contaminated these fountains of water. The brook Kedron, the only other place where immersion could have been performed, was dry at the time of Pentecost; and when it was not dry it was no suitable place for immersion. Instead of gliding along as a "silver stream," as an immersionist poet has represented it, it pours down its black, dirty waters carrying off the filth and sewerage of the whole northern portion of the city. Thus, there were no places at hand where the Apostles could have immersed this great multitude.

Besides this, it was manifestly impossible for them to have immersed so many in so short a time. The meeting of the disciples was at the third hour of the day, or nine o'clock. After the Holy Ghost fell on them, and they commenced rejoicing, it took some time for the crowd to collect, who looked on some time longer, before Peter commenced his great sermon. This produced a second excitement more general than the first, and not until after this excitement subsided, could they have attended to any regular church business; yet on that day they received and baptized three thousand souls, although it must have been in the after part of the day when they commenced this business. Supposing immersion to have been the mode, what time do you think the Apostles would have gotten through with this baptism? The three thousand on the day of Pentecost could not have been immersed for the simple reason that it would have been a physical impossibility for the Apostles to have immersed such a vast multitude in a few hours; and because there was not sufficient water, to which they could have had access, in the city.

Still another example is the baptism of Cornelius and his friends in the city of Caesarea, recorded in the 10th chapter of Acts. Cornelius had called together his kinsmen and friends, and had, by the direction of the Spirit, sent to Joppa for Peter. Now as Peter was coming in, that is into the house to preach to them, Cornelius met him at the door. Peter preached and the Holy Spirit fell on the people. "Then answered Peter, can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost, as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord." Now, though Peter called for objections, and though he administered the ordinance of baptism in the house of Cornelius, yet no objections were made. No one was heard to say, "This sprinkling or pouring will not answer, you must go to some river, creek or pond and immerse them." Oh, Peter, it is well for thee thou didst not live to see thy administration of baptism disproved and made light of by modern apostles! There can be but very little doubt as to the mode of the baptism on this occasion. The idea of immersion is inconsistent with such a history and is utterly out of the question.

Perfect Man and Perfect God.

C. F. SHERRILL.

Born in the provincial Nazareth and brought up in the bosom of an exclusive race, Christ taught a universal kingdom, that would embrace all races and peoples to the end of time. He never breathed this thought in the atmosphere of His time. The Jews of His day had no such conception. It was the Divine thought of the eternal kingdom.

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Caesar's or Alexander's idea of a universal empire was a bauble to that of Christ's. Their dreams of petty kingdoms soon dissolved in thin air. The kingdom of God shall conquer every tongue and make subjects in every land.

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does His successive journeys run."

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Christ's lordly silence at the crucifixion and trial was the divine victim's loudest plea of innocency. Even the callous Roman soldiers said: "Surely this was the Son of God!"

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So near is Christ to man. And yet so far above him. So near that man can take His hand and say, "Brother!" So far above that he can ever look up in adoring love. None but God could be so human and so divine.

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Christ never marshalled an army. Yet He is the World's Conqueror. He never wielded a sword. Yet He has won more victories than all the Ceasars and Alexanders. He never wrote a book. The libraries of the world are creations of His through His inspiration. He never unfolded any of the secrets of nature. Yet all the inventions are sought out where His gospel has gone. He erected no temples or asylums. Yet they rise everywhere in His name and through His power to bless a dark world. In Him is life, and the life is the light of men.

Christ never went but once or twice beyond the narrow confines of little Palestine. He never saw a map of the earth. Yet he has changed the face of the world.

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In the presence of the Roman cross, Christ plans the campaign and announces the victories of universal empire. At the gate of death He institutes the Lord's Supper to be a memorial of Him "until His coming again." Such majestic calmness and imperial faith are not of men. The Son of God saw the other side as clearly as He saw this. His divinity explains His humanity.

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We do not think of classifying the miracles of Jesus with natural phenomena. Nor do we think of Christ as a mere man. His life was a greater miracle than the works of His hands.

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The funeral grief of the world, when the sinless sufferer hung on the cross, attests His divinity. Nature's sun hid his face when God's Son died.

"To shame our sins He blushed in blood;
To show us God He closed His eyes in death."

Rebuild at Once.

By all means rebuild Greensboro Female College at the earliest possible date. This it seems to me should be the united voice of every one who knows the history and work of this noble institution. Beginning in the autumn, 1846, and continuing until a few weeks ago, when her walls were laid in ruins by fire for the second time, she has with the single interim from 1863 to 1875, carried on her work of Christian education until hundreds of consecrated, educated young women have gone out from her classic halls to bless our homes and churches with their hallowed influence. As home-makers, her daughters have no superiors. As teachers in our schools, they are the noblest of the best. As church workers, the pastors know that they are ever the efficient and untiring reliables in every good word and work. Shall this noble institution which has so long been sending her refined, accomplished and consecrated daughters forth into our beloved church be permitted to lie in ashes? Shall this fountain of such sacred and hallowed influences be sealed henceforth? In the name of the purest, noblest and most exalted Christian womanhood, let it not be so. There is every reason why Greensboro Female College should immediately rise again with ampler proportions and with increased beauty and equipment. There is not a single good reason why she should be permitted to remain in ashes. Methodism in North Carolina has abundant means to rebuild and thoroughly equip this college and at the same time give suitable support to every other similar institution within her borders. They are all needed. None of the others can take her place, nor does she seek to take the place of any other. Her situation is central, beautiful, and advantageous. While she has long had noble and generous friends who nourished and carried her upon their hearts; friends who deserved the far more loyal and united support of Methodism than they ever received; still we confidently believe that reposing as she now is in the arms and in the hearts of her affectionate and consecrated daughters, the Alumnae Association, with the united support of the sister Conferences of North Carolina, her outlook is brighter than ever before. Another thing which to the writer makes her prospect brighter is the fact that the bonded debt, that intolerable incubus, has been burned out of the way. This, in my humble judgment, is a benediction from heaven. Verily, this lovely and exalted daughter of Methodism has been purified in the fire.

Now, let every alumna, every husband or friend of an alumna, and every friend of exalted, educated Christian womanhood rally to her support; let everyone build over against his own house, and this time-honored institution will rise from the ashes as quickly as did the walls of the Holy City under the united efforts of the returned captives. Thus rebuilt, and unitedly sustained by our two great conferences, her latter days will be more glorious than the former.

M. A. SMITH.

The Field

South Rocky Mount and Marvin.

Without being in danger of hurting the feelings of any one, I can say that my appointment to South Rocky Mount and Marvin charge is the best and most pleasant one I have received from the Conference. It is my first. I don't know though but that I can as truthfully say the same after I shall have received many more.

I came here December 24th, and met with a warm reception at the hands of these good people, notwithstanding the fact that all were grieving over the loss of Brother Woodall, who had in three years won the hearts of all, saints and sinners. This warmth has not grown less. They are a loyal people, and at once rallied around their new pastor, and have given us willing and hearty support to his undertakings as could be asked. Some new plans have been adopted, and the pastor's salary voluntarily raised $37.50 above last year's assessment. Nearly one-half the Conference collections have been secured, and one-half the Missionary assessment has been paid. The other will be secured soon. The charge expects to pay out this year, and have a surplus for Missions. One Epworth League has been organized, and another will be real soon. Improvements will be made on both churches. The Advocate has not been forgotten either.

And there is more than church loyalty. Everything considered there is more spirituality here than in any charge I know of.

The pastor, assisted by the church, conducted a ten-days' meeting at Marvin church, which closed last Friday night. The Lord was with us, and we enjoyed the feasts. Our Presiding Elder, Brother Bundy, preached three times, with good results. He is always at his best in a revival, and never better than last week. All regretted that his duties called him elsewhere so soon. As a result of this meeting there were about fifteen professions and eight accessions. And the church was graciously revived. Thank the Lord for His goodness.

Brethren, pray for this division of the Lord's vineyard.

Fraternally,

ROBT. E. HUNT, P. C.

Work of Board of Church Extension.

What a grand name! Church Extension! What does it mean? Why, it means just what it says—extend church: build them where none are. It's work fulfills this prophecy of Isaiah: "'Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes. For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited."

On this prophetic foundation let Methodism spread herself for God. Her high commission is: "Go ye into all the world," etc. The Motto given her by Wesley is, "The world is my parish." Then let us go on till commission and motto touch eternity at all points of earth's, and time's circumferences. Read some Church Extension cullings:

1. Cultivate a Church Extension conscience. Support it as an institution of the church. Pay back money borrowed of the Board. A debt due to the Board is as clearly a moral and legal obligation as if it was due to a bank. "The failure of the first payment due from the Church to the Board is the fatal step. If the first payment lapses, how much more difficult it is to meet two payments."

2. "We rejoice in the increased contributions of our people to the cause of Missions and the contributions for Missions should be vastly increased, but let it be remembered that the work of the missionary in a new community can be made permanent and lasting only where a church building is erected, and to assist in erecting such church buildings the Board of Church Extension exists and it asks of our people for such purpose, one-fourth the amount that is asked for Missions."

3. "It should be remembered that the Board of Church Extension is a benevolent institution, and our people should, wherever possible, study to use it as a means by which they can help others, rather than as a means by which they can secure help from others. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

4. "Ordinarily the making of church debts amounts almost to a crime. Two dollars can be raised to complete a church where it would be difficult to raise one to pay a debt. Let the church remain unfinished until at least nearly all the money is secured."

5. "While the care of church property does not legally devolve upon the pastor, but upon the trustees, a faithful, thoughtful pastor will give heed to what busy men who are official members, may overlook and he is morally responsible for the care of the property and its general oversight. He should see that the building is kept in repair, kept neat and clean, and see that it is adequately insured."

6. We are glad to notice that Church Extension is growing in favor everywhere among our ministers and people, and this will continue as our literature is circulated and read. Brother Pastor! place an Advocate in every home as far as possible. Sell or give a Discipline to each family. Distribute the Annual Conference Minutes. In every way do your best to increase the intelligence of Methodists concerning our great Church and her work."

7. Pray, Pay, and Prosperity will come to Church Extension.

D. H. TUTTLE.

Trinity College Notes.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., April 29, 1904.

Trinity College Library has recently received a large shipment of new books from home publishers and abroad. The addition to the collection in French literature and philology is most noteworthy. It includes handsomely bound sets of the "Romania," of the "Revue des deux Mondes," of the "Works of Victor Hugo," and of other poets, novelists and critics.

On Tuesday night, April 26, Dr. Edwin Mims delivered the opening address of the State Sunday School Convention at Greensboro. His subject was "The Study of the Bible."

On Monday night, May 2, a debate on the tariff question will be held in Craven Memorial Hall between representatives of Trinity College and of Randolph-Macon College. Trinity will be represented by Messrs. G. H. Smith and B. S. Womble.

During the week beginning May 2, Dr. W. P. Few, Dean of the College, will deliver three lectures at Charlotte under the auspices of the Trinity College Association of that city. His general subject will be "Southern Progress and Some of the Ways to Advance It." The subject of the first lecture will be "Educational Progress," of the second "Southern Public Opinion." The Trinity College Association will tender Dr. Few a reception on Thursday evening, May 5, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brem, Dilworth.

The new edition of the Trinity College catalogue has come from the press and is being sent out to applicants.

On Wednesday afternoon last the Trinity Park School base ball team won an interesting game from the Trinity High School team, of Trinity, Randolph County. The home team scored four runs to one for the visitors.

Before he left to take his place on the Memphis baseball team, Mr. O. H. Stocksdale, coach of the Trinity nine, received a handsome token of appreciation from friends in the Athletic Association of Trinity College. It was in the form of a finely engraved gold watch. It was an evidence of general regard for Mr. Stocksdale's services in training Trinity's strong team.

Notice.

The preachers and delegates attending the Washington District Conference at Aurora, N. C., May 11, will find it to their interest to notice the schedules of the boats, viz.: The Hatteras leaves Washington Wednesday and Friday at 6 o'clock a. m.; returning leaves Aurora Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday at 9 o'clock a. m. Those arriving in Washington too late to board the Hatteras can take the Albemarle at 4 o'clock p. m., via Belhaven, change boats at Belhaven and arrive at Aurora at 9 o'clock a. m. next morning. (This can be done only on Wednesday and Friday.)

N. B.—There is no extra charge in the fare in taking this route.

Returning via Belhaven, leave Aurora at about 12 o'clock m., board the Albemarle at Belhaven that night, and arrive at Washington next morning at 4 o'clock a. m. (This can be done only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.)

Yours fraternally, J. M. LOWDER.

Scattered Flowers.

Some time since I noticed one or two letters in the Advocate the purpose of which was to scatter flowers along the pathway of some of our beloved pastors while they yet live rather than reserve these things to be made into wreaths to be placed on their graves. This is a course to be heartily approved. Dr. A. D. Betts and others have been referred to. I would like to mention in this connection the name of Rev. J. E. Thompson, for the past two years pastor of St. Johns Church, Goldsboro, N. C. Brother Thompson's life among us here will ever remain a precious memory as that of a Godly man, a faithful pastor, a sympathetic friend and wise counselor, a leader of men to Christ. The thought of his life and work, daily walk and conversation, among us awakens a train of pleasant memories. Burdened with the weight of many years of faithful service, this old veteran retired at our last Annual Conference to await the summons of the Master to enter into reward. I but voice the sentiment of many others when I express the hope and confidence that the gospel which he has so faithfully and sweetly proclaimed to others will prove the solace of his declining years.

J. F. TYSON.

Goldsboro, N. C., April 28th.

Weldon.

We closed, last Sunday night, our meeting which had been in progress more than two weeks.

The Lord most wonderfully blessed us, and I praise His name for what He did for my people. The church was greatly revived and edified, backsliders were reclaimed and scores of sinners were brought to Christ.

Our people say that it was the most extensive revival enjoyed by our church since the great meeting conducted by Rev. C. M. Cook, of blessed memory, in 1876.

There were about 40 professions of faith, besides the reclamations. Most of them will join the church. The preaching was done by Rev. D. H. Comann, of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Brother Comann is a preacher of great spiritual power. His insight into the meaning of God's Word and his grasp of spiritual truth is indeed wonderful. I have heard no man who could use the Word so effectively as he. (And I make this statement thoughtfully.) He exalts the Word as the sword of the Spirit and Christ as the sinner's only hope, and as the "wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption" of the child of God.

His work here was not only a blessing to my congregation, but to the whole town.

Large congregations waited on his ministry, service after service. An account of these meetings would not be complete without reference to the active and efficient co-operation of Rev. J. W. Morgan, of the Baptist church, and his people.

Brother Morgan is indeed a beloved brother, a valuable addition to the forces of righteousness in North Carolina from Virginia.

Our church in Weldon is going forward, and has a bright future before it.

May the great Head of the Church help us to be equal to our splendid opportunity.

W. W. ROSE.

The Family

"SHARPER THAN A TWO-EDGED SWORD"

A Pastor's Message Which Carried Conviction to the Heart of a Train Conductor.

BY C. W. STEPHENSON.

'Twas early Monday morning. The door bell rang, and when responded to, there stood a lady, evidently greatly excited and troubled. It took little time to read that face, for it was well-known, having been seen at church often.

"Come right in Mrs. P. Glad to see you. You seem troubled?"

She was given a chair in the study, and a gentle inquiry made as to the nature of her early call. In a broken, sobbing voice she began:

"You see it is this way. I have tried and tried to get John (that is my husband) to attend church. For weeks and weeks I have coaxed him and urged him, but he would only laugh at me and say, 'No!' I was sure it would do him good. He is a conductor on the road, and his business is so hazardous I tremble for him every time he leaves home. He has always been kind and affectionate; but he is not a Christian. I thought that if I could get him to hear the plain and simple Gospel he would yield and our home would be a Christian home. Then I had felt so anxious about our daughter.

"Last night, to my great joy and surprise, he consented to go to church with me. All the way there my heart was throbbing with gladness and anticipation. I prayed earnestly that he might be led to see his condition, his need of a Savior, and accept Him. To me the sermon was all I could wish, and I kept thinking he too must feel it. You cannot tell how my feelings were hurt as soon as we left the church. He scolded me all the way home, and declared that I had caught him in a trap. He knew that I had told you all about him, and that you had preached to him alone, and everyone in the house could see it. He declared he would never go again, and he thus held up to the gaze and attention of a church full of people. I tried to explain that I had told you nothing, that you did not know him, or that he was there; but he would listen to nothing, he doubted my word."

It was indeed hard to repress a smile, as she graphically told of the one to whose heart the arrow of conviction had gone. She did not understand the good omens. The wounded bird was fluttering desperately.

"Is your husband at home, Mrs. P.?"

"Yes, sir."

"Will he be at home this afternoon?"

"His train does not go out till eight o'clock, and he is usually at home until six."

"Very well, you may tell him that I will call this afternoon at 2.30."

At 2.30 there was a ring at 420 Sixth Street, and Mr. P. himself answered it. His was anything but a cordial greeting. It was cold and stiff.

"This is the pastor of the church, I believe? Have a seat."

"I understand that you were at church last night, Mr. P.?"

"Yes, sir, I was there; but it will be some time before you see me again!"

"Have you been in the habit of attending church?"

"No, sir; this is the first time in ten years."

"I hear that you think I was preaching to you and for your special benefit last night."

"No, sir, I do not think anything about it. I know it, and if you had just pointed your finger at me and said, 'I mean you!' it wouldn't have been any plainer!" This he said with great earnestness.

"Mr. P., listen to me a moment. I quite agree with you. But I wish to tell you that I did not know you were present; had never met you; would have preached the same sermon word for word had you been five hundred miles distant. And yet I am sure the sermon was for you just the same.

"No one has told me a word about you. But there is One who knows you very well indeed, the Great Searcher of hearts!" Mr. P. winced and we went on:

"Now, see here, Mr. P., let us look at things just as they are. I wish you would answer a few questions, will you?"

"Yes, if I can, and they are reasonable."

"You are very sure the sermon was for you, are you?"

"Yes, sir, I am."

"Then all the service in connection with the sermon was for you, was it?"

"It certainly was."

"Mr. P., do you not think that is considerable pains to take for one man, a stranger to nearly all of us? If so much effort were spent for me, I certainly think it would impress me greatly. I would take it as God's voice speaking to me in unmistakable language. What are you going to do about it?" He was now looking straight in my face. All his hardness had gone. He was pale and troubled, and replied softly, "I don't know what to do about it. What you say is very strange, and I must confess there is truth in your words. It was all for me!"

"Mr. P., your life is a life of imminent dangers; you have much for which to be thankful; you have not been accustomed to hear the message of salvation, but now you have heard the voice that says, 'I mean you. Son, give me thine heart'."

He was much moved, and as the claims of the Master were pressed home, he was like a child struggling with some new problem. Finally, the most that could be done, was to secure a promise from him to come to the church again. The wife was called in, a word of prayer offered, and the first chapter was ended.

He kept his promise so well that the next Sunday night found him again in the church with his wife and daughter. Not long after, he knelt at the altar, and penitently surrendered to the voice that said, "I mean you!"

The following spring, one night just after midnight, there came a sharp, quick ring at the same bell where that troubled wife had been on the early Monday morning. A voice said, "Come, come quickly!" It took but a few minutes to reach the pleasant little home. There the husband threw his arms about my neck and sobbed, "My darling wife has gone. I came in on the late train. She prepared my supper, and I retired immediately. The last word I heard her utter was in prayer for me as she knelt by the bed after I had retired." She had died of heart disease, and she had heard the voice, "I mean you, come up higher," and she had responded. "O, not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." That word is the Searcher of hearts, where worldly wisdom and worldly eloquence are as nothing.—Rams Horn.

The War Against Mosquitoes.—An Appeal to Physicians.

We are promised by Mr. McCarthy, our Biologist, for our next issue an illustrated article treating fully the malaria-mosquito question to date, but as the breeding of mosquitoes will begin before that can be laid before our readers, we feel it to be wise to issue the call to arms now. The science or art of war, according to the great General Forrest, is to "Get there first with the most men." That is just what we want to do in this campaign against those enemies which shoot us not with bullets but with plasmodia malariae. The number of mosquitoes which succeed in coming through the winter alive is always small, and after such a severe winter as we have just had it is reasonable to hope that the number this year will be smaller than for many years past. The outlook, therefore, is the more encouraging.

Owing to the short time required for the complete development of the mosquito from the egg to maturity, there is time in our long summer for the production of several generations. As each female lays a great many eggs, it is easy to understand how millions could come in August and September from hundreds at the beginning of the season. So the proper thing to do is to force the fighting "from the jump" and practically exterminate them before myriads of reinforcements come in.

As is already well known, mosquitoes breed only in still waters—preferably small stagnant pools protected by grass and undergrowth from the wind, and free from fish, which prey upon the larvae. It is now also pretty generally known that a thin film of oil upon the surface of such waters will prevent the laying of the eggs there, and effectually destroy any larvae that may have hatched therein. The problem, therefore, is a very simple one theoretically, and in most instances practically also. It is summed up in this one sentence: Drain, fill up or oil (every ten days or two weeks) every body of stagnant water, no matter how small. Empty all old discarded fruit cans, buckets and barrels about the premises, and put them under shelter or turn them upside down; drain, if possible (if not, fill up or oil), all natural pools; open the ditches and small wet-weather streams, to permit the running off and prevent the re-formation of the pools so often found along their courses. Larger ponds stocked with fish are not so favorable as breeding places, for reasons given above, provided no shallows protected by grass, bullrushes, cat-tails, etc., are permitted on their borders. The banks of such ponds should be made as clean and abrupt as possible, so as to expose the entire pond to the wind and fish. But some man will say: Why take this trouble when there is a swamp within a mile or half a mile of my house? For the reason that fortunately mosquitoes rarely ever fly a mile or even half a mile. If instead of laying the mosquitoes on the distant swamp the householder would make a careful inspection of his immediate environment, he would nearly always find the source of supply to be within a radius of two or three hundred yards of his house—as is pointed out in Dr. Howard's book on mosquitoes.

While the transmission of malarial fevers by mosquitoes is thoroughly established, and the destruction of the mosquitoes is therefore the self-evident method of prevention of this class of disease, a large number of our people are ignorant of these facts, and a still larger number, probably, are indifferent to their practical application. And right here the doctor comes in. Naturally and properly no one has such influence with people on all question relating to disease as the trusted and beloved family physician. On these questions his word is generally law. It is impossible for us to reach even a small portion of the people directly, but we do reach through The Bulletin practically all the physicians in the State, and we therefore appeal to them to come to our aid. It is not only because it is only through them that all the people can be reached, but because a word from them to their own clientele would have so much more weight than ours, or that of anybody else, that we make this earnest appeal to them. With their active co-operation we could accomplish great things—without it very little. So we hope that every medical man who reads this article residing in malarious localities will explain to those with whom he comes in contact how it is that mosquitoes spread malaria, and urge upon them the necessity for immediate and persistent efforts to destroy them or better, prevent their development. Impress upon everybody the fact that every pool of stagnant water in summer is a pest-hole which must be abated.

Dr. S. Parks Cadman has raised from his congregation at Central Church, Brooklyn, a fund of $50,000, part of which will be used to build a new house of worship for the Albany Avenue Church. Central Church has had seven hundred additions to its membership in the last three years.

Our Boys and Girls

Weldon, N. C., March 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. I love to go to school, and enjoy reading.

I will answer Alston's Brook's question: Methuselah was nine hundred and sixty-nine years old when he died.

Now I will ask one: In what part of the Bible is the Lord's Prayer found?

Your fond friend,
ANNIE BELL DICKENS.

Gibson, N. C., March 25, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy nine years old, and as I have never written to the Advocate, I thought I would write. I have two sisters younger than myself. One is three years old and the other six. I go to Sunday-school and to day school. My teacher's name is Miss Annie McLean, and I like her splendidly.

I will close with ten cents for the Orphanage.

Your little friend,
BOYD WHITE.

Cameron, N. C., March 25, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. Mr. A. Cameron is our superintendent and Miss Josie Keith is my teacher. I like them both very much. Our pastor is Rev. G. A. Oglesby. We love him dearly. Our school will be out Friday. Miss Flora Dickens is the teacher.

Enclosed you will find five cents for the Orphanage.

FRED B. THOMPSON.

West Durham, N. C., March 22, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. I go to school every day and my teacher is Miss Maggie Holloway. I like her very much. I go to Sunday-school also, and my teacher is Mr. W. P. Phillips. Our pastor is Rev. C. P. Jerome and our superintendent is Mr. Steward.

I will close by asking a question: Who were God's ancient people?

Your unknown friend,
LERA WADE.

Hertford, N. C., April 13, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. My superintendent is Mr. Miller and my Sunday-school teacher is Miss Mattie White. I like her very much. I go to private school to Miss Virginia Newbold. I study arithmetic, grammar, dictionary, geography, history and fifth reader.

I will close by asking a question: Who was the strongest man?

Your friend,
SALLIE M. MILLER.

Gordonton, N. C., March 24, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years of age. My papa takes your paper. I have one sister and seven brothers. My two youngest brothers are twins. They are the sweetest little things I have ever seen. One of my brothers is named for Dr. Ivey.

We have a new pastor this year. His name is Rev. R. Bradley. I like him just fine.

Please find twenty-five cents for the Orphanage.

Your friend,
EFFIE B. BAYNES.

Seaboard, N. C., March 18, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. I am going to school every day. Mr. Woodroof is my teacher. I like him very well. Mr. J. J. Johnson is my pastor. I like him very well.

I have three sisters and four brothers. I have never written to the Advocate before.

My oldest brother is married, and he married Miss Minnie Drewette. I got a letter last night from my little Cousin Ila.

MOLLIE BROWN.

Seaboard, N. C., March 18, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl thirteen years of age. I am going to school every day. Mr. J. E. Woodroof is my teacher. I like him very well.

I am going to Gates County next summer with my sister.

My father and mother are both living. I have one grandmother living. She is eighty-nine years old.

I will ask a question: How old was Moses when he died? I remain,

Yours truly,
GRACE H. DREWETTE.

Cedar Grove, N. C., March 19, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years of age. My mother and father are both living, and my father takes your paper.

I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. My superintendent is my father and my teacher is my sister. Our pastor is Rev. F. L. Church, and I like him fine.

I will answer Alice Turner's question: It was Jesus that was baptized in the river of Jordan.

Now I will ask one: Where was it that iron floated in the water?

With best wishes to the Advocate.
ESTHER MILLER.

Chalk Level, N. C., Feb. 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. Our Sunday-school has adjourned for the first quarter and will open the first Sunday in April. My papa is superintendent. Our pastor is Mr. Starling. We think we will like him right much. We live near Cokesbury church.

I will answer Mamie Hunley's question: Elijah went to heaven without dying.

I will ask a question: Were all ten of the virgins prepared to go into the wedding feast at any time?

Your little friend,
JESSIE CADE.

Seaboard, N. C., March 25, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I wrote once before. I have two sisters and four brothers. Two of my brothers are married. My sisters are both teaching. My mother and father are both living.

Our Sunday-school class has just finished learning the Ten Commandments and the books in the New Testament.

My Sunday-school teacher is Mrs. T. J. Stephenson. I like her very much.

I will answer Lucy Herring's question: Joseph was one hundred and ten years old when he died, and was buried in the cave of Machpelah.

Now I will ask one: Who was Onesimus?

Your unknown friend,
EMMA TAYLOR.

Gibson, N. C., March 24, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy eleven years old. I go to school. I am in the fourth reader; also spelling, grammar, geography and arithmetic. Miss Annie McLean is my teacher. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher is Miss G. B. Perry.

I will close by asking a question: Who was the strongest man?

I want this printed in the Advocate so I can surprise mamma and papa.

Your friend,
TOMMIE PATE.

Rich Square, N. C., March 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher is Mrs. Ada Buxton. Our superintendent is Mr. John Bangban. Our pastor is Rev. J. T. Stanford. We like him very much.

I am making a worsted quilt for the Orphanage at Raleigh.

I will answer Lucy Herring's question: Joseph was one hundred and ten years old when he died.

Now I will ask one: How old was Joseph when his brothers sold him?

Your little friend,
HELEN WEAVER.

Tuckahoe, N. C., March 4, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—Brother, sister and I go to Sunday-school every Sunday evening. We like to go very much.

I will answer David Burton's question: It was Zaccheus who climbed the sycamore tree. He climbed it to see Jesus.

I will ask a question: Who was the giant that David killed and how tall was he?

With love and best wishes for the Advocate.

Brother, sister and I enclose fifteen cents for the Orphanage.

Your friend,
EUNICE HARGETT.

Aaron, N. C., March 23, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I like to read the little boys' and girls' letters.

I have two brothers and four sisters living and two brothers and one sister dead.

I go to church every Sunday I can. Our pastor is Mr. J. E. Saunders, and we all like him very much. Our pastor last year was Mr. H. B. Anderson.

I will answer Etta Butt's question: Mathuselah was the oldest man.

If this escapes the waste-basket I will write again.

I will close by asking a question: Who buried Jacob?

Your unknown friend,
MAMIE SMITH.

Durant's Neck, March 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I have never written to your paper before and I thought I would write now. I am a little girl twelve years old. Papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the childrens' page.

I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. Our pastor is Rev. F. L. Church. I go to every-day school also. My teacher is Miss Surlie Newburn. We all like her fine.

I will ask a question: What is the shortest verse in the Bible?

I will close, with best wishes to the Advocate.

Your unknown friend,
MAUD HASKETT.

Seaboard, N. C., March 18, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years of age. I have four brothers and three sisters. My mother and father are living. I love to go to church and Sunday-school.

I am going to Gates County next summer.

My pastor is J. G. Johnson this year. One of my little sisters is off going to school. I love to go to school as well as any where.

I will close in fear of the waste-basket.

How old was Jesus when he began to preach? I remain,

Yours truly,
MADELINE BROWN.

Garysburg, N. C., March 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—We are two little sisters nine and twelve years of age. This is our first letter to the Advocate. We enjoy reading the little boys' and girls' letters.

We go to Sunday-school whenever we can. We live five miles from our church. Mr. W. H. Hart is our superintendent. Mr. E. E. Rose is our pastor. We like him very much.

Our every-day school has just closed. Miss Mamie Tennille was our teacher.

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Your little unknown friends,
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Womans Foreign Missionary Society

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Officers of the W. F. M. S. of the N. C. Conference, June, 1903-'04.

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The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference convened at the appointed time, Thursday morning, April 21st.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Underwood.

All the officers, and a large delegation, were present, our beloved President, Mrs. L. A. Cuninggim, occupying the chair.

Miss Mary Pescud was elected assistant Recording Secretary.

During the morning session, the following were introduced to the Conference: Revs. Swindell, Underwood, North, Brown, Tuttle, our missionaries to Brazil, Rev. W. B. Lee and Miss Pescud, and Mrs. J. E. Underwood, the President of the W. H. M. S. of the North Carolina Conference.

At the noon hour Rev. D. H. Tuttle held a consecration service, in which there were the manifest presence and power of the Holy Spirit, filling each waiting heart with the zeal and strength necessary to harmonious, successful work.

The afternoon session on Thursday was given to appointing committees, and hearing reports by the delegates, of the work in their auxiliaries.

In the evening came the addresses of welcome, delivered by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, the pastor, and Mrs. C. W. Hollowell. The delegate from Edenton Street, Raleigh, responded to these addresses. The generous hospitality accorded to the delegates, from the moment of their arrival, by the good people of Elizabeth City, found its culmination in the elegantly appointed entertainment which was held in honor of the delegates and visitors in the Sunday-school room of the church, after the addresses had been concluded. Sweet music rendered by the gifted organist of the church, Mrs. Ward, a profusion of beautiful, fragrant flowers, the abundance of delicious, daintily served refreshments, the good cheer and sweet communion of friend with friend, made the occasion one of rare pleasure. From that time, the delegates and visitors were no longer strangers, but friends, ready and anxious to enter heartily into co-operative service.

Many of the sessions of the regular routine work, from day to day, were spiced up with the introduction of sisters from kindred organizations of other churches, and ministers who honored the meeting with their presence—all giving some word of greeting and encouragement.

There was a feeling of peculiar pride and gratification in the fact that Miss Lizzie Lamb, of Fayetteville, gave herself to our Conference Society as a missionary. She was accepted, and will go immediately to Kansas City for a term of training in the Scarritt School.

Six of our sisters have passed to the "life more abundant" during the past year, and an appropriate memorial meeting was held, in which there were fitting tributes made to the memory of each one.

Three of our District Secretaries were absent—two of them on account of illness: Miss Emma Page and Mrs. T. C. Blanchard, the latter being at the bed-side of a brother whose recovery is despaired of. Suitable messages of sympathy were sent to these afflicted sisters.

While there is not space to give prominence to all the important features of the meeting, nor to the many acts of kindness and liberality of the citizens of Elizabeth City, mention must be made of the fine sermon of Rev. W. B. Lee on Sunday morning; the interesting talks and faithful service of Miss Mary Pescud; the Sunday afternoon exercises held by the children, the music of which was led by Miss Augusta Kramer; the organization of a Bright Jewel Band by Mrs. L. M. Hendren; the Sunday evening's Silver Jubilee, with its ingathering of a liberal silver offering for our new missionary; and the success and harmony which characterized the whole meeting.

"Last, but not least," is the mention of the financial status of the Society: our Treasurer's report showed a decided increase over all the past years of its life, and there have been raised during the fiscal year, five thousand eight hundred and seven dollars and eight cents.

To God be all the praise!

Resolutions of Respect.

Resolutions of respect adopted by Main Street Sunday-school, March 27, 1904, on the death of Miss Sallie Dillard Larkins, who died March 20, 1904:

Inasmuch as our heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has selected one of our sweetest voices, Miss Sallie Dillard Larkin, to swell the choir invisible, we, the members of Main Street Sunday-school, wish to express in some manner our hearty appreciation of the life and character of one who was faithful, loyal and true. Though the bright face is seen no more and though her voice is no longer heard here, we know that she has left an influence for good that time cannot change. We bow in humble submission to the will of the Father who has but taken one of his obedient children unto himself. We feel that loss which cannot be repaired, yet this loss adds to the luster of the other world and gives us an inspiration for a purer, higher and better life.

Her life seemed touched with an infinite calm, the harmonious echo of our discordant life, linking it unto a perfect peace. And while she has left a vacant place here, we know that she fills a place in God's own home and we trust that when the time comes for us to go, we may say, with her, "I am not afraid to die."

C. L. HORNADAY.
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Committee.

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Woman's Home Mission Society

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What Will the Church of God Do to Meet the Conditions Resulting from the Opening of the Panama Canal?

With all this rush and swirl, that will be called growth and prosperity, the problems of godlessness will be intensified beyond anything we have yet seen in our Southern cities. Drunkenness, debauchery, gambling, sin, sorrow, poverty, ignorance, disease, shame! It would be weakness and folly to wait until the forces of the enemy have come in power and possessed themselves of the land before we rally the forces of God to meet them. The part of wisdom is to begin in advance so as to be able to cope with the evils and hold them firmly in check, ever increasing the power as the need requires.

All Protestant churches should join hands and forces in making strongholds for Christ of these strategic points. The church members need to be educated to see the need of effort and feel their responsibility in meeting it financially and spiritually; workers need to be trained in sufficient numbers to man the enterprises; and money must be accumulated for building and maintaining them. The form of these enterprises may be of great variety along all the lines of preventive and rescue work, educational and evangelistic—the "down-town" church, the institutional church, the great mission hall, the Christian settlement, Bethel missions, rescue homes, hospitals.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, bears a grave responsibility in this approaching crisis and should establish such mission enterprises in these cities and put in charge of them strong, godly men who know how to build and plan for the future. The action of General Conference, the Annual Conferences, the Boards of Missions and Church Extension should all be directed to this end.—Our Homes.

Our Home Mission Organ.

I must reserve the remainder of this admirable article for another time—it is too good to cut short, and must be given in installments. Again, I would urge our members to subscribe to "Our Homes"—through it we may best learn our responsibilities and our privileges.

Two Wise Wide-awake Working Christians.

At our Edenton Street election of officers, when there were several places to fill, and (I grieve to say) it was hard to find willing women for them, one of our busiest volunteered to be agent for "Our Homes." She knows the difficulty of the position, but she, also, knows the importance, and does not shrink from the undertaking. The entire Auxiliary commended and thanked her.

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Editorial

THE EPWORTH ERA.

It must be a matter of rejoicing to all our Southern Methodists who sincerely believe in the Epworth League that the Epworth Era has had such continued success as not only to pay all the expenses of the paper during the last year, but to have a surplus.

In celebration of this success, the management has issued a Jubilee number of the Era, which is beautiful in typographical form and filled with the brightest and most interesting matter.

We only regret that the Era cannot issue such a number every week. If it should, it would in a few months enjoy a vastly larger circulation. We feel that a great mistake has been made in not giving the Era that equipment which is necessary to making it what the Church expects and deserves. We must spend money to make money, and making money in the publication of the Era is only developing to the glory of God one of the most important interests we have in Southern Methodism.

We do not know what provision will be made at Waco this week for the strengthening of the Era, but we do know this, that if adequate moral and financial support be given, Dr. Du Bose and his worthy assistant will make the Era a source of pride to Southern Methodism.

We congratulate Dr. Du Bose and Brother Parker on what they have already done, and we trust that their greatest success is in the future.

The Epworth Era is bringing forth fruit. This is a solid fact. We cannot do better than to quote from Dr. Du Bose:

"The League is not a 'spent,' but a growing, 'force' in the Church. It is stronger to-day than ever before. Its yea is yea and its nay is nay; it pursues an enduring ideal. Its voice of prayer is heard; its protests of faith are felt; its record is known and read of all men. It has had fourteen years of service in the Church. During that time it has maintained a score of missionaries on the foreign field; there are more than thirty young men and young women in our foreign missionary ranks to-day who graduated from its departments; it has given its name to a score of handsome church buildings in the connection; it has fed thousands of the Church's poor, closed in comfort and hope eternal the eyes of its dying children; it has opened the mouths of babes to pray and confess, and has given to the Church at home an army of quite fifty thousand young men and young women of exceptional consecration, who stand ready to do their pastors' biddings to any work of charity, ministry, or teaching."

THIRD NOTICE

The following which we clip from an exchange is so natural, and dove-tails so nicely with certain bits of experience in the life of every editor, that we feel that it deserves publication in a prominent place: "Third notice." Every editor has received them. The postmaster sends them to the editor. The editor is not to blame. For instance, there is a man by the name of—well, say Tim Short—who sent us three notices to stop his paper. He did not want it any longer. We wondered what was the matter. Upon investigating our subscription book we found that Tim was short $5.70. He had never paid a cent and yet he stopped his paper as a matter of economy to us. A few evenings ago we stepped into church, and Tim's melodious voice rang out loud and clear in the old soul-stirring song, "Jesus paid it all." We might have been mistaken, but his earnestness impressed us. The next day we sent him a receipt in full, begging his pardon for not knowing that he had made an assignment of his liabilities to the Lord.

We will not say that the mailing-list has no "Tims," but we must say that the number is exceedingly small. The Advocate has the best subscription consituency on the face of the earth.

LET THE CHALLENGE BE ACCEPTED.

We have just learned that Mr. B. N. Duke has made a proposition to donate $10,000 to Greensboro Female College, provided the college is rebuilt, and $90,000 more be raised for an endowment fund.

We are not surprised to know that Mr. Duke, who has done so much for the education of boys, is willing to contribute also to the education of girls.

We are not surprised that he has made this gift with a provision. Mr. Duke is a practical level-headed business man who knows well that it is good to help only those people who help themselves. Mr. Duke is right in expecting the Methodist people of North Carolina to show their faith by their works and gifts, before he will be expected to give as generously as he has given in the past.

This offer of Mr. Duke should be accepted gratefully and at once. If each Methodist should closely estimate what the Methodist people of North Carolina have done in the way of financial gifts to their educational institutions, the sum total would be a surprise and a reproach. Now let every Methodist in the State express in terms of dollars and cents his loyalty to the institution for women that we are trying to establish, and the whole church will breathe more freely and spiritual prosperity will come to our Zion.

THE CAMPAIGN NOT CLOSED.

The brethren who have been working so nobly for new subscribers have not been working to secure pre-eminence for their Districts. A higher motive has really actuated them, and that was a desire to advance the interests of Christ through an increased circulation of His paper. Therefore, we safely assume that the brethren will continue the Campaign. We covet the opportunity of reporting June 15 that the 1,350 have been secured. Methodist preachers are not in the habit of saying with respect to their aims and efforts, "So near and yet so far." They are thoroughly in sympathy with us in our desire to report at Henderson next December that the Conference Resolution has been practically carried out. So we make the following

OFFER.

To the District reporting the largest number of new subscribers between May 4 and June 15, 1904, the Advocate will give $10.00 to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

To the District reporting the next highest, $5.00.

Reports will be published weekly in the Advocate as before.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

Washington District, Aurora—May 11-16.
Rockingham, Lumberton—May 26-29.
New Bern District, Beaufort—June 30-July 3.
Raleigh District, Cary—June 30-July 3.
Elizabeth City District, Sunbury—July 13.
Wilmington District, Southport—July 28 to July 31.
Fayetteville, Jonesboro—Fifth Sunday in July.

The dates of the other District Conferences will be published as they are announced by the Presiding Elders.

CRAVEN MEMORIAL PORTRAIT.

Rev. L. L. Johnson, Afton, I. T.	$1.00
Mrs. M. T. Hambrick, Leasburg, N. C., for her deceased brother, James H. Paylor	1.00
W. G. Nelson, Fort Landing, N. C.	1.00
Dr. W. P. Ivey, Lenoir, N. C.	1.00
Gen. J. S. Carr, Durham, N. C.	5.00
Amount previously reported	110.85
Total to date	119.85
Amount required	500.00

A memorial school for girls has been erected and dedicated at Nan Chang, the capital of Kiang Su Province, China, in honor of Stephen L. Baldwin, late Recording Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society.

General Notes

Sam Jones and George Stuart began a great meeting in Greensboro last Sunday.

Rev. W. C. Merritt found 25 subscribers to the Raleigh Christian Advocate on Conway Circuit. There are now 119. Some of the brethren will have to work hard to match this record.

We clip the following from the Florida Christian Advocate: "The editor is enjoying snap beans, lettuce, Irish potatoes, radishes, nut grass, etc., from his new kitchen garden." Now why does Brother Ley thus tantalize his more Northern confreres of the tripod who for the last month have been toying with razor-edged east winds?

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which meets in Los Angeles this week, is composed of 742 delegates. Of the 742 delegates, 562 are new men. For the first time the women will take part in the legislative work of the church. There will be forty-two delegates from foreign lands. Our "brother in black" will be there—represented by eighty-two delegates.

We have received the following invitation: "Dr. John F. Miller requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of his daughter Bessie to Mr. William Bethel Hill, on Wednesday evening, May the 11th, 1904, at eight o'clock, St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina." Enclosed are cards reading: "At home after June the first, Danville, Virginia."

That faithful layman, W. T. Jenkins, thus writes: "We are getting on very nicely on the 'Old Roanoke.' We have a very 'Humble' preacher, but he is a hustler. We expect the best report at the next Conference we have had for many years. Childrens' Day will be observed at Tabor on the fifth Sunday in May." The editor regrets that he cannot accept the very kind invitation to be present.

The Board of Directors who had the matter of deciding upon a location for the Methodist School, have completed their labors and have decided upon a lot in the rear of the First Baptist Church facing on Cedar Street 310 feet long by 150 feet on Harney and the same on Cobb Streets. The Methodist School has only been running one session, but has had an average attendance of about one hundred all the time.—Elizabeth City Economist.

Presiding Elder G. F. Smith and family ate breakfast at home, in the district parsonage, for the first time a few days ago. The Methodist people of the district are to be congratulated that the mortgage given to secure the balance due on the building has been cancelled, and the house furnished since the coming of the present occupant. Mr. Smith impresses those who see him with being an earnest, energetic worker and becomes more popular as his acquaintance broadens.—Littleton News-Reporter.

"Sunday afternoon the Edenton St. Methodist Church of Raleigh went through the new order of service. It is almost identical with the Episcopal service. We predict that very soon there will be suggestions that these flocks unite in one fold. Already every one is saying that John Wesley never meant that there should be division."—Biblical Recorder. Wrong again, Brother Bailey, in every count. First, the Edenton Street Methodist Church of Raleigh did not go through the new order of service, as every one who is acquainted with the new order of service knows. Second, the service gone through with on that Sunday afternoon bore little similarity to the Episcopal service, as every Episcopalian knows. Third, "every one" is not saying that John Wesley never meant that there should be division. Better turn your guns, Brother Bailey, on Dr. McArthur and other Baptist preachers who actually don the Episcopal surplice in their pulpit ministrations.

Methodist Mention

The Jubilee number of the Epworth Era is a beauty.

Bids will soon be asked for a new $60,000 building for Emory and Henry College.

Dr. Sam Steel has declined the offer of the presidency of Oklahoma University.

We are glad to know that so many of the brethren are holding good revival meetings.

Rev. D. H. Comann is assisting Rev. W. F. Craven in a meeting at Tarboro this week.

The Southern Student Conference will be held this year at Waynesville, N. C., June 10-19.

The Alabama Christian Advocate's Sunday-school edition last week was most excellent.

The Fayetteville District Conference will meet in Jonesboro, embracing fourth Sunday in July.

The Elizabeth City District Conference will convene at Sunbury, July 13th. Bishop Smith is to preside.

Rev. T. A. Smoot, pastor of Hay Street Church, Fayetteville, delivered a lecture on Odd Fellowship in Sanford last week.

The World's Sunday-School Convention opened in Jerusalem in a large tent outside of the walls, near Herod gate, on Monday, 18th inst.

One hundred members of the South Carolina Conference have sent in their names to the Methodist Benevolent Association—others will follow.

Rev. Harold Turner, of the Western North Carolina Conference, will preach the annual sermon at the commencement of Arcadia High School, May 15th.

Dr. F. D. Swindell passed through Raleigh one day last week on his way to Waco, Texas, to attend the annual meeting of the Board of Missions.

Rev. C. C. Thompson, who for the last two years has been serving Lenoir Station, Western North Carolina Conference, has been transferred to Sacramento, California.

The small-pox in Durham has interfered seriously with church work in that enterprising city. We are glad to know that the scourage has spent its force and is gradually dying out.

The Southwestern University, Texas, has received a gift of $25,000 from J. L. Campbell and his mother, Mrs. J. I. Campbell. The gift is to endow a chair of history in the university.

Bishop Duncan, who is known as one of the very best friends of the Conference paper, represented the Southern Christian Advocate at a District Conference in South Carolina last week.

Dr. W. A. McCarty, aged 86 years, and for over fifty years a member of the Alabama Conference, died at Anniston, Ala., last week. Dr. McCarty was a strong preacher and an author of several books.

We had a call this week from Rev. Dr. Williams, of North Carolina. The brethren up in the mountain regions speak very highly of him as a man and a preacher.—Texas Christian Advocate. This is our "J. V."

The time limit will be one of the burning questions at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Los Angeles. Zion's Herald, of Boston, says there are eight instances of ministers remaining beyond the fifth year.

The Holston Epworth League Conference promises to be a great event. By the way, how does the Epworth League of the North Carolina Conference manage to get along without a Conference?

Prof. Plato Durham of Trinity College was an appreciated visitor to the office one day last week. He will preach the annual sermon at the commencement of the A. and M. College on the last Sunday in this month.

One good brother calls the new Order of Worship "a problem in permutations and combinations to count up the items in the 'Order' and compute in how many different ways they may be arranged by the preachers."

At the recent session of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, Bishop Foss surprised several strong churches by not sending them the distinguished preachers who had been "called." Good for Bishop Foss. Good for Methodism.

We learn from the Roanoke-Chowan Times that Rev. J. T. Draper, P. C. Whiteville Circuit, spent a week lately with his parents at Lasker, and on Sunday morning preached at New Hope Church a sermon of great force and depth of thought.

The meeting conducted by Rev. F. A. Bishop, the pastor in Central Methodist Church, this city, is still continued, and has been productive of great good. The congregations have been large and the interest is great. Brother Bishop preached some remarkably strong sermons.

Charlie Sing Lee, the oldest member of the Chinese colony in Wilmington, and one of the most faithful members of Grace M. E. Sunday-school, died on April 26th. He was an impressive monument to the power of the grace of God and the Advocate drops a tear on his grave.

The venerable Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler made an address before a Methodist Conference in which he said: "Bear this in mind, that no presidential chair, no emperor's throne, was ever yet built high enough to be within ten leagues of the pulpit in which the fearless preacher stands winning immortal souls to Jesus Christ."

Rev. B. C. Thompson, with his little girl, made a stop of a few hours in Raleigh one day last week, as they were on their way to Ahoskie from a visit to relatives in Alamance and Moore. Bro. Thompson has made a great record in the campaign for new subscribers. He has 320 members, and eighty copies of the Advocate are taken.

Rev. J. H. Frizelle writes: "Pittsboro Circuit Sunday-school and Epworth League Conference will be held at Moncure May 7-8. Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth will preach the Conference sermon. We are moving on nicely and all interests of the charge are in good condition. A good field will be open at Conference for some good man."

There was a joint meeting of the Southern and Northern Methodist ministers of St. Louis last Monday to consult in regard to the work of the Church during the Fair. They accepted an invitation from the Epworth Hotel Auditorium Company to use their auditorium and roof garden, which seats 3,000 people, for evangelistic services during the Fair.

Bishop Charles H. Fowler declined to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the opening session of the New Hampshire Methodist Episcopal Conference because individual communion cups had been furnished. So says an exchange. If this be true, the Committee on Episcopacy at Los Angeles might have a serious question to consider this month.

The Sanders Chapel correspondent of the Smithfield Herald thus speaks in his own language of Rev. J. O. Guthrie: "Rev. J. O. Guthrie, Methodist pastor of Selma, Smith's and Sander's Chapel, who lives in Raleigh, came into this ranch last Friday, inspecting the grazing grounds and folds of his flocks. He failed to tell us about the 'Chatham pork.' We like him and want him to come and stay longer. We like a good live man."

In the death of Dr. Jno. M. Stancill last week, the Methodist Church at Rockingham and all Richmond County sustained a great loss. He was a faithful experienced Christian physician who made himself the friend of all. He was the "Doctor McLure" of Richmond County. We mourn with the stricken relatives. He was buried on last Wednesday evening in the presence of an immense throng, Rev. Jno. H. Hall, assisted by several preachers, conducting the funeral service.

Publisher's Column

THE CAMPAIGN FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS

The Conference has requested each District to furnish 150 new subscribers by May 1, 1904. The report of each District will be made weekly in this column. The District reporting the largest number of new subscribers by May 1, 1904, will receive a present not costing less than $25.00, to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

The following new subscribers have been received since April 27, 1904:

Rev. W. C. Merritt	18
B. C. Glover	15
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Rev. N. H. D. Wilson	6
Rev. J. M. Lowder	4
Rev. D. L. Earnhardt	3
Rev. W. E. Hoeutt	2
Rev. A. J. Parker	2
Rev. L. B. Jones	2
Rev. J. T. Stanford	2
Rev. R. H. Willis	1
Rev. A. J. Groves	1
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Rev. D. B. Parker	1
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Rev. W. L. Cuninggim	1
Rev. R. F. Taylor	1
Rev. B. C. Allred	1
Rev. T. W. Mansfield	1
Rev. W. O. Davis	1
Direct	2

The following shows how many new subscribers have been received from each District since Conference:

Warrenton District	225	increase for week 23
Rockingham District	186	increase for week 23
Fayetteville District	168	increase for week 10
Elizabeth City District	125	increase for week 8
Washington District	110	increase for week 7
Raleigh District	97	increase for week 1
Wilmington District	79	increase for week 1
New Bern District	75	increase for week 2
Durham District	69	increase for week 2
Total increase for week	77	
Total new subscribers to date	1,134	

THE CAMPAIGN.

According to the wording of the Conference Resolution pledging 150 new subscribers to the Raleigh Christian Advocate before May 1, and according to the wording of the offer made to the District securing the largest number by May 1, it is our duty to declare the Campaign closed as far as the awarding of the prize is concerned.

Warrenton District has swept the field, sending in just 50 per cent more than the number called for in the Conference resolution. Warrenton District, therefore, is entitled to the prize of $25. The same will be forwarded to the Secretary of the District Conference to be applied as the Conference thinks best.

Rockingham District goes nearly 25 per cent over her quota; Fayetteville District 12 per cent over her quota. Elizabeth City District lacks only 25 subscribers of reaching hers. Durham is the only District which did not secure half of the 150.

To the brethren of all the Districts we return our thanks, congratulating them on the impetus that will be given to Methodism through the increased number of Advocates taken.

It is to be regretted that the 1,350 new subscribers were not secured. Only 216 are lacking. It can be seen from the report which will be published next week that if all the brethren had taken the interest in the campaign which was taken by those who have reported that we would have reached 2,000. But we are not chiding these brethren who did not report. They know the conditions and circumstances on their work better than we, and we have no inclination to depreciate their interest in the Advocate.

The Advocate next week will contain a complete report, showing how many new subscribers each preacher sent in during the Campaign.

Taken all in all, we have done well. For the first time we are sending out 7,000 copies of the Advocate weekly. This means much to the Advocate. It means much to North Carolina Methodism. We are thankful.

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To the First Vice President.

Your department is first not only in order, but in importance. Have you so regarded it and made its influence felt in the community and church, as well as in the chapter?

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Do not fail to make your department the mighty drive wheel of religious progress in your chapter and church.

Gold Dust.

A friend of mine, a few days ago, handed me a little book translated into English from the French by E. L. F. B., and published in London under the title of Gold Dust.

The author, in his introduction, speaks of the children and poor people in Southern France whose custom was to gather gold dust from the beds of dried-up rivers, to earn a livelihood, and then says: "What is done by these poor people, and little children for the gold dust God has sown in those obscure rivers, we would do with those counsels and teachings which God has sown almost everywhere, which sparkle, enlighten and inspire, for a moment, then disappear, leaving but regret that the thought did not occur to collect and treasure them.

Who is there that has not experienced at some time in his life those teachings so soft and gentle, yet so forcible, which make the heart thrill, and reveal to it suddenly a word of peace, joy and devotion?

The object of the little book is to gather and treasure up some of the gold dust of thought that may be found all about us.

In it is to be found this prayer. We give it in part:

From the desire to be mourned,
From the desire of praise,
From the desire of preference,
From the desire of influence,
From the desire of approval,
From the desire of authority,
From the fear of humiliation,
From the fear of being despised,
From the fear of repulse,
From the fear of calumny,
From the fear of oblivion,
From the fear of ridicule,
From the fear of injury,
From the fear of suspicion,
Deliver me Jesus.

That others may be loved more than myself, Jesus grant this desire.

That others may be more highly esteemed.

That others may grow and increase in honor, and I decrease, Jesus, grant me to desire it.

That others may be employed, and I set aside, Jesus, grant me to desire this.

That others may attract the praise, any myself be forgotten.

That others may be preferred in all.

Grant me the utmost holiness of which I am capable, then let others be holier than myself. Jesus, grant me to desire this."

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Sunday School

Lesson for May 8, 1904.

Watchfulness.

Luke 12:35-48.

Golden Text. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord, when He cometh, shall find watching. Luke 12:37.

The Scripture portion selected for our lesson includes part of a discourse delivered by our Lord during His Perean ministry, in which He strongly enforces the duty of watchfulness. It would be well in this connection to study, by means of a Concordance, all that He taught on this important subject. Note especially what is recorded in Mark 13:33-37 and Luke 21:34-36. The teaching of our Lord in the present lesson is conveyed by means of three striking parables.

The Watchful Servants.—The first picture presented to our minds is that of a group of faithful servants, who await the return of their lord who has gone to a marriage feast.

A blessing is in store for these faithful servants, who neither slumber nor sleep, even though their lord's coming be delayed till the second or the third watch, that is, until midnight or early morning hour, for the lord shall gird himself, and shall make his servants sit down to meat and shall come forth and serve them.

The Careless Householder.—In the East every man is his own policeman, and must protect his own house from the intrusion of robbers. Under these circumstances it is incumbent upon every householder to be watchful. The picture presented in our Lord's second parable is that of a careless householder, who has neglected the proper precautions, and has allowed his house to be broken into (literally dug through, for many of the Oriental houses are made of mud) simply for lack of due watchfulness.

The Two Stewards.—The third parable is spoken by our Lord in answer to Peter's question, "Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even unto all?" It presents two pictures, one of a faithful and the other of an unfaithful steward.

The faithful and wise steward, in his lord's absence diligently administers his trust, and cares for the affairs of the household, as if his master were actually present.

The unfaithful steward, on the contrary, when he finds that his lord delayeth his coming, takes advantage of his absence by abusing the servants under him, and indulging in drunken revelry.

The Reward of Watchfulness.—Promotion is the reward of watchfulness, for the servant whom his lord finds faithful will be advanced to the highest possible position.

The fate of the faithless steward, on the other hand, is degradation and stripes, and the measure of his punishment is the degree of his unfaithfulness.

Application of the Lesson.—Among the many suggestions which spring out of this lesson, the most important is the warning which it presents against intemperance. There is need of constant watchfulness in fighting against the evils which flow from indulgence in strong drink. Let us be watchful against giving the least ground for reproach either in our own personal attitude on the question of temperance or in the way in which we exert our influence upon others in regard to this most vital and pressing problem.

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The May McClure's.

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Our Visitors Again.

Bro. B. N. Duke called during our absence. We were sorry to miss him.

Rev. E. R. Welch and Bro. Marr, of Hope Mills, took us in on our trip to the city.

A large number of our city friends were out last Sunday, I learned, to see the new building and to gather a few violets. This is "Violet Hill."

Col. F. A. Olds and his troop of children were out. They are always welcome. The Colonel, like our doctors, loves us.

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In the Straits.

A note received from the Treasurer on our return from Chatham, just before he left for New York, brings the startling intelligence that our treasury is running low. That the work will soon have to stop, if the money does not come in faster. That would be an untold calamity. I am doing my very best. Going every Sunday. Talking from two to five times a day. Writing letters. Visiting and talking privately with parties that have means. Trying to stir up the churches and the Sunday-schools. Begging the preachers to lend a helping hand. I wish I knew how to write and how to speak so as to move men to give to this cause. Will some one suggest to me how to get the means to continue this work? I am praying that it may go on.

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Dare, at Stumpy Point, May 7, 8
Kitty Hawk, at Collington, May 10
Columbia, May 14, 15
Roper, May 21, 22
Pantego and Belhaven, May 28, 29
Plymouth, June 4, 5

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Elizabeth, Singletary, April 30, May 1
Magnolia, Rose Hill, May 7, 8
Carver's Creek, Hebron, May 14, 15
Onslow Queen's Creek, May 21, 22
Scott's Hill, Union May 28, 29
New River, Snead's Ferry, June
Burgaw, Wallace, June 11, 12
Grace, June 12

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Weldon, May 1, 2
Battleboro and Whitakers, McFeytre, May 7, 8
Roanoke Circuit, Ebenezer, May 14, 15
Garysburg, Oak Grove, May 28, 29
Roanoke Rapids, May, 29, 30
Warren, Cokesbery, June 4, 5
Henderson, June 5, 6
Ridgeway, Tabernacle, June 11, 12

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Pamlico, Barnes, April 16, 17
Oriental, Smith Creek, April 23, 24
Mount Olive Circuit, Providence, April 30 to May 1
Dover, Dover, May 7-8
Snow Hill, Mount Herman, May 14-15
Straits, Springfield, May 21-22
Atlantic, Wit, May 23-24
Morehead, May 26
Carteret, Bethel, May 28-29
Beaufort, Bethel, May 29
St. John, June 1
Grifton, Grifton, June 3-5
Hookerton, Ormonds, June 4-5
LaGrange, Trinity, 11-12

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Lillington, Spring Hill May 6
Buckhorne, Olive Branch, May 7, 8.
Sanford, Jones Chapel, May 13
Goldsboro, Asbury, May 14, 15
Newton Grove, May 20
Dukes, Elevation, May 21, 22
Dunn, May 27
Fayetteville, Hay Street, May 29, 30

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Robeson, Bethesda, April 16, 17
Aberdeen, Asbury, April 22, 24
Pekin, Sardis, April 30, May 1
Mt. Gilead, Troy, May 7, 8
Montgomery, Ophir, May 14, 15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Mattamuskeet, April 30 and May 1
Fairfield (night) May 1
Nashville, York Chapel, May 7, 8
Aurora (District Conference), May 14
Farmville, Bethlehem, May 21, 22
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Salem, May 28, 29
Greenville, night, May 29
Bethel, Shiloh, June 4, 5
Tarboro, at night, June 5

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

West Durham, April 17, 18
Durham, Mangum Street, April 18, at night
Leasburg Circuit, at Bethel, April 23, 24
Alamance Circuit, at Lebanon, April 30, May 1
Yanceyville Circuit, at Locust Hill, May 7, 8
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, at Mt. Tirzah, May 14, 15
Burlington Circuit, at Mt. Vernon, May 21, 22

THIRD ROUND.

Roxboro Ct., Oak Grove, May 27
Durham Ct., Orange Factory, May 28, 29
Durham, Trinity Church, June, 5, 6
Durham, Carr Church and Branson, at Branson, June 5, in afternoon
Durham Mangum Street, at Bethany, June 11
Durham, Main Street, June 12, 13
Durham, West Durham, June 12, at night

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Clayton, Mt. Zion, April 30th, May 1
Milbrook, Oak Grove May 7, 8
Brooklyn, at night, May 8
Granville Circuit, May 14, 15
Cary, May 21, 22
Kenly, May 26
Wakefield, May 28, 29
Tar River, May 28, 29

THIRD ROUND.

Edenton Street, June 4, 5
Selma, Princeton, June 11, 12
Smithfield, June 12, 13
Franklinton, Banks, June 18, 19
Brooklyn and Macedonia, Macedonia, June 25, 26
Benirai, June 26
Youngsville, Rock Springs, July 2, 3
Clayton, July 9, 10
Oxford Ct., Bethel, July 16, 17
Millbrook, July 23
Epworth, July 24
Granville, July 30, 31
Oxford Station, July 31
Kenly, August 6, 7
Wakefield, August 8
Tar River, Trinity, August 13, 14
Louisburg, August 14, 15

Marriages

RESPASS—COX.—At the residence of the bride's mother, April 6, 1904, Mr. Charlie Respass and Miss Alice Cox, Rev. B. H. Black officiating.

GIBBS — COX.—At Nebraska Church, April 6, 1904, Mr. Charles T. Gibbs and Miss Dora T. Cox, Rev. B. H. Black officiating.

ROUSE — DANFORD.—At the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. W. Danford, March 30, 1904, Mr. A. J. Rouse to Miss Annie Danford, Rev. W. R. Royall officiating.

YEARGAN — BUFFALOE.—Mr. Leonidas Yeargan and Miss Agnes Buffaloe were united in matrimony at the home of the bride, April 6, 1904, J. H. Buffaloe officiating.

Obituaries

Obituaries containing not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

DICKENS.—James Madison Dickens was born April 26, 1818, and after disease had preyed on his mortal body for several years, he departed this life March 31, 1904, and was buried near his home in Halifax County.

He was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Uncle Charley Cook about the year 1879, and remained a consistent member until about fifteen years ago when he joined the Baptist church, in which he died.

He leaves four boys and three girls to mourn their loss. May the God of peace comfort and keep them.

W. B. HUMBLE.

WELLS.—Thomas E. Wells, child of Jas. H. and Hattie Wells, was born December 13, 1902, and died September 4, 1903.

Only a little while was this sweet flower allowed to bloom in its earthly home, then God transplanted it to that land of eternal beauty and happiness where it will bloom forever.

May God, who doeth all things well, comfort and sustain the parents and may they remember that, though the child cannot come to them, yet they can, after life's toils and cares are over, join it in a land where parting is unknown.

J. J. PORTER.

EGERTON.—Joseph J. Egerton was born July 27th, 1824, and died January 24th, 1904. He was first married to Miss Eliza Baker, who only lived a few years, dying in 1860, leaving him with three small children. In the year 1865, he married Miss Virginia Landis, of Oxford, N. C., who, with seven children, twenty-five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many friends and loved ones mourn his departure.

Brother Egerton joined the M. E. Church, South, nearly sixty years ago, and lived a faithful member till two o'clock last Sunday morning, when God sent for him. He loved the church and all of her interests, and never forgot the vows made at her altar more than fifty years ago. He attended every protracted meeting at Shady Grove for over half a century except the years that he was from home in the Civil War. He was in many battles of that war, and saw his comrades fall all around him, but did not receive a scar.

Brother Egerton had been a remarkably healthy man up to last summer his health began to fail and he had not seen a well day since. The last few days of his life, his sufferings were very great, but he bore them with great patience and Christian fortitude. He felt the assurance of his readiness to meet his God in peace. We feel sure that for him to die was gain.

He was a kind neighbor, devoted husband and loving father. May God whom he loved and served so long, deal tenderly with his loved ones and bring them all to a happy reunion in the beautiful home of the good. His funeral was conducted by the writer at the home of his son, and then all that was mortal of Joseph J. Egerton was laid to rest in the family cemetery near the sacred spot where once stood the dear old home!

B. C. ALLRED.

ROGERS.—Leecia Rogers, a tender girl of but seventeen summers, died March 21, 1904. Cecil, as she was familiarly called, was a good Christian girl; no one knew her but to love her. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Ebenezer, August, 1900, under the ministry of R. L. Davis. She was a girl of ill health before her last sickness, having had pneumonia before, and at this time it did its fatal work in a few days. The magnificent flowers that covered the grave from head to foot showed how she was loved. She leaves a mother to mourn the loss of her youngest child and brothers and a sister to mourn the loss a dear sister. May the God of peace comfort and bind up the broken hearts.

W. B. HUMBLE, P. C.

BODDIE.—J. B. H. Boddie, of Nash County, N. C., age 37 years, died suddenly about noon Saturday, March 26, 1904, of heart failure.

Brother Boddie professed faith in Christ when seventeen years of age and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Bethlehem, under the ministry of Rev. C. M. Cook. He served the church faithfully in the capacity of steward, Sunday-school superintendent, and was for several years, and at the time of his death, recording steward. He was a consistent Christian, a good citizen and a useful man. Death came to him without any warning, but found him ready. Modest and unassuming, his was a beautiful life; undemonstrative, yet he ever exemplified in his life the beautiful graces of a Christian character. To know him was to love him; to be with him was to be impressed that he was a man of solid piety, true to his convictions of right, faithful in all the relations of life, a kind and loving husband, fond and affectionate father and a faithful servant of his Lord.

He leaves a wife and three small children, an aged mother, a brother and five sisters to mourn their loss; but they sorrow not as those without hope. He will be sadly missed in his home, in his community, in his church, but we feel that our loss is his eternal gain. May the God of all grace bless the bereaved ones and bring them to a reunion in heaven where they will never more say goodby.

J. M. BENSON.

MOORE.—Nellie L., wife of C. A. Moore, of Durham, N. C., daughter of George G. and Bettie A. Moore, of Person County, N. C., was born October 20, 1868, and died February 26, 1904, age thirty-five years, four months and six days.

In early life Mrs. Moore joined the Methodist Church at Mount Tirzah, N. C., having given her heart to God in the days of her youth. On October 23, 1895, she was happily married to C. A. Moore, of Durham. After her marriage she moved her membership to Trinity Church, Durham, of which she was a faithful and devoted member at the time of her lamented death. She lived a consistent Christian life, and died the death of the good. As one has beautifully said of her: "Like a rose she blushed and bloomed, refreshing other lives with the fragrance of her own; but unlike the rose whose fragrance dies with its falling petals, the beauty and power of her life will never perish from the earth, being perpetuated in the lives of others who have been inspired and helped by contact with one so pure and good."

It was the writer's privilege to visit her during her last illness. She anticipated death, but felt no fear. Her faith in Christ was the faith of a little child. Calmly, restfully she awaited the summons, and when death beckoned her she recognized him as God's visored angel, put her hand in his, and with a smile stepped into the valley of the shadow.

We do not know why God took her thus early, making desolate a happy home, depriving little children of the shaping influences of her gracious motherhood. Such a death is always a profound mystery. But we do know that her life was "hid with Christ in God," and when he who was, and is, her life shall appear, then shall she also appear with him in glory.

Besides her husband, she leaves three sons—Victor, Robert and Bailey—a father, mother, two brothers, four sisters, and a large circle of relatives and friends to "sigh for the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still."

Child of God, thy Father hath called thee, and so till the morning breaks and the shadows of earth are lifted, good night. R. C. B.

LARKIN.—On the evening of March 15, 1904, from the home of her aunt, Mrs. H. J. Bass, in Durham, N. C., the spirit of Sallie Dillard Larkin took its flight from its earthly tenement and returned to the God and Father who gave it. For some days a great conflict between life and death had been waging in the room in which she lay, yet there was a gracious calmness in the midst of that conflict for His spirit was there and "around her restlessness His rest." Her mother and others were standing about the bed. "What is the matter with you all, what makes you do so strangely?" the sufferer asked, and turning her head to her mother, said: "Mother, am I going to die?" The mother replied: "Why, do you feel very badly, darling?" She then asked for the doctor. When he came she repeated the question: "Doctor, am I going to die?" "That is a hard question, Miss Sallie; why do you wish to know?" "I wish to prepare myself." "Are you not prepared?" And her mother said: "You have always been a good child." She replied: "I have always tried to do what was right, but I have not always done exactly what I ought to have done." "Darling, no one is perfect," "Yes, mamma, no one is perfect," and then she prayed: "O God, forgive me for all that I have done that is wrong. Grant that I may meet Thee; grant that I may see my Maker face to face, for Jesus' sake. I had rather live; I want to live for my precious mamma."

The spirit, of quietness and composure, of being unafraid, of wanting to live for others' sake, of completest trust in and surrender to the love and will of God, revealed in this conversation was the one in which her life had been lived. It was the spirit in which she moved and through which she expressed herself in the home of her parents, William W. and Sallie D. Larkin, into which she, as a gift of God, had come on October 18, 1883; and the same spirit was manifested in the home of her aunt, for one in that home, after nearly two years of careful observation, said of her: "We have never seen her the least bit ruffled under any circumstances." In this spirit she had mingled with her teachers and companions and had done her work (and it was done in all fidelity) in the High School in Lynchburg and in the Southern Conservatory of Music in Durham. She joined the Methodist Church at eleven years of age and she entered heartily into and engaged earnestly in all its activities, in the Sunday-school, the Epworth League, and in all other branches of its work open to her, in the same beautiful Christlike spirit.

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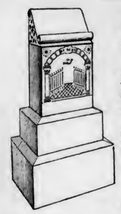

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Much was said in the secular press a few week's ago about the deliverance of Canon Henson, of London, on the subject of the place of the Bible in the religious life of the world. It appeared from the newspaper reports that Canon Henson had attacked the Bible, and that therefore Christianity had received another staggering blow. Another staggering blow! Why, Christianity has developed her strength through the centuries under a rain of "staggering blows." No new attack has been made on the Bible in fifty years or in three hundred. You may consider it certain that any deliverance against the Bible is only the newly dressed thought of ancient skeptics.

But it is interesting to know that what Canon Henson said is not subject to the interpretation placed upon it. We have read it carefully and we have failed to see the theological "raw head and bloody bones."

Late happenings in the political circles of the State of Missouri have strengthened the contentions of those who stand for reformation within a party and not outside. It is known that there are many who believe that when a political party becomes corrupt the only saving salt is the formation of a new party.

But Mr. Folk's experience has proved the contrary. The good people of Missouri desired to have him run for the Governorship. They felt that they needed a man who fears neither man nor devil, and would beard the very "boodle and graft" devil in his den. Mr. Folk is no aspirant for political honors. He consented, however, to run for Governor on strict party lines. Many of his friends really desired him to run on an independent ticket. He ran for the nomination on the straight ticket against seemingly overwhelming odds, with the result that all his competitors finally left the field, leaving him in undisputed possession. It is to be hoped that we may be able to speak of "Governor" Folk.

Recent impressive events in the Orient have lent considerable interest to the late Congressional discussion of the practical utility of the modern battleship. Senator Hale spoke seemingly in a telling way on the subject when he said: "The great and salient events of the war [Russo-Japanese] show how incomplete as an engine of war one of these enormous high-turreted battleships is. If she is struck below the water-line, and the centre of gravity is disturbed, she turns over like a turtle, and everybody on board is drowned." Yes, Mr. Hale had in mind the turtle-turning Petropavlovsk, which now lies on the bottom of Port Arthur harbor. But what of those big battle ships of the Japanese? The Russians, doubtless, believe that these were too successful. Mr. Hale evidently failed to see both sides of the question.

We take it that the report that the Foreign Mission Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church refused the $80,000 left as a bequest by Willis Cooper because he lost his life in a theatre fire is incorrect. We hope so. For it to be true would be a reflection upon the common judgment and Christian charity of the Board, and the name of religion itself. Willis Cooper lived a white life filled with devotion to Christ and good deeds to humanity. Let us suppose that his judgment was warped into believing that he was innocent in attending that play in the ill-fated Iroquios Theatre. He has gone to stand before his Maker. As he looks at things past and present in that searching light which never was on land or sea, he must view with strange emotions the refusal of the church for which he labored to accept the gift which he made perhaps on his knees. "Alas, for the rarity, etc." But there is comfort in knowing that the ascended and enthroned "Man of Sorrows" who has most to forgive is most forgiving and condones mistakes which men magnify into depravity. May God deliver us all from hypertrophied consciences!

Since the Japanese crossed the Yalu and drove the Russians before them, two important events have taken place: first, the blocking the channel into the inner harbor of Port Arthur; second, the landing of the Japanese at two opposite points on the Liao-tung peninsula.

The blocking of the channel took place on May 3, and was the most dramatic and tragic event in the whole history of ancient and modern warfare. Four Japanese ships, blown up by mines, or by their own crews, were sunk in the channel so as to deny egress or ingress only to small boats. Many lives were lost—lives of brave Japanese cadets, who, as they neared the channel, knew that they would never again see the light of day. They left no last messages, but their memories will be green as long as salt water washes the islands of Japan. How can Russia or any other nation conquer such a race of people?

The blockading of the channel and the landing of Japanese on the peninsula in the rear means that Port Arthur is doomed. The line of railroad between Port Arthur and Harbin has been cut. Supplies and re-enforcements cannot now reach the garrison. Surrender or destruction to the besieged Russians is inevitable.

General Kuropatkin, the Russian General, is supposed to be massing his forces as quickly as possible, and another battle is daily expected. It is the opinion that Russia has less than 75,000 men in Manchuria. If this be the case, it is only another illustration of the general unpreparedness of Russia for war. It is becoming more and more evident that Russia either believed that Japan would not fight or thought so little of Japanese prowess as to make no special preparation for the conflict. Russia has learned by this time that she has made a sad mistake.

The political and semi-political atmosphere in North Carolina has been surcharged with electricity for some time. Storms have been rumbling and there are to be more to come. Our people have almost learned to awake in the morning with the expectation of hearing a new clap of thunder or a new phase of the storm. The sensation hunter can certainly find a rich field in North Carolina at present. The morning newspapers, however, have put off the heavy armor, and the public rejoices. We trust that no newspaper will fail to see that after having used such heavy artillery it cannot afford to hide on the other side of the fence and make faces and throw rocks. This is unworthy of any brave belligerent.

The disposition of the A. and N. C. R. R. matter is yet to come. What events it will draw in its wake, we do not know. We are afraid to conjecture. The report of the Investigating Committee is expected within the next few days. The Receivership matter will be considered on the 21st of this month. It is the regret of many that this matter was not postponed until after the rendering of the report of the Investigating Committee. Such a course would have been more fair to Governor Aycock.

The political campaign will not begin, we suppose, until mid-summer. In the meantime, there is much going on. Mr. Parker seems to be the choice of the North Carolina Democrats for President. Mr. Hearst, though, is not a corpse by any means. It is remembered that his "funeral orgies," as Scotty Briggs would say, were published a few weeks ago by many of the newspapers. But Mr. Hearst is sufficiently alive to give Judge Parker a good deal of trouble.

In view of what has happened, and what is to come, we admonish our readers to keep cool, to eschew the love for the sensational, and to keep the moral liver in good condition.

So long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

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Now the corn upon the mountain,
Shakes like Lebanon on high,
Now the life-bestowing fountain,
Streams upon us from the sky.

Lord we thank Thee for Thy presence,
Lord we bless Thee for Thy love;
Make us all that Thou would'st have us,
All Thy children fully prove.

Guard this house from sinful error,
Hearts and hands and tongue employ,
Dwell within it Lord forever;
Fill it with Thy songs of joy.

When the harvest scene is over—
When Thou comest on Thy throne,
O! receive us to Thy glory.
Own and crown us as Thine own.

Mods of Baptism—No. 3.

BY REV. M. H. TUTTLE.

We shall now attend to some arguments more directly in favor of sprinkling and pouring as valid modes of baptism. The Prophet says of Christ: "So shall he sprinkle many nations." (Isaiah 52:15). This is a prophetic declaration. Now, what is the fulfillment of this prophecy? If we understand it literally, referring directly to water baptism, then it settles the question as to mode; but if we understand it in a spiritual sense, then it fixes the mode of spiritual baptism, and consequently establishes the mode of water baptism with equal certainty, as water baptism is but a symbol of the baptism of the Spirit, and, of course, should be administered in the same way. If it were written, "So shall He (Christ) immerse many nations," I should take it as being conclusive in favor of baptism by immersion; but as it is written, "So shall He sprinkle many nations," I take it as being conclusive in favor of baptism by sprinkling.

Again we read, "For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and I will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols will cleanse you." (Ezekiel 36:24,25.) The allusion here, in all probability, is to the water of purification prepared by mixing "running water with the ashes of a red heifer." (Num. 19:17-19.) In the account given in the Book of Numbers of this rite of purification the verb for sprinkle is the same as that used by Ezekiel in the passage here quoted. Or, according to other authorities, the reference here may be to the lustrations of the law in general; and perhaps this best explains the prophet's language, since the element sprinkled is not "blood" or "water mixed with ashes," but "clean water," the best known means of ritualistic cleansing. It is clear that the prophet here refers to both legal and moral cleansing. His gaze is directed beyond the present or immediate future. The Israel of Ezekiel's time had not yet been scattered among the nations and could not have been gathered from all countries; but in the years that have passed since then Ezekiel's language as to Israel's dispersion has been literally fulfilled. Wherefore the inference is reasonable that the reassembling to which Ezekiel refers is an event that has not yet occurred, and will only be realized completely and fully when the scattered members of the house of Israel shall be received by baptism into the Christian church, as St. Paul declares will be the final result. (Rom. 11:25,26.) It would be hard to overestimate the strength of this argument. It is almost certain that Ezekiel in this famous passage refers to the scattered members of the house of Israel receiving Christian baptism and being gathered into the fold of Christ. "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean." Immersionists may say that sprinkling will not do, but God says it will. The quantity of water or the mode of its application has nothing to do with the symbolical cleansing of the rite of baptism. "Baptism is not the putting away of the filth of the flesh (requiring a great quantity of water), but the answer of a good conscience toward God." (I. Peter, 3:21.) The above quotation from Ezekiel we regard as being a conclusive statement of sprinkling "clean water" as a valid mode of baptism.

Furthermore, in Heb. 9:10, with reference to the ceremonial dispensation—the sacrifices, purifyings and cleansings of the Jews, Paul says: "They stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings" (baptisms). The obvious scope of this entire chapter is the ceremonial purifyings of the Old Testament Dispensation contrasted with the spiritual cleansing wrought through the blood of Christ under the New. Our translation has the word "washings" where it is "baptisms" in the Greek. It is clear from the passage that the writer has in mind the "purifyings" of the Jews that were by sprinkling—that word being used no less than four times within nine verses. In his "Letters on Baptism," Dr. Fairfield says: "I have not succeeded in finding one instance in which anybody was required to dip or immerse himself, or to be dipped or immersed by another, from the beginning of Genesis to the end of Malachi. And yet the Epistle to the Hebrews speaks of this Old Testament Dispensation as embracing divers baptisms." "Divers baptisms" by sprinkling—not one by immersion, is the way the case stands. To this conclusive testimony may be added the evidence from the context, which plainly shows that the reference is to the "purifyings" by sprinkling under the law, and not to immersions, even had there been any; for the writer goes on to say: "If the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who, through the Eternal Spirit, offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God." (Heb. 9:13,14.) Dr. Fairfield again says: "I do not speak too strongly when I say that 'divers immersions' is an utterly impossible version of the words which are so rendered by the Baptist Union." The inspired writer to the Hebrews does not speak of "divers immersions," but of "divers baptisms" by sprinkling. Nothing can be plainer than that the Apostle Paul here calls the ceremonial sprinklings of the Old Economy baptisms. Then, according to St. Paul, sprinkling is baptism. This conclusion is unavoidable.

The word sprinkle is found about forty-two times in the Bible, while the word immersion is not found at all. Surely if immersion were so important or so essential to salvation it would somewhere be found in the Bible. There is enough in the Bible to guide us aright; we need not go outside. The all-sufficient rule of faith is before us. We may not add to nor subtract from it.

(To be continued.)

Donations for G. F. C.

REV. J. H. M. GILES.

I've just been reading some of the many valuable articles in the Advocate telling the need of rebuilding G. F. C., how to do it, when to do it, etc. Many of those who have written so wisely are my acquaintances, yes, my friends, so I wish to exhort some by giving a practical suggestion for G. F. C. Let all of the preachers in the North Carolina Conference give 2½ per cent of their salaries to rebuild G. F. C. at once. Let us lead and I believe the laymen will follow. Now I'm sure some one is ready to say: "I can't," but if he can't, let those who are able "bear the infirmities of the weak," and not be selfish. Now, let us open up a column in the Raleigh Christian Advocate and the North Carolina Christian Advocate, let every one who will respond to the above proposition write you or Brother Blair, and then let the Presiding Elder of every District in each Conference be a committee to collect the 2½ per cent and send to the building committee at Greensboro, N. C.

Now, I wish to say that I stand ready to pay $15 out of a salary of $600, and we are six in family, too. Let us come to the help of our noble women in giving to our girls a college that shall be second to none in the State. Within the last eight or ten years I've repeatedly heard our Methodist girls put G. F. C. at a great disadvantage before crowds of our young folks, by speaking disparagingly of the standard of scholarship at G. F. C. as compared with the N. & I. College. Of course they were Methodist girls who had been to N. & I. College. Those girls who speak of G. F. C.—all of them—have told me of just one girl who left G. F. C. and went over to N. & I. College and had to enter a lower class in the N. & I. College than she was at G. F. C.

Why Not the Same Apostles Creed for the Sunday School as for the Church Services?

REV. W. P. CONSTABLE.

Just a few lines with reference to a difference I note in regard to our creed. There has just been given to the church a New Order of Service by the Joint Commission, the object of which is uniformity of worship in all our Methodist churches. I have no objection to offer to this, and I like the New Order, and am using it. It gives solemnity to our service and brings our people in closer touch with the worship. If uniformity of service and the people taking a larger part in the worship be the object of this new order, in my humble judgment the use of the old form of the creed in the Sunday-school and the new in the church service does not help the matter, but rather adds confusion.

I note that in our Sunday-school literature they still retain the old form of the creed which differs very materially in phraseology from that of the new order as can be readily seen by comparison. The members of the Sunday-school are taught to say "his only begotten Son;" "he rose again the third day;" "from thence he shall' "come again at the end of the world," etc.; "I believe in the Holy Ghost, the church of God;" "and everlasting life after death." When they come into church all this is changed, in the new order, they say the "only son," "the third day he rose from the dead," "shall come to judge the quick and the dead," "the holy catholic church," "and the life everlasting."

While I submit there is no change or difference in the real meaning, yet this change of phraseology is such that it is hard to keep up with it unless you have an order of service before your eyes. I would not attempt to go into the pulpit and try to repeat it without having it before me. There is not, therefore, that hearty response that there should be. Many of our people do not participate in this portion of the service. I have asked numbers of my people why they do not join in and repeat the creed in the church service? and they reply "I get lost, something is the matter, the creed you use in church is different from that we use in Sunday-school, and I cannot keep up." The result of the use of the two forms of the creed is that instead of a good compact volume of sound as though it were one voice, we get a weak, scattering response which gradually grows weaker and weaker, until toward the close only a few voices are heard.

Again, I submit that if uniformity and the getting of our people to take a larger part in the public worship be the object in view, then the use of the two forms of the creed, one in Sunday-school and the other in the church service, is not conducive to this end. It rather leads to confusion, and defeats the object in view by keeping a large number from taking part in the service. Let us use the same form of the creed both in Sunday-school and in church, so that all may become familiar with it, and then they will take part and we will have a more hearty response in this declaration of our faith by the people in the public assembly to worship God.

The Gospel of the Cross.

C. H. WETHERBE.

That is a dead gospel which leaves out the cross of Christ, and all that it signifies. A great many people are accepting a crossless gospel, and it is to their own destruction. They are talking very favorably of the "good news" that Christ came to reveal a God who loves all mankind; and they say that if God loves all people He will surely save all. But this is not the gospel of the cross, for it demands a personal acceptance of Christ as an atoning Savior, and hence a direct surrender of one's self to him in faith and duty. Dr. Maclaren of England, has preached a sermon from his text: "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." He says: "Now, there are a great many people who would like to put the middle part of this great text of ours into a parenthesis. They say that we can put the first words and the last words of this text together, and never mind all that is between. People that do not like the doctrine of the cross would say, 'God so loved the world that he gave . . . . everlasting life,' and there an end. 'If there is a God, and if he loves the world, why cannot he save the world without more ado? There is no need for these interposed clauses.' 'God so loved the world that everybody will go to heaven,'—that is the gospel of a great many of you; and it is the gospel of a great many wise and learned people. But it is not John's gospel, and it is not Christ's gospel." Of course it is not. When the cross is left out of the gospel, its very heart is left out. The vitality of the true gospel is the cross of Christ. Had not Christ died for the sins of mankind, not one soul would have been saved from death. The Bible declares that the redeemed ones have been "purchased" by the blood of Christ. It was because all people were dead in sin that Christ had to die for sin. The great Rescuer of sinners must die in order to effect the rescue of any of them. And each one, for himself alone, must reach out his hand, as it were, and clasp the hand of a crucified Lord, that he might be raised up from the pit into which sin had put him. It is whosoever that practically believes on Christ, the slain Lamb of God, that is the receiver of eternal life. The dead sinner will forever remain dead in sin unless he practically accept the crucified Savior. God loves the sinner, but not any more than he loves the truth of the cross and the terms upon which sinners are to be saved.

Why I Go to Church on Rainy Sundays.

Frances Ridley Havergal's admirers, whose name is legion, will read with interest the following lines from her pen:

I attend church on rainy Sundays because—

1. God has blessed the Lord's Day and hallowed it, making no exceptions for rainy Sundays.

2. I expect my minister to be there. I should be surprised if he were to stay at home for the weather.

3. If his hand fail through weakness, I shall have great reason to blame myself unless I sustain him by my prayer and presence.

4. By staying away I may lose the prayers which may bring God's blessing, and the sermon which would have done me great good.

5. My presence is more needful on Sundays when there are few than on those days when the church is crowded.

6. Whatever station I hold in the church, my example must influence others. If I stay away, why may not they?

7. On any important business, rainy weather does not keep me at home, and church attendance is, in God's sight, very important.

8. Among the crowds of pleasure-seekers, I see that no weather keeps the delicate female from the ball, the party or the concert.

9. Among other blessings, such weather will show me on what foundations my faith is built. It will prove how much I love Christ. True love rarely fails to meet an appointment.

10. Those who stay from church because it is too warm, or too cold, or too rainy, frequently absent themselves on fair Sundays.

11. Though my excuses satisfy myself, they still must undergo God's scrutiny, and they must be well grounded to bear that.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE—SELMA FRIENDS.

When the Selma Auxiliary invited us to hold our Conference with them, the invitation was gladly accepted. We thought we knew what to expect, but "the half had not been told," nor can it ever be in this age of limited time and space. There were no limitations, however, to the thoughtfulness and kindness of these fine Christians. The reputation for lavish Southern hospitality characteristic of Johnson County was fully sustained—could more be said? Her sons and daughters of all ages and all denominations united in dispensing it, and their ease and elegance so vividly brought back the beautiful old days, we might have thought ourselves dreaming had not their wide-awake, up-to-date progress and prosperity proved otherwise. I regret that I cannot introduce these choice friends, but their name is legion and cannot be mentioned. On the part of the entire Home Mission Society, I again make to them grateful acknowledgement, with the earnest prayer that heaven's best blessings may ever be theirs.

Our Annual Meeting.

The sessions were held in the attractive Methodist Church, made still more so with growing plants and a profusion of cut flowers and evergreens, while the warmth of welcome and our intensity of purpose were expressed in the mottoes of red letters artistically arranged on either side of the pulpit: "Welcome to the W. H. M. S." and "Our Land for Christ."

The attendance was the largest in our history—an excellent omen. The District Secretaries were present, with few exceptions, and brought encouraging accounts. Most of the Auxiliaries sent representatives, many of whom had good reports. There has been gratifying increase in every line of work, the average being about 30 per cent. On every hand there was shown a marked desire to learn best methods and pursue them effectively. The delegates attended the sessions well, and many gained greater information and stronger desire to press forward.

Addresses.

Rev. J. O. Guthrie, Selma's Methodist minister, made the address of welcome, which was a royal one, and our Secretary of Durham District, Mrs. S. I. Harrell, responded in chaste and beautiful language.

Mrs. J. E. Underwood, our President, opened exercises with a clarion call to duty and a cheering and encouraging survey of the work.

Our Conference Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. H. Scott, gave a delightful account of the Board Meeting in Kansas City, and her enthusiasm and consecration were a blessing to us all.

Sermons and Speeches.

Rev. R. F. Bumpas preached the Annual Sermon, a very able one, which will remain with us to strengthen and comfort and guide. Rev. J. O. Guthrie also preached a good sermon on Sunday night; as Conference pastor, he was very attentive and helpful and his many kindnesses were greatly appreciated.

Dr. J. W. Jenkins gave a very interesting account of our Orphanage; may he and his faithful helpers continue in health and happiness, and may they be abundantly blessed in their noble work—the best loved in our Home Mission Society. Rev. E. R. Welch gave a practical presentation of the factory problem, which was enlightening and uplifting. This brother has occupied a parsonage, helped by the W. H. M. S., and is in hearty sympathy with the cause. We requested him to tell the others.

Papers Read.

There were several, and they were heard with close attention and highly complimented. Mrs. J. T. Wilkins' subject was, "Our Parsonages;" Mrs. B. F. Dixon's, "The District Secretary;" Mrs. B. B. Adams', "The Relation Between the Foreign and Home Work;" Mrs. F. L. Church's (read by Miss Flossie Abell), "A Foreign School in Florida;" Mrs. James Fearing's, "Tithing;" Mrs. R. O. Burton's, "Our Literature and Press Work.'

The variety of subjects and their wide range showed the careful and comprehensive planning of our President, to whom special praise is here accorded for the success of our Conference. It was a glad sign, too, to see the members willing to give service.

Entertainments.

I can only mention in passing the beautiful music by the choir, the charming glimpses of home life, the daily invitations to dinner and to tea, the social calls of the townspeople, and the neighbors from Smithfield.

But I must tell of the two special entertainments. The delightful one given by the children was under the supervision of Mrs. J. A. Spiers, and finely illustrated her ready resource and diversified talent. She is our Third Vice-President, with which honor goes to the management of the Baby Roll and the Florine McEachern Brigade. Our little ones are blessed in their gifted leader, and our Society is to be congratulated.

The other was the elegant reception tendered by Mrs. A. E. Edgerton, Corresponding Secretary of the Selma Auxiliary. The tasteful decorations, the dainty refreshments, the sprightly amusement features all were in keeping with the genial grace of the cultured hostess, and a fitting crown to the social success of the Conference.

Souvenirs.

These are our badges—real works of art—pure white silk, on which are the initials of our Society, intertwined with lovely blue forget-me-nots, all hand-painted—planned and executed by Miss Margaret Etheridge (one of our fine young lady workers) and Mrs. Spiers. Also, the envelopes for the puzzles at Mrs. Edgerton's reception, each decorated with a little cherub, bearing a scarf with Baby Roll, dates, etc., inscribed, to remind every mother to enroll her little one—a happy conceit and gentle suggestion.

MRS. R. O. BURTON.

Resolutions, and Extracts From Resolutions, Adopted by the Missionary Institute Held in Columbia, N. C., March 9-11.

The same blank that was used last year was adopted, with a few changes in the same reports to be made to the Secretary on May 1st, July 1st, September 1st, October 1st, and November 1st. The November report to answer items 3 and 4.

Resolved, That this Institute indorse the plans and work of the Albemarle High School in Elizabeth City, and we heartily recommend it to our people, and pledge ourselves to its support.

Resolved, That we, the pastors of the Elizabeth City District, will make earnest and systematic effort to raise in full our assessment for Domestic and Foreign Missions within the next thirty days, forwarding the same at once to our Conference Treasurer.

Resolved, That we make equally earnest and systematic effort to raise all the other collections by the 15th day of October.

Resolution of thanks to the people of Columbia.

Resolved, That the preachers in this District use only unfermented wine in communions.

Mr. William Halls, Jr., who subscribed $500,000 for the completion of the Brooklyn Hospital, on conditon that a similar sum should be raised, now announces that he will commence work as soon as $300,000 are in hand, but that the remaining $200,000 must be secured also to meet the terms of the gift. There is great rejoicing over his generosity and magnanimity.

Dr. George F. Pentecost, formerly pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Boston, has preached for several months in Westminster Congregational Chapel, London and has now entered upon a six months' ministry at Clarendon Street Baptist Church, Boston.

The Field

To the Sunday School Superintendents of North Carolina.

My Dear Brothers:—In the furtherance of my duty as chairman of our Sunday School Board, I am about to appeal to you in the interest of a very important feature of our Sunday-school work.

Childrens' Day is by no means a day of small things. In those Conferences where it has been generally observed the result has been a great impetus to the work.

Strange to say, the Sunday-school official is the only man who ever seems lacking in zeal in this matter. The children are always ready. The public always manifest a real interest.

There is no service held in a Methodist Church that draws a crowd so large; nor any more thoroughly enjoyed. There is no one service held in our church that creates quite as much interest in the work as Children's Day. And yet, notwithstanding all this, a very large number of our superintendents ignore this important service and still call themselves faithful.

Brother Superintendent, if you will just say we'll have Children's Day, the children will do the rest. Will you not do it? It is an important matter; and the Discipline makes it one of the duties of a Sunday-school superintendent.

The Sunday-School Board of your Conference is exceedingly anxious to get our superintendents in this good habit; and in order that every obstacle may be removed, and to help in the good work all we can, the Secretary of the Board has sent out to every Sunday-school in our Conference, free of charge, thirty programs for Childrens' Day observance.

And now, my brethren, will you not help us in this matter? Can it be that some of us are indifferent to the great importance of our work? We cannot think so; but it is doubtless true that we have not been as zealous as we should.

But, brethren, let's make this a great year in our work. We can do it; and if we can, we ought to.

True, you may be a shiftless school in a little country church, and there may be some obstacles in the way of success; but, brethren, that school can be made to thrive.

I had that very school on my work once. It was so hopeless a case that it took three months to find a man who would as much as consider the matter of taking the superintendent's place.

Finally, I found a man, uneducated, diffident; and who had never prayed a public prayer, nor led a service of any sort, except to lead a brigade of field hands in a crusade on grass. That man took charge of as unpromising a prospect as I have seen anywhere. Time and again he came to me ready to surrender. Not that he was not willing to work on, but the prospect was so slow to improve; that often, I as well as he, was heartless.

But we did not surrender, and within less than two years we had a flourishing school; and actually observed Childrens' Day during the second year of our effort, and had our hearts filled with gladness to see a constantly increasing attendance.

Brother, you can do that; and if you will, you may not again, in all your life, be permitted, under Providence, to render to God's cause a service of so great value.

Brethren, will you not help us in this great work? We have sent you the programs; and if we can be of any further service, just let us know.

'Tis a great cause—this Sunday-school work. These bright, happy, glad-hearted children, that fill our homes with prattle and laughter, appeal to us by every growing faculty for goodness and greatness, that we fling wide before them every door of opportunity for training and development: and God help us if we fail them to the extent that they be not brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Children's Day is a strong and taking feature of our Sunday-school work; and wherever observed, increases the attendance and the interest in the work generally.

Do not fail to observe it, brethren. Use the programs sent you and carry it out from start to finish.

If you cannot get ready by the third Sunday in May, get ready as soon as you can. In any case, keep at it until the day has been observed and until you have a flourishing Sunday-school in your community; and may God give you rich reward for your faithfulness.

Fraternally, K. D. HOLMES.

Roxboro, N. C., May 4, 1904.

Trinity College Notes.

Preparations for commencement are just now commanding a great deal of attention. The Executive Committee of the Alumni Association has arranged for the annual alumni dinner, which will be held in the banquet hall of the new dormitory building at 1 o'clock on Wednesday, June 8. The catering will be in charge of Dughi of Raleigh.

A nine from the faculty is to meet the seniors in a game of base-ball on the afternoon of May 10. During the absence of the college team on its Southern trip, the faculty players are showing surprising skill in daily practice on the athletic field. There is great interest in the coming struggle. The college nine has this week been playing in South Carolina with Wofford, Furman and Clemson.

Last Monday night Randolph-Macon debated with Trinity in the Craven Memorial Hall on the question: "Resolved, That the United States should abandon its present protective policy and levy a tariff for revenue only." F. L. Kibler and W. H. Ellison, of Randolph-Macon maintained the affirmative side, and G. H. Smith and B. S. Womble, of Trinity, supported the negative. The contest was very close, the judges deciding in favor of Randolph-Macon by a vote of two to one. Hon. Frank Fuller, of Durham, presided. The committee of judges consisted of Hon. J. Y. Joyner and C. H. Poe, of Raleigh, and Rev. C. J. Thompson, of Durham. After the debate, the Randolph-Macon representatives and the officials of the debate were entertained at a smoker.

A pleasing feature of the debate with Randolph-Macon occurred while the judges were consulting as to their decision. Messrs. L. P. Howard and J. P. Frizzelle, who have represented Trinity with marked ability in several debates, were called to the platform and presented with engrossed resolutions of appreciation of their services which had been unanimously adopted by the Debate Council. Messrs. Howard and Frizzelle have this year and last ranked as Trinity's best debaters.

Scribners now have in press a volume of "Selections from the Writings of Henry Van Dyke," edited by Dr. Edwin Mims. This volume appears in the same series with similar volumes of selections from the writings of Stevenson, Field and Cable.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., May 6, 1904.

Do All the Seniors Smoke?

Many boys have ruined themselves. Many parents grieve to see teachers and preachers show their sons how to smoke. The money spent for cigars would soon send the gospel to all the heathen.

I lately read of a "Senior Banquet" where "cigars were handed around." As the law of our Church forbids "needless self-indulgence," and the law of the State forbids the sale of cigarettes to boys, I do not see how a Methodist can encourage boys to smoke.

A. D. BETTS.

Lillington, N. C.

Scott's Hill Circuit.

Mr. Editor:—We have held three meetings. The first was held at Union Church, beginning the third Sunday in March, and continuing one week. The visible results were very gratifying. We were assisted by Rev. J. M. Marlowe, of New River. His help in the pulpit, choir and at the altar was faithful and efficient, and contributed much to the success of the meeting. We had several bright conversions, and the church was greatly revived.

Our second series of meetings was held at Bethany, beginning Friday night before the second Sunday in April, and lasted one week. The music, with the gifted singer, Rev. J. M. Marlowe as musical director, was very fine. In the preaching we were ably assisted by Rev. A. McCullen, of Fifth Street, Wilmington. Brother McCullen is a preacher of unusual power and ability. His sermons were strong, logical, eloquent and full of gospel truth. He greatly endeared himself to our people. The meeting resulted in several conversions, reclamations and one accession to the church. The spirit of God was present with us throughout the meeting.

At Scott's Hill, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in April, we began our third meeting for this year. We were assisted by Rev. S. E. Mercer, of Red Springs Circuit, and he preached some very forceful, eloquent, logical gospel sermons. He is a preacher of more than ordinary ability—a brilliant future is before him.

My people say that it is the best meeting they have had in many years. Twelve conversions and four valuable accessions to the Methodist Church. The church is wonderfully revived. For all of the good that has been accomplished for God, we give all of the praise. We are glad to be able to report that we are making substantial progress along all lines of church work. We have a loyal, royal, faithful people to serve.

Yours in His name,

Y. E. WRIGHT.

May 7, 1904.

Rockingham District Conference.

The Rockingham District Conference is changed in the place of its meeting from Lumberton to Gibson.

It will convene in the Methodist Church at Gibson, Thursday morning, July 21.

The members of the Conference will please notice the change in time and place.

JOHN N. COLE, P. E.

Rockingham, N. C., May 6, 1904.

CRAVEN MEMORIAL PORTRAIT.

Amount previously reported	$119.85
Dr. E. G. Moore, Elm City, N. C.	5.00
Mrs. Geo. G. Dailey, Vanceyville, N. C., for her deceased brother, Henry L. Cobb.	1.00
Mr. H. B. Lane, Wilson, N. C.	4.00
Dr. S. B. Turrentine, Greensboro, N. C.	1.00
Dr. W. W. Staley, Suffolk, Va.	2.00
Mr. Vitruvius Royster, Raleigh, N. C.	1.00
Hon. S. G. Ryan, Raleigh, N. C.	1.00
Rev. J. M. Rhodes, Littleton, N. C.	5.00
Prof. E. C. Brooks, Raleigh, N. C.	2.00
Prof. J. D. Hodges, Mocksville, N. C.	1.00
Total to date	$142.85
Total amount needed	$500.00

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

Washington District, Aurora—May 11-16.
New Bern District, Beaufort—June 30-July 3.
Raleigh District, Cary—June 30-July 3.
Elizabeth City District, Sunbury—July 13.
Wilmington District, Southport—July 28 to July 31.
Warrenton District, Rich Square—July 28-August 1.
Fayetteville, Jonesboro—Fifth Sunday in July.
Rockhingham District, Gibson—July 21-24.

God reads our character in our prayers. What we love best, what we covet most, that gives the key to our hearts.—T. L. Cuyler.

The Family

A Cure for Spiritual Depression.

Many Christians suffer from depression, and are unnecessarily full of fear and of doubt. Looking too much at themselves, and thinking too much about themselves, and forgetting to look to Jesus Christ and to remember His words and the words of His Father and their Father, such misadjusted souls lose the strength and comfort that are for them hidden in Christ. Ill-health may induce mental depression, and allowing one's mind to linger too long over blunders and sins and sundry misconceptions of truth will account for a great deal of the spiritual depression one meets in pastoral experience. There lies before me now a manuscript recalling a most mournful case of morbidness, gloom, and despair. I cannot perhaps do better than to repeat the substance of my reply to this despondent soul, who had forgotten to "let the dead past bury its dead," and to commit every present burden and responsibility and all future possibilities to His care who careth for us. The response to this letter of sorrow and despair runs in substance as follows:

Do not dwell too much on what you were, or on what you did. What are you now? The question is not, "How do you feel?" Mere feelings are determined very often by present physical conditions or by the immediate environment and atmosphere. Feelings no more indicate the quality of character and the real tendencies of the soul, than do the ripples on the surface of a stream show which way the current moves. What are you? is the important quetsion. Are you a selfish, proud and self-satisfied soul that has no favor to ask of Christ? Do you really rather dislike Him? If the front gate were to open, and you, glancing through the window, were to see Him coming to your door, possibly to spend an hour with you, would you through loathing or apathy or fear run away to hide yourself, and to avoid an encounter? Or would you hurry to meet Him and with brimming eyes and a face full of joy say to Him: "How glad I am to see you!" And I can hear Him reply, "No more glad, my child, than I am to come and to comfort and to strengthen you."

Your letter makes me think of a little flower that is afraid in the early morning that the sun will not shine upon it and send his rays down into the heart of it. "The sun is too great and so far away and I am so little and insignificant," says the flower, "and I can never be of the slightest use to the sun." And you know how the sun sought and penetrated and glorified the little blossom when he came over the hills. Do you not know that no human imagination has yet sounded the depths or measured the resources of God's love for a human soul? Do you not know that Jesus would rather save a human heart frm sin, selfishness and peril than to create a worse?

When I was a boy I once went "forward to the altar" in a church for five consecutive days, for one or two days three times each day. It may have done me some good, I do not know. To thousands of people such a service has been of untold benefit. Perhaps I thought too much of the altar or the act of going. Now simply going to the "altar" or to an "inquiry meeting," or to any other place or thing never saved a soul. It is allowing Christ to come to us and to have His way with us that saves us.

And Christ loves to save. Robertson, of Brighton, once wrote to his brother: "For many years I have been seeking God. But I have just been awakened to the fact that all these years God has been seeking me." That is a precious hymn that begins, "There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea." But God's mercy is wider than the sea. It is the wideness of the universe. And it is Christ who comes to express it. Therefore accept Christ. Read about Him. Think about Him. Rest in Him. Leave everything that concerns yourself with Him. Do not look any longer at yourself. Look at Christ. Let yourself alone. Let your "feelings" and your fears go. Do not trouble yourself about yourself. Spend the rest of your days in submitting to Christ, and you will soon be able to tell people, for their great good, what Christ can do for a soul that rests in Him.

Your letter indicates that you are morbid, or that you have allowed certain doubts about yourself or about the Bible to obscure your vision of Christ. How do you feel toward the timid, trembling, wounded bird that has fallen into your hands? It does me good to think of you as cherishing and soothing the frightened thing! So God feels towards you. Can you imagine a mother going to the beside of a sick and discouraged child, reminding it of all its naughtiness a year ago? See how she comforts it, gently stroking its forehead and kissing its cheek and promising all sorts of sweet and encouraging things! So God feels towards you.

Some things in the Bible trouble you. It is a very mysterious old book—that Holy Bible of ours! Some things in it are figurative. Some things in it relate to the Jews and other peoples and do not immediately apply to us. Some things in it are often misinterpreted. But let all such matters go and look for Christ in the Bible. Do not bother about "difficulties." There are spots on the sun. And there are scars on the face of the moon. But how good and glorious the sun is for light and heat and power! And how beautiful the new moon is, and how glorious the full moon! Let doubts go! Let the critics go. Find Christ—and you have everything! And better than all, be ready and eager to have Him find you!—Bishop John H. Vincent, Zurich, Switzerland.

Breaking the Thrall of the Devil

It is amazing, and quite incomprehensible as we reflect, by what little things the devil can trip and hinder us. He makes small things to appear great, and obstacles, really insignificant in themselves, hard, if not impossible, to overcome.

In the matter of decision for Christ, how trifling, in itself, may be that which thwarts us! We smile and wonder afterwards, but at the time the salvation of our soul, hung in the balance because of it.

During a series of special religious services at C——, a young man of excellent general appearance, came to our services. He gave close attention to the things that were done and said. He came and went, evidently convicted, but, for some reason, did not yield to the Spirit's call. But the time came when he made full surrender.

When all was right with the pardoning Saviour, he gained courage and confidence to tell us this story: On a certain evening he felt that he must and would decide for Christ. Reason was convinced, and the will was ready to yield. When the invitation was given, to express, by rising, or by the uplifted hand, the desire for salvation, he had planned and expected, to at least raise his hand, and thus signify his submission to God. But when he attempted to raise his hand, he could not lift a finger, he seemed powerless to stir hand or foot. He seemed to be paralyzed. And there he sat, listening to the urgent invitation, longing to respond, but unable to do so, and the time and opportunity was rapidly passing. What could he do?

Just then, he said, a fly lit on his face. Without thought, mechanically, he lifted his hand to brush it away, when, lo! that simple movement broke the spell! He discovered that he could move; and so finding the "thrall" broken, he quickly lifted his hand, found his way to the altar of prayer, and went home, rejoicing in divine deliverance. The devil had put his spell upon him, and God sent a fly (less than a "hornet") to deliver His beleaguered son. God can make a worm to thrash a mountain, and cause thousands to flee before a mere sound.

In one of our revival meetings in C——, a converted politician gave his personal experience in escaping the thraldom of sin and Satan. He had attended special services until thoroughly awakened. Though bound by a score of political associations, and by a greater number of political associates, he felt that the opportunity of his life, to seek Christ, had come, and, possibly, his last opportunity to do so. He said, describing the supreme effort to break away from the powers of evil: "For seven evenings I sat with my hands on the seat in front, ready and waiting to pull myself on to my feet, when the invitation to sinners was given. For six nights I failed to do it. When the time came to do so, I could not rise. But on the seventh evening, by a powerful effort, I succeeded in standing on my feet, and when once up, all the rest was easy."

In closing his thrilling rehearsal, he added: "Brethren, I have found the devil's 'last ditch;' it is the hollow of a man's knees!"

THE CAMPAIGN NOT CLOSED.

The brethren who have been working so nobly for new subscribers have not been working to secure pre-eminence for their Districts. A higher motive has really actuated them, and that was a desire to advance the interests of Christ through an increased circulation of His paper. Therefore, we safely assume that the brethren will continue the Campaign. We covet the opportunity of reporting June 15 that the 1,350 have been secured. Methodist preachers are not in the habit of saying with respect to their aims and efforts, "So near and yet so far." They are thoroughly in sympathy with us in our desire to report at Henderson next December that the Conference Resolution has been practically carried out. So we make the following

OFFER.

To the District reporting the largest number of new subscribers between May 4 and June 15, 1904, the Advocate will give $10.00 to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

To the District reporting the next highest, $5.00.

Reports will be published weekly in the Advocate as before.

The following have sent in since May 4:

Rev. R. A. Bruton	1
Rev. F. S. Breeton	1
Rev. J. Y. Old	1
Rev. W. F. Jones	4
Rev. J. M. Lowder	7
B. C. Glover	25
T. W. Mansfield	9
D. B. Parker	3
Direct	2
R. H. Broom	2
Rev. C. W. Robinson	1
Rev. Z. Paris	5

The following represents the number sent in by Districts since May 4:

Fayetteville District	28
New Bern District	10
Washington District	7
Elizabeth City District	5
Warrenton District	4
Durham District	1
Raleigh District	1
Rockingham District	5

Total number sent in since December 1, 1903, 1,198.

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Our Boys and Girls

Gibson, N. C., March 26, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old, and go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My Sunday-school teacher is my mama. I love to go to school, and I play base ball and tap. I have two pets, one is a cat and one is a bird. Well, I must close. LIZZIE GIBSON.

Gibson, N. C., March 27, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am going to school. I like to go to school very much. My teacher is Miss Annie McLean. I like her very much. I study geography, grammar, arithmetic, spelling and reading. School will last about two months longer.

Yours truly,
FLETCHER PATE.

Gibson, N. C., March 24, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eight years old. Papa takes the Advocate. I go to Sunday-school. My teacher is Mrs. G. L. Gibson. I go to every-day school to Miss Annie McLean. We all love her dearly. I will ask a question: Who killed his brother?

Your friend,
WILLIE HARGROVE GIBSON.

Gibson, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy twelve years old. I go to school every day I can. My teacher is Miss Annie McLean. I study spelling, grammar, geography, history and arithmetic. Our pastor is Mr. G. B. Perry.

I will ask a question: Who was Enoch's wife?

I will close.

Your unknown friend,
JIM PATE.

Mebane, N. C., April 7, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—This is my first letter to you. I am seven years old, and have been reading the Advocate for some time. I like to read the little folks' letters. My papa is pastor of the Alamance Circuit.

I enjoy going with him to his churches. I have been to all of them but one, and hope to go to that one in May.

I will answer Rommey Owen's question: Methuselah was the oldest man.

WILBUR G. McFARLAND.

Tulls, N. C., March 23, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. My father takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks' page evry much. I go to Sunday-school every time I can. I also go to every-day school. My teacher's name is Miss Belle Wimbish. I like her very much. Now, I will close, with best wishes for the orphans.

Your unknown friend,
NELLIE BAXTER.

Gibson, N. C., March 25, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eight years old. I go to school and have a nice time. I study arithmetic, grammar, spelling and reading. Miss Annie McLean is my teacher. I like her fine. She is a very sweet lady.

I have one sister and one brother. I have for my pets a large yellow cat and some pretty little chicks.

I hope my letter will not reach the waste basket. I will have to close now.

Your little friend,
MILDRED BURNETT GIBSON.

Gibson, N. C., March 24, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I write you a few lines today. I am going to school, and I study five books. I know my lessons well sometimes. My desk-mate is Tommie Pate, and my teacher is Miss Annie McLean. She makes me stay in when I don't know my lessons well, and she is very strict sometimes. I want this printed in the Advocate so that I can surprise my mama and papa. I will close for this time.

Your friend,
JOEL C. BULLIARD.

Rocky Mount, N. C., April 7, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am eight years of age. I have a papa, a mama, and four sisters. I have little twin sisters 15 months old. They are sweet little darlings. I have a dear grandmother, and I love her, but she lives a long distance. I go to school every day. My teacher's name is Miss Embra Morton. We love her because she is very kind to us.

I will close by asking a question. Why was God displeased with Adam and Eve?

If this misses the waste basket I will write again.

Your unknown friend,
JOSEPHINE HILL.

Mebane, N. C., April 7, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—It has been nearly five years since I wrote to the Advocate, and I am now thirteen years old. I enjoy reading the Advocate very much.

The answer to Alma Winstead's question is found in the 8th chapter, 9th verse of Esther—it has "53 t's" in it.

Leslie Rand asks: "Which is the longest verse in the Bible?" I think it is the 8th chap., and 9th verse of Esther.

What book in the Bible does not mention God's name?

Your friend,
ALICE McFARLAND.

Topsy, N. C., March 29, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy fourteen years old. Papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the childrens' page. I do not go to Sunday-school. It has not begun. It will begin first Sunday in April. I will answer May Belle and Helen S. Jenkins' questions: It was Sampson that carried away the iron gate. Now I will ask one: Who was it that saw four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air?

Your unknown friend,
OSCAR N. HAYES.

Mackeys Ferry, N. C., April 4, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday that I can. Our pastor is Rev. W. F. Craven, and we like him very much. Our Superintendent is Mr. W. S. Davenport. Now I will answer Etta Butt's question. Methuselah was the oldest man. Now I will ask a question: Who was put in a fiery furnace by a wicked king?

I will close by saying I will write again if this escapes the waste basket.

Your unknown friend,
MOLLIE E. HARRIS.

Stedman, N. C., April 4, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. My mother takes the Advocate. I enjoy reading the little folks' letters very much. I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. My Superintendent is my father, and my Sunday-school teacher's name is Miss Anna Sessoms. I like her very much. I also go to every-day school. Our pastor is Rev. L. H. Joyner. We were all glad to get him back again. I will close by asking a question: Who was Joseph's father? If this escapes the waste-basket I will write again. With best wishes to the Advocate,

Your little friend,
ANNIE E. MAXWELL.

Gibson, N. C., March 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eight years old. I live in the little town of Gibson. I am a Sunday-school scholar, and a members of the Bright Jewels. My Sunday-school teacher's name is Mrs. Z. L. Gibson, and we all love her so much. I am going to school at the Gibson school. My school teacher is Miss Annie McLean. She is a sweet young lady, and a good teacher. I study spelling, fourth reader, grammar and arithmetic. I hope you will put my letter in the Advocate. I wish to surprise mama and papa.

Your little friend,
BERNICE WRIGHT.

Chalk Level, N. C., April 3, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl 13 years old.

Our Sunday-school started today. Papa is our Superintendent. Our pastor is Mr. Starling. We like him fine.

I also go to every-day school.

I have two sisters and three brothers. I have one sister dead.

I will close by asking and answering a question.

I will answer Corrine Blalock's question: Peter was brought out of prison by the angels.

I will ask a question: What relation was Christ's mother and John the Baptist's mother? What relation was Christ and John the Baptist?

Your friend,
MADGIE CADE.

Shiloh, N. C., April 1, 1904.

I am a little girl thirteen years of age. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters. I go to every-day school. My teacher is Miss Mary A. Forbes, and we all like her very much. I also go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher is Miss Alice Barco. I like her very much. Our pastor is Rev. W. E. Hocutt. This is his fourth year with us. We regret that this is his last year with us. I will answer one of Mamie Hunley's questions: Jesus went to the temple to a feast at Jerusalem. I will ask one: How old was Jesus when he began to preach.

I will close for this time, wishing to see this in print.

Your little friend,
MARY E. FORBES.

R. F. D. No. 1, Milton, N. C.
March 30, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am twelve years of age. Our school has closed. It was conducted by our much-esteemed Miss Martha Taylor. We all enjoy the weekly visits of the Advocate very much. We have no Sabbath-school near enough to attend, which I regret to say. Our pastor, Rev. J. A. Dailey, is much esteemed and loved by us all. I will answer Iryma Waskey's question: the shortest chapter in the Bible is the 117 Psalm. I will ask a question: Which is the longest chapter in the Bible. I inclose five cents for the orphans, with best wishes for you and the orphans, I am

Your little friend,
MAGGIE S. JONES.

Jarvisburg, N. C., March 13, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. I love to read the Advocate and letters of the little girls and boys. My mother and father are both dead. I haven't any brothers, but two sisters, one younger and one older than myself. The oldest is fourteen and the youngest is seven years old. I go to every-day school. My teacher's name is Miss Rosa Gray. I like her very much. Our pastor is Rev. W. A. Piland. I like him also. I will answer Alston Brooks's and Mamie Hunley's questions: Methuselah was nine hundred and sixty-nine years old, and Elijah went to heaven without dying. I will ask a question: Where was the Bible written? I must close now in fear of the waste-basket. I am

An unknown friend,
MARY W. GALLOP.

Lumberton, N. C., April 2, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eight years old. I go to Sunday-school when I can. Our pastor is Rev. Z. Paris. We like him very much.

I have been going to every-day school, but it is out now. My brother takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading it very much. I have three brothers and two sisters living, and a brother and sister dead. My papa and mama are both living. I will answer Mamie Hunley's question: Noah built the ark in a hundred and forty years. Jesus went to Jerusalem when he was twelve years old. God gave the ten commandments on Mt. Sinai. This is my first letter to your paper, and if it escapes the waste-basket I will write again. I will close, wishing to see this in print.

Your little friend,
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T. E. GREEN, C. T. A.,
Raleigh, N. C.

Womans Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. B. F. Dixon, Raleigh, N. C.

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Mrs. W. B. Lee, who is a faithful helpmeet to her husband in missionary service in Brazil, organized a band of Juveniles, twenty-one in number, four years ago. Now that Society numbers one thousand, and last year it raised seven hundred dollars for the support of a preacher.

We hope this item will attract the attention of our Lady Managers, and will not fail "to provoke to love and to good works."

The matter of using mite boxes for the collection of local expense fund, was discussed and settled at our annual meeting.

The Auxiliaries must construct their own boxes, or any other suitable repository, for the collection of local funds.

The money ingathered by our regular society mite-boxes must be used only for the general missionary fund of the Auxiliary.

When an Auxiliary wants to make one or more life members, and raises the money necessary, the names of the life members must be sent to our Conference Treasurer with the money; then she sends the names to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, with the information that the necessary amount of funds is in hand. The names are sent to "headquarters" by the Conference Corresponding Secretary, through whom the certificates are then forwarded.

There has been some confusion in this matter some times, on account of the "modus operandi" not being fully understood.

With assurances of kindly interest and co-operation from the sisters of the different auxiliaries of our Conference Society, we cheerfully submit to their behest, and undertake another year's oversight of the W. F. M. S. column in the Raleigh Advocate.

To make it an acceptable medium through which our work will be "known and read of all men," our sisters must not forget their duty in sending in their items of news from every department.

We appeal again to our Lady Managers—let us have some notes from our Bright Jewel work at your earliest opportunity.

Those of our Auxiliaries who have not taken up the suggested reading course are depriving themselves of much pleasure and intelligence, and consequently of the interest and progressive work which broad information always achieves.

In our Missionary Advocate attention is called to the "History of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society" by Mrs. F. A. Butler; the "Life and Letters of Laura Askew Haygood," by Mrs. A. E. Brown; and the missionary "Handbook"—all these, with the books forming the regular reading course, if properly read and studied, will bring us the intelligence we so much need in our great work.

As we all know, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions will hold its twenty-sixth annual session in Jacksonville, Fla.., May 18th. Every member of the auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, all over our Southland, is requested to pray daily for God's blessing to rest upon each member of the Board and upon every session of its meeting. Have you remembered this request, dear reader? Do you realize your duty—your privilege—in being instrumental in crowning with success this most important occasion? "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, President of the Conference Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, also President of Greensboro Female College, attended our annual meeting at Elizabeth City, to the great pleasure of her friends, whom she numbers by the score wherever she is known. Her address on the last day of our meeting was replete with interest and with an eloquence born of an earnest, intelligent presentation of her subject: the past, the present and the future of Greensboro Female College. She had attentive auditors, for the majority of the women of our annual meeting were not only friends of Greensboro Female College, but many of them belonged to her Alumnae.

"G. F. C."

Every one knows what these letters stand for; what memories they awaken! What histories they bring before us! How they link the past with the present, of the living and the dead, and how they bind together the affections of the people. And now that the institution is burned, she seems dearer than ever.

No G. F. C. is not; true she has been burned down, but she is not burned to death; she is not dead; she still lives; she lives in the life of all her former pupils; in the affections of the people, and in the great heart of the Methodism of North Carolina.

The Methodists of North Carolina are not going to stand by and let her suffer and die: they will come to her relief and rebuild; they are coming to her help, and when rebuilt she will stand out more beautiful than before; she will enter upon a larger mission, and be more deeply entrenched in the affections of the State.

No, there is nothing else to do but rebuild. We cannot afford not to rebuild; we cannot afford to lose that magnificent property; we cannot afford to lose the tremendous intellectual and moral influence that has ever gone out from this institution.

We cannot compute the loss that would come to us if we fail to rebuild; Methodism and the whole State would feel the loss for scores of years.

The loss would simply be appalling. True, we have other schools, Davenport and Littleton, and they are doing fine work, but we need and must have Greensboro Female College; we cannot get along without her.

She has always stood and stands today for the higher education of our girls and young women; for splendid moral and intellectual culture; for the training of a noble and beautiful womanhood.

We have always needed her, and we need her more than ever to-day. Let Methodism arouse herself and come to the help of this grand old institution.

What we need now is not talk, nor sentiment, nor criticism, nor doubt, but substantial sympathy and help. Those that have gone before us, left us a rich legacy in G. F. C.; let us hand it down to those that are to follow us.

J. R. SCROGGS.

Woman's Home Mission Society

Please send all communications for this Department to MRS. R. O. BURTON, Raleigh, N. C.

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Our Annual Metting.

This column could not contain a full account of our meeting, but you will find it on another page, which Dr. Ivey kindly placed at my disposal. His interest and sympathy make me particularly glad that I called attention to his excellent paper on the Conference floor, and distributed many copies. As you will read, it was a season of refreshing, and much was gained from the encouraging reports of advancement in the work, and the sweet spiritual communion with our earnest, consecrated sisters.

Mrs. E. L. Prince, Our New Conference Treasurer; Mrs. W. H. Speight, Our Retiring One.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. Prince, already well known to us, and bespeak fine service from her. We cannot make a better wish than that she may equal in zeal and faithfulness Mrs. Speight, who loves the Home Mission work as much as ever, and will continue it in her Auxiliary; on account of other exacting duties, she declined to be re-nominated. Officers in the Home Mission Society are elected for one year only, and at every Annual Meeting must be re-elected.

Mrs. E. C. Duncan, Edenton. Street Delegate.

Raleigh friends will be particularly glad to hear that Mrs. Duncan's report was a good one. It filled our hearts with gratitude and a desire to do still better this new fiscal year. Mrs. Duncan also contributed much high enjoyment with her beautiful songs.

Two Active and Useful Young Ladies.

I take pleasure in testifying here to the ready and willing service of Miss Flossie Abell and Miss Helen Gillam, who represented two of our best Auxiliaries—Smithfield and Windsor.

Mrs. Luke Johnson, First Board Manager of Literature and Press Department.

As many of you heard at our Conference, this noble woman has been compelled to decline re-election to her high position on account of failure in health. She has been my special help, indeed, inspiration, and I know that you all unite with me in tenderest sympathy for her, and the earnest prayer that she may soon be restored. May her beautiful mantle fall on her successor, of whom I expect to tell you later.

The Part of the Woman's Home Mission Society When the Panama Canal is Opened.

The Board should so plan and regulate its affairs as to be able to fall into line with any advance movement of the Church, and, if it needs must, to take the advance step itself.

The women of the churches should be studying the subject of city missions in all its phases, and prepare themselves for effective service.

The young women should be heeding the call of God and the Church to prepare themselves as deaconesses and city missionaries, for the salvation of their cities and the defence of their own homes.—Our Homes.

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Editorial

RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE ORPHANAGE.

We have received so many courtesies at our District Conferences, and our Presiding Elders have conducted these Conferences so faithfully, often under most trying circumstances, that we hesitate even to offer a suggestion. We offer the following suggestion:

The North Carolina Conference is at present engaged in one of the most sacred enterprises which may engage the prayers and active energies of any church and any people—that of establishing a home for the fatherless and motherless children of the State. To "visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction," is the expression and essence of what St. James calls "pure and undefiled religion."

We are now in sight of the fruition of our hopes. Much, however, is to be done before the grand central building can be dedicated. The enterprise must be kept before the eyes and on the hearts of our people.

Now the most favorable place for developing enthusiasm for the Orphanage is at a District Conference. Let the preachers and laymen talk and appeal, and the result will be richly manifest throughout the District. Would it not be a good thing to make the consideration of the Orphanage a special feature at some time during the Conference? Let the preachers and laymen, led by the Superintendent of the Orphanage, thoroughly and enthusiastically discuss the claims of our Orphanage. No one living man can do justice to the demands in a few minutes, when perhaps the congregation are weary and are longing for adjournment. Let us give the Orphanage full "right-of-way" at our District Conferences this year.

A DANGEROUS FLANK MOVEMENT.

What is known as the "flank movement" is very popular with the Devil and his forces. A front attack is less likely to give them the victory.

Mr. Edward Bok, in the May Ladies' Home Journal, claims that the Devil is "flanking" the temperance forces in a very surprising way—that is, by hurling division after division of patent medicine bottles against the right and left wings where the greatest security from the destructive fire of alcohol is assumed to be found. Mr. Bok, in effect, argues that this flank movement is more destructive to the cause of temperance than are the front movements of the whiskey bottles which wear no disguise in the shape of attractive and deluding labels.

We are inclined to believe that there is much truth in what Mr. Bok says.

He publishes a list of thirty-five "remedies," with the percentage of alcohol in each. The figures are astounding. The lowest percentage of alcohol given is 12. Some of them go as high as 47.5. When it is remembered that beer, which God never intended to be made or drunk, contains 5 per cent of alcohol, we must, in the face of the figures given, feel that those who shudder at a beer bottle, to say nothing of a whiskey bottle, and at the same time fondle some patent medicine bottles, are strangely dangerously "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel." When we calculate how much alcohol is being swallowed daily, especially by American mothers, we cannot wonder that we are rearing recruits for the vast army of drunkards.

It is time for us to rout this specious insidious force which marches in the shape of patent medicine bottles containing, some of them, as much alcohol as whiskey itself. We must turn our attention to this "flank" movement," at the same time repelling the more direct, but not more fatal, front attack.

Mr. Bok contends that the work should begin in the religious papers. It is a terrible indictment which he brings against the religious papers when he says that they furnish the best medium for advertising these medicines containing so much alcohol. Mr. Bok is wrong in this. We have seen occasionally the advertisements of some of these medicines in religious papers, but we must say they are found oftener in secular daily papers. In the name of the religious press, we deny Mr. Bok's charge. It has always been popular to attack the church and any of its agents.

Yet there is no denial of the fact that many religious papers are culpable at the point in question. There is often lacking a careful conscientious cruting of patent medicines admitted into the advertising columns.

While this paper may not be wholly free from unworthy advertisements (for sometimes they deceive for awhile the very elect), yet we are glad to say that of the thirty-five medicines placed by Mr. Bok in his Index Expurgatorius, there is nor one which finds its place in the columns of this paper.

We are in the great fight for temperance, and we cannot ever any more advertise a so-called medicine containing an undue amount of alcohol than we can advertise a saloon or a brand of whiskey.

Let us watch more closely the "flank" movement..

FLORAL ORNAMENTATION OF OUR PARSONAGES.

We trust that our readers, especially the occupants of our parsonages, will keep in mind our recent proposition touching the floral ornamentation of parsonage fronts and yards.

We wish to develop the spirit of parsonage ornamentation.

We saw recently the picture of an old cabin which for years had been an eye-sore to passers-by. We saw another picture of that cabin. The occupant had trained a few vines over the doors and windows and had planted a few annuals in front, and it was difficult to believe it was the same old cabin.

How different some of our parsonages could be made to appear by a little labor and the investment of a few cents. The changed appearance would react beneficially upon every occupant of the parsonage and would be an inspiration to the whole neighborhood. The humblest cottage may be transformed. Try it.

We trust that many in both Conferences have begun to act on our pronosition. If so, be sure to let the editor of this paper have your name at once.

When vines, shrubs, and flowers are at their best, have a photograph or some one in the neighborhood who has a kodak to take a photograph of the parsonage front, and send the same to the editor of the Advocate by October 1.

A competent committee will then pass on the photographs, and the owner of the most artistic parsonage front will receive a prize of $12.50; the owner of the parsonage front ranking second in artistic beauty will receive a prize of $7.50; third a prize of $5.00. The humblest parsonage has an equal chance with the largest and costliest. Artistic, not elaborate, decoration is what is wanted.

Be sure to send in the photographs by October 1st.

Electrotypes of every parsonage whose picture is sent will be made and published.

Now, let there be many responses to this proposition. Write to J. Horace McFarland, President of the American League for Civic Improvement, care Ladies' Home Journal, Philadelphia; tell him what you want, and he, doubtless, will be glad to assist you.

A conference of Protestant ministers in St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City recently adopted a resolution calling upon the ministers to regard the laws of all churches touching upon the remarriage of divorced persons. A memorial was presented to the public on the sanctity of marriage and the evils of divorce.

Methodist Mention

The Warrenton District Conference will convene at Rich Square July 28, and will embrace the following Sunday.

Note in the District Conference Directory the change in time and place of the Rockingham District Conference.

Grace Church, New York, gave a $90,000 Easter offering for the endowment of the church in that down-town district.

Rev. N. E. Coltrane held a very successful meeting during last week at the Cotton Mill Chapel, Smithfield. There were about thirty professions.

The Elizabeth City District and the Raleigh Christian Advocate are indebted to the Tar Heel, Elizabeth City, for a large number of the cuts used in Elizabeth City edition a few weeks ago.

Mr. B. S. Franklin, one of the stewards of Macedonia Church, Rev. N. R. Seabolt, pastor, reports that they have so improved the new building that it looks like a new church. We congratulate the brethren.

It was our pleasure on last Monday to receive a visit from Mr. J. M. Jones, one of the pillars of our Methodism on the Milton Circuit. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Institution for the Blind in Raleigh.

The Weldon News speaks highly of the sermons preached by Rev. G. F. Smith, P. E., at Weldon on the first Sunday in this month. Twenty were received into the church on profession. One was received by certificate.

Rev. J. E. Underwood, P. E., came very near encountering a burglar in his house lately. Somewhat illustrating the "ruling passion strong in death," Elder Underwood was only afraid that his Sunday dinner was gone. We trust that the fear did not materialize.

Dr. A. D. Betts sends us the following note: "Rev. J. F. Smoot, of Salisbury, is visiting his son, Rev. T. A. Smoot, of Fayetteville. He is seventy-three years old, and very feeble. It was a great joy to me to spend a day with him this week. We joined Conference together in 1856. Such changes in these years!"

The appointment of Bishop Candler as the President of the next North Carolina Conference pleases all our people who know anything of Bishop Candler. He will receive a warm welcome from the ministry and laity. The Western North Carolina is equally fortunate in having for President such a Bishop as William Wallace Duncan.

Next Sunday will be a great day for the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Atlanta. On that day the church will be formally dedicated by Bishop Morrison. On the Friday evening before, there will be appropriate services. We congratulate Dr. C. W. Byrd, pastor, and the other Atlanta Methodists. We appreciate very higly the invitation to be present.

The Wilmington Dispatch says that the large congregations are nightly manifesting great interest in the revival services which are in progress at Grace Methodist Church under the direction of the pastor, Rev. N. M. Watson. The service last night was especially interesting, and eighteen persons took a stand for Christ. In all, since the revival began, twenty-nine have accepted the offer of salvation.

The opening on the first Sunday of the new church at Wilson, one of the handsomest in the whole State, was an occasion of joyful interest to the Wilson Methodists. Rev. R. C. Beaman delighted the large overflowing congregations, both morning and evening. We hope to present a picture of the new Wilson church to our readers at an early day. Rev. M. H. Tuttle, of Hertford, has been assisting Rev. A. P. Tyer, the pastor, during the past week.

Publisher's Column

THE CAMPAIGN FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Giving the Exhibits for Each District from December 1, 1903, to May 4, 1904.

B. C. Glover	24
Rev. W. H. Moore	1
Rev. J. M. Culbreth	1
Rev. G. B. Starling	1
Rev. G. W. Fisher	9
Rev. N. E. Coltrane	9
Rev. J. O. Guthdie	3
Rev. R. H. Whitaker	4
Rev. G. R. Rood	1
Rev. G. T. Simmons	2
Rev. J. H. Shore	3
Rev. A. L. Ormond	6
Rev. J. D. Pegram	5
Rev. W. H. Puckett	1
From other sources	27
Total	97
Number preachers reporting	13
Number preachers not reporting	6
Number Station preachers reporting	1
Number Circuit preachers reporting	11
Number subscribers due from Station preachers in proportion to membership	54
Number sent in	1
Number subscribers due from Circuit preachers in proportion to membership	96
No sent in	45
Preachers sending in the largest number:	
Rev. G. W. Fisher	9
Rev. N. E. Coltrane	9

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

B. C. Glover	10
Rev. F. D. Swindell	1
Rev. G. T. Adams	5
Rev. M. Bradshaw	1
Rev. H. B. Anderson	1
Rev. H. E. Tripp	5
Rev. F. E. Dixon	1
Rev. J. W. Potter	4
Rev. J. E. Saunders	4
Rev. E. C. Sell	6
Rev. E. H. Davis	1
Rev. Philip Greening	3
Rev. W. H. Townsend	4
Rev. D. C. Geddie	2
Rev. F. S. Becton	1
Rev. J. H. M. Giles	7
Rev. R. H. Willis	6
Rev. T. W. Mansfield	3
From other sources	10
Total	75
Number preachers reporting	17
Number of preachers not reporting	6
Number Station preachers reporting	5
Number Circuit preachers reporting	12
Number of subscribers due from Station preachers in proportion to membership	48
Number sent in	15
Number subscribers due from Circuit preachers in proportion to membership	102
Number subscribers sent in	40
Preacher sending largest number:	
Rev. J. H. M. Giles	7

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

B. C. Glover	31
Rev. J. M. Lowder	20
Rev. B. H. Black	1
Rev. J. A. Hornaday	3
Rev. L. E. Sawyer	2
Rev. B. E. Stanfield	12
Rev. J. L. Rumley	1
Rev. R. E. Hunt	8
Rev. J. M. Benson	1
Rev. D. L. Earnhardt	6
Rev. R. R. Grant	7
From other sources	18
Total	110
Number preachers reporting	10
Number preachers not reporting	11
Number Station preachers reporting	1
Number Circuit preachers reporting	9
Number subscribers due from Station preachers in proportion to membership	36
Number sent in	3
Number subscribers due from Circuit preachers in proportion to membership	114
Number sent in	58
Preacher sending largest number:	
Rev. J. M. Lowder	20

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

B. C. Glover	17
Rev. G. F. Smith	1
Rev. C. W. Robinson	7
Rev. B. C. Allred	5
Rev. L. M. Chaffin	2
Rev. L. L. Nash	9
Rev. W. W. Rose	1
Rev. G. D. Langston	2
Rev. W. B. Humble	1
Rev. R. F. Taylor	5
Rev. J. E. Holden	4
Rev. D. B. Parker	1
Rev. J. G. Johnson	14
Rev. E. E. Rose	7
Rev. J. T. Stanford	14
Rev. W. C. Merritt	72
Rev. P. D. Woodall	2
Rev. B. C. Thompson	38
Rev. R. L. Davis	10
From other sources	13
Total	225
Number preachers reporting	17
Number preachers not reporting	3
Number Station preachers reporting	2
Number Circuit preachers reporting	15
Number subscribers due from Station preachers in proportion to membership	24
Number sent in	10
Number subscribers due from Circuit preachers in proportion to membership	126
Number sent in	194
Preacher sending in largest number:	
Rev. W. C. Merritt	72

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

B. C. Glover	35
Rev. J. H. Hall	1
Rev. C. O. Durant	2
Rev. W. F. Sanford	1
Rev. H. G. Stamey	4
Rev. G. A. Oglesby	6
Rev. W. T. Usry	12
Rev. G. B. Perry	9
Rev. R. A. Willis	6
Rev. N. H. D. Wilson	22
Rev. S. E. Mercer	25
Rev. J. W. Bradley	32
Rev. Z. Paris	16
Rev. J. M. Ashby	6
From other sources	9
Total	186
Number preachers reporting	13
Number preachers not reporting	3
Number Station preachers reporting	2
Number Circuit preachers reporting	11
Number subscribers due from Station preachers in proportion to membership	12
Number sent in	7
Number subscribers due from Circuit preachers in proportion to membership	138
Number sent in	135
Preacher sending in largest number:	
Rev. J. W. Bradley	32

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

B. C. Glover	12
Rev. Alpheus McCullen	2
Rev. A. B. Haltom	2
Rev. Y. E. Wright	2
Rev. V. A. Royall	2
Rev. W. D. Sasser	1
Rev. C. C. Brothers	7
Rev. A. S. Barnes	1
Rev. A. J. Groves	6
Rev. W. E. Brown	10
Rev. J. J. Porter	2
Rev. N. H. Guyton	7
Rev. J. M. Marlowe	1
From other sources	24
Total	79
Number preachers reporting	12
Number preachers not reporting	9
Number Station preachers reporting	2
Number Circuit preachers reporting	10
Number subscribers due from Station preachers in proportion to membership	32
Number sent in	4
Number subscribers due from Circuit preachers in proportion to membership	118
Number sent in	39
Preacher sending in largest number:	
Rev. W. E. Brown	10

DURHAM DISTRICT.

B. C. Glover	22
Rev. J. T. Gibbs	5
Rev. W. L. Cuninggim	6
Rev. E. M. Hoyle	1
Rev. N. C. Yearby	1
Rev. M. D. Giles	2
Rev. Rufus Bradley	1
Rev. K. D. Holmes	3
Rev. J. A. Dailey	1
Rev. J. H. McCracken	8
Rev. D. N. Caviness	7
Rev. C. M. Lance	2
From other sources	10
Total	69
Number preachers reporting	10
Number preachers not reporting	7
Number Station preachers reporting	2
Number Circuit preachers reporting	8
Number subscribers due from Station preachers in proportion to membership	46
Number sent in	7
Number subscribers due from Circuit preachers in proportion to membership	104
Number sent in	25
Preacher sending in largest number:	
Rev. J. H. McCracken	8

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

B. C. Glover	11
Rev. T. A. Smoot	4
Rev. C. A. Jones	7
Rev. E. R. Welch	12
Rev. L. H. Joyner	6
Rev. G. W. Starling	51
Rev. E. M. Snipes	3
Rev. R. A. Bruton	1
Rev. J. H. Frizelle	1
Rev. R. W. Bailey	3
Rev. J. C. Humble	5
Rev. R. H. Broom	17
Rev. J. W. Hoyle	20
Rev. S. T. Moyle	1
Rev. E. Pope	5
Rev. A. D. Betts	11
Other sources	10
Total	168
Number preachers reporting	15
Number preachers not reporting	3
Number Station preachers reporting	2
Number Circuit preachers reporting	13
Number subscribers due from Station preachers in proportion to membership	12
Number sent in	11
Number subscribers due from Circuit preachers in proportion to membership	138
Number sent in	126
Preacher sending in largest number:	
Rev. G. W. Starling	51

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

B. C. Glover	16
Rev. J. E. Underwood	1
Rev. D. H. Tuttle	3
Rev. H. M. North	2
Rev. W. F. Jones	6
Rev. W. E. Hocutt	15
Rev. J. Y. Old	2
Rev. W. A. Piland	10
Rev. W. H. Brown	5
Rev. T. J. Dailey	15
Rev. F. L. Church	7
Rev. W. F. Craven	12
Rev. William Towe	1
Rev. A. J. Parker	19
Rev. W. O. Davis	1
Rev. W. F. Galloway	3
Rev. W. P. Constable	1
From other sources	9
Total	128
Number preachers reporting	15
Number preachers not reporting	6
Number Station preachers reporting	2
Number Circuit preachers reporting	13
Number subscribers due from Station preachers in proportion to membership	27
Number sent in	5
Number subscribers due from Circuit preachers in proportion to membership	123
Number sent in	97
Preacher sending in largest number:	
Rev. A. J. Parker	19

SUMMARY.

Number pastors reporting	107
Number pastors not reporting	54
Total number new subscribers reported	1,137

Concerning the value of personal work in winning souls for Christ, the late Dr. H. Clay Trumbull once wrote: "I have been for more than twenty-five years an editor of a religious periodical that has had a circulation of more than 100,000 a week during much of the time. Meanwhile I have published more than thirty different volumes. Yet, looking back upon my work, in all these years, I can see more direct results of good through my individual efforts with individuals than I can know of through all my spoken words to thousands upon thousands of persons in religious assemblies, or all my written words."

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The Commitee's Work.

In the Epworth League much depends upon the work of committees and on the business meeting. Too great stress cannot be laid upon careful preparation, and presentation of the reports. No business meeting may be considered a success in which indifferently prepared reports, filled with meaningless sentences, are read to listless hearers.

We have been scanning the few exchanges we have at our command for helpful thoughts on the work of committees. We find the following on Committee Reports in the American Messenger and give it in full:

A good committee report will contain at least four items:

1. What the committee planned to do.
2. The success attending the plans.
3. What remains to be done.
4. Suggestions to the Society of ways in which each member can assist in the work.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF COMMITTEES.

Members of committees ought to be made to realize the responsibility which rests upon them. Committees are appointed to simplify and systematize the work of the society. Since all similar items of business are referred to the corresponding committees, it can readily be seen that if a committee is indifferent, the entire work in that department will be neglected. And, in a general way, it can be said that the society as a body only learns of the progress of the work of a committee through the reports presented at the business meetings. The very tone of a report may determine the attitude of the society toward a given object. Frequently a most worthy appeal is killed in committee simply because the members thereof did not have the disposition to work, whereas if an enthusiastic report had been presented, and earnestly supported by the committee, the recommendations would have been unanimously adopted. One of the most unfortunate occurrences in the appointment on an important committee, such as that of missions, for instance, of a chairman who is not in sympathy with the cause, or who does not have the real spirit of missions in his heart. A half-hearted and dispiriting report often results in the defeat of a most worthy and extremely urgent appeal.

THE PREPARATION OF REPORTS.

The preparation of a committee report should not be left entirely to the chairman. If the writing of the report (as it generally does) falls to the chairman, it should be prepared after a conference with the members of the committee. The recommendations to the society should be made only after the most earnest and prayerful consideration, and should be presented as conscientiously as a jury would return a verdict. If Paul was prompted to say concerning himself, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel," every member of an important committee into whose hands is entrusted a part of the Lord's work might well say, "Woe is unto me, if I do not defend and promote the gospel."

NATURE OF A COMMITTEE REPORT.

A committee report dare not be the personal opinion merely of the members of the committee, but should reflect, and be the embodiment of the sentiment in the society which is in sympathy and in hearty support of the extension of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the consideration of a special appeal a member of the committee to whom it is referred does not act for himself in the sense in which he would dispose of his own private business affairs, but must look at the matter from a purely disinterested point of view. He is attending to the Lord's business, and selfishness, or personal likes and dislikes, have no place in committee meetings. In other words, one member of the society cannot speak authoritatively for all the rest. It is no question whether or not he is in sympathy with the proposed movement, but whether it is in accord with the spirit of the Master and in the interests of His kingdom.

The responsibility of the members of committees and the importance of presenting reports well written and giving evidence of deep consecration and earnestness are two considerations, the value of which cannot be over-estimated.—Rev. Albert S. Bromer.

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Henderson via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Maxton via Atlanta	38.65	32.25	26.25
Raleigh via Richmond	35.60	29.90	24.80
Raleigh via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Hamlet via Richmond	37.60	31.90	26.25
Hamlet via Atlanta	37.60	31.90	26.25
Wilmington via Richmond	38.65	32.25	26.25
Wilmington via Atlanta	38.65	32.25	26.25

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Sunday School

Lesson for May 15, 1904.

The Prodigal Son.

(Luke 15: 11-24.)

Golden Text: Come, and let us return unto the Lord. (Hosea 6: 1.)

The parable of the Prodigal Son is peculiar to Luke. It was delivered during the Perean ministry of Jesus, not long after his exhortation to watchfulness, and may be appropriately treated as a story in seven chapters.

1. At Home.—First we see the picture of a comfortable home, with father and two sons. The father, we know to be a kind and loving disposition, yet the younger of the two sons becomes discontented, and finally asks for the portion of his father's estate which would eventually be his, a request sanctioned by Oriental usage, which is accordingly granted to him, and he receives his portion, which by Deuteronomic regulation would be one-half of his elder brother's share, or one-third of the whole estate. (Deut. 21: 17.)

2. The Departure.—Having obtained his patrimony, the younger son now leaves the paternal roof, and goes forth into a far country, wilfully abandoning the safety and security of his home that he may taste of the pleasures of a life unrestrained by any moral influences.

3. In a Foreign Land.—Next we see the prodigal wasting his substance in riotous living, but soon his means are exhausted, and at length a great famine stalks forth in the land.

4. A Swincherd Ill at Ease.—It has been well remarked that the prodigal, though he had spent his fortune lavishly did not make for himself a single friend. When the famine came, there was no one to befriend him, and he was plunged into misery. No deeper degradation could be suggested than is expressed by the mere fact that he was sent to feed swine.

5. Awakening Repentance.—At last the prodigal comes to a turning point in his downward career. His first thought is of the difference between his father's hired servants, who have an abundance to eat, and himself, ready to perish with hunger. He soon rises however from the thought of his mere physical straits to an appreciation of his moral obliquity, for he says to himself, "I have sinned against heaven."

6. The Return of the Prodigal.—Very touching is the recital of the return of the wanderer. He comes back in a penitent frame of mind, and ere he reaches his home, his father comes to welcome him back with gracious and kindly words.

7. The Episode of the Elder Brother.—The story of the elder brother is thought by some to form a separate parable. It is not included in our lesson and therefore need not be considered here, but it has lessons of value, pre-eminent among which is its warning against self-righteousness.

Teachings of this Parable.—The Parable of the prodigal son has been studied so often that it were idle to expect to suggest any new lessons to be drawn from it, save as there are certain eternal truths which are old and yet ever new. This parable teaches the infinite love of our heavenly Father and the welcome which awaits every repentant sinner who turns from his sin and comes unto God. May it reveal to many this very day the way of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Fifteen-day excursion tickets, good returning fifteen (15) days in addition to date of sale, sold daily at rate of $24.80 from Raleigh.

Ten day special coach excursion tickets—see notices elsewhere.

Reduced rate tickets as above will be sold from other stations on the Southern Railway at proportionate rates.

On all one way and round trip tickets, reading to points beyond St. Louis, a stop-over of ten days will be permitted at St. Louis on payment of a fee of $1.00 and deposit of ticket.

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7 20	4 15	.....Raleigh.....	9 45	6 35
7 35	4 26	S.....†Carleigh Mills...	9 35	6 20
7 45	4 30	F.....*Sylvania.....	9 30	6 15
7 54	4 39	F.....† Harwee	9 20	6 06
8 00	4 45	F.....Hobby	9 14	6 00
8 18	4 52	M.....†McCULLERS.....	9 10	5 55
8 25	4 56	F.....Banks.....	8 58	5 50
8 30	4 59	F.....Austins.....	8 55	5 36
8 50	5 07	S...†Willow Springs...	8 10	5 30
9 05	5 15	M...† JOHNSON MILL	8 40	5 15
9 15	5 17	F.....† Cardenas.....	8 38	5 05
9 20	5 22	S...C. F. & N. Junction	8 33	5 01
9 35	5 26	S...† Fuquay Springs..	8 30	4 50
9 40	5 31	F.....Buckhorn	8 20	4 35
9 45	5 36	F.....Rawls	8 17	4 30
10 00	5 45	S.....† Chalybeate.....	8 10	4 20
10 05	5 50	S.....Bradley	8 06	4 06
10 18	6 00	F.....* Smith Mill.....	7 55	4 00
10 25	6 10	.....Lillington	7 45	3 50
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No. 50. NORTHBOUND.

1.20 a. m.—"Seaboard Express," for Norfolk, Portsmouth, Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and all points North, Northeast and Northwest.

No. 38.

11.10 a. m.—"Seaboard Local Mail" for ALL POINTS from Raleigh to Portsmouth, Norlina to Richmond; connects at Henderson for Oxford and Weldon with A. C. L.; at Portsmouth-Norfolk with ALL STEAMERS for points North and Northeast.

No. 66.

11.25 a. m.—"Seaboard Mail" for Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston. Connects at Richmond with C. and O. for Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis; at Washington with Pennsylvania and B. and O. for all points.

No. 57. SOUTHBOUND.

4.15 a. m.—"Seaboard Express" for Charlotte, Atlanta, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Tampa and all points South and Southwest.

No. 41.

4.00 p. m.—"Seaboard Local Mail" for Charlotte, Atlanta and all local points. Connects at Atlanta for all points South and Southwest.

No. 27

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Secular News

STATE.

Daniel J. Sully has admitted that his firm is bankrupt.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows is in session at Durham this week.

The Supreme Court this week is hearing appeals from the Buncombe District.

May 10th was generally observed throughout the State as Confederate Memorial Day.

Postmaster Tyre Glenn has secured an allowance for a sub-station of the Greensboro postoffice.

Madison County Republicans have endorsed Hon. Hezekiah Gudger for the Republican nomination for Governor.

Mr. Stedman and Mr. Glenn seem to be in the lead in the race for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

The banks of Raleigh established a clearing house April 1st, and the total amount of business done during that month was $1,111,712.

Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young paid into the State treasury on last Monday $31,690, which amount represents the collections by the Commissioner during the month of April.

Mrs. E. E. Moffitt, of Raleigh, has been elected a member of the national board of regents of the Daughters of the Revolution. The national convention will be held next year at Asheville.

Sheriff Jordan, of Guilford County, Saturday morning made the startling and fortunate discovery that thirty-eight of the fifty-eight inmates of the county jail, awaiting trial at this week's term of Criminal Court, were in a fair way to escape.

John P. Kerr, of the board of penitentiary directors, says the board has bought as an investment $58,500 of penitentiary bonds, 4 per cent, paying for these $61,425. Some of these are bonds issued for the purchase of the farm, while others are bonds issued to pay the penitentiary debt.

GENERAL.

Peaches are being shipped from Georgia.

The Southern States are producing half the lumber cut in America.

Public benefactions in America during 10 years aggregate $610,410,000.

Dowager Queen Margherita of Italy has a lace handkerchief worth $10,000.

Louisiana Republicans will send an entire white delegation to the Chicago convention.

The United States has been given a deed to the Panama canal by the Panama Canal Company.

The Naval Court of Inquiry finds that no one was to blame for the explosion on the battleship Missouri.

The reach of a searchlight for practical use is 700 yards, but torpedoes can be used effectively from 1,200 to 4,000 yards.

Speaker Cannon, of the House, declares he would not accept the nomination for the Vice-Presidency under any circumstances.

According to a magazine devoted to engineering the Yukon river, which is 2,400 miles in length, is navigable by steamer for over 2,000 miles.

The Hereros, who the Germans are now fighting in southwest Africa, number 20,000 fighting men of a class far superior to most of the African native races.

Beatrice Ross, of New York, wants $5,000 damages from a vapor shower bath manufacturer because he used her picture in an advertisement, showing her seated in a bathtub with her head and shoulders exposed to view.

The Tamarack copper mine, in the Lake Superior region, is said to be the deepest shaft in the world. It is now down 4,973 feet. The same company has another shaft which comes within 35 feet of being as deep as the Tamarack.

Within the past three years the export of pig iron from Germany to the United States has jumped from 5,939 tons in 1901 to 128,980 tons in 1903. Excepting Belgium, the United States is Germany's best customer in this line.

Dr. Dawson Burns has published his annual analysis of England's drink bill. The total amount of the expenditure on spirits, wine and beer during 1903 was £174,445,271, a decrease of over £5,000,000, as compared with the figures for 1902.

An official document has just been issued by the Italian government dissuading skilled mechanics from emigrating to the United States, as it is expected that the industrial prospect of this country will be much depressed in the near future and the number of unemployed enormously increased.

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Plymouth, June 4, 5

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G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Weldon, May 1, 2
Battleboro and Whitakers, McTyeire, May 7, 8
Roanoke Circuit, Ebenezer, May 14, 15
Garysburg, Oak Grove, May 28, 29
Roanoke Rapids, May, 29, 30
Warren, Cokesbury, June 4, 5
Henderson, June 5, 6
Ridgeway, Tabernacle, June 11, 12

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Elizabeth, Singletary, April 30, May 1
Magnolia, Rose Hill, May 7, 8
Carver's Creek, Hebron, May 14, 15
Onslow, Queen's Creek, May 21, 22
Scott's Hill, Union, May 28, 29
New River, Stead's Ferry, June
Burgaw, Wallace, June 11, 12
Grace, June 12

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F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Pamlico, Barnes, April 16, 17
Oriental, Smith Creek, April 23, 24
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Snow Hill, Mount Herman, May 14-15
Stralts, Springfield, May 21-22
Atlantic, Wit, May 23-24
Morehead, May 26
Carteret, Bethel, May 28-29
Beaufort, Bethel, May 29
St. John, June 1
Grifton, Grifton, June 3-5
Hookerton, Ormonds, June 4-5
LaGrange, Trinity, 11-12

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J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Lillington, Spring Hill May 6
Buckhorne, Olive Branch, May 7, 8.
Sanford, Jones Chapel, May 13
Goldsboro, Asbury, May 14, 15
Newton Grove, May 20
Dukes, Elevation, May 21, 22
Sampson, May 27
Fayetteville, Hay Street, May 29, 30

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Robeson, Bethesda, April 16, 17
Aberdeen, Asbury, April 23, 24
Pekin, Sardis, April 30, May 1
Mt. Gilead, Troy, May 7, 8
Montgomery, Ophir, May 14, 15

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J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Mattamuskeet, April 30 and May 1
Fairfield (night) May 1
Nashville, York (night), May 7, 8
Aurora (District Conference), May 14
Farmville, Bethlehem, May 21, 22
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Salem, May 28, 29
Greenville, night, May 29
Bethel, Shiloh, June 4, 5
Tarboro, at night, June 5

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J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
West Durham, April 17, 18
Durham, Mangum Street, April 18, at night
Leasburg Circuit, at Bethel, April 23, 24
Alamance Circuit, at Lebanon, April 30, May 1
Yanceyville Circuit, at Locust Hill, May 7, 8
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, at Mt. Tirzah, May 14, 15
Burlington Circuit, at Mt. Vernon, May 21, 22
THIRD ROUND.
Roxboro Ct., Oak Grove, May 27
Durham Ct., Orange Factory, May 28, 29
Durham, Trinity Church, June, 5, 6
Durham, Carr Church and Branson, at Branson, June 5, in afternoon
Durham Mangum Street, at Bethany, June 11
Durham, Main Street, June 12, 13
Durham, West Durham, June 12, at night

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SECOND ROUND.
Clayton, Mt Zion, April 30th, May 1
Milbrook, Oak Grove May 7, 8
Brooklyn, at night, May 8
Granville Circuit, May 14, 15
Cary, May 21, 22
Kenly, May 26
Wakefield, May 28, 29
Tar River, May 28, 29
THIRD ROUND.
Edenton Street, June 4, 5
Selma, Princeton, June 11, 12
Smithfield, June 12, 13
Franklinton, Banks, June 18, 19
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Youngsville, Rock Springs, July 2, 3
Clayton, July 9, 10
Oxford Ct., Bethel, July 16, 17
Millbrook, July 23
Epworth, July 24
Granville, July 30, 31
Oxford Station, July 31
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Louisburg, August 14, 15

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CIVILS.—Vincent Civils, who lived ten miles from Kinston, N. C., died April 10, 1904. He was about eighty years of age, and had been a member of the M. E. Church, South, twenty years. Brother Civils leaves an aged wife and other relatives to mourn their loss. But we believe our brother sleeps in Jesus, and pray that they may be sustained by God's grace here, and at last meet in heaven. D. C. GEDDIE.

WOOLARD.—Aaron Woolard was born in Beaufort County February 11, 1845, and died January 20, 1904, aged fifty-eight years, eleven months and nine days. He was converted in early manhood and joined the Methodist Church at Asbury, of which he remained a consistent member till God called him to join the Church Triumphant in heaven. He was married to Miss Sarah E. McKeel, February 24, 1875. To them five children were born, two of whom preceded him to the better land in their infancy. He leaves a wife, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. He loved the church and took great delight in attending and in taking part in divine service. He loved his family, and instructed them carefully. His pastor, Rev. D. A. Futrell, conducted the funeral services and laid the body to rest at Asbury church, which he loved so well.

ANNIE E. WOOLARD.

MARR.—Little Mamie, the dear little fifteen-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. John Marr, of Hope Mills, sweetly passed away to the land of perpetual peace Sunday morning, April 24, 1904. Though her stay was transient, yet her little life was a blessing to all who knew her. Though a sufferer nearly all her days, she was ever the same bright sunshiny little innocent. She has gone. Aching hearts long to hear her little prattle, and the pit-a-pat of little feet just learning to walk, but verily, she is a treasure laid up in heaven. May He who so loved the children as to take them into His arms and bless them, pour into the sad hearts the fullest comforts of His grace.

In beautiful Oakwood, Raleigh, April 25th, we laid her to rest under the shade of the trees.

E. R. WELCH.

ALBRITTON.—Mattie E. Albritton, wife of B. F. D. Albritton, of Hookerton, Greene County, N. C., and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Edwards, of Ayden, Pitt County, N. C., was born November 2, 1878, and died February 3, 1904.

She was married February 18, 1903, to Mr. B. F. D. Albritton, of Greene County, a man of high character and earnest devotion to all interests of both his church and his State. Their union was a most happy one, as nature and grace seemed to have fitted each for the other.

Her sickness was severe, having suffered intensely for seven long weeks. She bore it all with Christian fortitude and never murmured. May her felicity in the kingdom of God be measured by the depth and intensity of her suffering here. We shall miss her, but memory will ever hold her precious life in a golden casket.

She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Hookerton in early childhood. She was always a Christian, having been trained by pious parents, the principles of the Christian religion were early instilled into her youthful heart and she continued to grow and develop until ripe for the harvest. Hers was a life of unselfishness. She was an obedient child, kind to her parents, devoted and affectionate to her husband, a loving and sympathetic sister, a true friend, and one who won the love and esteem of every one who knew her. The whole community mourns her untimely death. What a breach has her transit made in that happy little family circle. The home has been so sad and lonely to the bereaved husband. It seems full of mystery now that one so young, so fair, so beloved, and full of bright promises for the future, should be snatched away so suddenly. Why Mattie was taken from us at such a beautiful stage of life, we cannot understand, but it is so consoling to think that our God makes no mistakes. She leaves a husband, father, mother, two brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss. May they all meet her in the great beyond, and thus as one unbroken family, "be forever with the Lord." A FRIEND.

Dr. John Wesley Jones.

Dr. Jones was born in Edgecombe County, September 31, 1831, and died at the home of his son in Tarboro, January 28, 1904.

He began his preparatory training at old Louisburg Academy under the lamented Dr. Turner M. Jones; then at the University, from which he entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated M. D. in 1857. After graduation he spent a year and a half in Europe in professional study; upon returning to America he established himself in general practice in Tarboro, giving especial attention to surgery and a few other specialties. He served his profession with honor and distinction as President of the State Medical Society; was elected as Examiner on the State Examination Board for six years, and was correspondent for several medical journals.

During the Civil War he was an assistant surgeon in the Confederate army.

Dr. Jones was a man of intelligence and energy, and possessed the faculty for bringing things to pass which commanded success. He established a reputation for integrity and ability and became a man of mark in connection with various financial institutions and county medical associations.

He lived by Christian principles on a Christian plan, preserving amid worldly affairs a devout spirit and a soul in sympathy with holy things, dignifying and safe-guarding life by seeking "first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

He was a strong, devoted church man. From its beginning, he had been to St. James M. E. Church, South, a strong pillar, a capable leader and an ardent lover, giving unstintedly, prayers and labor, counsel and money.

For years he was chairman of the Board of Trustees, member of the Board of Stewards, and a faithful teacher of boys in the Sabbath school.

While nature was carpeting earth and festooning bough of evergreen with her snowy mantle, was his body borne by loving hands to rest beside the dust of loved ones gone before, followed by members of the medical fraternity, Daughters of the Confederacy, Camp of Confederate Veterans and many other friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

R. C. CRAVEN.

February 16, 1904.

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Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, God in His wise providence has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved and faithful teacher, Bro. C. H. Dixon, and

Whereas we realize that our loss is heaven's gain; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That while we deplore the loss of Brother Dixon, we bow in humble submission to a loving Father's will.

2. That we extend to the bereaved family and friends our deepest sympathy.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our Sunday-school, that a copy be sent to the New Bern Journal and Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication, and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

J. R. BOYD,
QUINBY LANCASTER,
M. R. BLAND,
Committee.

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from our midst our loved and honored brother, Durant K. Moore, therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we bow in humble submission to His will, realizing that He doeth all things well.

2. That we recognize in the death of our late brother a loss that can never be filled on earth, and that his noble, warm-hearted and genial nature has left a warm place in our memory that will last until death, and that we extend to the bereaved family our sincerest regret and sympathy in their great loss.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of deceased and a copy be spread on the minutes of this lodge and a copy be sent the Raleigh Christian Advocate and Orphan's Friend for publication, and this lodge be draped in mourning for thirty days.

J. D. R. ALLEN,
W. D. PEEDE,
R. B. NICHOLS,
Committee.

Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 157, A. F. and A. M. April 2, 1904.

Resolutions of Respect passed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Main Street Church on the death of Mrs. Ida Shaw Cheatham:

Whereas, in view of the loss sustained by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Main Street Church, in the death of our dear sister, Mrs. Ida Shaw Cheatham, and the far greater loss that has come to those near and dear to her; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we express our appreciation of her pure Christian character and the desire which she had for the extension of her Lord's kingdom, for while feeble health prevented a very active service, her heart was ever open to the needs of the work and she gave of substance to its aid.

2. That as with bowed heads and sorrowing hearts, we pay this tribute to our departed sister, we commend her loved ones to the care of the all-wise Father who makes no mistakes, and pray that they may be overshadowed by the wings of His omnipotent love.

3. That this testimonial of our heartfelt sorrow be sent to the family of our deceased sister, recorded in the minutes of our Society, and sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate and city papers for publication.

MRS. W. L. CUNINGGIM,
MRS. W. H. McCABE,
MRS. W. I. CRANFORD,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by the Quarterly Conference, March 28, 1904.

As members of the Quarterly Conference of Edenton Station, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, we desire to express, and it is fitting that we should express and admit to record in the journal of this conference, our admiration for the character and appreciation of the labors of Mr. Theodore Ralph, late a member of this church and its official board.

Brother Ralph was eminently a man of God, and as the term implies, his life was consistent and faithful from every point of view. He recognized the dignity of the Christian profession, and sought to bring honor to it and not reproach. His conception of the duties of life, both as a citizen and a Christian, was high. He measured his obligations and ordered his conduct by the Christian standard. An enlightened conscience was his guide in all the relations of life. Every relation of his life was ennobled by the devotion of his heart.

He loved his work, and put into it the strength of his best years. He loved the community in which he lived, and to it his life was a benefaction. He loved his church, and made liberal offerings to it of his time, his labor and his means. He brought into its councils a judgment ripened in the school of business experience. He "attended upon its ordinances and supported its institutions" with marked regularity and liberality. And at its altars he communed in the faith and simplicity of a little child.

Brother Ralph's home life was exceptionally harmonious and beautiful. He loved his home with an ardent devotion, and never became quite accustomed to the vacancy caused by the death of his devoted wife. In the welfare of his children he manifested the deepest concern in life; and, dying, committed to them that noblest of legacies, the "heritage of a good name," said by the wise man, "Rather to be chosen than great riches."

So, in every relation of life integrity and fidelity characterized him. And so well established was he in the practice of these principles of virtue that he continued to exemplify their excellence even in declining health and under the most trying affliction.

We desire not to be fulsome; nor does the character of our brother need "letters of commendation," and that is not the purpose of this paper. His life was a correct index to his character; and that life, lived in this community, was an "epistle known and read of all" with whom he came in touch, commanding the respect of men of all classes.

We desire simply to express our love for the memory of our departed brother, and to record our estimate of his virtues. Therefore be it

Resolved 1. That in the death of Mr. Ralph the community loses a citizen of probity and sterling worth; his church loses a loyal, consistent and valued member, and his family, a devoted father and friend.

2. That we deeply sympathize with the children of our brother, and commend them to their father's God who has promised to be a Father to the orphan.

3. That, though deeply conscious of our loss, we bow to the sovereign will of God.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be kept in the journal of this conference, a copy sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate and the Edenton Transcript with request to publish, and a copy sent to the family of Brother Ralph.

J. H. McMULLAN,
M. G. BROWN,
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Committee.

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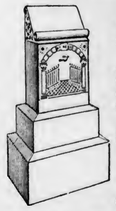

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Magazine Notes.

The May issue of the "Twentieth Century Home" is on hand with a feast of reading and wealth of illustrations for the up-to-date woman. There is a double page of pictures of prominent actors and actresses in their own homes. They are very interesting. Lady Henry Somerset contributes "Rural Life in England." Richard Le Gallienne has a charming essay on "Child Loves" which Rose Cecil O'Neill has illustrated in as delightful a manner. Every housewife will be especially interested in "Oriental Rugs: How to Choose and Care for Them." She is told how to distinguish between the different varieties, which will add much to the pleasure of purchasing a rug. The article is to run through two issues. George J. Kneeland tells about the "Incomes of Wonderful Children." Alfred Veit has a paper discussing the personalities of the wives of famous composers. Bliss Carman, the poet, chooses "The Beautiful Foot" for a theme, and it is remarkable what he finds in his subject. Herbert K. Job's account of the heartless plume-hunting among the Florida bird haunts is enough to make every woman in the country abandon the wearing of the ornaments—beautiful, but obtained with cruel sacrifice and destruction of bird-life. Other fully illustrated articles are, "The Great Berlin Goose-Market," "The Wonders of Lensless Photography," "Some Old-Time Children's Books," "Mme. Loubet, the First Lady of France." The departments are up to their usual standard. Fiction is contributed by Tom Masson, Harry Stillwell Edwards and Elliott Flower.

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Condition December 31, 1903, as Shown by Statement Filed.

Paid in cash	$1,000,000.00
Assets December 31st, of previous year	2,050,869.63
Income—From policy-holders, $652,120.63; miscellaneous, $193,036.55; total	845,157.18
Fidelity and Surety	652,120.63
Disbursements—To policy-holders, $271,728.24; miscellaneous $594,570.31; total	866,298.55
Fidelity and surety	271,728.24
Premiums in force at end of year—Fidelity and surety	665,097.91
Business written during year—Fidelity and Surety	726,439.88
ASSETS.	
Value of real estate (less amount of encumbrances)	$72,602.22
Value of stocks and bonds(United States, State, etc. owned)	1,340,211.38
Loans on real estate (first lien on fee-simple)	52,523.48
Loans on stocks, bonds and other security	150,900.00
Interest and rents due and accrued	20,321.13
Cash in home office and deposited in banks	281,685.55
Premiums unpaid	106,138.36
All other assets, detailed in statement	131,715.63
Total	2,156,187.75
Less assets, not admitted	13,356.63
Total admitted assets	2,142,831.12
LIABILITIES.	
Uncarned premiums	$332,548.95
Unpaid policy claims	72,395.44
All other liabilities as detailed in statement	604,639.52
Total liabilities as to policy-holders	1,009,583.91
Capital stock paid up	1,000,000.00
Surplus beyond all liabilities	133,247.21
Total liabilities	2,142,831.12

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Insurance Department,
Raleigh, April 13, 1904.

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the American Banding Company of Baltimore, of Baltimore, Md., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1903.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.

JAS. R. YOUNG,
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The World As We See It.

An interesting and somewhat depressing illustration of the fact that there is practically a wide gulf yawning between corporate and private morality is seen in the fact that the Western Union Telegraph Company which has been running wires into various gambling dens in New York City insists that its business is to make money and not to discourage gambling. This is a sad state of things. It outlines a business doctrine, to say nothing of moral features, which ignores and undermines the only foundation on which all business stands—the supremacy of law. What could the Western Union, as a money-making enterprise do, if society were lawless? Yet the Western Union by practically aiding the lawless spirit is undermining its own foundation and the foundation of everything that is stable and true among the American people.

Mr. Hearst has relieved the minds of many, and incidentally blunted the edge of popular prejudice within Democratic ranks by announcing that he will support the nominee at St. Louis whoever that may be. Judge Parker's policy of silence is still maintained, and is giving some uneasiness to his friends and Republicans. To the former, because they do not know just where he stands on certain questions and are apprehensive that he may not be exactly en rapport with certain Democratic doctrines. To the latter because a silent foe is generally a dangerous foe. A "talking" candidate generally manages to transfer a few clubs to the hands of the enemy. There are two "dark horses," carefully groomed, which are being kept in the stalls. They are Stephen Grover Cleveland and our Mr. Folk, of St. Louis, who is more feared by evil doers than any other man in the United States.

The State is now in the midst of a sensation in the shape of the trial of the Lumberton lawyers for contempt of court by Judge Peebles. It is remembered that the Lumberton lawyers some time ago refused to make up a calendar for Judge Peebles presiding. The trial of the case was begun last Saturday at Fayetteville and resumed at Lumberton on last Monday. The motions of the respondents to dismiss the case, to have it tried before another Judge, and to have it removed to another county were all overruled by Judge Peebles. The answers of the respondents wwere filed on Monday afternoon. They embody the charge of discourtesy, ill-humor, unfairness, intoxication and other things on the part of Judge Peebles. The Judge has given the respondents five days in which to send him all their affidavits, and on next Thursday week, the case will be called again at Lumberton. It is the general impression that the case will never be tried, at least before Judge Peebles.

We wish that we could give our readers this week some authentic news of the vast operations now going on in Manchuria where the foreign people are "a-fighting." We could take the newspaper reports for the past week and fill a number of pages with the events which are said to have occurred, but we have not yet begun to write fiction. We said last week that the channel into the inner harbor of Port Arthur had been closed and that the Japanese army had cut telegraphic and railroad communication with Port Arthur. We said it because the news had been given out and had not been denied up to the time of writing. But within the last few days, the St. Petersburg dispatches have blandly brought the news that the channel has not been blocked, and a train loaded with ammunition had actually run into Port Arthur. What are we who wish to give authentic news of the war to do? We are almost tempted to tell our readers that they may rely with reasonable certainty on the statement that there is a war going on between Japan and Russia. Let us hold to this one assumption, and perhaps we may be able by next week to tell something that has actually happened.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Los Angeles on May 4th. On account of belated trains, there was no quorum on the first day. Up to date the business of the Conference has been dispatched with ease and rapidity, and it is probable that the session, which usually last four weeks, will not last so long this time. The first part of the Conference is generally taken up with the hearing of memorials and petitions, which are referred to the proper Committees. Not until these Committees report can there be much discussion or voting. Hence, up to this time, there has been nothing of exciting interest. Dr. J. C. Kilgo, fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, made his address, which was published on last Sunday in full in the Morning Post. It was a characteristic address—which means that it was able and eloquent. We regret that our space limitations prevent us from publishing the address in full in the columns of the Advocate. At least eight new Bishops will be elected. A number have been retired at this Conference. The amusement and time limit questions will receive more than ordinary attention, and the disposition of them is awaited with considerable interest by the public. The usual petitions for the election of a negro Bishop have been received, but we venture the assertion that they will meet the same fate as heretofore.

Over twenty-five years ago, Clara Barton was a humble pension clerk in Washington City. Her sensitive, sympathetic nature was painfully alive to the suffering caused by war, and she began to interest herself in the formation of a society having for its object the enlistment of women in the work of alleviating the physical suffering incident to the battlefield. That society is now known as the Red Cross Society which is represented in every civilized country. A few days ago Miss Barton who for years has been President of the American Red Cross Association, tendered her resignation. There is a certain pathos in the incident. Miss Barton, now seventy-four years old, has spent her life's best energies in developing and strengthening the Red Cross Association. She did not resign on account of advancing age, or because she felt that there was any direct necessity for so doing. It was because tongues began to talk about mismanagement of funds. We feel sure that her fault, if fault there was, was of the head and not of the heart. No woman with the heart of Clara Barton can willfully deviate from the right path. She may have the consciousness that she will continue to live in the heart of civilized humanity as one of the world's queendiest women.

The whole State was shocked at the news of the death of Robert M. Furman, who for the past six years had been editor of the Morning Post of Raleigh. His intimate friends had imagined lately that they saw the deepening of the final shadows, but the State at large was unprepared for the news of his death. He was one of our foremost journalists. He was richly endowed with those gifts which are necessary in the trying field of journalism. An experience which began a generation ago, a mind which was conservative and discriminating, a wide acquaintance with men and things, and a frank outspoken spirit which strove at all times to deal honestly and fearlessly with all matters coming into the field of an editor's duty—all these Mr. Furman had. There was no editor in the State who approached him in the ability to discuss accurately and judiciously the social and economic conditions of the State. He was no politician, yet he had at his finger's ends those facts and figures which enter into an intelligent survey of the field of national and State politics. It was our privilege to know intimately Mr. Furman. We always felt that when we were in his presence, that we were in the presence of one who with a brave heart was essaying to maintain the honor and dignity of a high manhood. There were in his nature sombre clefts filled and wreathed with the ragged clouds of sorrow and internal conflict, but these clouds only served to more plainly outline the white surface of a soul which was ever mounting toward the sunlight. He has wrought well for his State and humanity at large.

The Methodist Quarterly Review for the second quarter of the year is full of good matter. We notice that the present number contains a more varied selection than usual. This means that there is a larger number of briefer articles. Biography, philosophy, theology, and general literature are mixed in healthful and stimulating proportion. Canada, England, and the United States are represented among the contributors.

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Or humble in its birth,
That may not from its path bestow
Some brightness o'er the earth.

Each little blooming wayside flower,
Tho' lacking beauty rare,
Freely offers all its dower,
To make the summer fair.

The river hastening to the sea,
With all its gathered treasures
Yields up its offerings full and free,
Their worth it never measures.

Thus Nature proves in many a way,
The noblest rules of living;
Would ye receive? Then day by day,
Increase thy store by giving.

A Pertinent Query.

Dear Bro. Ivey:—At the close of your editorial in issue of March 30th on General Miles' letter to the National Prohibition party, you say: "It is hardly probable that the advice of General Miles will be taken, inasmuch as it is practically granted by all that no political party will dare to issue a direct, clear-cut pronunciamento on the question of temperance." I agree with you in this statement, and ask, How then can any Christian man vote for any party that will not make a "clear-cut" declaration against the accursed liquor traffic? As Christians, we have no right to expect them to make such declarations as long as Christian (?) voters continue to vote with them in their miserable compromise. The trouble is, we have been too good Democrats and Republicans and too mean church members. Some excuse themselves by saying, "But there are other issues besides Prohibtion." Not so, and you know it. No evil comparable with the legalized liquor business for causing crime, loss of health, character, reputation, property, home happiness, and souls of mankind. Then all men who can say—

"Take my vote and let it be,
Consecrated Lord to Thee,"

should unite in a party that does give forth a "clear-cut" utterance against the gigantic whiskey trust and stand united till victory is won. The trouble, in too many instances is, that the same fellows who shape the policy of the parties have too much to do with shaping the attitude of the church. The National Prihibition Party may be making a slow fight, but she is making a sure one, and gaining ground every year. I hardly know how to "double quick" the victory, but thank God I can control my own vote, and will so direct it that my God can take knowledge of me that no liquor license is issued in the United States of America so far as I am concerned. I'll trust God to manage smaller National evils while I do my level best to help Him smack this great big one. We can do it if we will all pull together and keep at it. Give God your vote. He will do the rest.

D. L. TUTTLE.

Christianity or Buddhism.

Whether Christianity or Buddhism is the ideal religion for Japan has been discussed by Rev. W. N. Clarke, at the Second Baptist Church, Chicago. He referred to the Japanese Commission sent to America to investigate the practical results of Christian teaching. It is reported that this commission "is to determine whether Christianity should supplant Buddhism in Japan, and is to decide, from actual observation, whether our religion can be recommended," said Dr. Clark, "and it is said that the commission has already decided that in England Christianity is a failure."—Evening Chronicle, April 4, 1904.

The above clipping is startling intelligence, and is what the infidel of Europe said an hundred years ago!

Now, in this century of unprecedented Christian zeal and missionary labor, a young semi-Christian nation is bold enough to say, "In England Christianity is a failure," is more than Americans supposed! If this is true! The natural inquiry is—what is the cause? By glancing over the history of the religion of the Hebrew, Greek, and Roman churches since the days of Moses, we learn that the attempts of kings, emperors, and rulers, to make their authority paramount to that of Christianity or the Church of God, and in every instance idolatry was the consequence! But we were not prepared to admit that England, the supposed head and port of Protestantism was so contaminated with the dreadful malady as to be considered anything less than a Christian nation! The charge is at least a warning to the entire civilized world, to beware of a "union of church and state." If the rebellion of the angels in heaven was the result of an unholy ambition, to be equal to their Creator, and brought upon themselves eternal banishment; and the disobedience of our first parents required the gift of the Son, and the Spirit of the Father, and the co-operation of the redeemed to be saved, it is not only a work of supererogation, but absolutely a sin of great magnitude to substitute or make co-equal any creature or created power for God and His government.

The history and existence of Mormonism, which is the pattern of Mohammedanism and Solomon's reign, for selfish motives, and the offspring of Pandemonium, and a disgrace to Christianity, should be considered a clog to civilization and death to Christianity in America if permitted to practice polygamy and usurp the authority of our government. It is the mainspring of the idolatry that ruined the Israelites, Grecians, Romans, and now threatening Protestantism in all lands. Every form of idolatry undermines the religion of Christ, but this is the monster that needs special attention.

JNO. F. FOARD.

Statesville, N. C.

Saved Without Assurance.

It is possible that one may be in a saved state and yet have no definitely divine assurance of it. There are many Christian people who will not accept such a view, for they maintain that every one who is really saved is assured of the fact by a special manifestation of the Holy Spirit to him. Well, they may enjoy their belief with the fullest liberty, but that does not prove that they are correct. I am convinced that there are instances in which genuine Christians have no special assurance that they have been saved from death. A person, giving his signature by the letters "D. O." as printed in the Union Gospel News, wanted to know if one can be saved who believes on Christ, but possesses no assurance of salvation. Dr. James M. Gray answers the question as follows:

"I think so. No one is saved by the assurance he feels, but by his simple faith or reliance on Jesus Christ. Some people never enjoy assurance, but they are saved just the same, if they have taken Christ as their Saviour. To the Hebrews, in the land of Egypt God said, 'When I see the blood I will pass over you.' They sprinkled the blood on their door-posts, and then went inside and waited. Some had assurance, and some had not, but all who sprinkled the blood were delivered. At the same time we may have assurance if we will, and indeed it is our duty to have assurance, for it is nothing else than the result of simply taking God at His word and believing all He has said to us through His promises. The first epistle of John would be a good portion of Scripture for 'D. O.' to read again and again, in the exercise of prayer."

I presume that many Christians suppose that divine assurance of one's being saved consists in a specially deep emotion in the heart, produced by the Holy Spirit, and that if one have no such experience he has no assurance. But real assurance is not always given in that manner. It may be well to use another word which means as much as assurance, and say that the saved one may be convinced that he is indeed delivered from death.

The question is, Is the person daily giving evidence that his present life is decidedly better than it formerly was? Does he now truly love God, His Word, His will, His work.

C. H. WETHERBE.

ORPHANAGE NOTES.

Murfreesboro.

Murfreesboro, on the Meherrin,is a goodly town. There is no better citizenship in North Carolina than that, to the size of the place, in my opinion. They have ever treated me with kindest consideration. It was sweet to spend the first Sunday in the month of flowers with that most delightful people.

I was glad to find that my young friend Woodall had made so fine an impression at so early a day. There is but one thing lacking to him now; it is time he was doubling up. They kindly asked us to call again. We hope to do so.

That Barrel of Molasses has Come.

We will look out for pan cakes now. But then, flour is so high. Wilmington furnished the sweetening. Now, if Goldsboro would only furnish the flour, would we not have a time. If the Superintendent should be extra sweet for the next three months, charge it all to Bro. C. C. Covington & Co., of Wilmington, N. C.

We have planted some watermelons and cantaloupes. If the two-leged varmints will only keep off, we may have a good time next summer.

We will soon have garden peas and spring cabbages if nothing happens.

Shall the Plastering Go On?

The plastering is on the first and second stories, and they are now in the hands of the carpenters. Shall it go on the third? We certainly think it ought to. We would dislike to have plastering done over our heads after moving into the building. It will be so "messy." Then it will be hazardous to the morals of the children. Colored masons are not the most moral of men. Four rooms have the first and second coats on; a good deal of the mortar is already made; yet the plastering has ceased, and the masons are gone. Who will help to have that story plastered? We are anxious to have it on when the Board of Trustees meet about the middle of June. Send it in right away, beloved—the cash!

The End of Life.

The end of life is not to do good, although many of us think so. It is not to win souls, anthough I once thought so. The end of life is to do the will of God.

How can you build up a life on that principle? Let me give you an outline of a little Bible reading:

The object of life: "I come to do thy will, O God."

The first thing you need after life is food: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me."

The next thing you need after food is society: "He that doeth the will of my Father in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother."

You want education: "Teach me to do thy will, O God."

You want pleasure: "I delight to do thy will, O God."

A whole life can be built upon that one vertical column, and then, when all is over: "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever."—Henry Drummond.

The bread of life is love; the salt of life is work; the sweetness of joy, pocsy; the water of life, faith.—Mrs. Jameson.

"Wanted—A Pair of Saddle-Bags."

The long list of Wanted, in the daily of a large city, is interesting, even to the casual reader as he looks hurriedly down the column. But a single item in a late number of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate was rather startling. A presiding elder wanted a second-hand pair of saddle-bags, for one of his preachers. Perhaps there are many readers of the Wesleyan who never saw the article, except the one used by a country physician. The valise, carpet-bag and grip-sack have taken the place of the old historic saddle-bags. A half century ago, the late Dr. Milburn wrote a book that had a large circulation. Its title was, "The Rifle, Axe and Saddle-Bags." These three tools, or implements, represent three important stages in the settlement of the New World. The early itinerants did not have paved highways leading to their churches. Very much of their traveling was on horseback, and his saddle-bags proved a necessary part of the itinerant's outfit. These, on the back of a good horse, helped to mark the Methodist preacher. Many years ago, two or three itinerants were passing through Chester County, late on a December evening. They were not familiar with the country, and were beginning to feel some curiosity, if not anxiety, about suitable lodging. They were passing a comfortable farm house, when an intelligent servant girl came out with a message, "Missus says you look like Methodist preachers going to Conference. She asks you to stop for the night. In old master's time Methodist preachers always stopped with us." The hearty invitation was gladly accepted. The horses were taken care of, and the tired travelers, with saddle-bags on their arms, met a warm welcome at the front door. A lonely widow was comforted and strengthened by their company. The railroads have done away largely with this old feature of the itinerant's life. We may hope the change has its compensations.

Perhaps with the present surroundings, the circuit preacher may not fully appreciate what his visit to a family in his charge may mean to the quiet, secluded homes. Even in a happy family, the daily life may have what we do not care to call a monotony. There is a sameness, however, and human nature loves variety. The children soon learn that the mother makes some welcome additions to the table attractions. The presence of a cheerful visitor brings an agreeable element into the family life. The conversation at the table, and fireside, may be quickening and educating. Children too young to take part may be very intelligent listeners. A sentence, a phrase, a word, a tone, a look may be a seed falling on good ground. The boy will be glad to ride the horse around from the stable to the front, and there to carry out the good man's saddle-bags. The invalid mother, seldom able to go to church, will be helped by the preacher's manner of conducting family prayers, and by the kind word spoken, and by the blessing invoked, as he tells her good-bye. It becomes a common thing for the preacher to spend the night away from his home, if he has one. But it may be a rather uncommon thing with the family that entertains him.

A few years ago, in a Western State, several men, of different religious creeds, were thrown together. At a stage in the conversation the Methodist was surprised when the Episcopal Bishop of that diocese laid his hand suddenly on his neighbor's knee, and said, earnestly, "Brother, what we want is saddle-bags grace, saddle-bags grace." This official had a mountain region in his field. Perhaps wherever he had gone he found the tracks of the itinerant. Taken in its wide, historic sense, and as exhibited by the most worthy hearers of that old piece of baggage, the phrase "saddle-bags grace" has deep meaning. Time, roads, churches may change, the size of circuits and the dress of the preachers serving them may change also. But the currents of human nature, with its fears, hopes and wants and the strange influence for good or evil that one person may have over another—all these remain. It is a small matter, how the preacher may find his way to the lonely home in the mountain cave, whether on horseback, with saddle-bags, on a bicycle, trolley car, automobile, or in a flying ship. The great question is, "What does he carry there?" or, rather, "What does he leave there?" Both of these questions are included in one, "What is he in himself?"

A few years ago a faithful retired itinerant offered his well-worn saddle-bags to the South Carolina Conference Historical Society, as a Methodist relic. Let them remain there as a silent teacher and witness. We hope the Georgia itinerant may use his as long as he finds them necessary. In some active, useful shape, may "saddle-bags grace" be an abiding feature in our ministry. —Southern Christian Advocate.

Humorous.

"The lighted candles of a girl's birthday cake," remarked the Observer of Events and Things, "do not always throw light on the girl's age."

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She: "I heard that you said I reminded you of the North Pole. Don't try to deny it." He: "Of course I did. You are so sought after, you know."

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Cholly Lateboy: "Do you know, Miss Sharp, that music quite carries me away?" Miss Sharp: "Why, isn't that lovely? Do let me play for you." —Chicago News.

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Six-year-old James came in from Sunday-school looking puzzled. He said: "Mamma, who is 'Total,' that goes to Sunday-school and gives more than anybody else?"

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Myer: "I wonder why cats that disturb our midnight slumbers always have such high voices?" Gyer: "Probably because they are frequently pitched on a roof."—Chicago News.

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Magistrate (sternly): "Didn't I tell you the last time you were here I never wanted you to come before me again?" Prisoner: "Yes, sir; but I couldn't make the policeman believe it."—New Yorker.

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"Have you any taste for Thackeray?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle. "No, I can't say that I have," replied her hostess. "Is that anything like this paprika thy're puttin' in everything now?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

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Uncle Jethro: "There ain't no sense in dictionaries, nohow." Edgar: "How do you arrive at that conclusion, Uncle Jethro?" Uncle Jethro: "They spell 'hoss' with an 'r,' and leave it out when they come to 'horsepital.'"

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"How old are you?" the school-teacher asked the new student. "Six years old," lisped the little one. "When were you six?" asked the teacher. "The day our hired girl came," said the little one conclusively.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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Little four-year-old Nellie was gazing intently at the visitor's bonnet. "What do you think of it, dear," asked the lady. "Oh," replied Nellie, "it's all right. Mamma told Aunt Mary it was a perfect fright, but it doesn't frighten me."

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"I know what you've come here for," said little Willie. "You're going to ast my sister to be your wife." "Oh! Why do you think so?" "Cause I heard her tellin' ma she was goin' to git you in a corner to-night and make you say it."

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A sentry, an Irishman, was on post duty for the first time at night, when the officer of the day approached. He called: "Who comes there?" "Officer of the day," was the reply. "Then what are yez doin' out at night?" asked the sentry.

Mrs. Simple Newlywed: "I want you to send around a gallon of midnight oil." Grocer: "Midnight oil? Never heard of it." Mrs. Simple Newlywed: "Why, I'm sure that's the kind my husband's mother said he always burned."—Brooklyn Life.

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General Sheridan was once asked at what little incident he had laughed the most. Boys of Our Empire gives his reply: "Well," he said, "I do not know, but I always laugh when I think of the Irishman and the army mule. I was riding down the line one day, when I saw an Irishman mounted on a mule, which was kicking its legs rather freely. The mule finally caught its hoof in the stirrup, when, in the excitement, the Irishman remarked: 'Well, if you're goin' to get on, I'll get off.'"

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A lady was one day teaching a little colored girl how to spell, says an exchange. She used a pictorial primer, in which each word was accompanied by an illustration. Polly glibly spelled "o-x, ox," and "b-o-x, box," and the teacher thought that she was making "right rapid progress," perhaps too rapid. So she put her hand over the picture, and then asked: "Polly, what does o-x spell?" "Ox," answered Polly. "How do you know it spells ox?" Polly was as honest as the day. "Seed his tail!" she responded.

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Henry (seated in the sitting room at the old homestead Christmas morning): "Well, this is what I call genuine Christmas cheer, Uncle Eben." Uncle Eben: "Ain't it, though! The boys got it into the house last night 'thout my knowin' it, too." Henry: "Got what into the house?" Uncle Eben: "That cheer you're settin' in."

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An Iowa judge recently related an amusing incident that occurred in his court when a colored man was brought up for some petty offense. The charge was read, and as the statement, "The State of Iowa against John Jones," was read in a loud voice the colored man's eyes bulged nearly out of their sockets, and he seemed overcome with terror and astonishment. When he was asked if he had anything to say or pleaded guilty or not guilty, he gasped out: "Well, you' honah, ef de whole State o' Iowa is ag'in dis one pore niggah, I've gwine to give up right now!"

The Gospel of Helpfulness.

One of the stories that never grow old is the gospel of helping one another. To be a helper may well fill out the round of a life's ambition. "To get" is the cry of a sordid world: "to give" is the answer of the true hearts that move among men. No man ever had such joy in getting things as he whose purpose is in the opposite direction —to be helpful, and give of self and service to others. It is the one great cure-all for soul-ills; there is no burden that cannot be lightened by it; no darkness that cannot be brightened by it. Soul sickness can find its healing in the hour that it turns to heal another. The sum of things is not in the getting, but in the giving, and the crown of happiness will be in the consciousness that you have always helped and sought to serve.—Baptist Union.

And worry and unrest are distinctly unchristian. They are a denial of God's power, and a disbelief in his love. "Let not your hearts be troubled. Ye believe in God," said Jesus. And whatever the immediate connection of the words, they are a perpetual prohibition of all worry or anxiety on the part of those who believe in God. He knows. He cares. He rules. Let us trust Him and be still.

And much of our worry is absolutely senseless and foolish in yet another regard. We are in a train, and anxious to reach our destination, but the train stops again and again, and the delays are most exasperating. We begin to abuse the engineer and the conductor. The only logical conclusion from our abuse is that they ought to run the train straight on as fast as they can go. Yet there is probably an obstruction on the track, or an embankment washed away, or a train just ahead. What we are worrying for is an accident in which we stand a good chance of being killed. What a fine rational thing such worry is!

The Field

Siler City.

Dear Bro. Ivey:—Enclosed find obituary of I. N. Mann, ordered by the Quarterly Conference, to be published in the Raleigh Christian Advocate. He was worthy, an ideal Christian, devout, and of good report.

Our Second Quarterly Conference was held at Hickory Mountain, Friday, April 29th. For week day, the attendance was encouraging and the financial report better than usual for second quarter. Rev. J. B. Hurley was present in the spirit of the Master, and magnified his office in the chair as well as in the pulpit. The people were delighted with his preaching as well as with his manner of conducting the business. The preacher in charge was so delighted that he followed him and Rev. Jas. H. Frizzelle, our son of the gospel, to Brown's Chapel, where we heard a good report, and had the pleasure of greeting old friends whom we served and love. The work is in fine condition.

We were on the roll three days, drove forty miles and preached three times; last Saturday and Sunday (two days), forty miles, two sermons.

Fair Promise has the best Suday-school in twenty-five years, and the "little flock" at Providence is growing in grace. They will have an organ in a few weeks, we think. So you see we are holding the lines again, none the worse in body, and profoundly thankful for the glorious privilege of preaching the gospel of Christ.

J. SANDFORD.

A Note From Robeson Circuit.

I have been thinking for some time that I would write a line as to the condition of the Robeson Circuit.

With peculiar sadness, we heard of the sad bereavement of our beloved Presiding Elder in the death of his dear boy. We sorely missed his genial face, and Godly counsel, and soul-stirring sermons at our Second Quarterly Conference occasion; but he was fortunate in securing the services of Brother Wilson, of Maxton, who was present, and did us good service, which was highly appreciated by the good congregations that met him. The reports at the Conference showed the circuit to be in good condition. The finances are sharply in advance of last year at this time. Several have been received in the church by certificate and one on profession. Several infants have been baptized.

A nice book-case has been placed in the parsonage, and the preacher and family have been the recipients of many tokens of appreciation. Our people have been so kind to us in every way that we are inclined to question the correctness of Brother Paris' statement when he asserts that Lumberton is the best circuit in the Conference. But he has not been anywhere else, so we will let him enjoy his delusion.

Very truly, J. M. ASHBY.

A Layman's Views.

I wish to call the attention of every reader of the Advocate, and especially all who are interested in Methodism in anywise, and in particular in our great State, and I know there are not a few, to the timely letters of Bros. C. F. Sherrill on second page and M. A. Smith on third page of May 4, 1904.

Brethren of the ministry, what have been your efforts since the days of John Wesley?

Sisters of the Alumnae of Greensboro Female College, what are your aspirations of to-day?

Read again, brothers, sisters, friends, and let the concentrated deep thoughts therein contained give inspiration to every lover of God, every lover of humanity, every lover of Methodism and her pure womanhood, and the Church arise in her might and build Greensboro Female College by her concentrated strength in such proportions as shall do her honor; yes, let it be in the very forefront. I verily believe this will be done. I feel sure there are thousands who would be only too glad of an opportunity to give, and not only give, but give liberally.

Let me suggest that we have a month in which every Methodist pastor in North Carolina—and let that be June—preach in each church in his charge a sermon on Christian education. Tell of the situation and needs of the college; then take a collection in cash and subscriptions. Then together with other influences, my faith is that results will be that our honored B. N. Duke's proposition will be complied with.

With very best wishes for all concerned, I am,

Yours truly, A. C. THOMPSON.

Ashpole, N. C., May 5, 1904.

Report From Brazil.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—My last Brazilian mail brings me some statistics as to the progress of our work in the District of Minas Geraes, that may be of interest to North Carolina Methodists. These figures are taken from the reports prepared for the District Conference held in Juiz de Fora in March of this year:

Work begun twenty years ago.

Seventeen years ago: One congregation, in Juiz de Fora; thirty-two members. Total collections, $4.65.

Today: Fifteen congregations, 1,442 members, three local preachers, nine Epworth Leagues, six of these are Junior; 592 Epworth League members, thirty-one Sunday-schools, 1,013 Sunday-school members, six Ladies' Aid Societies, one hundred and fifty-eight Ladies' Aid Society members, 2 colleges, Granbery and Isabella Hendrix; 1 church building, value, $5,500.00; four parsonages, value, $15,175.00; Granbery College property, value, $25,000.00; contributions during past year, totals, $5,603.40; contributions during past year, per capita, $3.89.

Very sincerely yours,

MARY T. PESCUD.

Raleigh, N. C., May 10, 1904.

Early Missionary Collection.

For several years a persistent effort has been put forth in the North Carolina Conference to get the missionary collections taken early in the year. The wisdom of this course is now generally recognized, and does not need to be discussed in this communication.

In order that we might see just what progress has been made in this direction during the present year, I asked Brother Walker, the Treasurer of the Board, to send me, on the first of May, a statement of the amounts received from the various charges in the Conference. Copies of this statement have been made and sent out to all the preachers. It shows an increase in the receipts up to May 4th this year over the receipts for the same period last year of over one hundred per cent, the amount reported on that date last year being $3,036.53, and this year $6,145.37. Last year thirty-six charges had made payments, this year sixty-four. Last year five charges had paid in full, this year sixteen. The most noticeable advance has been in the Durham District, the receipts for this period in that district being $1,459.12, an increase of $1,195.12 over the receipts for the same period last year. Half the charges in that district had settled in full by the last of March. Every charge in the district, except two, has made some payment. In the New Bern District there has been an increase of $751.11; in the Wilmington District, $512.91; in the Fayetteville District, $319.00; in the Washington District, $303.44; in the Rockingham District, $69.22; in the Raleigh District, $7.13. In the Warrenton and Elizabeth City Districts there has been a slight decrease in the receipts for the period. In the Warrenton District this has been due to the special effort that has been made to pay off the debt on the District parsonage. In the Elizabeth City District a large increase was made last year, the district then taking its place at the head of the list in the matter of early collections, and there was not so much room for improvement as in the other districts. Reports received from the District Secretaries show that throughout the Conference wise plans are being adopted, and there is every reason to believe that at our next Conference we shall be able to make the best report we have yet made.

R. H. WILLIS,
Conference Secretary of Missions.

The Strawberry Business.

The writer has had the pleasure of visiting the strawberry section on his trip during its boom. We cannot easily grasp the meaning conveyed by the figures showing the movement of strawberries in Eastern North Carolina at this time. The strawberry season in Eastern North Carolina is now at its height, and one can conceive of no more active plan of industry in the United States than the several points along the A. C. L. Railway, where strawberries are grown. An idea of the enormity of the industry may be gained when it is stated from the official report, as follows: On last Monday forty-four cars and 1,782 crates shipped by express. New York, nine cars, 177 crates by express; Newark, one car; Philadelphia, three cars, 320 crates by express; Baltimore, 492 crates by express; Washington, D. C., 372 crates by express; Wilmington, Del., and Chester, Pa., 165 crates by express; Richmond, Va., 109 crates by express; Boston, four cars; Providence, one car; New Haven, one car; Pittsburg, six cars; Buffalo, three cars; Scranton, three cars; Erie, Pa., two cars; Syracuse, one car; Albany, two cars; Harrisburg, one car; Wheeling, W. Va., one car; Detroit, two cars; Bradford, one car.

Over two millon quarts shipped on Tuesday! Heaviest on record. Over 212 cars and 2,688 crates by express. The distribution was as follows: Forty cars and 232 crates by express. Boston, twenty-nine cars, on a market of 11 cents to 14 cents; Philadelphia and Pittsburg, twenty-one cars each; Buffalo, sixteen cars; Newark, nine cars; Providence, seven cars, on a market of 15 cents to 17 cents; Cleveland, six cars; Elmira, five cars; Baltimore and Scranton, four cars each; Springfield, Pittsfield, Mass., Albany and Binghampton, three cars each; Washington, Worcester, Hertford, Erie, Wilkesbarre, Auburn, Toronto and New Bedfield, two cars each; in fact, several other points North. Philadelphia also received 440 crates by express; Baltimore, 720; Washington, 330; Chester, 605; Richmond, 268, and North Carolina points fifty-six.

The aggregate of the day's shipments is 66,288 crates, or a little over two million quarts, which if sold at an average of 10 cents per quart, would bring to this section a little over $212,000. If all cars went forward Tuesday were attached to a single train, would make a string something over two miles in length.

Friday's Shipments.—Friday's strawberry shipments through South Rocky Mount amounted to ninety-nine solid refrigerator cars and 1,262 crates by express. The distribution was as follows: Boston, twenty-one cars, prices 12 cents to 14 cents; Pittsburg, nineteen cars; New York, seven cars and twenty-nine crates; Buffalo and Elmira, six cars each; Utica, four cars; Providence, three cars; Worcester and Albany, three cars each; Springfield, Hertford, New Haven, Scranton, Erie, Syracuse and Cleveland, two cars each; Philadelphia, one car and 153 crates; Washington, 438 crates, and several other points North.

You will note from the above report that Eastern North Carolina is becoming more and more popular as one of the finest sections in the United States for trucking. I learn that they can grow almost anything that is to be grown in Eastern Carolina.

I write this more especially for our brothers that live in Middle and Western North Carolina, and hope it will be instructive as well as entertaining.

Saturday's shipments are not so large, and prices are now advancing very rapidly owing to scarcity of berries.

Very respectfully, B. C. GLOVER,
Traveling Representative of Raleigh Christian Advocate.

The Family

The Red Cross of Europe and America.

Into the shell-shattered city of Strasburg on the morning after its capitulation to the Grand Duke of Baden, there walked unguarded, unattended save by a maid, a slight delicate woman in a dark, plain dress, with a scarlet cross wrought in her sleeve above the elbow. Through the battalions of conquering troops which guarded the city she went fearlessly, unchallenged and unmolested, and the sentinels on the ramparts grounded their muskets as she touched the scarlet symbol on her arm, and hurried past them over the heaps of dead and dying, into the heart of the stricken city. She found famine, fire, terror, a shattered city surrendering through hunger, its hospitals filled with wounded women and children, its streets swarming with half-naked, half-starved, frenzied people, a city whose able-bodied men were all in the conscripted ranks of the French army or in the prisons of Germany.

Through the instrumentality of the stranger, in forty days the hungry were fed, the sick healed, and the naked clothed. Boxes of supplies came by hundreds into the city, marked ever with the scarlet symbol she wore, money poured into her treasury faster than she could spend it, and scores of brave nurses and heroic assistants gathered about her. White hands that had never known labor bound the scarlet badge on their arms, and the proudest ladies of Germany, under the sign of the crimson cross, went down to the help and succor of the city which their troops had conquered. Indeed, so abundant were the offerings of clothing that a message was sent to the Empress: "You are making paupers of Strasburg with your generosity; send me material rather than clothing, that I may hire them made up here, and thus create an industry for the people." The material was sent, and twice each week hundreds of women went to her door with baskets on their arms to receive their work, for which they were abundantly paid. Forty thousand neatly fashioned garments of assorted sizes were packed in boxes stamped with the scarlet cross.

The Commune had fallen in Paris. The crash of the column Vendome still thrilled in the startled air. The flames of the Hotel de Ville lit the city with the lurid light. The streets were reeking with blood, and the air was heavy with the groans of the dying.

Suddenly there appeared the same vision of mercy that came to the need of Strasburg; pale, dust-covered, travel-worn, and well-nigh exhausted, for she had walked seven miles into the city (90,000 horses having been eaten by the people, none were left for transportation). The German troops outside the city detained her with no questions when they caught the gleam of the scarlet cross. Cordons of French soldiers guarding the streets lowered their bayonets as she touched the glowing symbol, and the sullen, frenzied mob made way for her to pass.

The mayor had been reinstated in his office but a few hours, the dust of months lay thick on books and papers, his assistants were hurrying to and fro and writing frantically. The mayor himself was anxious, weary, heart-sick. Suddenly a soft voice sounded in his ear, an earnest, resolute, tender woman's face was lifted to his own, he caught the gleam of the scarlet cross, and heard the low, clear words: "Mayor, I have come to help you. I have 40,000 garments in my boxes outside the city, and plenty of money." The mayor's house was instantly at her disposal, but she argued: "It is too grand for my work; give me some humble place where the poor will not be afraid to come to me."

"Madam, eight months ago I left my home, as I supposed, to be burned—to-day, through the grace of God, it stands intact. Is it too good for God's poor? Make it your headquarters—they will go to you anywhere."

The history of Strasburg repeats itself, and the hungry were fed, the naked clothed, the poor taught self-helpfulness, and then the woman of the red cross vanished.

When the Mississippi overflowed its banks in 1884, and people were without homes, food, money, or seed for the next season's planting, suddenly out of the turbulent waters a steamer laden to her guards with every variety of provender, sustenance and comfort for man and beast, came to the rescue of the suffering people. Whence she came, how provisioned, by whom supplied, no one knew; only a woman stood at the helm, with a cross of crimson on her sleeve, and at the mast a banner floated—a shield of white crossed with scarlet bars. When the floods abated and the needs were all supplied, the strange craft vanished and her colors were hauled down in an unknown port.

High up in the Balkan mountains the soldiers of Bulgaria were freezing and dying for want of supplies. Word came to the woman with the scarlet cross, was forwarded to her colleagues in various cities, and before night this telegram was sent from New Albany: 'Call on us for $500 for the Balkan soldiers." The message was cablegramed to Geneva, Switzerland, the next morning: "The Red Cross of America sends $500 to the Balkan soldiers." Telegrams were sent from Geneva to Bulgaria, goods were purchased to that amount, and the next day after the woman of the red cross received the call of need, high up in the fastnesses of the Bulgarian mountains the soldiers were receiving the warm garments sent.

Who is this mysterious woman that controls the soldiers of opposing armies and commands the Exchange of the world with the gleam of the scarlet cross?

Heroes of the Civil War know her as the first woman nurse to bring comfort and succor to the wounded. Surgeons remember when her white tented wagons drove upon the field the things most needed were at hand. The army of the Potomac know her and the heroes of Morris Island have never forgotten the only woman who remained on the island, caring for the wounded while the shot and shell fell like hail. The Andersonville prisoners remember the woman who took them by the hand, and the widows and mothers of the Andersonville dead will ever remember her at whose request the bodies of the 30,000 men who died there were identified and buried in marked graves. The sufferers of the Ohio floods, Michigan fires, Charleston earthquake and Texas drought, can tell you who she is, and every sovereign in Europe knows well the name and works of Clara Barton, the President of the "American Red Cross."—Exchange.

A Prayer Said.

"Just come and say a prayer at the funeral. We can't find a dominie, and we don't want to bury her without a prayer."

It was a new experience for the deaconess. She didn't know who was dead or what to do. But there are no new experiences for the Lord. He knew the way. She would follow.

She went with the messenger to a desolate place. Untidy, ungodly people had kept the house—it was not a home. The housekeeper lay in the sleep of death; her companion sat sullenly by, in a half-drunken stupor; a hard faced company sat around the room. They had ignored or blasphemed the laws of God; but when the death-angel came they wanted "a prayer" said.

The deaconess prayed for the living. The sweet words of "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and "Nearer My God to Thee," roused tender memories long crushed by the hard grind of making a living. The ever wooing message, "Let not your heart be troubled," opened the fountain of tears that had long refused to give a refreshing drop to the parched plant of God's affection.

On leaving the grave, the man awkwardly removed his hat, showing traces of old-time gentility, and spoke of his early home and training. All the good in his debased nature had been aroused by a woman's act of kindness.—New York Deaconess.

What Was Done for Vera.

The deaconess found Vera at the police station, a desperate young creature, beautiful, but—so fatal a gift, sometimes, is beauty!— fast losing all that makes womanhood attractive. She talked with and quieted the girl, stood by her in the court and when the demands of a broken law had been satisfied, took her away home to do her best to make the blighted life bloom again.

She succeeded better than she had dreamed, for Vera, taught by love, came to long with all her young heart for goodness; and soon sought and found Jesus, the Saviour of her soul. She stayed on at the Home useful in many quiet ways, growing womanly in adoration of the pure-hearted women who came and went before her.

Her desire grew to be to help those who were unfortunate as she had been. As other girls were brought in from time to time, she received them gladly and did much to win their confidence. Once when two of them had run away at night and two of the deaconesses came in at a late hour after a fruitless search for them, they found Vera still awake awaiting the result of their errand. Her grief at their having been unable to find the wanderers was great.

On a wild night in winter one of the deaconesses saw a light burning in Vera's room. Going in to ask the reason, she found the girl on her knees in prayer.

"I heard the storm," she explained, "and thought of the girls in the street and of how many of them will be tempted to go into the saloons to-night. I am praying God to keep them safe."

The deaconess knelt by Vera's side and they prayed together. Who knows but some storm-tossed and tempted one was turned aside that night from the snare set for her feet, by the resistless influence of that prayer?

"I find it hard to believe that this girl had ever been anything but true and devoted," says a deaconess newly arrived in the Home; "indeed, I do not try." The Lord, through his servants has done great things for Vera.—Exchange.

O Thou our Life, true light of all who come into the world, help us to live to Thee. From death of sin; from all forgetfulness of God and love; from heart ambitions which do not rise above the world; from folly of uncharitableness and idle listlessness that suffers opportunity to slip away unused—good Lord deliver us? Help us to live strong, useful, happy lives by the indwelling and outworking of Thy Spirit. Fulfill in us Thine own thought of what man may be and use us to the uttermost in service, overcoming sin and working righteousness and appearing us for the unhindered vision of Thy face in everlasting life with Thee. Amen.

To dethrone Christianity from its place in the world to-day would be the act of a madman or a fool. Were it possible to do so, vast numbers of intelligent people, who now think themselves emancipated from it, would strive for its restoration, not at all because they had come to realize, as they never had realized before, how necessary it was to the progress of the world.—New York Tribune.

God grant that you may so conquer your temptations by the power of God that they may not leave you as you were, but fill you with the consciousness of yourself and with deep sympathy with your brothers.—Phillips Brooks.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

Washington District, Aurora—May 11-16.

New Bern District, Beaufort—June 30-July 3.

Raleigh District, Cary—June 30-July 3.

Elizabeth City District, Sunbury—July 13.

Wilmington District, Southport—July 28 to July 31.

Warrenton District, Rich Square—July 28 August 1.

Fayetteville, Jonesboro—Fifth Sunday in July.

Rockingham District, Gibson—July 21-24.

Our Boys and Girls

Goldsboro, N. C., April 12, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl seven years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My pastor is Rev. Mr. Trivo, and he has a nice wife, and I like them very much. I have one sister living and three brothers dead. My mama and papa are both living. Now, I will ask a question: How old was Jesus when he began preaching?

Your little friend,
BESSIE MILDRED CRAWFORD.

Winsteadville, N. C., April 8, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. G. W. Hudnell is our Superintendent. D. A. Futrell is our pastor.

I also go to every-day school. My teacher is Miss Ola Ross. I like her very much.

I will close by answering Corrinne Blalock's question: Peter was taken out of prison by the angels.

Your little unknown friend,
MATTIE M. SPARROW.

Rehoboth, N. C., April 11, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am glad when it comes so as I can read the little folks' letters and see the questions asked by them. I am a little girl thirteen years of age. I will close by asking a question and answering Leslie Rand's question. And if I make no mistake you will find the longest verse in the 8th chapter and 9th verse in the book which has not the Lord's nor God's name nor the devil's or heaven nor hell. There is such a book in the Bible.

Your unknown friend,
RUTH DRAPER.

Ocracoke, N. C., April 10, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years of age. My grandpapa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the boys' and girls' letters very much. My father and mother are both dead, and I am living with my grandmama and grandpapa.

I go to Sunday-school every Sunday, and my teacher's name is Mrs. Bettie Grant, and our Superintendent is T. W. Howard, and our pastor is Rev. R. R. Grant. I inclose ten cents for the orphans.

Yours truly,
MARTHA P. WYCHE.

Winfall, N. C., April 13, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. My papa takes the Advocate. I love to read it very much. I go to every-day school, and I go to Sunday-school, too, and our Superintendent is Mr. W. Mathews, and my teacher is Mr. White. I like him very much. Mr. Church is our pastor, and we like him fine.

I will close by asking a question: The baptism of John—was it from Heaven or of men?

Yours truly,
CLARA HOLLOWELL.

Garner, N. C., April 14, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As my other letter didn't find the waste-basket I will write again. I haven't any pets except two little calves. Mama is dead. She died in March, and I miss her very much.

I will answer Leslie Rand's question: The ninth verse of the eighth chapter of Esther is the longest verse in the Bible.

Now I will ask one: Who was taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire?

RANSOM MIDDLETON.

Burlington, N. C., April 9, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years of age. I thought I would write, as I never had. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My teacher's name is Mrs. W. E. Hay. I like her very much. My pastor's name is Rev. D. N. Caviness. I love him very much. I go to every-day school. My teacher's name is Miss Susie Stafford. I like her very much.

Now I will close. Find inclosed five cents for the orphans.

Your unknown friend,
KATHRINE PETERSON.

Winfall, N. C., April 13, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. My papa takes the Advocate. I love to read it. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My Superintendent is Mr. Whit Mathews We all like him very much. My Sunday-school teacher is Mr. J. N. White. I also go to private school to my sister Virginia. I study arithmetic, grammar, spelling, and fifth readers. Our pastor is Rev. F. L. Church. We like him very much.

I will close by asking a question: Who was the oldest man?

Your little friend,
MATTIE NEWBOLD.

Ashepole, N. C., April 14, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a boy twelve years old, and I never wrote to the Advocate before. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folk's letters very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday that I can. Mr. P. B. Thompson is our Superintendent, and Mr. J. M. Ashby is our pastor. We all like him very much.

I will close by asking a question: Where was Moses buried?

Inclosed you will find ten cents for the orphans.

Your little friend,
OSCAR GAINEY.

Ruskin, N. C., April 6, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I have just finished reading the little folks' letters, and enjoyed them very much. Papa takes the Advocate, and I always read the letters before I read anything else. I have three sisters and three brothers. I have a sweet little correspondent. Her name is Lila Aman. She lives at Richlands, N. C. She writes some very nice letters. I wish some of the little Advocate cousins would correspond with me.

I will close in fear of the waste-basket.

Your little friend,
ELLA JESSIE WEST.

Blanche, N. C., April 7, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. School is out now. My teacher was Miss Kate Woolfolk. I like her very much. This is my first letter to the Advocate. My papa takes the Advocate. I enjoy reading the little folks' letters. I have six sisters and three brothers, and one sister dead. I go to Sunday-school when I can. My teacher is Mrs. J. W. Allen. Our preacher is Mr. Daily. All of us like him very much.

I will close by answering Corrine Blalock's question: Paul was taken out of prison by angels.

I will ask one: Who buried Jesus.

From your little unknown friend,
KATE WATKINS.

Battleboro, N. C., April 4, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. My mama takes the Advocate, and I like to read the children's page very much.

I go to Sunday-school, and always like to know the lesson well. My teacher is Mr. J. H. Griffin. I go to every-day school also. We are at work on our concert pieces, and expect to have a grand commencement the 22nd. My teacher is Miss Leyta R. Carter. I love her very much. I will answer Lucy Herring's question: Joseph was an hundred and ten years old when he died, and was put in a coffin in Egypt.

I will close by asking a question: Why was not Moses allowed to enter the promised land?

Much success to the Advocate.

Your little friend,
EULA ELLEN.

Columbia, N. C., April 14, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a boy fourteen years old. Papa takes the Advocate, and I love to read the letters in it. Papa is the preacher here. The children of the Sunday-school have organized a Junior League, and we are getting on finely. We have presented a $12.50 Bible to the church, and we are going to raise $5.00 for the school in Elizabeth City. Our Superintendent is Mrs. Ida B. Boyse. This is my first letter to the Advocate.

I will close for this time, wishing to see this in print.

Our preacher's name is Rev. W. P. Constable.

From your friend,
PALMER N. CONSTABLE.

Willow, N . C., April 6, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. I go to school now. Miss Eddie Bond is my teacher. I like her very much. My papa and mamma are both dead. I have one sister fourteen years old. We live with our uncle and aunt, and we have a good home. We go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher is Aunt Mesia. My uncle takes the Advocate. I enjoy reading the little childrens' letters. Rev. T. J. Daily is our pastor; we like him very much.

I will answer Maud Mann's question: Moses was the meekest man.

Now I will ask one: Who was the child of promise?

I will close, hoping to see this in print. MINNIE PERRY.

Hertford, N. C., April 11, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl 14 years old. My papa takes the Advocate. I enjoy reading the children's page. My papa and mama are both living. I have four brothers and three sisters living. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Our Superintendent is Mr. Whit Mathews. We like him splendidly. My Sunday-school teacher is Miss Virginia L. Newbold. I go to private school also. My teacher is Miss Virginia L. Newbold. I like her very much. Our pastor is Rev. F. L. Church. We all like him fine.

I will answer Minnie Johnson's question: Jesus appeared three times after the resurrection.

I will ask a question: What became of Salome?

Your friend,
NELLIE HOLLOWELL.

Milwaukee, N. C., March 9, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl thirteen years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher's name is Mr. A. J. Panton. I like him very much. Our pastor is W. C. Merritt. This is his fourth year with us, and the thought of him having to leave us makes our hearts ache. But we hope it will not be the last year he will ever preach for us. School has closed now, and I am so sorry. I studied spelling, English grammar, arithmetic, history, geography and three others. My teacher's name is Mr. J. E. Gilliams.

Well, I will close with best wishes to all the little Advocate friends.

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Womans Foreign Missionary Society

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The study circle of Edenton Street Foreign Missionary Auxiliary, held its last meeting with Mrs. N. G. Whitfield.

After making the necessary plans for the use of our new book, "Lux Christi," in which a large number of our members are interested, Mrs. Whitfield's gracious hospitality was sealed by the serving of dainty viands to her guests, who fully enjoyed this little season of "work and refreshment."

The Bright Jewel Band of Rocky Mount, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Boyle, made a fine report at our Annual Meeting, and was awarded the handsome Chinese banner.

In the exercises for the Bright Jewels on Saturday, the response to the address of welcome was delivered by one of the smallest of the Rocky Mount Jewels—little Miss Martha Boyle. Her self-possession and her enunciation were perfect, and there were many compliments on this initial effort of the bright little Jewel.

The Bright Jewel Band of Trinity Church, Durham, Mrs. Leon Richardson lady manager, was given the Brazilian banner for largest increase in membership.

My dear sister, while you are reading this column in the Raleigh Advocate, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions is in session at Jacksonville, Fla. Our Conference Society is well represented by our President, Mrs. Cunninggim, and our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. D. Swindell.

Have your prayers arisen as "sweet incense" to the throne of God, for His abiding, quickening presence during the meeting of the Board?

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon them, and may He establish the work of their hand!

There is one item we want our readers to give a prominent place in their memories—that is, the itinerary of Mrs. Hargrove in a portion of our North Carolina Conference.

The places and dates have already been given in this column, and will be again, later on; but as it will come in July, when perhaps many of our sisters will be away from home, those who will have charge of the different meetings should "take time by the forelock," and have all arrangements well in hand.

Rockingham, Fayetteville, Wilmington, New Bern, Raleigh, and Durham are the favored cities this gifted woman will visit, and we bespeak for her, this early in advance, large audiences and attentive listeners.

The list of officers which "headlines" our column, will remain as it is for another fiscal year—a majority of the votes cast at our Annual Meeting so decreed.

All the District Secretaries, except two, were re-elected.

Mrs. M. J. Simpson was elected District Secretary of Fayetteville District, in the place of Mrs. B. N. Mann, who has moved her residence to Durham.

Mrs. Hardison was elected in the Elizabeth City District, to succeed Mrs. T. C. Blanchard, who, to the regret of her sisters, found it impossible to serve longer as District Secretary.

Miss Mary Peseud will remain in charge of the organization of Golden Links societies. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." O, how the heart of every Christian yearns over the ingathering of the precious young people, to the security and spiritual growth which are found in the garner of well-conducted societies for the young!

The close of the first quarter of this fiscal year is near at hand. Now is the "accepted time" for close calculation and earnest effort to put into each quarter every cent of dues and offerings that belongs to it. No procrastination must be allowed if we want to keep abreast with the demands that are upon each auxiliary.

Let us profit by the experience of the past year, and begin now, with deliberate care, and intelligent foresight, to pay into our treasury the "tithes and offerings" which we, aforetime, have been prone to put off to the hazardous "eleventh hour."

Every treasurer, knowing the number of members in her auxiliary, should keep a strict account of the amount those members should pay in during each quarter, and, if possible, keep them so informed and so urged, that she will have no trouble in collecting and reporting the whole amount due.

Each member of the auxiliaries has it in her power to relieve the treasurer of much worry in her collections, if she be prompt to hand to the treasurer what she is due the Society every month. "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury." O, may we feel that He is near us, too, and watching and applauding as we cast in our mites!

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This is the address of our new Treasurer. Auxiliary Treasurers will please bear it in mind, for the time is drawing near for the forwarding of collections of the first quarter. I trust they will be good, proving continuance of increased interest in the great cause to which we are pledged; but whether good or poor, please forward promptly. This reminder, however, is hardly necessary, for I feel that you all desire to help Mrs. Prince in her responsible labor of love. She is a very capable woman, having been Treasurer of the South Georgia Conference, and we are very fortunate in having the benefit of her services.

John Wesley's Treasury Account.

What an example in "giving to the Lord" was the founder of our Methodist Church! In all his life he spent only $15,000 upon himself, but gave away $200,000. Our petty giving sinks into insignificance, our one-tenth dwindles almost into nothing! Yet many church members do not reach the tenth. Is it not one of the duties of the Woman's Home Mission Society to point out the privileges that are lost by paltry payments?

When the fullness of the gospel of Christ is realized, we may then hope to see Christians "give as God hath prospered them."

Papers Read at Our Annual Meeting

I hope to be able to give you in this column some of the papers read at our meeting. The one on Tithing, by Mrs. Fearing, of Elizabeth City, was especially pertinent.

So few women have any income of their own, it is sometimes difficult to discover the one-tenth they desire to give. The only way seems to be to find just how much their good husbands can and will allow them for individual expenses and by judicious arrangement and willing self-denial save the tenth. Such a course will, also, bring a gain of practical knowledge of funds and figures, much needed by many of us, and which would be a real help to husbands.

In time I hope we all will be able to see clearly the best way to carry into execution this important duty.

A New Auxiliary Hebron Church, Gates County.

I am glad to give this good news, and know you will be glad to hear it. The good work goes on in our Banner District, Elizabeth City. Mrs. W. H. Brown, wife of the pastor in charge of North Gates, is Corresponding Secretary. I hope to have the pleasure of giving names of all the officers in the future. May their labors be crowned with richest blessings.

The Revival at The Sue Bennett Memorial School.

Many of you have heard of the recent great revival in this school and have rejoiced in the glad tidings. For those who do not keep in touch with it let me quote a line from Professor Lewis, the Principal: "It would do your souls good to be here and realize how potent is the influence for good going out from this school year by year. I thank God for the privilege of having a share in it."

We, too, are glad of our share in it, and wish we could persuade many more of our sisters to join in our happiness.

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Editorial

THE YOUNG MAN AND HIS "ABSENCE."

There can be no harm in the discussion now being carried on concerning the young man's absence from church. A certain editor of one of our greatest monthly journals has explained the young man's absence in a way to reflect on the man whose prerogative it is to preach the Gospel. Well, this editor is indulging in a fashionable pastime, and we conceive it to be as much a waste of time and breath to excoriate him and the pack which yelps behind him as to berate the poor simpleton who advocates the recrudescence of the tooth-pick shoe.

It will not do, either, to wildly proclaim that the young man is not absent from church. He is absent, and that by a large majority. Of course, we are speaking in general terms. There are churches where the young man's pew is filled.

What we object to is the seeming settling down of the profane and sacred mind on the assumption that the church is the only place where the young man is conspicuous by his absence. The truth is, the young man, and the older, too, is absent from other places where truth is to be dealt out. Let a noted lecturer come into our midst, and the young man is absent (mind you, let the young man represent both sexes of all ages). Not long ago we went out to hear a noted lecturer of national reputation, and there were not so many present as to rob the auditorium of that awful "hollow ring" with which so many public speakers are acquainted.

How is it with musical concerts? If it be of a high class and solid character, the "young man" is absent, unless there are beautiful bewitching singers whose charm of face is able to eclipse the charm of voice or classic instrumental melody.

Who goes to political speakings these days? We never meet on the train or highway a candidate on his way to address his fellow citizens on the public questions of the day without being moved to a yearning pity for him. We know that in nine cases out of ten the sweetness of his carefully concocted oratorical potion will be wasted on the desert (ed) air. It was only last year that a noble band of speakers went over the State to arouse the people to overthrow ignorance. The court-houses, school-houses and country stores tell to this day pathetic stories of "absent young men."

Even the drama often disports itself on a stage which is more populous than the orchestra and galleries. It is only when burnt cork and nudeness are in evidence that the manager rejoices in full houses. So it must be evident to the discriminating mind that the "young man" is absent from other places than the church. So why harrow the minds of the saints by making them believe that the Church is the only place which the young man shuns, and that therefore there must be something horribly wrong with the preacher or with the gospel which he preaches?

This brings us to the real practical point which we desire to emphasize, and it is that the public mind and heart just now are inoculated with the germ of morbid sensationalism. Dr. Strong, in "Our Country," very clearly brings out the fact that this is a nervous generation. This nervousness we feel sure, has so vitiated the mental and moral appetite as to cause it to cry out with all the insistence of the daughters of the horse leech: "Spice! Spice!" We have learned to call the newspaper whose columns are not filled with something spicy a dull sheet, and that the only voice worth listening to is that which speaks out from the midst of red fire, whether it be on stage or in pulpit.

The problem for us to solve is to bring about a normal healthy mental and moral appetite which knows nothing of a craving for spice, but is content with the plain and century-old pabulum which makes brain and brawn, which turns the eye away from that eternal self and fixes it upon the "other man," and which makes the thought of duty done the sweetest and most appetizing condiment in the food of the soul.

WILLIS COOPER AND HIS LEGACY.

We had something to say last week concerning the reported action of the Foreign Missionary Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church in declining the large legacy of the late Willis Cooper for the reason that Mr. Cooper lost his life in the Iroquois Theatre fire. We prefaced our remarks by expressing our opinion that the report was incorrect. We did not see how such an action based upon such a motive could be made to quadrate with Christian charity or plain common sense.

We have just learned from the Northwestern Christian Advocate that the Board did decline the legacy, but that it was only for two reasons: (1) The legal adviser of the Board was of the opinion that the laws of the State of New York, by whose legislature the Society was chartered, would not permit the Board to administer the trust; (2) all the benevolent societies of the Church do not pay a rate of 6 per cent on annuities where the annuitant is under sixty years of age as was the case in the provisions of Mr. Cooper's will.

The Board of Managers of the Society, while declining the gift of Mr. Cooper, expressed their highest appreciation of his interest in Missions and ordered the resolution to be recorded in the Minutes of the Board.

We trust, now, that all those papers, secular and religious, which berated the Board for its action will take as much pains to correct the report, which if uncorrected, will do damage to the cause of Foreign Missions.

THE STEWARD AT THIS JUNCTURE.

The church steward occupies a position of high honor and great responsibility. It is nothing but natural and appropriate that he should magnify his office. That in some cases he does not do so is a fact which is sometimes almost painful to those who have the highest interests of the church at stake.

It is now the time of the year when the Steward should fight against an idea which only too widely prevails—that he is to manifest his main activity at the beginning of the year when the preacher comes and at the end of the year when the preacher goes to Conference. The preacher-in-charge needs material support now. There is not now the same amount of money in circulation as there was a few months ago or as there will be a few months later, and this is just the reason why the Steward should be more than usually attentive to the material interest of the preacher, now. The man in secular pursuits can adapt himself and his business to the comparative stringency. The faithful preacher must continue to preach the gospel and visit his people, and has no time to make any special preparation for making "both edges cut." In the meantime, expenses maintain at least an average.

We exhort every Steward in the North Carolina Conference to have a special eye right now to the material support of the preacher and his family.

GIVE THE OLD RALEIGH HER DUES.

Rev. J. W. Jenkins, Superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage, practically stated in last Sunday's News and Observer that his article which was printed in that paper had been crowded out of the Advocate.

Now we call our beloved brother to witness that at the time this statement appeared in the News and Observer, the article in question had been printed on the first side of the Advocate on the third page, at the request of Brother Jenkins, and it appears in this week's paper.

Brother Jenkins cannot possibly feel any deeper interest in the Orphanage and its affairs than the editor of the Advocate, and we must insist that we be properly represented before the public, especially in a secular paper.

In the meantime, we call the special attention of our readers to the appeal of Brother Jenkins. He needs the money. Send it right in.

SOME NEW LITERATURE.

Before George R. Stuart brought out his volume of sermons we feared that he was making a mistake in contemplating such a thing, for he is one of those unique volcanic preachers whose thought cools when transferred to the printed page. When we received Stuart's "Sermons," beautifully bound, we felt foredoomed to a certain disappointment. We read first his sermon on Temperance which, we were glad to find, was no longer called by that horrid name, "The Stump Digger." We had not read half through the sermon before we were under the same thralldom as possessed us when several years ago, with the rest of the audience, we almost lost our bearings as we listened to the rush and roar of the same sermon as it tore its way through mind and heart. We laid the book down with this mental comment: George Stuart, your book will not play you false. It will be as great an agent in carrying on the work which in a few years at most you will have to drop.

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There are many people, both North and South, who believe that the solution of what is known as the "race problem" is found in the colonization of the negro. We have before us a pamphlet in which this theory is argued with marked ability by a man who has given thought to the question for over one quarter of a century. The title of the pamphlet is "North America and Africa: Their Past, Present, and Future." The author is Dr. John F. Foard, of Statesville, N. C. We feel sure that the reader, if he should fail to be intellectually convinced, would be intellectually enlightened and stimulated by a careful reading of the pamphlet. Send 25 cents to Dr. Foard and procure the pamphlet.

Methodist Mention

Bids will soon be asked for a new building costing $60,000 for Emory and Henry College.

Rev. J. D. Pegram should have been credited with six new subscribers instead of five.

Rev. R. H. Willis, Morehead City Station, was recently elected Grand Chaplain of the Odd Fellows.

The Epworth League Conference of the Alabama Conference will convene in Montgomery June 22-24.

The negro members of the Northern Methodist Church are insisting upon having a Bishop of their own color.

The Robesonian has shown commendable enterprise in making its edition semi-weekly instead of weekly as heretofore.

Centenary Church, St. Louis, gave a warm welcome on May 6th to Dr. W. B. Palmore, who had just returned from a trip around the world.

Rev. E. C. Glenn has been assisting Rev. D. N. Caviness in an excellent meeting at Burlington. He is now engaged in a meeting in Greensboro.

Rev. K. D. Holmes, P. C. Roxboro Circuit, is looking forward to a great day at Oak Grove on the fifth Sunday in May. On that day they will observe Children's Day.

"Publicist" advocates in the columns of the Nashville the policy of General Conference ownership of our church papers, and a great reduction in the number of the same.

Rev. N. M. Watson writes that the meeting at Grace Church closed on last Wednesday night. There were thirty-six professions of faith and the church was most powerfully revived.

One of the features of the Lookout Mountain Missionary Conference will be Field Day. The day will be given to addresses by returned missionaries from practically all mission fields.

We have received a program of Denver District Conference which began on May 3. We notice that Rev. J. C. Jones, formerly of the North Carolina Conference, preached the introductory sermon.

Next year, Providence permitting, the "Old Raleigh" will celebrate her Jubilee. Next year she will be fifty years old. Preparations have already been begun for a celebration of her fiftieth birthday.

Dr. J. W. McGee, one of the staunchest members of Edenton Street Church and truly a "physician beloved" in Raleigh, is still very sick. Many prayers are going up for the recovery of this good and useful man.

The meeting at Greensboro, conducted by Revs. Sam Jones and George Stuart, has come to a close. It was accounted a great success. It seems likely that Greensboro will go for straight prohibition at an early date.

Rev. G. T. Simmons writes that the five Sunday-schools for Youngsville Circuit forced into winter quarters by the severe winter, have all reorganized and, together with the other one, have been organized into Sunday-School Missionary Societies.

Rev. F. B. McCall and daughter spent last Saturday in Raleigh. It was our pleasure to have their company for awhile. Brother McCall is spending his fourth year as pastor of Carr Church, Durham. He is a man who leaves everything in trim when he leaves a work. He has had a successful pastorate at Carr Church.

There will be a great sale of lots on May 27th, 1904, in Greensboro, beginning at 3 o'clock p. m. Two splendid lots will be sold, half the proceeds of which will go to the State Normal and Greensboro Female College. Messrs. Millikan & Bain, real estate brokers, who will conduct the sale, have shown great generosity toward these institutions.

We did our best to get to Aurora last week. We lost two nights sleep and traveled 150 miles, but a late train did the work for us. We were grievously disappointed, for we greatly desired to see the brethren of the Washington District and the good people of Aurora. But who can compete with latter day railroad schedules?

Three distinguished English Wesleyan preachers are in America at this time: Rev. James Chapman, Cole Lecturer at Vanderbilt University; Rev. S. Waddy Moss, fraternal delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, who has been on an extended tour of the United States and Canada.

Brother Burrows, of the Midland, opines that it is bad enough for laymen to go to sleep in church, but that "when preachers at a Conference, or elsewhere, go down in such soporific bending, it is demoralizing to the struggling brother in the pulpit." Brother Burrows, however, insists that he has no ground for personal complaint. This deponent has.

Hon. F. A. Woodard who loses no opportunity to show his interest in the Advocate and all other Methodist affairs paid his respects to this office on last Friday. He was one of the counsel in the famous case involving the suit of the Corporation Commission against the A. C. L. R. R. When the State is on the hunt for a man to fill any of her official places, no matter how high, she would show wisdom in considering F. A. Woodard.

Rev. J. O. Guthrie reports that there will soon be a new parsonage at Selma. He speaks glowingly of the prospects of Selma, affirming that it is one of the strategic points in the Conference. There is already under way a $100,000 cotton mill, and within the next few months there will be projected another great enterprise, which means the influx of hundreds of people into the town. There is an "open door" at Selma for Methodism.

The Associated Press says of Dr. Kilgo, who delivered his address to the General Conference at Los Angeles on the 11th: "Dr. Kilgo aroused the enthusiasm of the delegates to a degree not before reached in the Conference by his eloquent peroration in which he asserted that no one could love the Stars and Stripes more than the people of the South. At the conclusion of his address, the entire audience arose at the request of Bishop Andrews and sang 'America.'"

Last Wednesday was a great day on Wofford's campus. May 4 was the seventy-ninth anniversary of the birthday of Dr. Carlisle, the Nestor of the faculty, and was fittingly celebrated by students and professors. Dr. Carlisle's colleagues and the boys who sit at the feet of the "grand old man" love him, and they know that he knows they love him; but, notwithstanding that fact, they reminded him of it Wednesday in a way that touched the Doctor very profoundly.—Southern Christian Advocate.

The Rev. W. P. Constable preached last night in Central Methodist Episcopal Church upon the subject of the safety and victory of the man who trusts in God. It was the farewell sermon of this divine, who will leave today for his home in Columbia, N. C., accompanied by his wife and child. His earnest presentation of truth in the revival services for the past two weeks has been of great help to many. The Rev. J. W. Stiff, pastor of the church, announced that the meetings will continue, special services being held next Sunday.—Norfolk Landmark, May 7.

The Collegian (Louisburg Female College) for April is an alumnae issue. It is beautifully printed and handsomely engraved. It contains the photos of many of the alumnae of the long ago, some of whom are now silver-haired and others who have passed away from the scenes of earth. It also contains interesting letters and reminiscences. We prize highly the copy so kindly sent to the Advocate, and advise all who can procure a copy to do so. It makes interesting reading for young and old, male and female. Mrs. Jno. R. Brooks, of the class of '63, shows great skill in the editorial management of this issue.

Publisher's Column

THE OUTLOOK.

It rejoices us to know that the brethren continue to send in new subscribers. We lack now only a little over one hundred of having the number aimed at in the Conference Resolutions. We are going to have this number—and more. We believe that if the brethren keep up their interest during the year that the number will reach 2,000 by the close of the Conference year.

Some sections of the State are right now in the midst of the trucking season. This means that now is the best time to work for new subscribers in those sections. We trust that the brethren will utilize their golden opportunity.

Remember that the same offers are made to the preachers as were made to them before May 4.

We trust to bring out another District Edition soon. In every case where a District Edition has been issued, the request has come from the Presiding Elder and its matter has been furnished by his District.

THE CAMPAIGN NOT CLOSED.

The brethren who have been working so nobly for new subscribers have not been working to secure pre-eminence for their Districts. A higher motive has really actuated them, and that was a desire to advance the interests of Christ through an increased circulation of His paper. Therefore, we safely assume that the brethren will continue the Campaign. We covet the opportunity of reporting June 15 that the 1,350 have been secured. Methodist preachers are not in the habit of saying with respect to their aims and efforts, "So near and yet so far." They are thoroughly in sympathy with us in our desire to report at Hendersen next December that the Conference Resolution has been practically carried out. So we make the following

OFFER.

To the District reporting the largest number of new subscribers between May 4 and June 15, 1904, the Advocate will give $10.00 to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

To the District reporting the next highest, $5.00.

Reports will be published weekly in the Advocate as before.

The following is the report since May 11:

B. C. Glover	21
Rev. L. H. Joyner	3
Rev. H. G. Stancy	4
Rev. N. H. Guyton	2
Rev. J. W. Hoyle	1
Rev. R. L. Davis	1
Rev. J. W. Bradley	1
Rev. W. F. Craven	1
Rev. A. J. Parker	1
Rev. J. H. Hall	1

The following is the report by Districts since May 4:

Fayetteville District	32 increase	4
Wilmington District	23 increase	23
Rockingham District	11 increase	6
New Bern District	10 increase	0
Washington District	7 increase	0
Elizabeth City District	7 increase	2
Warrenton District	5 increase	1
Raleigh District	1 increase	0
Durham District	1 increase	0

Total number new subscribers received since December 1, 1903, 1,234.

CRAVEN MEMORIAL PORTRAIT.

Amounts subscribed since last week:

O. C. Hamilton, Mint Hill, N. C.	$1.00
J. L. Keene, Sr., Grifton, N. C.	1.00
Rev. C. P. Jerome, West Durham, N. C.	1.00
J. H. Southgate, Durham, N. C.	2.00
Rev. R. L. Davis, Windsor, N. C.	1.00
Cash	1.00
Rev. A. W. Pigler, Weaverville, N. C.	1.00
Dr. W. G. Bradshaw, High Point	5.00
Rev. M. A. Smith, Wadesboro, N. C.	1.00
J. R. Mendenhall, Greensboro, N. C.	1.00
J. E. Walker, Asheboro, N. C.	1.00
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League Notes.

The Holston Epworth League Conference promises to be a great event. By the way, how does the Epworth League of the North Carolina Conference manage to get along without a Conference?—Raleigh Advocate. Poor enough. Secretary Adams has not found a suitable home for us. Give us an invitation to Raleigh.

The Jubilee number of the Era has, for some cause, failed to reach us.

The Texas Leagues met in Conference at Waco, May 5.

All the North Texas Districts are organized except two.

Centenary (Newbern) League has pledged $500 to the building of the new church. It is hoped the building committee will remember them in a suitable League room.

Life Issues.

In Proverbs, the fourth chapter and twenty-third verse, we read: "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." We are so kept by the power of God unto salvation we are apt to forget we have any keeping to do. This passage teaches us that we are to watch, guide, restrain, preserve that fountain of real life—the heart. Every one knows it does not mean the fleshy, muscular organ; but that which is the seat and centre of the mental, moral and spiritual faculties and powers. While the heart beats there is life, but what makes the heart beat is a mystery. Physiologists tell us all about the formation of the brain, but none of them ever saw the thought that passes through it, and it is that inmost essence, which no eye can ever see, and no philosophy ever explain, that is to be kept with all diligence, or, as the marginal reading has it, "above all keeping." Nothing else is to be guarded so zealously and kept so carefully, because out of it are the issues of life. The issues of life are from within, and not from without. They have their source-spring and fountain in the heart. A man may live in a royal palace with all the wealth of a Rockefeller many times multiplied, with all this world's luxuries that heart could wish for, and be the most miserable being on earth, living in a veritable hell, and with his mouth full of cursing. Another man lives in a little hut; he has hardly the necessaries of life. He lies upon a bed of straw and suffers the agonies of inflammatory rheumatism, but ever and anon he bursts forth into songs of praise and hallelujahs of thanksgiving. He testifies to his supreme happiness and abundant life. In the one instance, where from outward appearances we would most expect to find happiness, we look for it and it is not here. In the latter case, where we least expect to find it, lo! it is there. How is it? Because happiness, joy, peace, life are in the heart, and not in material things. Out of the heart are the issues of life; keep the jewel with all diligence.—Rev. A. K. Birks, in Canada Epworth Era.

League Mephibosheths.

Poor Mephibosheth! He could eat well, sleep well, talk well, but he could not walk. Lame in both feet. We do not know how many children he left, but he has many descendants alive today. Every church, every League, can supply one or more. Perhaps the brother makes a picturesque figure at Conference or Convention. He can talk well, he can pray well, and he literally revels in good addresses and good music, but when it comes to patient attendance at League, or class-meeting, or Sabbath-school, he is lame in both feet. When it comes to red hot fight against whiskey, when you want some one to buttonhole doubtfuls and marshal votes at the polling-booth, you have his sympathy, you have his prayers, but unfortunately he is lame in both feet. What causes this lameness? It is a kind of spiritual rheumatism, and fortunately is amenable to treatment. Let but a wave of spiritual enthusiasm sweep through the man, and in a moment the lameness is gone, the crutches are thrown aside, and the spiritually lame walks and leaps and praises God, and evermore runs to do his Master's will—Selected.

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Raleigh via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Hamlet via Richmond	37.60	31.90	26.25
Hamlet via Atlanta	37.60	31.90	26.25
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Sunday School

Lesson for May 22, 1904.

Jesus Teaches Humility.

(Mark 10:35-45.)

Golden Text: For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. (Mark 10:45.)

Jesus was now near the close of his Perean ministry. He was proceeding toward Jerusalem, where he knew that death awaited him, yet he moved forward "with majesty and heroism." "There are few pictures in the gospel," says Canon Farrar, "more striking than this of Jesus going forth to his death, and walking alone along the path into the deep valley, while behind him, in awful reverence and mingled anticipations of dread and hope, the disciples walked and dared not disturb his meditation.'

An Ambitious Request.—Though Jesus had clearly indicated to the disciples the tragic end which was in store for him, they seem utterly to have failed to comprehend his meaning. A conclusive evidence of this is seen in the startling request which was made by the two sons of Zebedee, James and John, who with their mother Salome came and asked, that they might sit, one on the right hand, and the other on the left hand of Jesus in his glory.

The Master's Renly.—The two disciples ask that they might have the two chief places of honor in an earthly kingdom, which they imagined that Jesus was about to establish. But the Master admonishes them that they know not what they ask, and then he promises them, not that they shall sit in the coveted places of honor, but that they should drink of the cup that he was to drink, and be baptized with the baptism wherewith he should be baptized. In other words, they were to be partakers of like sufferings with him, and in the martyrdom of James (Aets 12:2), and the bnishment of John to Patmos, these predictions received their fulfillment.

The Characteristics of true Greatness.—The ambition showed by James and John aroused the resentment of the other disciples. Jealousy and ambition were evidently rife among these men whom Jesus had chosen to be his apostles, and the situation called forth from the Master's lips a definition of what true greatness really is. "Whosoever will be great among you shall be your minister." said Jesus. "Your minister"—that is, your servant. Service, then, is the true badge of greatness in the kingdom which Jesus came to establish. Not pride and ambition, but meekness and humility are to be the distinguishing characteristics of the followers of Christ.

The Supreme Mission of Jesus.—It is in this connection that Jesus spoke the memorable words, which may be rightly regarded as the culminating statement of his own mission upon the earth. He is himself a shining exemplar of the principles which he had just been enunciating to his disciples, for we know both by his own life and death that "even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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Ten day special coach excursion tickets—see notices elsewhere.

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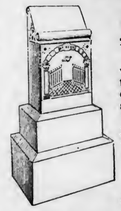

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No. 38.

11.10 a. m.—"Seaboard Local Mail" for ALL POINTS from Raleigh to Portsmouth, Norlina to Richmond; connects at Henderson for Oxford and Weldon with A. C. L.; at Portsmouth-Norfolk with ALL STEAMERS for points North and Northeast.

No. 66.

11.35 a. m.—"Seaboard Mail" for Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston. Connects at Richmond with C. and O. for Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis; at Washington with Pennsylvania and B. and O. for all points.

No. 57. SOUTHBOUND.

4.15 a. m.—"Seaboard Express" for Charlotte, Atlanta, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Tampa and all points South and Southwest.

No. 41.

4.00 p. m.—"Seaboard Local Mail" for Charlotte, Atlanta and all local points. Connects at Atlanta for all points South and Southwest.

No. 27

7.10 p. m.—"Seaboard Mail" for Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Atlanta, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa and all points South and Southwest.

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Secular News

STATE.

Senator Simmons will spend his summer at Beaufort, N. C.

The Republican State Convention meets in Greensboro this week.

The North Carolina Teachers' Assembly will meet in Morehead City June 8th to 12th.

A high diver with a carnival company at Goldsboro was killed last week while making his dive. He struck the tank which contained the water into which he dived.

A band of Christian Crusaders have stationed themselves near Trading Ford, on the Yadkin River, some two miles east of Spencer, where they are holding a series of religious meetings.

The annual meeting of the trustees of the Baptist Female University was held in Raleigh Monday afternoon, at which time the name of the College was changed to the Baptist University for Women.

Mr. James H. Chadbourn in a talk before the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington made the interesting statement that more strawberries are shipped from Chadbourn, N. C., than any one market in the world.

The Commission for Church Work Among Colored People, one of the recognized auxiliaries of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church in this country, held a session in Raleigh on Tuesday.

A charter has been issued for the Waccamaw Land and Lumber Company of Brunswick County. The capital stock is $1,000,000, and the incorporators F. W. Wheeler and E. H. Sullivan of Detroit, Mich., and Hon. John D. Bellamy of Wilmington.

In the United States Supreme Court, Monday, Judge James E. Shepherd, on behalf of the State of North Carolina, asked permission of the Court to file a brief for a rehearing of the suit against this State decided some weeks ago in favor of South Dakota.

After receiving the answer of the eleven Robeson County lawyers charged with contempt of court, and the thirty-three affidavits they offer to maintain their position, Judge Peebles continued the hearing until Thursday, May 26, when the matter will be fought to a finish before his honor at Lumberton.

Major H. L. Grant, clerk of the United States District and Circuit Courts in this city, received an order from Judge Purnell, who is in Richmond sitting on the bench of the Circuit Court of appeals, postponing the term of the District Court set for May 23rd until May 30th.

Judge Brown in the Superior Court of Wake County, decided against ex-Treasurer Worth in the case where Worth was suing on a private bond for $5,000 given by W. H. Martin, one of his clerks, who stole $17,000 from the Treasury. The judge said the statue of limitations applied to the bond as it was given in 1895 and replaced later by one in a bonding company.

Possibly the largest compensation ever earned in one case by a North Carolina lawyer was that recently received by ex-Senator Marion Butler for his services before the Congress as attorney for the Delaware Indians. He and two other attorneys are to receive an interest in the tribal lands in the oil region of the Indian Territory, supposed to be worth more than a half million dollars.

GENERAL.

The area of Corea is 82,000 square miles.

London bridge is crossed every day by 220,000 people.

Education costs $165,000 and religious sacrifices $186,000 in Corea.

There is $300,000,000 of British money invested in submarine cables.

The population of Japan is 12 times as dense as the United States.

The New York postoffice last year showed a profit of more than $8,000,000.

The population of Corea is 17,000,000, including 25,000 Japanese, who control the country's activities.

An English auctioneer was compelled to sell the furniture of his own household in lieu of a debt.

Gold is the great mineral wealth of Corea, nearly $3,000,000 worth being exported annually.

Five men were killed and a number of others injured by an explosion in an Illinois coal mine.

President Roosevelt has issued formal instructions for the government of the Panama canal zone.

Fourteen hundred delegates are attending the international convention of the Y. M. C. A. at Buffalo, N. Y.

Two officers and fifteen men of the Seventeenth U. S. Infantry, were killed and five men wounded by Moros in the island of Mindanoa.

Edward Emmet, a woodsman, who claimed St. Louis as his home, died at Horton, W. Va., from drinking hot drops as a substitute for whiskey.

The dead body of E. L. Wentz, the young millionaire, missing for months past, has been found in the mountains in Wise County, Virginia.

The United States received last year $151,000,000 of public revenue from the tax on spirits and $47,000,000 from the tax on beer, a total of $178,000,000.

Several of the public schools of Albany, N. Y., are to have gardens this spring, cultivated and tended by the pupils, under the direction of the teachers. Vegetables and flowers will be grown.

The school teachers at Cartersville, Ill., have gone on a strike because of the discharge of one of their number. This is the first strike since the organization of the Teacher's Union.

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Dover.

I went to Dover last Saturday to play Presiding Elder for Dr. Swindell. But Brother Caraway, the P. C., was sick, and the Q. M. had been called off, and as it was Baptist day, I returned to Kinston and spent the day with that goodly people. It was my intention to go out to Rainboro and Hookerton; but an attack of vertigo Sunday morning kept me in bed until it was too late to go. Bro. John Hooker and his matronly wife, gave me a most pleasant lodging place in Kinston.

Receipts up to May 15.

Rocky Mount S. S. in full for 1903, $23.89; Mrs. M. T. Hambrick, small window, $2.00; Murfreesboro, $43.45; Murfreesboro S. S., $7.45; Lumberton S. S., $11.17; Osmonds S. S., $7.50; Gibson S. S., $2.50; St. Johns S. S., $2.50; G. H. A. Lilly, two windows, $8.00; G. H. A. Lilly, general fund, $2.00; City Roads S. S., Elizabeth City, $5.00; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mabry, memorial, $4.00; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mabry, general fund, $1.00; Miss Etta Harris, on subs., $1.00; Judge O. H. Allen, on subs., $5.00; Miss Addie Matthews, $1.00; Parkers S. S., for May, $5.00; Louisburg S. S., two $4.00 windows, $8.00; Trinity S. S., Columbia Circuit, $1.70; Trinity S. S., Columbia Circuit, Session Bible Class, small window, $2.00; Smithfield S. S., for May, $5.00; Pittsboro S. S., for May, $2.95.

A Pleasant Little Visitor.

Little Adolphus Hunter Page, of Cheraw, S. C., came out with his mother, Mrs. Dollie Page, and aunt, Mrs. Dunn, to see the Orphanage, and especially the children. He likes us. Has the Advocate read backwards to him, and brought a little surprise gift to every one. The children were puzzled to know how he knew how many there were. It was a juicy orange, with candy to season it. He wanted to see them and to distribute the gifts to them. But they were too widely scattered at that hour. So they were formed in line later and received them with sincere thanks. Bless the little boy! Come again Dollie, Jr. We love the Pages. May the "Book" continue to grow!

Cary—Apex.

A cold contracted on our way from Stedman, kept us in doors mostly last week. So we failed to meet our appointment at Rocky Mount, Sunday 10th. Feeling better Sunday morning we took Bob and went to Cary. We never fail to go to Cary when we get a chance. It was a surprise to them. We bantered them to surprise us in the collection, and they did. Cary is always liberal. A passing glimpse of that dear people, and a good dinner with Professor Middleton, and Starling, G. B., and I were away for Apex. His little blooded nag seemed very anxious to show us his heels. But George had him strapped down. Dear little church of Apex! Faithful yet. None truer. If they had a hundred such members what would they not do? A night's rest in our old room at the preacher's home, at Brother Utley's cultured home, was a great treat. Brother Utley is a good Baptist. But we have the bigger share in sister Utley and the children.

Mount Pleasant, Mann's Chapel and Bynum.

These are all on the Haw River Circuit. Mount Pleasant is the handsomest country church that I know of. Mann's Chapel is an off-shoot on the north and Bynum an off-shoot on the south, from old Mount Pleasant. I had all the morning in which to talk to the Sunday-school, and a square hour to devote to the great congregation. Their patience was highly commendable. A good country dinner with Brother Norwood, set off with some good buttermilk, that would make John Cole's mouth water for a month, and a short nap, put the orphan boy in good trim for Mann's, at 3.30 p. m. That was a goodly afternoon congregation. The ride over those healthy hills along those romantic roads fitted one well for the night service at Bynum. There are no better people in Chatham than these. The Manns, the Snipes, the Atwaters, the Bynums. They are greatly mixed—the Strouds, the Baldwins, the Norwoods, the Fearingtons, the Lamberts, and others too tedious to mention, constitute a most excellent citizenship.

Bailey, our Robert, paid me the highest compliment that I have had in the longest time. He said that I was good in wind. That is long-winded. A horse couldn't have a higher compliment than that. Robert has the reins well in hand. They all love him, and they ought to, because he loves everybody. But who could not succeed with such a helpmeet as he has. Then the boys are both hopeful and helpful. I hope to go that way again. They are wife's kinfolks, you know. There are lots of good things in Chatham besides rabbits.

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SECOND ROUND.
Currituck, April 30, May 1
Dare, at Stumpy Point, May 7, 8
Kitty Hawk, at Collington, May 10
Columbia, May 14, 15
Roper, May 21, 22
Pantego and Belhaven, May 28, 29
Plymouth, June 4, 5

WARRENTON DISTRICT.
G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Weldon, May 1, 2
Battleboro and Whitakers, McTyeire, May 7, 8
Roanoke Circuit, Ebenezer, May 14, 15
Garysburg, Oak Grove, May 28, 29
Roanoke Rapids, May, 29, 30
Warren, Cokesbery, June 4, 5
Henderson, June 5, 6
Ridgeway, Tabernacle, June 11, 12

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Carver's Creek, Hebron, May 14, 15
Onslow Queen's Creek, May 21, 22
Scott's Hill, Union, May 28, 29
New River, Sneal's Ferry, June
Burgaw, Wallace, June 11, 12
Grace, June 12

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Snow Hill, Mount Herman, May 14-15
Straits, Springfield, May 21-22
Atlantic, Wit, May 23-24
Morehead, May 26
Carteret, Bethel, May 28-29
Beaufort, Fetbel, May 29
St. John, June 1
Grifton, Grifton, June 3-5
Hookerton, Ormonds, June 4-5
LaGrange, Trinity, 11-12

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Lillington, Spring Hill May 6
Buckhorne, Olive Branch, May 7, 8
Sanford, Jones Chapel, May 13
Goldsboro, Asbury, May 14, 15
Newton Grove, May 20
Dukes, Elevation, May 21, 22
Sampson, May 27
Fayetteville, Hay Street, May 29, 30

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Montgomery, Ophir, May 14, 15
THIRD ROUND—IN PART.
Lumberton Circuit, Regan, May 21, 22
Maxton and Caledonia, Maxton, May 29, 30
Rockingham Station, June 4, 5
Robardet Circuit, Mt. Pleasant, June 11, 12
Hamlet Circuit, Snead's Grove, June 18, 19
Richmond Circuit, St. Paul, June 25, 26
Laurenburg Station, July 3, 4
Rowland Circuit, Oak Grove, July 9, 10
Robeson Circuit, Olivet, July 16, 17
St John and Gibson, Gibson, July 23, 24

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Aurora (District Conference), May 14
Farmville, Bethlehem, May 21, 22
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Salem, May 28, 29
Greenville, night, May 29
Bethel, Shiloh, June 4, 5
Tarboro, at night. June 5

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, at Mt. Tirzah, May 14, 15
Burlington Circuit, at Mt. Vernon, May 21, 22
THIRD ROUND.
Roxboro Ct., Oak Grove, May 27
Durham Ct., Orange Factory, May 28, 29
Durham, Trinity Church, June, 5, 6
Durham, Carr Church and Branson, at Branson, June 5, in afternoon
Durham, Mangum Street, at Bethany, June 11
Durham, Main Street, June 12, 13
Durham, West Durham, June 12, at night
Milton, Providence, June 25, 26
Hillsboro, Walnutt Grove, July 2, 3
Leasburg, Union, July 9, 10
Chapel Hill, July 16, 17
Yanceyville, Prospect, July 23, 24
Alamance, Clover Garden, August 6, 7
Burlington, Prospect, August 13, 14
Burlington Station, August 21, 22
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Granville Circuit, May 14, 15
Cary, May 21, 22
Kenly, May 28
Wakefield, May 28, 29
Tar River, May 28, 29
THIRD ROUND
Edenton Street, June 4, 5
Selma, Princeton, June 11, 12
Smithfield, June 12, 13
Franklinton, Banks, June 18, 19
Brooklyn and Macedonia, Macedonia, June 25, 26
Central, June 26
Youngsville, Rock Springs, July 2, 3
Clayton, July 9, 10
Oxford Ct., Bethel, July 16, 17
Millbrook, July 23
Epworth, July 24
Granville, July 30, 31
Oxford Station, July 31
Kenly, August 6, 7
Wakefield, August 8
Tar River, Trinity, August 13, 14
Louisburg, August 14, 15

Obituaries

Obituaries containing not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

RIGGAN.—Mrs. Martha L. Riggan, nee Caudle, was born May 24, 1879, and died of consumption, February 10, 1904. She endured her afflictions patiently, without a murmur, and died in hope of a blessed immortality. At the age of 13 years she professed religion, and joined the Baptist church, of which she remained a consistent member till her death. When she was 14 years old her mother died, leaving to her care seven children, and though so young herself, she largely filled a mother's place to them. On April 16, 1902, she was married to Mr. John J. Riggan, of Woodworth, N. C. At her marriage she became the step-mother of five children, and was to them a mother. Her short life was one of toil and watchful care, and I am told that she did her part well. Her father, brothers, sisters, husband, and an infant seven months old survive her. May God bless and save them.

L. M. CHAFFIN.

HARRIS.—Abigail Terrell Harris was born February 12, 1818, died March 18, 1904.

She was married to David Harris February 27, 1834. Fourteen children were born to them, ten sons and four daughters, nine of whom are still living. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church early in life, in which communion she lived faithfully till God called her to membership in the triumphant church in Heaven.

She was ever patient, trustful and uncomplaining.

Her fortitude and resignation were comforting evidences of the faith that dwelt in her. Her pastor had an opportunity of knowing her well the last two years of her life. To him and to all with whom she mingled, she gave comfortinz assurances of peaceful communion with God. The world is made richer and better by her life of faith. When the messenger called for her, she was anxious and ready to go.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

M. D. DIX.

HYDE.—Absalom Hyde was born in Pickens, S. C., February 22, 1836, and died in Salisbury, N. C., April 10, 1904. In early youth Brother Hyde joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived and died in its fellowship and love. For four years prior to the Civil War he served in the United States Army under General Johnson. When the Civil War broke out he sought an honorable discharge that he might come home and join the Confederate Army, but this was refused him. He then entered the Federal Army and went through the four years' struggle being twice wounded in the battle of Gettysburg. After the war he was employed as keeper of National Cemeteries at Fort Leavenworth and Fort Scott, Kan.; Fort Gibson, I. T.; Fort Donaldson, Tenn.; New Bern and Salisbury, N. C. He was a brave soldier and a faithful employee of the Government, a good man, a kind husband and a devoted father. Though he has lived in Salisbury but a few months he had won many friends and general respect. We gave him a Christian burial, assisted by the Masonic fraternity, of which he was an honored member. May God bless the grief-stricken children, and help them to emulate the Christian example of their dear father.

W. R. WARE, Pastor.

LIPSCOMBE.—Thos. Lipscombe died after months of severe suffering at his home near Durham, N. C., April 1, 1904, being about fifty-two years old.

Brother Lipscombe was an excellent citizen. He served his community as magistrate and his county as County Commissioner.

He was converted to God about fourteen years ago, and at once joined the Methodist Church, which he efficiently served as Sunday-school Superintendent and steward.

The Christian life to him was real. It meant renunciation of sin and a full and hearty co-operation with God and his church to do good. He despised pretension, but had great love for the truth, and believed the promises of God.

A helpful neighbor was he, a loving father, a true and devoted husband.

He died well. More than once did he assure us that he was ready to depart and be with Christ.

J. B. THOMPSON. P. C.

BALDWIN.—Mrs. Annie Eliza Baldwin, daughter of Dr. D. N. Patterson, was born January 27, 1869. She was converted and joined the Presbyterian Church in early girlhood. On November 27, 1894, she was married to Thomas Roper Baldwin. Five children were born to them, three of whom are still living. She died at her home in Mangum, Thursday, March 30, 1904.

Mrs. Baldwin was a remarkable woman, with strong force of character, and deep and earnest consecration.

In the home, in the private circle, and in society, she exercised an influence as sweet as the music of song, and as fragrant as the perfume of flowers. Her beautiful Christian life leaves its impress on her family. I have never seen more genuine affection than she manifested in the home. The great wealth of her heart exhausted its resources upon her aged father, her husband and children.

She was sick about two weeks. She seemed to realize from the first that she would not live, and talked freely about death, and the beautiful home to which she was going.

She was very fond of music, and on the day of her death joined in the singing of a number of those sweet old hymns, which are so precious to the Christian.

While it seems strange to us that a mother should be taken from her husband and children so soon, yet we know that our Heavenly Father, who holds our lives in His hands, makes no mistakes; and believing His special Providence, we believe that she has gone to the rest and reward of Heaven.

Sister Baldwin leaves her aged father, her husband, her three children, her two sisters, Mrs. Chas. W. Tillett and Mrs. Janie Pritchett, and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

May we all meet her again under fairer skies, and amid gardens whose foliage and flowers will never be blighted.

M. D. HIX.

TAYLOR.—Sophie Jane Taylor was born in Brunswick County, June 15, 1850, and fell on sleep in her home last Sunday, April 10, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Sister Taylor became the third wife of ex-Sheriff E. W. Taylor of Brunswick County, October 20, 1889. She came into this home to take her sister's place as mother. While there were never born to the deceased any children, she took her sister's children and loved them as well as if they had been her own. She brought them up in the right way; and under her training they all learned to love the Lord, and she was permitted to live long enough to see them all grown men and women, some of whom are occupying places of trust, and all of whom have been so trained that they have developed into Christian manhood and womanhood, and are prepared for places of trust.

Of her own family a brother, J. B. Mercer, and one sister, Mrs. E. M. Walker, both of Wilmington, her husband ex-Sheriff E. W. Taylor, and her aged mother, Mrs. A. J. Mercer, of Winnabow, N. C., remain to weep her departure, while ex-Sheriff Taylor's children mingle their tears with theirs.

Sister Taylor was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of 16 years. Notwithstanding this tender age at which she began the Christian life, she never fell from grace nor put her Lord to an open shame by inconsistencies. From her conversion to her death, one purpose, that of consistent Christian life, dominated her. She was a sufferer from her girlhood, but through all her affliction she was patient, ever ready to say with Paul, "And we know all things work together for good to them that love God."

She worshipped at the altar of M. E. Church, and learned at her feet for 37 years. She was one of the most loyal members I ever knew.

Sister Taylor is not only mourned by her own family and step-children, but by this whole community, for it proudly and tenderly held her one of the most honored of her daughters, and mourns her with an anguish of a doting mother's grief. She was loved by all who knew her, in fact, to know her was to love her. She was of an affectionate, tender, sensitive nature, who loved to love and be beloved by her community. It grieved her to differ with people, but it would have killed her to surrender truth to win their applause. She had no patience with a captious scepticism, nor toleration for a patronizing condescension towards the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ. To her it was the holiest unity of life. In the storm of temptation and affliction and in the calm of peace she walked with her God.

Frequently singing her favorite hymn—

"Come ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;
Come, and at God's altar fervently kneel;
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal."

That so much could be done by one woman in a life no longer than hers, and done so well under circumstances often so adverse, is a wonder. Truly she was a great woman. She lived well. She died well.

"Rest comes at length; though life be long and dreary.
The day must dawn, and darksome night be past;
All journeys end in welcomes to the weary,
And heaven, the heart's true home, will come at last."

While we sorrow here our noble friend is spending her first Sabbath in the Paradise of God. She will not wake tomorrow to another long day of pain, to another week of wishing she could get well and go to work again. She is well now, and it has been a long time since we could say that of her. Well again, and at work, it may be, where there is no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, nor any more pain.

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Resolutions of Respect.

Resolutions adopted by the Methodist Sunday-school of Wesley Memorial Church, Warrenton, N. C., on the death of Mr. H. B. Hunter, Sr.

On the morning of March 27, 1904, just as the church bells were ringing to remind the worshipers that the hour for service was at hand, one of our most beloved members, who had always responded so promptly to their call received the summons—"Child come Home."

We all know this faithful man of God was ready for the summons and when "the silver cord was loosed," the pure, unselfish spirit of H. B. Hunter returned to God.

How we shall miss him from his accustomed place. There is a vacant place in his class, in the school, in the church, and in our hearts, but we rejoice in the fact that our loss is his gain, for we believe he is now on the other shore, in the ranks of the bloodwashed throng, and from the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, he will watch and wait for the coming of loved ones left behind.

Now, therefore, as it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to take unto Himself our beloved brother and friend, H. B. Hunter, with loving remembrance, we will submit the following resolutions:

1. That while in the death of Bro. Hunter our church and Sunday-school has lost one of its most valuable members, we bow in submission to the Divine will.

2. That we treasure the memory of his modest, unassuming Christian life, and strive as he did to walk in the footsteps of the meek and lowly Jesus.

3. That we extend to his children and grandchildren our tenderest sympathy, and pray God may comfort their sad hearts and reveal himself to them as the tender, loving Father who doeth all things well.

4. That the secretary be requested to send a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased, that they be published in the Raleigh Christian Advocate and The Record, and that they be copied on the record book of the Sunday-school.

R. B. BOYD,
P. H. ALLEN,
MISS ANNA D. GRAHAM,
Committee.

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STATEMENT

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Condition December 31, 1903, as Shown by Statement Filed.

Paid in cash	$500,000.00
Amount of ledger assets December 31, of previous year	2,640,082.73
Income—From policy-holders, $1,304,254.36; miscellaneous $160,059.27; total	1,464,313.63
Disbursements—To policy-holders, $157,154.67; miscellaneous, $1,155,988.20; total	1,313,142.87
Business in force at end of year	3,522,147.31
Business written during year	1,461,988.59

ASSETS.

Book value of real estate (less amount of encumbrances)	$19,090.00
Value of stocks and bonds (United States, State, etc., owned	2,017,149.00
Loans on real estate (first lien on fee-simple)	717,520.00
Interest and rents due and accrued,	17,814.14
Cash in home office and deposited in banks	138,464.33
Premiums unpaid	335,550.71
Total	3,245,588.18
Less assets, not admitted	123,423.08
Total admitted assets	3,122,165.10

LIABILITIES.

Unearned premiums	$1,851,355.78
Unpaid policy claims	20,415.03
All other liabilities as detailed in statement	32,516.64
Total liabilities as to policy-holders	1,904,287.45
Capital stock paid up	500,000.00
Surplus beyond all liabilities	717,877.65
Total liabilities	3,122,165.10

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1903.

Steam-boiler: Premiums received, $21,677.27; losses paid, none; losses incurred, none.

Vice-President Charles M. Beach; Secretary, J. B. Pierce.
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State of North Carolina,
Insurance Department,
Raleigh, April 14, 1904.

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1903.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.

JAMES R. YOUNG,
Insurance Commissioner.

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM.

Closing Exercises at the State Normal College May 25-27th.

The State Normal and Industrial College commencement programme May 25th, 26th, 27th, 1904, is as follows:

Wednesday Afternoon, May 25.—Class day exercises; 8.00 p. m., meeting of Adelphian and Cornelian Societies.

Thursday, May 26.—11.00 a. m., commencement sermon, Rev. Robert Strange, D. D.; 3.00 p. m., laying corner stone of new dormitory building by Grand Lodge of Masons; 8.30 p. m., class essays.

Friday, May 27.—11.00 a. m., commencement address by His Excellency, Governor Charles B. Aycock; graduating exercises.

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STATEMENT

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Condition December 31, 1903, as Shown by Statement Filed.

Paid in cash	$1,000,000.00
Assets December 31st, of previous year	2,050,869.63
Income—From policy-holders, $652,120.63; miscellaneous, $193,036.55; total	845,157.18
Fidelity and Surety	652,120.63
Disbursements—To policy-holders, $271,728.24; miscellaneous $594,570.31; total	866,298.55
Fidelity and surety	271,728.24
Premiums in force at end of year—Fidelity and surety	665,097.91
Business written during year—Fidelity and Surety	726,439.88
ASSETS.	
Value of real estate (less amount of encumbrances)	$72,602.22
Value of stocks and bonds(United States, State, etc. owned)	1,340,211.38
Loans on real estate (first lien on fee-simple)	52,523.48
Loans on stocks, bonds and other security	150,990.00
Interest and rents due and accrued	20,321.13
Cash in home office and deposited in banks	281,685.55
Premiums unpaid	106,138.36
All other assets, detailed in statement	131,715.63
Total	2,156,187.75
Less assets, not admitted	13,356.63
Total admitted assets	2,142,831.12
LIABILITIES.	
Unearned premiums	$332,548.95
Unpaid policy claims	72,395.44
All other liabilities as detailed in statement	604,639.52
Total liabilities as to policy-holders	1,009,583.91
Capital stock paid up	1,000,000.00
Surplus beyond all liabilities	133,247.21
Total liabilities	2,142,831.12

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1903.

Fidelity and surety—Premiums received, $10,857.28; losses paid, $5,229.22; losses incurred, $6,954.22.

President, James Bond; Secretary, Samuel H. Shriver.
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General agent for service, R. B. Raney, Raleigh, N. C.
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State of North Carolina,
Insurance Department,
Raleigh, April 13, 1904.

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the American Bonding Company of Baltimore, of Baltimore, Md., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1903.

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THOMAS N. IVEY, - - - - - - - Editor.

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The World As We See It.

The divorce evil is beginning to appear black and gigantic among the moral forces of the country, and this fact is a bright omen for a future which in some respect seems dark. The Interchurch Conference on marriage and divorce, representing the Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, German Reform, Lutheran, Baptist, Cougregational, and other churches, has issued its first appeal. There is a pleading for a recognition of the sanctity of marriage. Such recognition, it is claimed, will lessen the number of heedless marriages. We are inclined to believe with the editor of an influential newspaper that the problem does not so much relate to discouraging matrimony as to compelling those who are married to stay married.

There are monuments erected to the memory of men who are not dead, and these monuments are not always in the form of marble stelas and gothic piles. When Tyre Glenn, of Greensboro, was asked to mention some good preacher to open the Republican Convention last week, he said: "I don't know as to the best preacher, for they are all the best, but if I was going to send a message to the Lord and wanted to be sure that He would get it, I think that I would take my chances on old Dr. Carraway." Our aged brother, Paul J. Carraway, may go down to his grave with the consciousness that over that grave, though it be in Westminster Abbey, there will be no monument so beautiful and eloquent as that which gleams in the above words.

There is no doubt that within the last week stirring events have occurred in the zone of the Russo-Japanese war. In fact, it seems that Russia is just beginning to exert her military energies. The tide of Japanese success which had been uninterrupted since the Russian ships were sunk in Chemulpo harbor, has at last turned. There is no doubt of that. General Kuroki, with his victorious troops, has been checked in his northward advance, and one division has been driven back by the Russians with great slaughter to the former. It is not certain that the Russians have evacuated New Chang. In fact, the latest report is that the Russian force has been strengthened in this city. Japan has had the misfortune to have one of her finest warships sunk in the channel at Port Arthur by a floating mine. Russia has had one of her finest ships beached at Vladivostock. The Japanese have made another furious assault on Port Arthur, but the place seems to be impregnable. The only way to take it is to cut off all supplies and re-enforcements from the beseiged, and it appears that this has not yet been done. The channel at Port Arthur is now free, allowing egress for the largest Russian vessel. Russia's spirits have been greatly revived by the events of the past week. Unless General Kuroki succeeds in flanking Kuropatkin within a few days, he will be estopped from further operations by the storms incident about the last of May or first of June in Manchuria.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has at last elected a negro Bishop. He was elected last week by the General Conference in session in Los Angeles. His name is Dr. I. B. Scott. He is made Bishop of Africa. Is this localization due to the demands of the situation in Africa or the social demands which have hitherto kept the negro out of the Bishropic in the United States? We imagine that our Northern brethren have at last solved a very hard problem. If the brother in black is content with this corralling of his Bishop in Africa, all will be well, but if he suspects a ruse, there will be trouble. We trust, however, that all will be well.

It is remembered by students of American history that there was a time when Morocco played an important part in the affairs of this young republic. Much that occurred was not creditable to our government which, for a time, was in the habit of paying tribute to the Moorish pirates. History is always repeating itself. The time has come when the United States must once more interest herself in Moorish affairs. Ion Perdicaris, an American citizen of fabulous wealth, has been kidnapped in Morroco by brigands, and the event has caused quite a flutter in diplomatic circles. If our government shows no more interest in the rescue of Perdicaris than was shown in the rescue of that poor woman who was kidnapped a few years ago by Turkish brigands, Perdicaris will be in "durance vile" for some time to come.

The long expected report of the Committee appointed by Governor Aycock to investigate the affairs of the A. and N. C. R. R. has at last been made to the Governor and published.

The management of the road is severely criticized. The system of keeping accounts is pronounced "crude and very unsatisfactory." It is held that very considerable betterments over conditions prevailing four years ago should have been effected by the expenditure of so large a sum of money as is reported to have been expended, and that while the service has been greatly improved within the period covered by President Bryan's administration, and much of this money wisely spent, "some of it has been injudiciously used—in some cases approaching extravagance." The bad judgment used in the erection of depots and warehouses is commented on at length. The Committe finds that the spirit of the law, if not the letter, governing the issuance of free passes, has been glaringly violated. One of the lawyers using free passes has appeared on the other side in every case tried in Craven County during President Bryan's administration. The Committee condemns the purchase and management of the hotel at Morehead City. The State is advised to sell or lease the hotel at once, as it must be a burden on the hands of the railroad. The Committee says that during President Bryan's administration the net earnings of the road amounted to $324,496.62, while there has been expended the sum of $283,236.19, leaving to be accounted for after the deduction of $14,607.64, representing cash on hand, and amount lost by the hotel, the sum of $26,655.79. The Committee says that the road is very valuable property, but that the most efficient and valuable management cannot be secured under State control. The Committee sees nothing in the situation to call for great haste on the one hand or extreme action on the other in reference to any proposed change in the control and operation of the property. The report of the Committee covers about twenty-five typewritten pages, while the evidence taken stenographically covers several hundred pages.

Separation of church and state is based on the eternal fitness of things, to make a long argument short, and it is gradually becoming a reality throughout Europe. All observing eyes can see in the results of the Russo-Japanese war not only a wider liberty for Russia, but the breaking of the iron bonds which have held Russia to the almost cruel embrace of ecclesiasticism. But that to which we wish to call especial attention is the significance of the rupture between France and the Vatican. The Pope, who seems to be a man of nerve, has sent abroad an official protest against the visit of President Loubet to Rome, because the Pope believes that the French ministry is anti-clerical in sentiment and act. The papal protest has caused France to recall Mr. Nisard, her representative, at the Vatican. We see in all this the emergence of France into a larger liberty expressed in a complete separation of church and state.

There is no reason, as far as we can see, why a monument should not be erected to the memory of every hero, if such a thing were possible. But the five million dollars, lately given by Mr. Carnegie to create a fund from which medals and money rewards are to be given to those who are called heroes by the world, must fail in its object. It must fail because the majority of true heroes are never known to the world. They walk, and suffer and die among the shadows, and their names are never seen in the columns of newspapers. Mr. Carnegie deserves thanks for the reason that he has demonstrated his unselfishness in parting so lavishly with his many millions and in bestowing them upon objects which appeal at least in some faint degree to philanthropic impulses. But there is a general feeling of regret that Mr. Carnegie has not devoted his money to the alleviation of human misery rather than to the stimulation of aesthetic tastes. But the money given belonged to Mr. Carnegie, and he alone is to be held responsible for its disposition.

Contributions

Compensation.

BY MRS. E. M. ANDERSON.

There is a rose for every thorn,
Though we have wounded been;
After each night, there comes the morn,
To let the daylight in.

From deepest sorrow, springs a joy,
The soul's sweet recompense;
From heaven sent, a beacon light,
To lure our spirits thence.

For every sigh, for every tear,
There is a healing balm,
To soothe and cheer the aching heart,
And bring a blessed calm.

For every cloud there is a ray
Of golden sunshine given;
Into each cleft and broken life,
There comes a glimpse of heaven.

No darksome night without some star
Still shining, tho' unseen;
For every week of toil and care,
A Sabbath day between.

For thirsty souls, the cooling draught,
And for the hungry, food;
The tired ones find sweetest rest,
And feel that God is good.

E'en for the sinner, grace abounds,
Sin-soiled? A cleansing flood!
A light upon the darkest way,
Is found in Jesus' blood.

A recompense for every woe;
Heaven sends us blessings rife,
In darkness, light, in trouble, peace,
For Death, eternal Life!

Durham, N. C.

A Peep Into Paul's Heart—Phil. 3: 8—14.

BY REV. D. VANCE PRICE.

This is one of the profoundest passages in the writings of the greatest of the apostles. Paul here unbosoms himself and gives us a glimpse of his inner, hidden life in God. He strikes the highest possible spiritual note; and a thorough study of his lofty ambition and his holy aspirations would stir the soul of the dullest and most sordid of men.

The Epistle to the Phillipians was addressed to the first church which Paul himself planted in Europe. It was perhaps the most thoroughly Gentile in its membership of all the churches that were established by his missionary efforts; and yet certain Judaizers had followed him and attempted to impose the heavy burden of the Jewish ritual upon the few Jewish Christians in that city, and possibly also upon the Gentile converts. These "false brethren" demanded the circumcision of the Gentiles, and even further conformity to the Levitic ritual. Their teachings came into collision with the policy and ostrine of Paul, who believed and taught that baptism had taken the place of circumcision; that the rites and ceremonies had found their fulfillment in the ministry and the sufferings of Jesus; and that the Lord's Supper was the only and true memorial of the sacrifice of Chist, who is "our passover."

Hence, he combats the teachings of these Judaizers; and the special objection he here urges is, that they would obscure Christ in a cloud of absolute and useless ecremonies.

To his mind, their whole conception of Christianity is wrong. It concerns itself with the external and the visible, and loses sight of the spiritual and essential.

With these false teachers, the law—the ceremonial law—is everything; but with Paul, Christ is everything—all other things were, comparatively, nothing—"offal."

In opposition to them, he urges his own position, and especially his own religious experience. He bares his own breast and reveals his own inner life.

To show that there is nothing selfish in his views, and that he occupies the position of an impartial judge of the merits of the controversy, he first shows that he had already complied with all the requirements of the Jewish law before his conversion to the Christian faith. He was of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin; he had been circumcised the eighth day; he had been found blameless in the law; hence, he was not trying to escape these things himself. That were impossible, because, forsooth, they had already been accomplished in him. But his knowledge of Christ, derived from both revelation and experience, urged him to free his Gentile brethren from all these unnecessary burdens.

Plunging into the depths of his own experience in Christ, and of his aspirations toward Christ, his language runs closely on the verge of mysticism. But Paul is no mystic. The apparent mysticism arises from the nature of the subject—the poetry of religion—the gradual incorporation, into a human heart and human life, of the divine love and the divine life in Jesus Christ.

Note what Paul's Christianity did for him.

1. In the first place, at the very outset in the processes of his conversion, his conceptpion of Christ led him to sacrifice all other things to Him. This I call negative consecration, a mere means to a nobler end. He suffered, he says, the "loss of all things for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ, his lord." He gathers into a bundle his national prejudice, the esteem of his brethren in Israel, the advantages of his birth and training, the pride of the noblest lineage that mortal man ever had; the prospect of leadership and wealth and ease among his own people, and throws them all overboard as a mere bagatelle. And all this for Christ's sake—all to attain a higher good.

And the sacrifice was so sincere and complete that he even despises it, and speaks of it in terms of the greatest possible contempt. His severance from the old life was complete and irrevocable. He burnt the bridge behind him, and settled the question forever. Henceforth there is nothing for him to live for but Christ. Jesus Christ, the end of all his thought, all his affection, all his activity!

2. I have anticipated the second part of Paul's experience,—the more positive side of it,—his lofty aims and aspirations, together with corresponding effort.

It is his supreme ambition "to win Christ."

To that end, he directs all the energies of his being, and avails himself of all the grace which God deigns to give him. This great ambition is a compound of several purposes and desires which he more particularly defines:

1. To win the righteousness of God in Christ. He would experience the full salvation which comes through faith in Christ. He would be saved from sin—its guilt, its power, its pollution, its moral disability.

He would be clothed with righteousness—not the self-righteousness of the legalist, or of the moralist, but "the righteousness of God"—God-given and possible only through faith in Christ as the Son of God. He would realize God's idea of what he ought to be.

He would be free from sin, not only wiful sin, but also from those faults and frailties which hinder our usefulness and obscure the glory of the indwelling Christ. Would God this lofty aspiration might be kindled in all our groveling souls; and that we might "be found in Him, having the righteousness of God." But this is not all. Let us follow the apostle up the dizzy heights to which he climbs.

2. He aspires to win that experimental "knowledge" of Christ which will bring him into the closest possible sympathy with Christ—"the fellowship of his sufferings."

This means, I think, that he would have the full dramatic and moral force of all Christ's sufferings felt in his own heart; and thus be won forever to the infinite beauty and tenderness of Christ's love, to be ennobled by the personal understanding of Christ.

Again, he would be brought into sympathy with Christ's great purpose in the sufferings He endured. In other words, he would love men as Christ loved them; he would yearn for lost sinners with the compassion of Christ; he would drink the same cup of sorrow over the sins of the world which Jesus drank. He would go as far with Jesus into Gethsemane and Calvary as a human being could go! Brethren, we sometimes hear men talk lightly of Chritsian doctrine, as though our creed were lacking in humanity. Here, we see the inseparable love of man and devotion to Christ. The highest possible love to mankind is found only in the breast of a devoted disciple of Jesus.

3. But Paul also aims at conformity unto the death of Jesus. This profound utterance means that he desired to be made willing to suffer martyrdom with Christ in the cause of humanity. He would reach the extreme love for men that would make him gladly die for them. He would feel the submissive spirit in suffering the will of the Father which enabled Jesus to say: "Thy will be done." How beautiful this is, when viewed in the light of subsequent events. About two years after this letter was written, the author sealed his love for the Master with his own blood, and died rejoicing that he was counted worthy to suffer for Christ.

4. Lastly, but not in that order, the apostle declares his desire and aim to win the power of the resurrection of Christ, and attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

I understand him to refer to the spiritual display of the same power that raised Jesus from the tomb. Not a mere hope that He would, after awhile, sonquer death, and live forever in the presence of his Lord; but he wanted, then and there, on earth, in his own personal life and work, the highest enduement of power from Christ.

He wanted a spiritual miracle wrought in him that corresponded with the miracle of Christ's physical resurrection. He wanted the fulness of divine power in the service of Christ and humanity.

It also includes, doubtless, the desire for the happiness which Jesus enjoyed in His glorified state, during the forty days—as much of it as man could realize.

But he confesses, with becoming modesty, that he has not yet reached his goal; he has not yet that intimate knowledge of Christ which he so ardently desires; he is not as righteous as it is possible for him to be; he is still deficient in sympathy with Christ, and in conformity with his death; he has not yet found the utmost of spiritual power in Christ's service. Paul never made an profession of Christian perfection: he was only relatively and approximately "perfect." "Perfect," in the sense of sincerity and earnest seeking—not of attainment. He has not given up the chase; he is so intent on progress that he "forgets the things that are behind." Too busy running to look back.

Reaching out toward those things which are ahead, he presses, urges all his strength, strains every faculty of his soul to win the prize—"the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

O what heights of manhood, of nobility, of holiness, of generosity, of fulness of joy are they to which God calls us in Christ!

Go on, thou consecrated soul, thou lowly servant of Jew and Gentile, thou greatest in the calendar of saints, thou leige-man of the Lord Christ, thou art nearer every step thou takest in the great race toward the goal of human perfection; thou art ever approaching the perfection of Jesus Himself; thy character is being slowly and steadily drawn into the likeness of Christ; and thy joy will increase forever in the presence of thy King!

We are very foolish to attempt to entertain two guests so hostile to one another as Christ and Satan. Christ will not live in the parlor of our hearts, if we entertain the devil in the cellar of our thoughts.—C. H. Spurgeon.

Is it Self Immolation?

BY REV. ROBAH F. BUMPAS.

In a late number of the Advocate, my friend, the editor of the Epworth League Department, quotes from a little book which is quite a favorite in my home as it contains many noble and inspiring passages.

Mystical writers like Kempis, Guyon and E. S. E. E. are apt to be extremists, and therefore are not always safe guides.

The kingdom of God in all ages has had room for those who would separate themselves wholly from the world and lead a life of devotion. Jephtha's daughter was relegated to a life of religious seclusion. The sacred order of the Nazarites existed for fifteen centuries, but in all this period, only three men belonging to it were thought worthy of mention in the Scriptures, and one of them was exceedingly human.

Types of character more diverse than John the Baptist and Christ would be difficult to imagine. Each had its sphere; but Christ is our model, not John. He said: "Follow me." He taught self-denial. He fasted upon occasion, but was certainly no ascetic.

In the prayer referred to, the author says:

"From the desire of being esteemed,
From the desire of being loved,
From the desire of being sought,
Deliver me, Jesus.

"From the desire to be mourned,
From the desire of influence,
From the desire of approval,
Deliver me, Jesus.

"That others may be employed, and I set aside. Jesus grant me to desire this."

We are taught to esteem others above ourselves, to please others, having Christ for our pattern, all personal selfish ambition is to be crucified, but we are also taught that God has given to every man His work, and we are enjoined to work while it is day.

Christ said: "Let your light so shine that others may see your good works."

Paul says: "Covet earnestly the best gifts." Shall we not desire to be loved? Shall we not seek to influence our fellow-men for good? Shall Shall we not covet the approval of conscience? of God? of man? Paul, who could say, "To me to live is Christ," gloried in a conscience void of offense both toward God and toward man.

Georg Ebers in "Homo Sum" gives us the life of an old Roman tribune who sought self-conquest in a life of asceticism among the anchorites on Mt. Sinai. Years were passed in this life of self-crucifixion until it seemed that all the evil in him was subdued. On the liff one day he met that ancient enemy whom he thought he had forgiven. Instantly all the animosity of his nature sprang into life, and with a hoarse cry, he flung himself upon his enemy, and both were hurled in destruction upon the rocks below. No amount of asceticism and self-discipline coul change him. He needed a new heart.

John Watson, in his little book, "The Upper Roam," delineating the characteristics of the twelve, says: "It comes as a surprise that one class of religious people is unrepresented; no disciple is perfect."

I unite heartily with Brother Anderson in recommending to those seeking holiness of heart and life the perusal of "Gold Dust," but we should take all mystical writings cum grano salis.

The Duty of Church Members.

BY J. L. KING.

There are a great many obstacles that confront the church to-day, that are non-controllable. We have opposition from all quarters that have got to met one way or another, but the worst obstacle, in my opinion, that the church has got to overcome, is right in the church, and it arises from the fact that a large number of our church members are not willing to be governed by the discipline of our church. It is indeed a sad fact, but we cannot get around it.

I think that when a person takes upon himself the obligations and vows of our church and confesses that he has been converted and that his sins have been forgiven, that if he is indeed converted he is no longer his own master, but belongs to God. I believe when a person renounces the world, the devil, and the flesh, that it is his or her duty then to work for God with both hands and heart, and not depend too much upon our pastor. It depends as much, or more, upon the membership of a church as to the advancement of Christ's kingdom in a community or neighborhood as it does the pastor. If we find fault with our pastor because he does not preach as well as another pastor did, or pastors at other churches, can we expect to accomplish anything? It is a sad fact, but too true, we members of the church criticize our preachers because they do not preach exactly to suit us, instead of lending a helping hand and assisting them in gathering in the lost ones to the fold. We are not as closely allied to our cause, though it be the only thing worth our while, as the world. Do you know if we criticize our pastor it makes the sinner hold aloft from the church? Are we doing our duty? No, far from it. We are only doing one thing, and that is, retarding the advancement of the cause of Christ. Let's come together and be a unit and uphold our pastors and leave it to the outside world to criticize if there is any to be done. Let's work for God with both hand and heart.

Christ the Incomparable.

C. F. SHERRILL.

Christ is not the first among his equals—primus inter pares. He is the Incomparable, the Only.

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How calm and composed was Socrates in the Athen's prison when he drank the cup of hemlock. What agony the Son of God endured when he knelt in Gethsemane. The funeral grief of the world was seen when he died on Calvary. How different was the cup that each drank. One was visible; the other invisible. One referred to himself; the other to a lost race. Christ "tasted death for every man."

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The forgiveness of a sinner is God's deepest problem. To condemn the sin and forgive the sinner, so the moral order of a universe is preserved, is a task for which only the Infinite God is equal. It is a task for a God. The difficulty of this problem is olved in the death of Christ. He is the way. The condemnation of the cross forever rests upon Sin. Gethsemane's agony and Calvary's death tell us what an awful thing sin is. By the atoning blood from that same cross the sinner is forgiven. In the crucifixion, God's infinite love for the lost is seen. Forgiveness is God's profoundest problem. The moral order of a universe must be preserved. The divine wrath against sin is always the same. The sinner can be saved. Christ is the way.

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There are three things that make sin awful in our consciousness and conscience: One is the fact that we choose a lower in the place of a higher good. Another fact is, that it is we who choose. No awful fate drives us. Free moral agency is the deepest fact of our consciousness. This is the second fact that adds to the awfulness of sin. The third fact is that Jesus was "wounded for our transgressions;" "He died for us." The personal pronoun stirs the conscience. The Great Death was for us. These three facts make sin forever awful.

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The greatest thing in the universe is the love of God. The strongest thing is law. The darkest thing is sin. Christ's death was for a threefold purpose: to reveal the love of God; "the highest arch-angel never saw so much of God before;" to preserve the moral order and law of the universe; to forgive the sinner. Revelation; Preservation; Forgiveness.

Forgiveness is both from and in Christ. If we take His forgiveness, we must also take the Christ who forgives. If we take Christ, we must take His forgiveness. Forgiveness, then, is Christ in the heart. We do not take His forgiveness as a package from the store. We take it as the flower takes the sunbeam. Every such flower has the best of light and presence of the sun.

Washington District Conference.

The Washington District Conference for 1904 convened at Aurora, May 11-15.

Rev. J. D. Bundy, the Presiding Elder, was president and Rev. R. C. Craven was elected secretary.

The absence of serval ministers was deeply regretted by those present. Two of these were unavoidly detained; there was a fair but not full attendance of the lay delegates.

The delegates elected to Annual Conference are J. F. Bruton, of Wilson; Wiley Brown, of Greenville; W. K. Jacobson, of Washington, and R. T. Bonner, of Aurora.

B. E. Stanfield, who is serving acceptably as supply on Grimesland and Vanceboro Circuit, was recommended for admission on trial, and for elder's orders.

The next Conference will be held at Greenville.

Aurora is not easily accessible to the whole district, which fact probably accounts for the absence of some members of the Conference. Those who were present found themselves, after an enjoyable ride on the broad and placid waters of the Pamlico, with the genial captain of the Hatteras, in the midst of an intelligent, progressive people, surrounded by lovely farms of surpassing fertility; hundreds of whose acres were planted in potatoes, soon to be marketed as a most valuable product.

Those hospitable people vied with one another in their royal reception of the Conference.

The Conference is said to be one of the most pleasant sessions in its history; a program of strength and excellence had been made possible by our presiding officer, who, though in his first year as Presiding Elder, is making a fine impression all over the district by his faithful attention to the interests of the respective charges.

Mrs. J. E. Underwood presented the merits and claims of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and made an eloquent appeal for greater interest in that worthy cause.

Miss Nannie Lee Smith, the "Joan of Arc," of North Carolina Methodism, who carries more faith and enthusiasm within a given space than the ordinary people, earnestly pressed the need of rebuilding Greensboro Female College; she took some "evidences" that her address was not in vain.

We missed that benevolent face of the "Orphan," the chaste language and lofty thought of "ye editor," and both of you, by absence, missed more than we.

Rev. J. M. Lowder, the faithful pastor of that circuit of the morning light, a man who is ever ready to preach or to die, did no little to make the Conference a success.

R. C. CRAVEN, Sec.

The annual debate between the Columbian and Hysperian Literary Societies was held in the Craven Memorial Hall on last Tuesday evening. The subject discussed was: "Resolved, that the history of trade unionism in the United States for the past twenty years shows a predominating tendency favorable to the best interests of the country." Messrs. B. F. Lee and C. J. Harrell, of the Columbian Society, were the affirmative speakers. The Hesperian Society had the negative side and was represented by Messrs. E. O. Cole and C. R. Warren. The judges of the debate were the Rev. R. C. Beaman and Messrs. C. W. Massey and R. E. Sessoms. In a witty speech, Mr. Beaman announced that the affirmative had won the decision. After the debate the Hesperian Society entertained its alumni and honorary members and the judges of the debate in its society hall. Speeches were made by members of the faculty, former inter-collegiate debaters, and others.

The Field

Granville Circuit Sunday School Conference.

This body convened in its annual session at Bullocks, May 14, 1904. The object of its existence is to build up the Sunday-school work by spreading intelligence and enthusiasm among the people.

The part of Bullock's congregation as host was to furnish the music, the dinner and the welcome, all of which they did in splendid style, and which was equalled only by the beautiful and encouraging words of welcome that were said by one of her coming young men, Bro. Otho Lyon. This address was a gem, and the safe prediction is that the speaker will be heard from later. The music for the occasion was indeed a feast, as was the beautiful dinner that was spread during the recess hour.

The very efficient president, Bro. W. S. Gooch, had a well-arranged program, in which various topics were assigned to different speakers, all of whom showed evidence of thought.

As it was the occasion of our second quarterly meeting, Dr. Moore, the Presiding Elder, instead of being master of ceremonies as usual, came in on the program of the day, and gave us an interesting and instructive address on "The relation of the Sunday-school to the home." The Sunday-school workers of other churches took part in the discussion by special invitation, and a sweet brotherly spirit was prominently manifest.

The officers of last year were re-elected—W. S. Gooch, president; J. B. Mays, secretary; W. H. Lyon, treasurer—the last of whom will have the pleasure of transmitting to Brother Jenkins the two dollars raised for the Orphanage.

Tabor was selected as the place for holding the next annual session. J. D. PEGRAM.

To the Methodists of the Wilmington District.

For a large number of people to accomplish a special work, it is necessary that they have oneness of aim and, to a large extent, oneness of method. Suffer me, then, to make a brief review for our gratification and encouragement of the record made in the district last year on Conference collections, and to exhort to a united effort within the next month.

The Conference Journal shows that ten charges paid all assessments in full, viz.: Grace, Fifth Street, Market Street, and Bladen Street churches, and Magnolia, Clinton, Town Creek, Elizabeth, Whiteville, and Bladen Circuits. Burgaw and Onslow Circuits had only small deficits. These twelve charges all paid out on missions, as did also Scott's Hill, Jacksonville and Richlands, and Shallotte Circuits. There were only four charges in the district that did pay all assessments for missions. Several overpaid. The amounts overpaid by Grace Church and Whiteville Circuit were quite appreciable, and made it possible for the district to pay out. This was a great gain over anything ever done before, and I am sure every Methodist in the district is greatly gratified because of it.

At our Missionary Institute this year the preachers resolved to raise all our assessments, and to raise the assessments for missions by the 15th of June. I wish to urge our preachers to bring this resolution before the people, and let it be their aim to secure a contribution from every member and to pay all our assessments for missions during the next month. To the membership I would say, make your contribution now, if you have to make special effort to do so. Also urge your fellow-members to do the same. Pass this paper to your neighbor who doesn't take the Advocate. Talk it up. The Lord has abundantly blessed you. Show your gratitude by a liberal offering to His cause. It will enrich your own soul, help the work, the church, gladden your pastor's heart, and free his hands for other important tasks. We are already well in advance of same date last year. We are asked to contribute $5,000 on all collections. We have eight thousand members. In view of God's abundant mercies $8,000 would not be a large offering for us to make. We can do it—we ought to do it. Let us pay our assessments for missions now. The protracted meeting season will soon be upon us. Your preacher can do better work if his mind is free at this point, and he will have more faith in God's blessings upon his people. This is Scriptural Come up to the help of the Lord.

The Discipline plans for all our Sunday-schools to be organized into missionary societies. Let our superintendents see to it. Send twenty-five cents to Dr. W. R. Lambuth, Nashville, Tenn., for a year's program for monthly meetings. The chief benefit of this move is educational, the money raised secondary.

I hope committees appointed to examine church registers, etc., will do their work, and have written reports at the third quarterly Conferences.

Faithfully yours, R. B. JOHN.
Wilmington, N. C., May. 1904.

Duke Circuit.

The work here is formed of that part of the Dunn Circuit which was left after Dunn was made a three-quarter station, with Black's Chapel atached to fill out the other quarter. There are three churches in use, two being built, five appointments, four organizations, and four Sunday-schools.

By the end of the year we aim to have the church at Duke and at Angier complete. We are making fairly good headway at both places, and the work is in reasonably good condition spiritually. Our congregations are large, well behaved and attentive. We have no wealthy people on the work, though some few are prosperous and in fairly good circumstances.

We are working and praying for better and brighter things. Our Sunday-school's observed Children's Day at Duke last Sunday under the supervision of Mrs. J. J. Womble and others. The young people acquitted themselves very creditably.

Truly, W. A. FORBES.
May 18th, 1904.

P. S.—What a blessing it would be to us in our struggle if the reader would send us a small contribution on either of these churches.

W. A. F.

Mount Olive.

No mushroom growth in this place. The writer has visited a great many towns in North Carolina, but can readily say that this place is fast becoming one of the best towns in Eastern Carolina. There have gone up in the last twelve months ten new and up-to-date brick stores, all modern buildings. The writer was informed by one of the best merchants in town that residences were in great demand, and that they could not be built fast enough to supply the demand. Everybody and everything here is in a hustle, and more especially at this season of the year. Mount Olive is second to none in its strawberry industry. It is also a large market for early potatoes, beans and peas. The amount of strawberries shipped from this point alone is enormous. Nineteen solid refrigerator cars and 4,500 crates gone by express today (Monday) from this point. Prices range from $2.50 to $3.00 per crate, and still moving upward.

Hotel Olivette, a new modern and up-to-date hotel, with all modern improvements, has just been completed and opened to its traveling guests. It has twenty-five beautifully furnished rooms, with electric bells in each room; also has connection with the long distance telephone. This hotel has a veranda of 244 feet, which makes it most beautiful and very attractive in its appearance. This hotel will do credit to any city. Mount Olive of the present and Mount Olive of the future are pleasant topics about which to write. This town has a bright future in store for it, and the people here are so kind, so clever and so hospitable that you feel that there is nothing too good for them. They deserve all that the horn of plenty has in store.

Very respectfully, B. C. GLOVER,
Traveling Representative of Raleigh Chris... Advocate.
May 16, 1904.

Trinity College Commencement.

The commencement exercises of Trinity College extend from June 5th to 8th. On Sunday, June 5th, at 11 a. m., the commencement sermon will be preached by President William De Witt Hyde, of Bowdoin College. Before becoming president of Bowdoin, Dr. Hyde spent some years in the pastorate of the Congregational Church. He is the author of numerous books, including among his subjects, "Practical Ethics," and "God's Education of Men." A few years ago Syracuse University, one of the leading Methodist universites of the country, honored him with the degree of LL. D. Among his other interests, President Hyde has been one of those actively identified with the recent organized Society for Religious Education. He has a reputation for marked ability as a speaker, and has been much in demand before college and university audiences.

On Tuesday morning, June 7th, Dr. Francis C. Woodward, of Richmond, Va., will deliver the baccalaureate address, and on Tuesday, at four o'clock, Mr. Goodwin Davis Ellsworth, '80, of Washington, D. C., will deliver the alumni address. The alumni banquet will be held on Wednesday at one o'clock. On Tuesday evening will occur the annual senior oratorical contest for the Wiley Gray medal.

The commencement address on Wednesday morning, June 8th, will be delivered by Professor Francis Greenwood Peabody, of Harvard University. Last year Professor Peabody made one of the most striking addresses at the Southern Educational Conference at Richmond, and also spoke very acceptably at the University of Virginia. As an author, he has published among other works, "Short Addresses to Young Men on Personal Religion," and "Afternoons in the College Chapel."

On Wednesday night the alumni reception in honor of the graduating class will be held in the Washington Duke Building. The following ladies will act as patronesses: Mrs. B. N. Duke, Mrs. J. C. Kilgo, Mrs. B. S. Leak, Mrs. W. H. Branson; Mrs. E. M. Graham, Mrs. E. K. Powe, Mrs. J. C. Angier, Mrs. W. D. Carmichael, Mrs. W. H. McCabe, Mrs. H. A. Fonshee, Mrs. G. W. Watts, Mrs. C. W. Toms, Miss Anne Roney, Mrs. J. E. Stagg, Mrs. C. B. Green.

Several members of the faculty are filling engagements to deliver commencement addresses in various parts of the State. On Friday, Prof. A. H. Meritt delivered the address before the graded schools of Wadesboro.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., May 20, 1904.

Rebuild at Once.

As soon as our shocked minds could rally from the first horror of the news that our beloved college lay in ashes, the first thought was involuntarily the question, that arose from a thousand grief-stricken hearts, "Will the College be rebuilt?" Not long did it take loyal hearts to decide what their hands would do! North Carolina Methodism could not afford to lose this right arm of her influence, wielded so many years by her faithful handmaiden of the church.

Out of dark disaster was born the inspiration for stronger endeavor, and the resolve that from her ashes this grand old institution should arise in more splendor than ever!

With ample means to command, and with abundants faith in the great spirit of Greensboro Female College that has outlived so many vicissitudes and attacks on her material life, our people cannot, and will not, see her go down under this last heavy blow! A thousand times, No! Without hesitation or delay, let us rally to her side, and with God's help, raise speedily from her mourning in ashes a new Greensboro Female College, anointed and clothed in the glorious expression of our undying love.

LIZZIE P. JONES.
Raleigh, N. C., March, 1904.

The Family

"THE MAN BEHIND THE BAGGAGE."

What The Christians at Home Can Do for the Man Fighting at the Front—A Call for Full Consecration.

William Briggs, of Toronto, Canada, has published a little booklet, "On the Banks of the Besor," or, "The Man Behind the Baggage," which for its clearness and the force of its arguments is one of the best missionary statements we have seen. It is written by Mr. C. B. Keenleyside, who was sent from Yale to Japan about eleven years ago. He says:

"To-day, as of old, there sits One over against the treasury who notes the gifts cast therein; and He has, what to us is, a curious system of mathematics. His reckoning defies all our rules; for with Him two and two do not make four, neither is a penny less than a pound. According to His arithmetic, two mites, about one-quarter of a cent in value, are more than the great gifts cast into the treasury by the rich. Comparing the widow's quarter-cent and the rich man's great gift gift, he says: They all did cast in of their superfluity; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.'

"Applying to our time the same system of arithmetic, for Jesus Christ is 'the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever,' how He must reverse the judgments of earth. Men reckon gifts by their size. God reckons them by what it costs to give. Not the amount given, but the amount left, is what God looks at. This is why the quarter-cent was more than the great gifts—they were given out of superfluity—it out of want.

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"In a certain city lives a girl who is out at service. By dint of economy she had saved fifty dollars, and had decided to buy for herself a fur coat, but becoming filled with the spirit of David's two hundred men on the Besor, she went one day to her pastor, and told him her intentions, and added: 'But I have changed my mind, and here are forty dollars for a missionary, and I will buy a coat with the balance.' And now, as she turns in, weary, but happy, at night, she has a substitute in India who turns out to do his share of work for the Master. She is on the Besor.

"In a Canadian city is a wealthy manufacturer who placed himself and his possessions entirely at God's disposal many years ago. At that time he decided that his remaining days and all his profits should be given for the advancement of the kingdom. Not long ago a man in his confidence informed the writer that although his business had doubled in volume, and his earnings had kept pace, he was a poorer man to-day than he was fifteen years ago.

"He was speaking after the manner of men. The man in question is not poorer to-day than he was fifteen years ago. The wealth he has given away is the wealth he has. What has gone to aged people's homes, mission churches, and to the thousand and one things at home and abroad to which he has contributed, is now laid up where moth and rust do not corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. It is his for eternity.

"Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, when making his budget speech in 1897, said that the value of the cigar and cigarette stubs thrown away annually in Great Britain amounted to one and a quarter million pounds, which is more than the entire amount given by the Christians of Great Britain for Foreign Missions, and it is but fair to assume that the same ratio holds good here; that is to say, more money is thrown into the gutters in cigar and cigarette stubs than is given to obey Christ's commands, 'Go ye.'

"In David's day (see 1 Samuel 30:9-24) two hundred men were by the baggage and four hundred in the baggage. That is, two were in the battle for every one by the baggage.

"In our day seventeen thousand missionaries only have gone down to the battle, while five hundred millions stay by the baggage. Represented by figures, this is how it stands, as 2-1 is to 1-30,000, so David's army was to Christ's.

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"The church has never been without men willing to preach the Gospel, and by doing so to give up all hope of earthly possessions and human preferment. Why, then, should it be thought a thing incredible that men could be found willing, in like manner, to dedicate their time, power, and brains, in the so-called secular pursuits, to the sole object od advancing the kingdom of God? Let the lawyer, the doctor, the merchant, the manufacturer, the inventor, the artisan, the mechanic, the laborer, abiding each in his calling, lay himself and his talents on the altar for the glory of Jesus Christ in the evangelization of the world.

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"The truly far-seeing man projects everything forward, far beyond the bounds of this little life, into the light of that day when Jesus shall return in triumph to judge the quick and the dead. Let us live thus, and let us do nothing of which we shall be ashamed when Jesus comes, nothing to bar us from sharing in David's great law: 'As his share is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his share be that tarieth by the baggage.'"—Exchange.

Valuable Lessons.

Failure has a teaching in it which nothing else can give. No man is likely to do a thing in the best way until he has failed once or twice, and so learned what weakness or fault is to be avoided. Famous engine-builders in this country were asked if they had ever had an explosion of one of their engines. They replied: "No, we have not. We wish we could if no one were hurt, for we should like to know where the weakest part is." In great chain factories power machines are especially designed to make chains fail, so that the makers may know how and why and where the chains' weakest portions are. It is sometime a distinct advantage to have learned by a failure. Robert Louis Stevenson felt this when he wrote—

"To thrill with the joy of girded men,
To go on forever and fail, and go on again."

He that is wise will have somewhere in his heart a gratitude to God for the times when he was given the advantage of his failures. He who trusts God will remember this and take heart in the day of his failures.—Sunday-School Times.

Gems Culled From G. Campbell Morgan, D. D.

"A crowd is an opportunity. Crowds ought never to appal the saint, but ought rather to appeal to the saint."

"Every time I take up one of these modern books that is going to save men, by the evolution of the human mind, I want to put the writer and his book down in the slums, and bid him prove it."

"God is not going to work a miracle to make up for the church's laziness."

"The kind of a man God can't work with is a coward."

"The church is beginning to believe that God can save a man in the summer."

"The man who is trembling himself can never make another tremble. It is the man who is unafraid who makes the other man afraid."

"We want the strenuous life, not merely in business and politics, but in the church."

"God can only work with courageous and consecrated persons."

"Any service that has no suffering in it is barren."

"Oh, the soft dilettantism! It is so awfully cheap to hang a picture of the cross in your room, or to wear the cross round your neck. We do not want mere sentiment. The cross waits for you this summer in the slums of your city, in the homes of the poor and outcast."

"If the church will suffer with the Son, you can shake the city to its foundations in one year—but never till you are ready to suffer."—Selected.

What the Flowers Did.

Of old we read that the Lord Jesus when He saw the multitudes went up into a mountain and there sat and preached the one great sermon of His that is preserved to us with any completeness.

It was up into the mount that Moses had gone to receive the law, guarded with an awful sanctity, amidst the terrors of lightning and thunder and earthquake. How great is the contrast as the Saviour sits under the stretch of blue sky and in the shadow of the rock. About him rang the music of the birds, the chirp of sparrow, the rapturous song of the lark. From the further heights came the croaking of the raven and from the clefts of the rocks the cooing of the dove. Far down below there lay the blue waters of the sea of Galilee, fringed with its towns and villages and dotted by the fishing boats; all the slope of the mountain gay with flowers—the most striking feature of the landscape in Palestine.

At the first when God made a sanctuary for man, we read that He planted a garden, and within its cool and fragrant shades He walked and talked with His child. And now in this "Garden of Eden run wild," the Son of God sits and talks with His disciples. He is teaching them to find their refuge and rest in the care of the heavenly Father, when suddenly He stops and bids them listen to the birds.

"Consider the fowls of the air," saith the blessed Master, "they sow not, nor reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not better than they?"

Thus He made the birds His duly appointed preachers—the sparrow in homely suit of brown, with its chirp; the raven in orthodox black, but let us not think with orthodox croak.

Then He stooped and picked a flower—a flower of the field—mere common buttercup or daisy, all the more fitted to preach because it was little and common and weak. It stood up that day and whispered: "See, your heavenly Father hath fashioned me, in all my beauty. He hath perfectly fitted me to my home; He hath swathed me with these protecting leaves; He hath taught me to bend to the storm; He sends me the dew to drink and the sunshine to feed upon. His hand hath decked me with these hues. Shall He not much more clothe you?"

Birds and flowers; these are the message, the ministry of the country. How much we all need it, dwellers in this great city. How much more do they need it who dwell in stifling court and alley. How much it should do for men and women, boys and girls, to have the chambers of the imagery filled with these sweet visions; to have even for a day the great stretch of heaven overhead and the sight of field and tree and flower. We have been slow to think that in these things there is anything distinctly religious—that there is a blessed message which speaks to the innermost heart, which brings a new faith and breathes a new peace and sings of a new hope. I have been amazed a the stories I have met with in the West London mission, stories of how the flowers have brought to some—and those the most helpless—nothing less than the beginning of a new life.

"They do make me think," is the testimony that meets us again and again. "They do make me think." And the thoughts that they bring are always so sweet, so gracious, so gentle, so beautiful, so altogether like unto Him whom we have been taught to call the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley.—Rev. Mark Guy Pearse.

Ten cents' worth of help will make more religion than a dollar's worth of argument.

Our Boys and Girls

Gold Rock, N. C., May 2, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy eight years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday, and know my lessons perfectly. My teacher is Mrs. E. J. Braswell, my grand-mother; our superintendent is Mrs. J. D. Ward. We are doing good work in our school.

I will close by asking what two chapters in the Bible are alike?

Your friend,
MOSES E. MOORE.

Tillman, N. C., May 3, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl thirteen years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little boys' and girls' letters. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can; my teacher is Miss Cherry Phillips, and I like her fine. My pastor is Dr. J. Sanford, and my superintendent is Mr. C. H. Womble; I like him fine.

I will close with love and best wishes to the Orphanage.

Your little unknown friend,
JENNIE E. BENNER.

Woodard, N. C., May 3, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl thirteen years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the girls' and boys' letters. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday; our superintendent is Mr. A. W. Snell; my teacher is Mrs. Henry Sitterson, and I like her very much. Our pastor is Rev. R. L. Davis and I like him fine.

I will answer Chloe Pruden's question: Samson was the strongest man.

What was the first miracle that Jesus performed?

Your unknown friend.
JANNIE LOWE.

Pates, N. C., May 2, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy eleven years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters. I have one brother seven years old. We live seven miles from our church. Our school closed two weeks ago. I like to go to school very much.

I will answer Lessie Wooten's question: Noah was nine hundred and fifty years old when he died.

I will ask a question: How many brothers had Joseph

Find enclosed ten cents for the orphans.

Your unknown friend.
WALTER L. McRAE.

Battleboro, N. C., May 2, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl thirteen years of age. My papa takes the Advocate. My mother and papa are both living. I have two brothers and four sisters living; have one brother dead. Two of my sisters are married. I go to Sunday-school and know my lessons. I live in the country.

I have been told that the Jews crucified Jesus, but you will see in the 18th chapter of St. Luke and the 32nd verse that the Gentiles were to crucify him. Please explain it. Hope to see my letter in print.

Your unknown friend.
LUCY BRASWELL.

Hertford, N. C., May 6, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. My father and mother are both living. I have one brother living and one dead. He died the 28th of December, and you don't know how much I miss him, for he was a good brother.

My mamma is my Sunday-school teacher. My week-day school has been closed for some time. Miss Annie Overton was my teacher.

I will close my letter by sending twenty-five cents for the Orphanage.

Very respectfully.
ARABELLA ONEIDA BRINN.

Windsor, N. C., May 1, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eight years old. My school has closed now. My teacher was Miss Mamie Moore. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My teacher is Miss Ruth Tayloe, and I think she is a good teacher. Our pastor is Rev. R. L. Davis. We like him very much.

I have three sisters and one brother. Now I will close by asking a question: Where did Samson's strength lie?

Now I will answer Jessie Inman's question: Jesus wept, is the shortest verse in the Bible.

Your little friend.
NANNIE PRUDEN.

Aulander, N. C., May 1, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will now attempt to write to my favorite page. I am a little girl eleven years old. My school has closed now. We had a real nice entertainment. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher is Miss Oliver Taylor; I like her very much. Our superintendent is Mr. Calvin Moore and our pastor is Rev. R. L. Davis. I think he is a good preacher.

We are preparing for Children's Day now for the third Sunday.

Now I will close by asking a question: Who was the strongest man? Good-by.

From your friend.
MARY TAYLOE.

Pates N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy nearly eight years old. I can't write very well, but I love to read the boys' and girls' letters in your paper. I have a pet goat; I can drive him and carry wood in my little wagon.

Our school closed two weeks ago. Miss Ela Steed is our teacher, and we all like her very much. Our pastor is Rev. J. W. Bradley; we all like him.

I will ask a question: Where is the shortest verse in the Old Testament found?

Find enclosed twenty-five cents for the orphans.

Your little unknown friend.
ADRIAN B. McRAE.

Osmond, N. C., April 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl seven years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My papa is our superintendent. My teacher is Aunt Jennie Featherstone, and my pastor is Rev. Mr. Rufus Bradley.

I have four brothers and two sisters living and a little brother dead. My baby brother is only three months old, and his name is Norman Broom Stephens.

I will close by asking who was the meekest man?

I hope to see my letter in print. Enclosed you will find five cents for the orphans.

Your little friend.
MABEL STEPHENS.

Methodist Orphanage,
Raleigh, N. C., March 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—My father and mother are both dead. I have only two sisters living.

We have Sunday-school here every Sunday. Miss Lucy Reeks is my teacher. We have a "Bible Reading Circle" in our class. This requires us to read the Bible every day, and we read a chapter every Sabbath morning before we go to church.

I am interested in my studies. My teacher says I am getting along nicely. When we get on the roll of honor she gives us beautiful reward cards or takes us out sight-seeing.

I will answer Ruth Draper's question: It was Pilate that raised his voice in Christ's behalf during his trial.

What money was paid for the strangers' burying ground?

We thank the little Cousins for the nickels and dimes they send us.

Your friend,
CASSIE BRIGHT.

Blackjack, N. C., April 27, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy eight years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters. I go to Sunday-school. Our Superintendent is Mr. W. L. Wooton, and my teacher is Miss Clara Tucker. Mr. B. E. Stanfield is our pastor. I like him very much. I will ask a question: What remarkable question did Saul ask Abner when David went to fight the giant? I will close with love and best wishes.

Your little friend.
ARTHUR S. PORTER.

Goldsboro, N. C., April 12, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. I have written one letter to the Advocate but thought I would write another. Our pastor is Rev. Mr. Tripp, and we all like him and his wife very much. I have a little sister living and three brothers dead.

I will answer Alice Turner's question: Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan.

Now I will ask one: Who was the oldest man?

Much success to the Advocate.

Your little friend.
HAZEL CRAWFORD.

Blackjack, N. C., April 27, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy nine years old. Papa takes the Advocate, and I love to read the little girls and boys letters. My school is up now. Miss Mammie Galloway was my teacher. I go to Sunday-school. Our pastor is Rev. B. E. Stanfield. I like him very much. I will close by asking some questions: How old was Sarah when she died? To which son did Jacob show a great partiality? How was Moses employed when the Lord appeared to him?

Your little friend.
MURRAY K. PORTER.

Raleigh, N. C., May 4, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I see where Fenton Gardner asked some one to send her the song, "Put my little shoes away," so I will send it to her.

PUT MY LITTLE SHOES AWAY.

Mother, dear, come bathe my forehead,
I am growing very weak,
Let the clear and cooling water
Fall upon my burning cheek.
Tell my loving little playmates
That I never more shall play:
Give them all my toys; but, mother,
Put my little shoes away.

Santa Claus, he gave them to me,
With so many other things,
And I think he's bro't an angel
With a pair of downy wings.
Mother, soon I'll be an angel,
Ere, perhaps, another day,
Then, O then, my loving mother,
Put my little shoes away.

Soon the baby he'll grow larger,
And they'll fit his little feet:
Won't he look so nice and crony
As he walks along the street?
Mother, now I'm going to leave you,
So remember what I say:
Then, O then, my loving mother,
Put my little shoes away.

Your friend,
OLA HOUSE.

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$16.80 Raleigh to Pittsburg, Pa., and return account Annual Convention National Association of Manufacturers of U. S. A. Tickets on sale May 14, 15 and 16, final return limit to reach starting point not later than May 21, 1904.

$3.80 Raleigh to Greensboro, N. C., and return account North Carolina State Republican Convention. Tickets on sale May 16, 17 and 18, final limit May 23, 1904.

$3.80 Raleigh to Greensboro, N. C., and return account North Carolina State Democratic Convention. Tickets on sale June 21, 22 and 23, final limit June 27, 1904.

God would show himself to us more often and more wonderfully if we would get eyes that see.—Christian Endeavor World.

Womans Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. B. F. Dixon, Raleigh, N. C.

Officers of the W. F. M. S. of the N. C. Conference, June, 1903-'04.

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Miss Mary Pescud went to Greensboro Monday, where she joined a party going to the meeting of the Woman's Board in Jacksonville, Fla. She and our beloved president, Mrs. Lucy A. Cuninggim, will represent the North Carolina Conference Society of the Woman's Foreign Mission work in our State.

We have no fear for the interests of our Society work, when it is entrusted to the vigilance of such efficient representatives.

There has been much anxiety among her friends, especially her missionary co-workers, over the rumor that Mrs. F. D. Swindell was quite ill, but the assurance that her disease was not of a malignant type, has brought relief to her friends and sisters.

If profound sympathy and earnest prayer will avail, our afflicted sister will soon be recovered from her illness, and her life prolonged for still further usefulness in the sphere where she has labored faithfully for years.

She had, no doubt, with careful and prayerful preparation, made all her plans for the interests of her Conference Society, in the meeting of the Woman's Board in Jacksonville. But in a heart which has her faith and trust, there is no complaint—nothing but a quiet submission to the will of her Father.

The following resolutions were received last week, but too late for publication:

Resolutions of respect by the W. F. M. Society of Centenary Church, New Bern, N. C.:

Whereas, our beloved sister, Miss Frances Hay, has been called to her eternal home; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That while our hearts are sad because we shall no more see her face upon earth, yet we bow submissively to God's will, knowing that our loss is her everlasting gain.

2. That her long, beautiful, consistent life shall be to us an inspiration to a closer walk with God, and greater devotion to His service.

3. That we especially endeavor to emulate her example of love for, and devotion to, the work of Foreign Missions, to which, since the organization of our Society, she has given her brightest thoughts, her fervent prayers, and her constant support, feeling it can be said truly of her: "She hath done what she could."

4. That to her bereaved family we give our loving sympathy, praying that to them may be given, in abundant measure, that divine grace which, for so many years, was her comfort and stay.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her bereaved family, and to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication; also a copy be spread upon the minutes of this Society.

MRS. S. H. SCOTT,
MRS. FANNIE NEAL,
MRS. R. C. RICHARDSON,
MRS. M. A. MOORE,
Committee.

The subjoined letter from St. Paul's, Goldsboro, will give pleasure, and encouragement, too, to all who are interested in our Juvenile Department, and especially to the Lady Managers of our Bright Jewel Bands. Our column would like to have some news each week from the Juvenile leaders:

Dear Mrs. Dixon:—Complying with your request in last week's Advocate for news from the Lady Managers of the Bright Jewels, I will say that I have held a meeting since my return from the Annual Meeting at Elizabeth City, which was a very pleasant, and, I trust, profitable one.

The meeting was held just after Sunday-school. I requested the superintendent to ask all the children not over ten years of age, who were not members of our Band, to remain with us, and quite a large number did so.

I talked to them of our work, and told them of some of the interesting things I had heard from Mr. Lee and Miss Pescud, of the little children in Brazil, and of the work the Bright Jewels, organized by Mrs. Lee, are doing in that country. I told them, also, of the work our own Bright Jewels are doing in many of our towns and cities.

The children seemed much interested, and I asked them if they did not want to help in this labor for Christ, in sending the blessed gospel to these children in foreign lands. At the close of my talk ten new members were secured, and others said they would join at our next meeting if their parents would consent.

I hope to give an entertainment of some kind very soon so as to raise money on our pledge.

I love the work already, and hope that I will be able, through this medium, to do something for our blessed Master.

At the regular meeting of our adult Auxiliary, our president, Mrs. Swindell, was not able to be with us, as she was, and is yet, ill with diphtheria. Of course she will not be able to attend the meeting of the Woman's Board, and I'm sure this is a great disappointment to her.

At this meeting of our Society I tried to tell the sisters of our Annual Meeting at Elizabeth City, and the delightful, successful time we had.

Sincerely,
MARY MILLER SOUTHERLAND.

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THE PREACHER'S HOME.

Not Always a Happy Reality.

It is hardly necessary for me to remind this audience that the great need of comfortable homes for our preachers gave birth to our organization. The idea originated in the brain of that noble woman, Miss Lucinda B. Helm, on hearing a conversation between one of our Bishops and Dr. Morton, at that time Chairman of the Board of Church Extension. The problem of sending men to inaccessible places where the gospel was needed, where other men were dying without this gospel, was a serious one—for often not even abiding places could be found for them. They felt that the command, "Go and preach," was imperative, but staggered at the thought of what this "going" entailed.

A SEARCHING QUESTION.

The faith of the Methodist preacher has ever been heroic, but when other lives and hearts are brought to the sacrifice, when wife and children may be without home or shelter, can we wonder that this faith sometimes fails? It has been said, and the fact deplored, that few young men are entering the ministry of our Church at present; may not the realization that they must go wherever sent, whether or not adequate provision be made for physical needs, explain, in some measure, this condition? The world offers better things from a temporal standpoint, and the young man hesitates, although he has heard and felt the call and believes the need is becoming greater every day.

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Dr. Morton saw these difficulties, but was at a loss as to the best methods of meeting them. It was then that Miss Lucinda came with these words: "Why cannot the women of the Church organize and build homes for the preachers when the people are unable or unwilling to do so?"

The brethren accepted her plan as heaven-sent, and then and there commissioned her to organize the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society.

This was about eighteen years ago, and the child of Miss Lucinda's brain has grown beyond even her most sanguine expectation. Her disembodied spirit has left its feeble tenement of clay, but others are carrying on the work which she began, and it has broadened us the calls have come from the needy and sinful of earth. Other enterprises have developed and the Home Mission Society has made for itself a place in our Church polity.

THE KEYNOTE

But parsonage building is, and ever will be, the keynote of our success. Up to one year ago, 1,377 parsonages had been helped, with an appropriation of $128,487.60. In the year just closed, one hundred and fifty were assisted, our Society contributing $13,122.96. One-half the amount of dues paid in is returned for parsonages in our own Conferences, to be applied where there has been honest effort on the part of the preachers and people to provide homes.

PARSONAGES IN N. C. CONFERENCE.

There are one hundred and sixty-five charges in our Conference, thirty-one of which have no preachers' homes, and there remain a debt of $11,000 on those already built. If the churches without parsonages were in cities or towns where good salaries are paid and good houses are for rent, it would not be so bad; but they are generally on mission charges where the pay is small, and often in the country where there are no houses for rent.

I could give several instances of the timely help of our Society in this State, and the ministers who live in these homes would gladly bear me out in my statements, but lack of time forbids.

In the recent Warrenton edition of the Raleigh Christian Advocate one brother wrote that this District takes care of all its preachers, except one, but he did not tell that the Home Mission Society had helped to build, or to pay the debt on, five of these parsonages, and that there is still a debt of $1,400 on them.

Elizabeth City is the only District without a parsonage debt; five charges have no parsonages, but I think they must be filled by unmarried men, or we would have heard from them.

GREATER NEEDS ELSEWHERE.

I have given above a few facts in regard to our local conditions. If we in North Carolina need help, how much greater must be the need where the preacher has to stand almost alone against the tide of ignorance, scepticism and vice which prevails in much of our Western Country! How important that a comfortable home should stand in every charge, as a pattern of what true life should be! As the Settlement Home in our great cities sends out beams of love to the erring, so should the parsonages in these mission fields be the centers from which all saving influences go forth.

A PLEA FOR MORE MEMBERS.

But we cannot help all who ask aid unless we are strengthened by an increase in membership. To me, the saddest part of the Home Mission work is the fact that our income is so far below our urgent needs. If the women of our Church could wake up to a realization of these and to their responsibilities, there are few who would not willingly pay the small amount required. I would not dare charge one of them with indifference to this great work after being properly informed.

It is a privilege to give to our readers this excellent paper, read by Mrs. Wilkins at our Annual Meeting. Would that its eloquent earnestness could appeal to every woman in our Church!

DISASTROUS WRECKS.

Carelessness is responsible for many railway wreck and the same causes are making human wrecks of sufferers from Throat and Lung troubles. But since the advent of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, even the worst cases can be cured, and hopeless resignation is no longer necessary. Mrs. Lois Cragg of Dorchester, Mass., is one of many whose life was saved by Dr. King's New Discovery. This great remedy is guaranteed for all Throat and Lung diseases by all druggists. Price 50c., and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

Editorial

OUR FRATERNAL MESSENGER AT LOS ANGELES.

The reception of Dr. J. C. Kilgo's address to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Los Angeles was of that character which must bring pleasure to every member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Dr. Kilgo stirred the brethren in a wonderful way, bringing about those dramatic scenes of the olden days when sacred eloquence exerted its great power over men and women. We feel that Dr. Kilgo very greatly helped our church at Los Angeles.

The address is very lengthy, and we have been as yet unable to present it to our readers. This we will do in next week's Advocate. We desire all our readers to get the benefit of this address.

THE SIMPLICITY OF A PLAN TOO DEEP FOR BOOKS.

We do not take any stock in the modern physiological theories of sin. We have as little use for the psychological theory of conversion. Both are floating mines, chained together by the Devil and planted in the channel to blow up all craft seeking an entrance into the inner harbor.

We should never lose sight of the fact that the best place to study the nature of sin and salvation is in the experience of men and women around us. Such exercise is safe and healthful. To study elsewhere has its dangers. We know two bright men who lost their spiritual grip on God because they went too far afield in the mists of transcendental philosophy. We can learn more of God, His idea of sin, and His way of regenerating men and women, and saving souls, from our neighbor who has been persuaded to find God in a Methodist revival than from a year's study of "The Psychology of Conversion," and all other works which reduce salvation to terms of philosophy and science. The sermon preached by Christ to Nicodemus is the only sermon worth hearing when we are looking into the first principles of the deep things of God. This greatest of sermons finds the clearest and strongest illustration in the spiritual birth of the one most deeply sunk in sin.

How forcibly Bishop Fowler illustrated all this in his sermon preached a few days ago at Los Angeles. At an earlier period of his life he had buried the little girl of a man who even at the grave claimed to have outgrown his earlier "superstition" about religious things. The preacher had a geological theory of conversion. In a few days the father of the little girl was stricken down with cholera. The preacher, with the "geological theory," was sent for. He describes as follows what happened:

"The cold perspiration started over me. As I went I prayed for help. It came to me. 'Preach my gospel,' I said. 'That is it. I will give him only the Word of God and leave the responsibility with God.' As I went into the house the woman fell down and caught me around my feet, saying, 'Oh, sir, you must save him!' As I went up by the side of the bed the man sprang up and threw the stump of his arm about my neck, and said: Oh sir, what shall I do? It is so dark and everything whirls so. I can't die this way.' I said: 'Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.' He sprang up and shook his hand at me, saying: 'Don't you tell me that. Here I am fifty years old, crystalized in sin and have only an hour or two to live. You can't make me over in an hour.' There was my geology of character face to face with me. I waited. Another spasm took him, and he cried out again: 'What shall I do? I can't die this way.' I said: 'Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.' Again he said: 'Don't tell me that,' and I waited. For nearly two hours we teetered over that single passage; I gave him nothing else. At last, fearing he would go soon, I said: 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and don't you dare to tell me no. You will be dead and in hell in an hour. All the people that have gone up to God have gone by this way of faith.' Then he began to moan and pray: "Lord Jesus, have mercy upon me!' Soon he was praying with all his might. Then I repeated the promises to him. I repeated that wonderful promise: 'Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.' He said: 'Say that again, say that again.' I repeated it. He said: 'I believe it, I believe it. Glory to God! I can die now. Hallelujah! I can die now.'"

We add that Bishop Fowler said in his sermon that two persons were cured of the "geology of character" that night.

A VICTIM OF THE PRESS.

A few weeks ago there appeared in one of our State papers an extract from a sermon preached before the students of Yale University by President DeWitt Hyde, of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine.

This extract, standing by itself, and unexplained, convicted President Hyde not only of extreme heterodoxy, but of a skepticism that, in some respects went a bow shot beyond that of Robert G. Ingersoll in his palmiest days.

If we had believed President Hyde to be guilty of uttering such sentiments, especially in a sermon before theological students in a great university we would have lost no time in condemning Trinity College for having President Hyde to preach the annual sermon at the approaching Commencement, and warning our readers against giving the moral support of their attention to such a man. If there is one thing a Christian college is obligated to teach and maintain, under all circumstances, whether private or public, it is the sacredness of the Bible as the Word of God, and the reality of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of the world.

But we did not believe President Hyde to be guilty of holding or uttering the sentiments attributed to him. We wrote to him at once, sending him the clipping, and apprising him of the fact that the paragraph had been running through a large number of the newspapers of the State. We expressed ourselves as unwilling to believe that he had been correctly or justly reported, and asked for authority to make for him a public denial, especially since he was on the programme of Trinity Commencement to preach the annual sermon.

A few days ago we received the following reply:

Brunswick, Maine, May 17, 1904.

Mr. T. N. Ivey, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Mr. Ivey:—The report of my Yale sermon was erroneous. In the course of the sermon I said that certain doctrines could be so stated as to be made to appear absurd, and gave three or four illustrations of such absurd statements; this occupied perhaps a page of the sermon. During the remaining ten or twelve pages I attempted to show that these same doctrines could be stated so as to commend themselves to every intelligent person. The reporter gave the absurd statements, in exaggerated form, as the sum and substance of the discourse. I have never taken the trouble to correct the thing in print. A crazy man got hold of it, and made it the basis of a tirade which appeared in several papers. The matter was unfortunate; but so manifestly absurd that I did not suppose many people would take it seriously.

Very truly yours,

Wm. DeW. HYDE.

This answer of Dr. Hyde fully vindicates him and must be satisfactory to those who have most rabidly criticised him.

We again call attention to the fact that for a newspaper to copy a newspaper report reflecting upon a man or woman is an act unwarranted and unjust. There is a reformation needed just here both in the secular and religious press. The policy of publishing indiscriminately and at random anything that happens to be in print is a dangerous policy and is subversive of all justice and truth.

Will those newspapers which published the paragraph in question publish President Hyde's letter or the substance of it.

DEATH OF REV. Z. T. HARRISON.

We have just received news of the death of Rev. Z. T. Harrison. He died at his home at Roberdell on Saturday, May 21, and was buried in the cemetery at Rockingham on last Sunday evening. His health had been at low ebb for some time. We learned no particulars of his death.

The whole Conference is bereaved in the death of this good man and faithful preacher. He was deeply consecrated. He loved God. He loved his fellow man. He loved his work. His presence was always pleasant and helpful. The readers of the Advocate remember that in his recent letters to the paper, he showed a wonderfully mellow spirit. It seemed as if he were ripening for God's harvest time. We feel sure that he was ready to go. Such a life as he lived is always followed by a glorious translation.

An extended obituary will appear in this paper. Our hearts sympathy goes out to the stricken family.

COMMENCEMENT OF LOUISBURG FEMALE COLLEGE.

The following is the programme for the Commencement at Louisburg Female College:

Sunday night (Methodist church), sermon by Bishop Duncan, to the Y. W. C. A.

Monday evening at 8.30 o'clock, Alumnae banquet.

Tuesday morning, 11 o'clock, Annual Sermon, by Bishop W. W. Duncan (Methodist church. Tuesday evening 8.30 o'clock, graduating exercises by School of Expression (Opera House).

Wednesday morning, 10.30, graduating exercises. At 2 o'clock, literary address, by Hon. T. W. Mason (College). Wednesday evening, 8.30, Annual Concert (College).

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

Washington District, Aurora—May 11-16.
New Bern District, Beaufort—June 30-July 3.
Raleigh District, Cary—June 30-July 3.
Elizabeth City District, Sunbury—July 13.
Wilmington District, Southport—July 28 to July 31.
Warrenton District, Rich Square—July 28 August 1.
Fayetteville, Jonesboro—July 20-24.
Rockhingham District, Gibson—July 21-24.

NEW LITERATURE.

"Experience of An Army Chaplain."

This is the title of a neat pamphlet of over one hundred pages, in diary form, giving the army experience of Dr. A. D. Betts, who was chaplain of the 30th N. C. Troops, Confederate States of America.

Of course, every one who knows Dr. Betts will want to read this pamphlet. It is written in that terse laconic style for which Dr. Betts is noted. It covers a great range of experience which has lost, through the years, no interest for the people who lived during the stormy days of the 60's.

The pamphlet is edited by Rev. W. A. Betts of the South Carolina Conference. In addition to the Diary, there is a number of testimonials as to the life, character, and usefulness of Dr. Betts; also a number of meritorious war poems in which all will be interested. We feel sure that the pamphlet will have a large sale. There is also a short biographical sketch of Dr. Betts. Write to Rev. W. A. Betts, Piedmont, S. C., for a copy.

Dr. James Atkins will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Columbia Female College, May 29-31.

Methodist Mention

Rev. Z. Paris, Lumberton Circuit, will begin a series of meetings at Hamlet the fifth Sunday in May.

The new Methodist Church, Asbury, on the Golston Circuit, was dedicated on last Sunday by Rev. J. B. Hurley, P. E.

Rev. T. A. Smoot, of Fayetteville, N. C., will deliver the literary address at the commencement of Buie's Creek Academy, June 1.

Rev. G. R. Rood wrote for the News and Observer a beautiful memorial ode for the tenth of May. He has decided poetic talent.

We were pleased to have a pleasant visit last week from Dr. J. R. Parker, of Union. He is attending the Medical Convention at Raleigh.

The chairs of the Methodist Orphanage have come, and will soon be placed. The auditorium will be exceedingly handsome and comfortable.

Rev. F. A. Bishop preached on last Sunday morning a strong sermon on Parental Responsility. The sermon has been highly praised by many of the hearers.

We have received from "Anonymous," Raleigh, N. C., the sum of $5.00 for Foreign Missions. The donor has our thanks, and the amount has been forwarded to Mr. J. B. Walker, Treasurer.

The Lookout Mountain Missionary Conference for Young People will be held July 1-10. This will be a very important occasion. The delegation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be limited to one hundred.

Rev. Mr. Rone, of Rocky Mount, preached in the M. E. Church Sunday morning and evening. He is an able minister and was complimented very highly by those who had the pleasure of hearing him.—Nashville Graphic.

Rev. B. E. Stanfield announces that there will be a missionary mass meeting for Grimesland and Vanceboro Circuit at Salem Church, May 28 and 29. All of the officials and members are requested to be present. Speeches and sermons by prominent men.

Dr. R. H. Whitaker is thinking of collecting in book form the letters which he has been writing for the News and Observer. We trust that he will materialize his intentions. These letters are exceedingly interesting and instructive, and the book would have a large sale.

Bishop W. W. Duncan spent last Friday night in Raleigh, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Jerman. He left on Saturday. On Sunday he dedicated the new Methodist Church in Louisburg. In the evening of the same day he preached a sermon to the Y. W. C. A., of Louisburg Female College.

We highly appreciate Rev. C. F. Sherrill's invitation to attend his District Conference (Waynesville), which meets at Clyde, July 14-17. He writes that he and family moved into the new District parsonage last week. Brother Sherrill is giving full proof of his ministry in the Presiding Eldership.

The following new Bishops have been elected by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church: Joseph F. Berry, of Chicago; Henry Spellmeyer, of Newark, N. J.; William F. McDowell, of New York; James W. Bashford, of Delaware, Ohio; William Burt, of Rome, Italy; Luther B. Wilson, of Baltimore, and Thomas B. Neeley, of Philadelphia.

Rev. Plato Durham preached the annual sermon before the Y. M. C. A. of the A. and M. College on last Sunday night in Edenton Street Church, Raleigh. The sermon was characterized by depth and originality of thought bearing upon a very practical and evangelical theme—the "lifting up" of Christ. The sermon was finely adapted to a body of students, and will do great good.

We rejoice to know that prohibition carried in Newport on last Tuesday, 7 inst. Rev. J. H. M. Giles had his heart in this matter, and he is the happiest man of all. We regret that his dispatch announcing the result was received too late for last week's paper.

Rev. J. A. Dailey writes that Rev. K. D. Holmes failed on account of sickness in his family to assist in the recent meeting at Milton. Rev. Rufus Bradley, however, assisted, and did great good with his calm convincing preaching. The church was strengthened and sinners were converted.

Mr. T. B. Eldridge, former telegraph editor of the Post, and by the way one of the best equipped teachers in Edenton Street Sunday-school, has been doing the editorial work on the Morning Post since the sickness and death of Mr. R. M. Furman. Mr. Eldridge shows great versatility and readiness as an editorial writer.

The penchant the Presiding Elders have for holding several District Conferences the same week is emphasized this year by the fact that during one week in July there will be no District Conference at all. This is hard on those of us who would like to attend them all. A District Conference "clearing house" each year would be no bad idea.

Col. F. A. Olds, the brilliant newspaper correspondent of Raleigh, is never so happy as when he is making other people, especially the children, happy. On last Friday evening, he entertained the orphans at the Methodist Orphanage, with selections from the graphophone and with some stories of his own, told in his inimitable style.

The good work in behalf of Greensboro Female College continues. Miss Nannie Lee Smith is having unprecedented success in securing subscriptions. That valuable layman, Mr. J. A. Odell, has given $5,000 to the endowment fund. The brick for the new building are being made. Surely every one by this time feels assured that G. F. C. redivivus is a reality.

Dr. Winton strikes a keynote in the last Nashville, when he says: "For the names that appear in our Church papers in connection with stewards' meetings, missionary societies, and the like also to be bandied in the society column among those giving or receiving attentions such as are described above [dances, card parties, and wine suppers] is an offense and a scandal. The Church has enough to carry without being loaded down by the careless infidelity of its own members.

Our traveling representative, Mr. B. C. Glover, surprised us last week, not by bringing back a good report, for he always does this, but by bringing back a wife, nee Miss Bessie Butler, of Fayetteville, a most excellent and charming young woman. The ceremony was performed Thursday evening in the presence of several specially invited guests, Rev. T. A. Smoot officiating. We wish the newly married the utmost happiness in life.

We have received from Rev. L. L. Johnson, Afton, I. T., a paper printed in the Cherokee language. We must accept the merits of the contents on pure faith, as our linguistic attainments do not cover a very proficient knowledge of the Cherokee language. We know, however, that whatever comes from L. L. Johnson is all right. Bro. Johnson is very much pleased with his present charge, and is doing a fine work. We trust to have from him a long letter for our readers at an early date.

But it is not too much to say that the intense interests of the General Conference in fraternity culminated when the representative of our sister from the South, the Rev. Dr. J. C. Kilgo, with a voice of triumph and in words fairly burning with Chritsian zeal, brought to us a message which was the equal of the one delivered by our own splendid representatives, the Rev. Dr. D. W. C. Huntington and Governor John L. Bates, to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Dallas, Texas, two years ago.—Daily Advocate (General Conference.)

Publisher's Column

THE CAMPAIGN NOT CLOSED.

The brethren who have been working so nobly for new subscribers have not been working to secure pre-eminence for their Districts. A higher motive has really actuated them, and that was a desire to advance the interests of Christ through an increased circulation of His paper. Therefore, we safely assume that the brethren will continue the Campaign. We covet the opportunity of reporting June 15 that the 1,350 have been secured. Methodist preachers are not in the habit of saying with respect to their aims and efforts, "So near and yet so far." They are thoroughly in sympathy with us in our desire to report at Henderson next December that the Conference Resolution has been practically carried out. So we make the following

OFFER.

To the District reporting the largest number of new subscribers between May 4 and June 15, 1904, the Advocate will give $10.00 to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

To the District reporting the next highest, $5.

Reports will be published weekly in the Advocate as before.

The following is the report since May 18:

B. C. Glover	17
Rev. L. H. Joyner	8
Rev. G. T. Simmons	2
Rev. C. M. Lance	2
Rev. H. B. Anderson	1
Rev. J. E. Holden	1
Rev. A. J. Parker	1
Rev. W. H. Puckett	1
Rev. J. M. Lowder	1
Rev. E. C. Sell	1
Rev. D. B. Parker	1
Direct	1

The following is the report by Districts since May 4, 1904:

Wilmington District	40	increase for week 17
Fayetteville District	40	increase for week 8
New Bern District	33	increase for week 3
Rockingham District	32	increase for week 1
Elizabeth City District	8	increase for week 1
Washington District	7	increase for week 0
Warrenton District	7	increase for week 2
Raleigh District	4	increase for week 3
Durham District	3	increase for week 2

Total number new subscribers received since December 1, 1903, 1,271.

CRAVEN MEMORIAL PORTRAIT.

The following amounts subscribed since last report:

G. H. Weston, Lake Landing, N. C.	$1.00
Judge B. F. Long, Statesville, N. C.	5.00
Rev. E. H. Davis, Kinston, N. C.	1.00
Dr. James A. Weston, Hickory, N. C.	1.00
Col. J. F. Bruton, Wilson, N. C.	5.00
Amount previously reported	158.85
	171.85
Amount needed	500.00

TRINITY PARK HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

June 4. Class Day Exercises and students reception.
June 6, 8.30 p. m., Graduation Exercises.
Declamation Contest.
Presentation of diplomas and certificates.
Awarding of prizes, medals, and scholarships.
Music by First Regiment Band, Richmond, Va.

The Christian Endeavor organization is primarily an American institution, and in the United States it claims 44,360 societies, with 2,661,600 members. It has societies in Alaska, Canada, Mexico, the West Indies, Central America, South America, Hawaii, the South Seas, Australia, Japan, China, Korea, India, Siam, Burmah, Persia, Turkey, Madagascar, and throughout European countries. It is organized in the church, home, army, navy, prisons, factories, schools, business houses, and wherever there are young people to respond to its methods and purposes.

The Florida Christian Advocate, ever progressive, is making arrangements to make the first issue in each month a District number.

Bishop Hoss will sail from Boston for Liverpool on the 28th.

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Somebody.

"Somebody did a golden deed,
Somebody proved a friend in need,
Somebody sang a beautiful song,
Somebody smiled the whole day long,
Somebody thought 'tis sweet to live,
Somebody said I'm glad to give,
Somebody fought a valiant fight,
Somebody lived to shield the right—
Was that somebody you?"

—Selected.

Just Praise.

It is always wise to look for the good in those you meet and at the proper time break the alabaster box of your love and tenderness upon them. I said at the proper time break the alabaster box, for there are times when our friends and acquaintances need cheer and encouragement. We should, however, be judicious in the use of our compliments, being neither fulsome nor scant in their use. Scant praise is as hurtful as fulsome praise is nauseating. If you are addressing an assembly in Sleepy Hollow, at the mouth of the River of Death, do not speak of it as the beautiful, charming, attractive, and thrifty city by the sea, whose loveliness is surpassed only by an occasional sun-set scene at the Golden Gate, and whose thrift is scarcely equaled by the push and activity displayed in a metropolitan city. The people may be charmed by your metaphorical display of words, but they will seriously question your veracity. (Frankly, I cannot for the life of me see how you can maintain your self-respect), and o not speak of a numb skull as though he were a star of the first magnitude.

But in Sleepy Hollow there may be "a gem of purest ray serene," and in the numb-skull (?) there may be a broken cord which, if touched, will again vibrate to all that is noble and good. A life whose light had gone out may be rekindled by a timely word.

Men of worth do not wish to be damned with faint praise, but some timely word of encouragement, or a faithful criticism, might be the strength of the lads arm which sent the great ship sliding over the ways into the water.

If you have an alabastar box laid away full of fragrant perfume of sympathy and affection which you intend to break over a friend's dead body, bring it out in his weary and troubled hours when he has failed, and the world, the indifferent world, has turned away from him, or when he has erred and the world is hissing at him; or sinned and the world, the blood-thirsty, is crying, "away with him from the earth!" and open it and pour out upon him as much as he needeth.

Let us learn to anoint our friends before-hand for the burial. Post-mortem kindness never cheered the burdened spirit nor inspired to nobler deeds the discouraged soul.

"We Can't Afford It."

This statement seems to be ringing in my ear. Am I dreaming, or is it true? It is true! Can't afford what? We cant afford 27 cents in twelve months toward the support of that missionary you have been talking about in the Advocate. To use a nautical phrase, "we are already loaded down to the gunwale." Twenty-seven cents more would sink our craft. Is that true?

Well, I am sorry you think so. But stop a moment. Has the amount you have pledged cost you a single indulgence? Will you travel a single mile less on account of your church expenditures? Will you spend a day less at the springs, mountains, or sea-coast? Will you be deprived of a single chew of gum or tobacco; one less drink at the soda fountain; one less plate of cream?

The missionary would cost you only twenty-seven cents. And you do not have to pay that down—five cents the first month and only two cents for the next eleven. Only one-half of a cent a week for fifty-two weeks plus two cents.

What sacrifice is necessary on your part to support a missionary in a foreign field for twelve long months?

Only six cigars in twelve months.

Only six cool drinks during the hot months.

Only one breakfast at restaurant prices in twelve months.

One collar or cravat.

Only one short piece of ribbon.

We might go on in this way until we had filled our space and never yet touch any of the necessities of life. And yet, this old horrid phrase: "We can't afford it," rings in our ears day and night. God pity us. With all we have, and all His many blessings we cannot spare one twenty-seven cents more where the support of a missionary twelve months is involved.

Horrid phrase, ring on! Ring out so loud that earth and heaven shall hear!

A Great Movement.

A deep revival of spiritual life in Victoria College, Toronto, has, as it always does, eventuated in a quickening of missionary zeal, and eight students have volunteered to conduct an evangelistic and missionary campaign in the churches; the general plan of which is to spend a week in each place, unless local conditions make it necessary to depart from the plan.

The aim of this campaign is:

(1) That souls may be saved, not alone for safety, but for service; (2) to meet the growing needs of the work, both at home and abroad; (3) to double the present force of missionaries within three years; (4) that the whole church may be led to a fuller realization of its duty to the world, and may receive a fresh baptism of power from on high for the accomplishment of its mighty mission.

This company of young men go forth with the full sympathy of the college and the Missionary Board, having the indorsement of Dr. Burwash Chancellor of Victoria University and Dr. A. Southerland, General Secretary of Missions.

NOT A SICK DAY SINCE.

"I was taken severely sick with kidney trouble. I tried all sorts of medicines, none of which relieved me. One day I saw an ad. of your Electric Bitters and determined to try that. After taking a few doses, I felt relieved, and soon thereafter was entirely cured, and have not seen a sick day since. Neighbors of mine have been cured of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Liver and Kidney troubles and General Debility." This is what B. F. Bass, of Fremont, N. C., writes. Only 50 cents at all druggists.

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Sunday School

Lesson for May 29, 1904.

The Passover.

(Matthew 26: 17-30.)

Golden Text: For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. (1 Cor. 5: 7.)

Soon after the incident recorded our last lesson, Jesus closed his Perean ministry and entered upon the last week of his earthly life. The order of events, as generally agreed upon by the majority of scholars, is as follows: On the Friday preceding what we now call Palm Sunday, Jesus and his disciples arrived at Bethany. On the following day (Saturday), a supper was made for him at Bethany, and he was anointed by Mary. On the next day (Palm Sunday) occurred the Triumphal entry. On the next day (Monday) came the second cleansing of the temple. The following day (Tuesday) was the last great day of Jesus' public teaching. Concerning the next day (Wednesday), we have no record in the gospels, but apparently Jesus spent this day in retirement at Bethany.

The Last Supper.—Thursday, the day before the Crucifixion, was engaged with the events connected with the Jewish passover, which was celebrated by our Lord with his disciples in the upper room in Jerusalem. It was at the close of the Passover feast, that Jesus instituted the ceremony which is now designated as the Communion, the Encharist or the Lord's Supper.

The full significance of that solemn service we may never wholly fathom in this world. Our Saviour himself, however, gave to it his own interpretation, and this we must ever regard as the inspired revelation of its true meaning.

The New Covenant.—Perhaps the most helpful thought which we can attach to the Lord's Supper is the thought of the new covenant for which it stands, and which is freely offered to all humanity through Jesus Christ our Lord, who shed his own precious blood in ratification of it, and thus redeemed to himself all who will accept the gift of his saving mercy.

O Jesus! in the midst of glory forget not the sadness upon earth! Have mercy upon those to whom God has sent the bitter trial of separation from those they love! Have mercy on that loneliness of heart, so full of sadness, so crushing, sometimes full of terror! Have mercy upon those struggling against the difficulties of life, and faint with discouragement! —Selected.

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101	105		104	102
A. M.	P. M.	Lv. ....Raleigh.... Ar.	A. M.	P. M.
7 20	4 15	....Raleigh....	9 45	6 35
7 35	4 25	S....†Caraleigh Mills....	9 35	6 20
7 45	4 30	F....*Sylvania....	9 30	6 15
7 54	4 39	F....† Barnes	9 20	6 06
8 03	4 45	F....Hobby	9 14	6 00
8 15	4 52	M....†McCULLERS....	9 10	5 55
8 27	4 56	F....Banks....	8 58	5 40
8 30	4 59	F....Austins....	8 55	5 36
8 50	5 07	S....†Willow Springs	8 40	5 30
9 05	5 15	M....† JOHNSON MILL	8 40	5 15
9 15	5 17	F....† Cardenas....	8 38	5 05
9 20	5 22	S....C. F. & N. Junction	8 33	5 01
9 25	5 26	S....† Fuquay Springs..	8 30	4 56
9 40	5 31	F....Buckhorn	8 20	4 45
9 45	5 36	F....Rawls	8 17	4 40
10 00	5 45	S....† Chalybeate....	8 10	4 20
10 05	5 50	S....Bradley	8 00	4 05
10 15	6 00	F....* Smith Mill....	7 55	4 00
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Secular News

STATE.

This State built 113 miles of railway last year.

Gold has recently been discovered in Montgomery County.

Mr. J. A. Odell, of Greensboro, has made a gift of $5,000 to the Greensboro Female College.

The State Board of Medical Examiners were in session in Raleigh last week. There were 88 applicants.

The next Legislature will be asked to form a new county out of parts of Robeson and Cumberland counties.

The North Carolina Medical Society met in annual session in the Hall of Representatives at Raleigh last Tuesday.

Mr. H. C. Dockery, of Richmond County, has engaged very extensively in cattle raising, and says his success is beyond expectations.

Governor Aycock released for publication the report of the special committee and the State Board of Internal Improvements on their investigation into the affairs of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Company and the physical condition of the road, last Monday.

The Washington correspondent of the Raleigh Post says North Carolina is one of the few States in the Union that has not been honored in the naming of the battleships of the navy. The naval program to be enacted by this Congress contemplates the construction of three first-class armored men of war. An effort will be made to have one of the big fighters named in honor of the Tar Heel State.

The Republican Convention held at Greensboro, May 18, nominated a full State ticket, as follows: Governor, Chas. J. Harris, of Jackson County; Lieutenant-Governor, I. M. Meekins, of Pasquotank; Secretary of State, J. J. Jenkins, of Chatham; Treasurer, C. G. Bailey, of Davie; Attorney-General, W. H. Yarborough, Jr., of Franklin; Auditor, Frank Linney, of Watauga; Superintendent of Public Instruction, C. P. Frazier, of Guilford; Corporation Commissioner, D. H. Abbott, of Pamlico; Labor Commissioner, J. Y. Hamrick, of Cleveland; Commissioner of Agriculture, W. R. Dixon, of Craven; Supreme Court Judges, W. A. Montgomery, of Wake, and R. M. Douglas, of Guilford.

GENERAL.

The steamer Corwin, which sailed on last Tuesday with 89 passengers from Seattle to Nome, is probably lost.

Police Commissioner McAdoo of New York city, is making raids on the pool rooms of that city. Several people have been arrested, among them several Western Union telegraph people.

Some robbers who attempted to loot a mail wagon in Chicago are believed by the police to have been inspired by the example of the young men recently hanged out there for similar exploits of a more bloody character.

Mrs. Benjamin Greenbough of Boston, claims one-quarter of a cent on every gallon of kerosene oil manufactured by the Standard Oil Company since 1874 is due her, as the executor of her husband's estate. She has entered suit against the great corporation, and the amount is $50,000,000.

A Statement as to Subscribers.

A request was made of the pastors last fall not to pay Orphanage money to the Treasurer of the Joint Board; but they did not heed it. I had two reasons: One was to give every charge its due in the Advocate; to let the churches and Sunday-schools know how much they had done during they year; then to put it in the Journal of the Conference.

The other was, to give each subscriber credit on my list for having paid his subscription. Some of these (not many) paid to the preacher in charge, and he turned it over to the Joint Board, and no report was made to me; so I do not know who have paid and who have not. I know a good many who have not. It offends us all to be "dunned" for money that we have paid already. So I do not propose to send out any more duns.

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The Amende Honorable.

In reply to Dr. Ivey's complaint in the last Advocate of not giving the "Old Raleigh" its dues, I would say, that I simply meant that the pressure on its columns had crowded me out; not that Dr. Ivey had.

We are greatly indebted to his chivalry. But we confess that we would like to have all of the 13th page, except that which the Presiding Elder's appointments occupy.

Don't be too sensitive, my venerable friend; we love the "Old Raleigh" too well to treat her badly.

Good News.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee on Wednesday, the 18th instant, the Superintendent of our building was directed to put the plastering on the third story. Some of the money had come in. Believing in the generosity of our Methodist friends, we went forward. Send it in, beloved. Don't disappoint us. We want to have it as nearly finished as we can by the annual meeting of the trustees. All the rooms on the first floor are ready for the doors. Three of the sliding doors are in, the wainscoting is on a good deal of it, and they are running one of the stairways. The carpenters will soon be on the second story. The prospect of early completion brightens with each day. Only let the cash come and the work will be done.

A Word to the Preachers in Charge.

Brethren, beloved, you said at the session of our last Annual Conference that you would take a collection for the Orphanage, not later than June; but very few have taken it up to this time.

Brother, don't let June pass without taking it. Take a good one. Don't be afraid that the people will give too much. Make a good talk for it. Tell them that it will do them good to give to God's little needy ones. Let all your people know that there is a Methodist Orphanage. Lots of your people don't know it. Give them a fair chance. If you will do this, and send us a good collection, we will be ready to throw the doors of our great building open by the beginning of the next session. Don't fail us, beloved.

Stedman.

Stedman is not a large town. They have no church within its bounds. But old Cokesbury is in walking distance. A goodly congregation was present. They were attentive and patient. Some smiled and some wept, and all showed interest. It was a great pleasure to join them in a sacramental service—one of the largest that I ever saw, to the size of the congregation. It was a sweet sight to see those boys and girls kneeling by the side of the hoary-headed. It was pleasant to find an Epworth League at this country church. Is there another in the State. None of our preachers take more interest in the Orphanage than Brother Joyner.

The Superintendent found pleasant company and good fare at the parsonage. It was a privilege to break bread with Sister Strickland and Brother Geddie also.

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SECOND ROUND.

Columbia, May 14, 15
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Pantego and Belhaven, May 28, 29
Plymouth, June 4, 5

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Garysburg, Oak Grove, May 28, 29
Roanoke Rapids, May 29, 30
Warren, Cokesbery, June 4, 5
Henderson, June 5, 6
Ridgeway, Tabernacle, June 11, 12

THIRD ROUND.

Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, June 19, 20
Warrenton, Hebron, June 25, 26
Littleton, Bethel, July 2, 3
Northampton, Pleasant Grove, July 5
Conway, Sharon, July 6
Murfreesboro, July 7
Bertie, White Oak, July 9, 10
Harrellsville, Colrane, July 10, 11
Hobgood, Epworth, July 16
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, July 16, 17
Scot and Rock, July 18
Roanoke Circuit, New Hope, 23, 24
Roanoke Rapids, July 29, 30
Rich Square, Woodland July 31

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Scott's Hill, Union, May 28, 29
New River, Snead's Ferry, June
Burgaw, Wallace, June 11, 12
Grace, June 12

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Edenton Street, June 4, 5
Selma, Princeton, June 11, 12
Smithfield, June 12, 13
Franklinton, Bank, June 18, 19
Brooklyn and Macedonia, Macedonia, June 25, 26
Central June 26
Youngsville, Rock Springs, July 2, 3
Clayton, July 9, 10
Oxford Ct., Bethel, July 16, 17
Millbrook, July 23
Epworth, July 24
Granville, July 30, 31
Oxford Station, July 31
Kenly, August 6, 7
Wakefield, August 8
Tar River, Trinity, August 13, 14
Louisburg, August 14, 15

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Morehead, May 26
Carteret, Bethel, May 28-29
Beaufort, Bethel, May 29
St. John, June 1
Grifton, Grifton, June 3-5
Hookerton, Ormonds, June 4-5
LaGrange, Trinity, 11-12

THIRD ROUND.

Mt. Olive, at Faison, June 18, 19
Goldsboro Circuit, Pine Forest, June 25, 26
St. Paul, 26
District Conference, Beaufort, June 30 July 3
Jones Circuit, Shady Grove, July 9, 10
Kinston, July 10
Craven Circuit, Beech Grove, July 16, 17
Centenary, New Bern, July 17

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. S. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Sampson, May 27
Fayetteville, Hay Street, May 29, 30

THIRD ROUND.

Fayetteville Circuit, Camp Ground, June 4, 5
Hope Mills, Fishers, June 11, 12
Cokesbury, Tabor, June 18, 19
Dunn Station, June 25, 26
Haw River, Ebenezer, July 2, 3
Carthage, Ingram Branch, July 8, 10
Elise, Mt. Carmel, July 9, 10
Siler City, Mt. Vernon, July 16, 17
Jonesboro, (District Conference), July 23, 24
Pittsboro, Chatham, July 30, 31
Lillington, Cool Springs, August 6, 7
Buckhorn, Harnett Chapel, August 13, 14
Sanford, Lemon Springs, August 20, 21
Goldstone, Maroneys, August 27, 28
Newton Grove, September 3, 4
Duke, September 10, 11
Sampson, September 17, 18
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 24, 25

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

THIRD ROUND—IN PART.

Maxton and Caledonia, Maxton, May 29, 30
Rockingham Station, June 4, 5
Roberdel Circuit, Mt. Pleasant, June 11, 12
Hamlet Circuit, Snead's Grove, June 18, 19
Richmond Circuit, St Paul, June 25, 26
Laurenburg Station, July 2, 4
Rowland Circuit, Oak Grove, July 9, 10
Robeson Circuit, Oliver, July 16, 17
St John and Gibson, Gibson, July 23, 24

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Grimesland and Vanceboro, Salem, May 28, 29
Greenville, Night, May 29
Bethel, Shiloh, June 4, 5
Tarboro, at night. June 5

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Roxboro Ct., Oak Grove, May 27
Durham Ct., Orange Factory, May 28, 29
Durham, Trinity Church, June, 5, 6
Durham, Carr Church and Branch, at Branson, June 5, in afternoon
Durham Mangum Street, at Bethany, June 11
Durham, Main Street, June 12, 13
Durham, West Durham, June 12, at night
Milton, Providence, June 25, 26
Hillsboro, Walnutt Grove, July 2, 3
Leasburg, Union, July 9, 10
Chapel Hill, July 16, 17
Yanceyville Prospect, July 23, 24
Alamance, Clover Garden, August 6, 7
Burlington, Prospect, August 13, 14
Burlington Station, August 21, 22
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

Marriages

MANESS—BROWN—On the 21st of April, at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. L. S. Maness to Miss Polly Brown.

WEBB—LEWIS—At Grace church, Wilmington, N. C., April 20, 1904, Harry Vance Webb, of Richmond, Va., to Miss Mary Elizabeth Lewis, Rev. N. M. Watson officiating.

HASSELL—MITCHELL.—In the Methodist Church in Roper, N. C., Wednesday evening April 20, 1904, T. Raymond Hassell and Miss Maud Mitchell, Rev. W. F. Craven officiating.

TAYLOR—BYNUM.—Dr. James Nathaniel Taylor and Miss Annie Bangs Bynum, both of Byrum, N. C., were married at the Methodist Church in Bynum, Wednesday, April 20, 1904, Rev. Robert W. Bailey officiating.

KERR—NEWBERRY.—At the residence of Mrs. Annie Newberry, 810 Market Street, Wilmington, N. C., by the Rev. N. M. Watson, on Wednesday evening, April 20, 1904, Mr. Colon E. Kerr to Miss Annie May Newberry.

HUGHES—KING.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. A. King, 504 North Front Street, Wilmington, N. C., March 2, 1904, Mr. Benj. J. Hughes, of Norfolk, Va., to Miss Corrine Dortch King, Rev. N. M. Watson officiating.

BUTCHER — CULBRETH.—At Grace Church, Wilmington, N. C., on Wednesday afternoon, April 6, 1904, by Rev. N. M. Watson, Mr. Edward W. Butcher, Jr., of Petersburg, Va., to Miss Mary Elizabeth Culbreth, daughter of Dr. N. M. Culbreth.

Obituaries

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AMAN—At Havelock, N. C., April 2, 1904, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Aman died, age two weeks.

Mother and father have a precious treasure laid up in heaven. May God help them to meet their darling there. L. F.

FOSCUE.—At Maysville, N. C., June 29, 1903, little Hattie, oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Foscue, age four years and twenty-seven days.

How we miss you, our darling! May we be faithful and meet you in the sweet bye and bye. L. F.

ANDREWS.—Alexander Andrews was born May 4, 1827. He was married to Miss Sarah P. Jenkins, June 2, 1853. To them were born eleven children. He leaves ten children and his wife to mourn their loss.

Brother Andrews professed religion in early life. He at first united with the Baptist church, but some years after his marriage, he, for reasons satisfatcory to himself, severed his relation with the Baptist church and united with the M. E. Church, South, of which he lived a consistent member to the day of his death.

Brother Andrews was a quiet, good man. He did not make a great stir, but went on in an easy manner. Every one who knew him speaks well of him. He was stricken down about three months ago and was unable to help himself from that time till God took him. April 11th, 1904, about three o'clock, he quietly breathed his last. On Tuesday, the 13th, we laid his mortal remains away in the family burying ground to await the resurrection morn. May the comforts of the gospel be the bereaved family's stay in this sad hour.

J. M. ASHBY.

WATSON—Winslow Watson, twin son of I. B. Watson and Margaret Watson, was born October 12, 1885, and departed this life April 16, 1904.

Last winter he was taken with a deep cold, which resulted in typhoid-pneumonia, and was confined to bed nearly all the winter. He gained slowly, fever remaining light and hard to break, until this spring he was able to be up and out of the house.

Only last Wednesday he went to Englehard, took fresh cold, and died Saturday. His death was a shock to all. He leaves his parents, four sisters and four brothers.

May God bless them all in this bereavement, and may we meet him in heaven. B. H. B.

BUTTON.—Sister Mary Lizzie Button, lovingly spoken of as "Miss Lizzie," one of the Master's choicest spirits, passed away after a protracted illness, April 10, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Dr. Gilbert, of Hope Mills, N. C.

The writer does not know when she became a Christian, but he does know that she was one. I have known no one who loved her church and pastor more devotedly; she was prominent in all departments of Christian activity. Her last words, "Take care of my Sunday-school class," were truly indicative of her life amongst us. She thought not of self, but others. Her life was hid with Christ in God. I was privileged to talk and pray with her many times during her illness, and always found her faith bright.

Truly she is gone from our midst, but we know where to find her. We will 'say not good-night,' but in some brighter clime bid her 'good-morning.'"

May God abundantly shed the Holy Spirit on the stricken hearts, and may they find His grace fully competent. E. R. WELCH.

ASHLEY.—Mrs. Charity Alford Stephens was born February 4, 1832. She was married to Mr. Stephen Ashley October 15, 1846. There were born to them eleven children, of these six are living. The other five, together with their father, preceded their mother to the spirit world.

Sister Ashley joined the church in early life, of which she was a consistent member for more than fifty years. She was a consecrated woman. She lived her religion in her daily life. It was her highest pleasure to carry comfort and cheer to sorrowing ones when it was possible. Her church was her delight. Until age and infirmity forbade it, she was regular in her attendance upon all church services. She was a subscriber to the Advocate for years.

Sister Ashley was a genuinely good woman, and will be sorely missed in the community. Her faith never failed her while her mind was clear. She had confidence in Him in whom she had believed, and was persuaded that He was able to keep that which she had committed to Him unto that day.

On Monday morning, March 28th, 1904, she quietly breathed her last. On the 29th we laid her mortal remains to rest in the church cemetery amid a host of friends and relatives.

May the sorrowing ones have the full comforts of the gospel. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

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WADE.—The subject of this sketch, Sister Rebecca N. Wade, was born September 27, 1816, and crossed over the river April 3, 1904, in her eighty-eighth year. Nearly fifty years ago she was converted and joined our church at Beaver Creek, under the ministry of Rev. H. P. Cole. She turned her face, like a flint, toward Zion, and remained steadfast unto the end.

The writer had the privilege of conversing with her more than once, and always found her testimony sure. On Easter Sunday, at 5 o'clock, she closed her eyes in death, and on the following day we laid her remains to rest, there to await the morning of the resurrection.

May God comfort the loved ones and numerous friends. May our last end be like hers. If so, we shall all meet her in the sweet bye and bye.

E. R. WELCH.

MURRAY.—William Durant Murray was born October 26, 1834, died March 4, 1904. He married Rebecca J. Watson September 14, 1858, who died June 9, 1871, leaving one child, Mrs. Margaret I. Jones. June 22, 1875, he married Mary E. Spencer, who survives him with four children. He was not in the church, but of the church. The preacher had no better friend. A regular attendant, a close, earnest, sympathetic and teachable listener, he loved the Word and heard it with profit. He bore all the signs, and produced the fruit of a member of the body of Christ. As a citizen, he was without reproach; as a husband, kind, gentle, sweet-spirited; as a father, mild, yet strong, indulgent, yet firm. He so filled every sphere of his life, that he is sadly missed. A man could not have lived as he did without the Christ.

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FERGUSON.—The death angel entered the home of Walter and Eugenia Ferguson March 23, 1904, and claimed their darling boy, Wesley Craven, for his own. He was two years and nine months old; was an obedient, affectionate son, too pure for this sinful world. God wanted him to move in a better society, to adorn a sweeter home. What a breach has his transit made in that happy family circle. The home has been so sad and lonely to the bereaved ones since his departure. They have listened for the merry voice and looked for the sweet form of Wesley, but he has been lifted too far above to be heard or seen, and now in humble submission to the divine will, we look forward with fond anticinations to the happy day when we shall meet him where parting is no more.

"Lone are the paths, and sad the bowers,
Whence thy meek smile is gone;
But oh, a brighter home than ours,
In heaven is thine own."

OLA WEBSTER.

ASHLEY.—Mrs. Harriet J. Ashley (nee Powell) was born August 8, 1824, and December 4, 1842, she was married to Mr. R. G. Ashley. Six children were born of this union.

Sister Ashley was a meek, quiet woman. Her life was spent at home very largely. At the age of thirty, she had measles, which left her health impaired, from which she never fully recovered. For quite a number of years she was an invalid.

Sister Ashley made a profession of religion in early life. She never lost her faith in God, nor did she get so far off from Him that she could not get comfort in her religion. It was my privilege to visit her several times in her last days. I always found her in good hope. The verdict of all who knew Sister Ashley is, she was a good woman.

On the night of February 24, 1904, just about midnight, she quietly breathed her last. Two of her children survive her, together with a number of grandchildren and friends to mourn their loss. They mourn not as those who have no hope. They know where to find her. We laid her body to rest on Friday evening, February 25th. May the comforts of the gospel cheer all the bereaved ones.

J. M. ASHBY.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom, has removed from our midst our beloved friend,, Mrs. Thomas R. Baldwin; and,

Whereas, the members of Hebron Sunday-school feel deeply the loss of our friend, organist, and co-worker; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That while death has taken from us a beloved and useful member, we bow in humble submission to a loving Father's will, knowing that His ways are always right, and love is o'er them all.

2. That we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy, and pray that He who is "too wise to err, too good to be unkind," will comfort them in this hour of sorrow.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes of our Sunday-school, a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and to the Raleigh Chritsian Advocate and Presbyterian Standard for publication.

MRS. W. A. SMITH,
MRS. E. D. GADDY,
MRS. F. O. LANDIS,
MISS CARRIE WEBSTER,
Committee.

Mangum, N. C., April 12, 1904.

Resolutions of respect passed by the Second Quarterly Conference, Warrenton Circuit, April 16, 1904:

Whereas, it has pleased our heavenly Father, who never errs in His dispensations, to take from among us our friend and much beloved Christian brother, Henry B. Hunter, Sr.; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That in his death our church and the whole community has lost a most active member and valuable citizen, whose very name had become synonymous for whatsoever things are true, and for whatsoever things are just, and for whatsoever things are honest, and for whatsoever things are of good report.

That we shall sadly miss Brother Hunter from our Board of Stewards, and from our church, and that our hearts go out in sympathy for the grief-stricken ones who were near and dear to him by the ties of nature.

3. That in this, their day of sorrow, we commend them to God's tender and loving care, and remind them that our God has promised to bind up the broken heart of all those who put their trust in Him.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the sorrowing family and that a copy be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

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Income—From policy-holders, $1,304,254.36; miscellaneous $160,059.27; total	1,464,313.63
Disbursements—To policy-holders, $157,154.67; miscellaneous, $1,155,988.20; total	1,313,142.87
Business in force at end of year	3,522,147.31
Business written during year	1,461,988.59

ASSETS.

Book value of real estate (less amount of encumbrances)	$19,090.00
Value of stocks and bonds (United States, State, etc., owned	2,017,140.00
Loans on real estate (first lien on fee-simple)	717,530.00
Interest and rents due and accrued,	17,514.14
Cash in home office and deposited in banks	138,464.33
Premiums unpaid	335,550.71
Total	3,245,588.18
Less assets, not admitted	123,423.08
Total admitted assets	3,122,165.10

LIABILITIES.

Unearned premiums	$1,851,355.78
Unpaid policy claims	20,415.03
All other liabilities as detailed in statement	32,516.64
Total liabilities as to policy-holders	1,904,287.45
Capital stock paid up	500,000.00
Surplus beyond all liabilities	717,877.65
Total liabilities	3,122,165.10

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JAMES R. YOUNG,
Insurance Commissioner.

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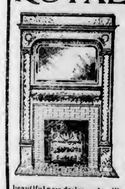

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Capital paid up in cash	$1,000,000.00
Amount ledger assets Dec. 31st, previous year	13,150,369.08
Income—From policy-holders, $5,862,665.61; miscellaneous, $864,084.39; total	6,726,749.99
Disbursements—To policy-holders, $2,680,112.31; miscellaneous, $2,488,344.69; total	5,168,457.00
Fire Risks—Written or renewed during year $661,320,652	
In force	1,035,395,861.00

ASSETS.

Book value of real estate (less amount of encumbrances)	$1,113,000.00
Mortgage loans on real estate	32,150.00
Book value of bonds and stocks	11,460,530.14
Cash in home office and deposited in banks	808,503.53
Agents' balance, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1903	770,039.28
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1903	96,585.31
Interest and rents due and accrued	85,431.24
Bills receivable taken for fire risks	427,853.81
Total	14,794,093.31
Less assets, not admitted	601,915.68
Total admitted assets	14,192,177.63

LIABILITIES.

Losses and claims unpaid	$464,893.23
Unearned premiums	5,646,414.36
All other liabilities as detailed in statement	517,441.51
Total liabilities as to policy-holders	6,628,749.10
Capital paid up in cash	1,000,000.00
Surplus	6,563,428.53
Total liabilities	14,192,177.63

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1903.

Fire risks written, $1,929,981.00; premiums received, $34,084.73.
Losses incurred—Fire, $22,246.41; paid, $18,781.56.
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RALEIGH, N. C., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1904.

Methodism in America: Past, Present, and Future.

Fraternal Message from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DELIVERED AT LOS ANGELES, CAL., BY REV. JOHN C. KILGO, D.D., OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Mr. President and Brethren:

In the name of something more than a million and a half members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, I bring you greetings and assurances of genuine fraternity. They have fraternal interest in your welfare and prosperity and rejoice to learn of your faith and increasing strength in all parts of the world in which you labor. I feel certain that you will receive these assurances of fraternal esteem with unstinted cordiality, and will grant them more than a conventional courtesy. Methodism in America is still serious enough to be honest, and brave enough to be truthful. Therefore, a formal parade of kinship is not becoming the simplicity of faith which has given definite character to American Methodism, and, if there be in any quarters a secret desire to depart from the ways of sincerity, such a desire will not find favor on an occasion like this.

You have sent, by a class of noble men, fraternal messages to the church which I represent, and they have always brought us brave and inspiring words, which they have spoken in the spirit of brotherly kindness. Your last messengers, Doctor Huntington and Governor Bates, who came to us at Dallas, Texas, sustained the high record made by those who had performed like tasks. You still make men, and this is the divine credential which has in the past, and must in the future, give Methodism the right of way in every quarter of the globe. It is cause for fervent gratitude that out of the simple homes of this nation, where vanity and luxury are unknown, Methodism has often raised up strong men who have wrought wonderful things. Their deeds are the proofs of their faith. Such logic is unanswerable. It is far better than the formal reasoning of scholarly apologetics. A mighty man needs no apology, and a weak man can not be helped by an apology. For the men you make we give thanks and joyfully accord them due honor.

The meeting of your General Conference at the beginning of this new century, on the western coast of this continent, in a city with no mean name, is full of inspiring suggestions and prophetic significance. When measured in the terms of toil, pain, and heroic sacrifice, it is a long distance from Los Angeles in 1904 to Baltimore in 1784, yet every inch of this vast and wild distance has been traversed by Methodism, and today the largest body in it celebrates with devout and fervid song a triumph the meaning of which no man can tell. A little more than fifty years ago Isaac Owen and William Taylor, later Bishop Taylor, brought Methodism to California. They were only a little in advance of that greed for gold which turned the money-loving world in this direction. It is, therefore, meet that you should signalize the deeds of the mighty faith which has wrought such an honorable history, and in your rejoicing all Methodism takes peculiar delight.

A journey from Durham, a busy little city situated in central North Carolina, across this continent to Los Angeles, almost staggers one with the vastness and greatness of our nation. And yet the Pacific shore is not this nation's boundaries. Many seem to be greatly opposed to expansion, but we have expanded and continue to expand. What is the meaning of this vast sweep of continent, this immense store of energy, these incalculable resources of wealth gathered into one mighty republic? Is it one of the accidents of history? Is it an evolution of human genius independent of a divine purpose and apart from a Providential administration? What part has this nation in the tasks of the world, and what is the place of American Methodism in helping this nation to do its world's work?

It is only a little more than four centuries since Columbus landed at San Salvador, and one hundred and twenty-three years since Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown. We cannot, therefore, boast of ancient traditions, nor have pride in old institutions. Ours is a new country. It is a nation built by a new race of people, a race that has been filtered out of the best bloods of the best civilizations of the earth. Americans are not the descendants of kings and enfeebled aristocracies; they are sons of stalwart men in whom had been gathered the forces of centuries and of generations of progress, and what they have achieved on this continent has been achieved by the unflinching energies of a determined race. But while America cannot claim respect because of antiquity, it may command that higher esteem which is accorded a race and nation on account of the things they have brought to pass. This is, beyond dispute, the country of a new dispensation in human history—a dispensation of new hopes, new faiths, new enterprises and a new life.

Among the many and varied forces that have co-operated to build this nation and give shape to its life, Methodism has been one of the most potent and vital. It has woven its influence into the intellectual and spiritual fibre of the republic, directly or indirectly affecting every phase of the nation's life. Unfortunately, students of history seem to think that nations, and especially this nation, have been built by legislators, warriors, educators and industrial leaders; but something mightier than hammers and picks and drills and engines and enactments has been at work on this continent. The Bible and the preacher have had a considerable part in making the marvelous history of this country. While none would detract the least from the honorable records of every Christian church which has wrought beneficial results in the life of the nation's life and progress, it is admissible to recount the part Methodism has had in these labors, and to make an inventory of the share it may claim in the results. Methodism has shown every condition of the nation's life and progress, having labored amid all the circumstances of its history. It has wrought from the high and intense life of the metropolitan centres to the lowly life of the cabin hid away in the mountain fastnesses. It marched with the tide of emigration which kept pushing its way across the continent toward these western shores. The battles which decided the deepest and most vital issues of the nation's history were not fought on Bunker Hill and King's Mountain, but at the camp-meetings assembled in the forests, where day and night the sacramental hosts of God, with invincible faith and unflagging zeal, made terrible war against sin and infidelity. These were the forces and the occasions that rescued the nation from infidelity and decided that type of American civilization. The forces that turned back the floods of French infidelity from these shores and defeated the huge design of papal Spain to build between the Mississippi river and the Pacific coast a western empire, with its seat of authority on the banks of the Tiber, were the most vital forces that affected the character and growth of this republic.

Americans are as free as they are because the Methodist circuit rider preached Arminianism from end to end of this land, and firmly established the ascendency of Protestantism as the type of its religious faith, a triumph to which the hopes and prospects of the Orient today are debtor. Wherever the circuit rider touched the nation's life, he left the abiding evidence of his work in the tone, institutions and ideals of society; while those regions in which he labored least are marred in their faith and sentiments by the lack of his godly influence. These are not arrogant assertions; they are simple facts of history, recalled with humble gratitude to Providence for raising such a body of men and sending them forth at the critical period of American history.

Methodism, Mr. President, is God-consciousness. It is, therefore, a fact, not a theory; it is power, not a philosophy; it is a life, not a logic. To understand it has engaged the earnest thought of the historian and philosopher, the statesman and the churchman, the religious student and the profane student, and all have had something to say as to its meaning and its vital resources; but the only essential fact in Methodism, the only fact that makes it unique, is the fact of God in the human consciousness. This is all that may be truthfully said as descriptive of Wesley's religious life, and it is all that may be said of the distinctive truth deposited with the Methodist people. Their faith is a consciousness of God, and their mission is to make the world conscious of Him. The mystery of the incarnation of the Son of God finds its ethical perpetuity in the Witness of the Spirit, which is only a limited formulation of the infinite truth of divine operation within the compass of human consciousness. Every moral effect of the Godhead, as it was manifested in the life of Jesus Christ, may be reproduced in the moral qualities of the human spirit, and thus the seat of ethical force and authority is transferred from the stones hewn out of Sinai to the sensitive conscience inspired by the indwelling Spirit of God. This is Methodism, and this is the gospel it was sent forth to preach. And, Sir, Methodism preached it and created in this nation a God-consciousness at a time when the moral currents of life were running deep and swift and turbulent to the dead seas of brutalism and skepticism. As the result of this sublime achievement, the scattered settlers, locked in by dense, wide forests, abandoned to an isolated life, removed from all refinement, and lacking the inspiration of profitable pursuits, were saved from a fatal recklessness and a hopeless overthrow of morality. The results were far more than conservative results, arresting a downward sweep of character; they were positive results, issuing forth in a sensitive regard for better ideals, arousing a keen ambition for lofty and lawful pursuits, and starting up an energy which applied itself to every task and promoted new lines of endeavor. The mightiest power that has ever wrought through human energy, the mightiest endowment with which mankind can be invested, is a consciousness of God. It marks the highest capacity of the human mind. It is the one fact that subjugates to its authority every power of the soul, inspires an unflinching courage, lifts the spirit to heroic levels, begets an invincible hope and faith, and stirs within the soul all the powers of love and purifies them into a spotless perfection; not a faculty escapes its transforming and up-lifting power, for its radiance kindles in the eye, its joys permeate every tone and its supremacy is manifest in every word and every act. Man is never himself in the full sense of his divine manhood, he is never on his rightful throne of universal dominion over earthly creatures, he is never rising up to the sublime

heights of his perfection, unless an intense consciousness is the centre from which spring all the aims and activities of his life. What is true of the individual is true of a nation. The golden days of Israel were those days when David, with song and prayer and worship, filled the land with consciousness of God. His reign became the ideal reign for which all subsequent generations longed, and the eternal establishment of his throne was the loftiest hopes that stirred the Hebrew soul. In the days of David the land prospered, righteousness ruled in the nation, Israel's armies were invincible, the voice of the prophets was full of truth, and the priests went to the altars with clean hands to make sacrifice before God. But Israel lost its consciousness of God, and from the high pinnacle of David's reign the descent has been unbroken. Lacking the spiritual vision to discern the Messiah when He taught among them, in their blindness they crucified Him, and today they wander about earth without a land, persecuted with bitter prejudice, suspected in every quarter, and the apparent victims of a hopeless apostasy. God has written in Israel's pitiable fate, and published through them to the nations of the earth, the eternal dependence of human life, for all its resources, upon His dwelling within the spirits of men, and the fateful terms in which he has issued His terrible warning against a nations losing consciousness of Him should make this republic give jealous heed to all His injunctions, lest the Ark of the Lord be taken from this people.

When, Mr. President, a complete catalogue of the nation's builders shall be made, truth, justice and gratitude unite to demand that high up in the list shall be placed the Methodist circuit rider. He was one of the chief pioneers of American civilization—the unselfish statesman who bore in his own great and earnest soul the pains and privations of his country's beginnings, and he was the prophet whose brave words put steel into the souls of men and made them believe in the day that was dawning. What a mighty man he was! Free from pompous pretence, unheralded by the blast of trumpets, lacking the credentials of earthly courts, without the equipage of wealth, not certified by lordly society, this man, the Methodist circuit rider, stands the peer of any man, or set of men, who helped to build this republic. The desire and expectation of worldly gain did not mar his motives. He had no wish for social applause, he sought no indulgence at the hands of patronizing luxury, and did not crave personal comforts; but, like a man upon whom rested the prophetic commission of the eternal throne, he went to his task as one bent on a desperate mission. Serenity was on his face, a heavenly radiance was in his eye, the tone of eternal authority was in his voice, and the strength of a divine inspiration steadied his step. He obeyed the behest of heaven and went everywhere, theading tangled wildernesses,climbing over wild mountains and penetrating dense swamps, and wherever he went he delivered the word of God with miraculous power. He did not peddle indulgence to sensuous society, he made no concessions to popular evils, he softened no word of truth in order to promote his personal comfort, nor was he a mendicant for any kind of worldly favors. He was a "prophet sent of God," and the tone of Sinaitic thunders was in his words while he waged unceasing war against sin in all places. He arbitrated no differences between righteousness and sin, God and Satan, but proclaimed an eternal antagonism between them never to be adjusted by any other method than the everlasting defeat of evil. He has left his record in an eternally established boundary between truth and falsehood, righteousness and sin, a boundary which ecclesiastical diplomats of these last times seem to think extends far beyond the property rights of God, and should be drawn in to suit the convenience and commerce of Satan. Woe to the land and generation that make amicable terms with sin, that force righteousness into an unnatural companionship with evil, and extend to wickedness an honorable entertainment in the temple of God! Such a concession is treason to Methodist history, it is infidelity to the heroism and faith of the circuit rider, it is jilting the truth and it is perfidy to an allegiance with God.

Standing here today, Sir, with the splendid glow of a heroic past falling on us and a prospect of immeasurable issues opening before us, some very serious questions crowd into the mind. Will Methodism be to this nation in the future what it has been in the past? Will it exert its powers to preserve and promote a consciousness of God in the nation's life? Will it be able to interpret the moral providences of our nation's history and bring all the startling resources of wealth and mind which have fallen to its lot under contribution to the world's redemption? Or shall this nation travel the highway from poverty to riches, sink into idle luxury and vulgar selfishness and go down to the ruin of animalism as did Babylon and Rome? The answer to these terrible questions which force themselves to the front with the meaning of destiny is not with legislators, artists and wealthmakers, but they are with the churches of America, and the Providence which has committed to Methodism the largest share of Protestant power on the continent, has likewise imposed upon it the gravest share of responsibility. It is no time for the glorification of past heroism and the feasting of denominational pride. While there is just cause for an exalted regard of the many happy issues of our past history, no amount of enthusiasm should make us lose sight of the supreme duty to conserve and cultivate the virtues which made our fathers great.

The nineteenth century was a century of progressive revolution and reformations which revised and substituted to a greater or less degree nearly all the sentiments and ideals of the world. The methods of industry, the systems of commerce, the ideals of society, the functions of government, the relation of interdependence of nations and the meaning of the Christian religion, have all come under the influence of these far-reaching changes, and the rapidity and peacefulness with which they have come about, indicate the mighty energy that is at work in the world. However, it would be amazing, if amid all these vast and radical changes, there has been sustained no loss of vital powers and valuable sentiments. It is a deplorable misfortune that human progress does not always conserve the benefits which belonged to former faith and sentiments. When men set themselves to destroy idols, they often show a reckless disregard for the altars; and when they begin to amend their creeds, they do not sensitively guard their faiths. There is always danger of mistaking agitation for advancement, and recklessness for reform. Locky, in his study of Rationalism in Europe, after he had extravagantly appraised all the valuable results it had produced, concluded that something had been lost out of civilization. And that civilization was weaker because of the loss. The "something" which had fallen by the way was the robustness of character, the toughness and sturdiness of a mighty manhood. It was that vital quality which steeled the Puritan heart, that fired the souls of the Huguenots, that made invincible the Methodist circuit rider. Civilization today is more rational, it is more refined and better informed; but is it as stalwart, as brave, as persistent and as irresistible as it was in the times of simpler living and hardier customs? Have the simplicity and strength of open nature been preserved in the simplicity of faiths and ideals? These qualities form the substratum of personal character and the only secure basis of a vigorous civilization, and their decadence indicates the presence of a consuming disease which may become chronic and work a shameful death. Moral soundness and moral vigor are the essential things in the life and growth of a nation, and against the infection of any sort of moral weakness and disease there should be observed an unremitting vigilance. Education should find a way to increase strength as it increases knowledge, and to preserve simplicity and stalwartness as it refines thought and maners.

The main, the vital force in a nation's life is its religious faith and its religious earnestness. No amount of material prosperity, no increase in knowledge and the facilities for gaining knowledge, no improvements in the outward circumstances of life can compensate the decay of religious faith and the decline of religious growth. Such a decay is the most virulent disease that can attack a civilization. To the truthfulness of this the history of Egypt and Babylon, Israel and Assyria, Greece and Rome bear sad witness, while modern history adds pitiable instances of unquestionable proof. The world is without the record of a single instance in which a nation, by any kind of patching or substitution, has been able to survive the loss of its religious life, and this American republic, with all of its resources of strength, its marvelous wealth, its increase of culture and extension of power, dare not flatter itself with the deceptive notion that it is especially exempt from the calamities which overtook other empires. The laws of God make no exceptions, and the mysterious hand that wrote the doom of the empire on the festive walls of Belshazzar's palace, still holds the sceptre of destiny over all principalities and powers. He has not vacated His throne, nor revised the laws of His infinite kingdom. It, therefore, behooves the church to watch diligently after the purity, the sincerity, and the vigor of this nation's faith in God and its loyalty to His will. Others will actively guard its material interests, and its political offices will not lack patronage, but to the church of God has been given the supreme task of looking after its religious welfare and keeping sensitive its consciousness of God.

The ability to enumerate the dangers that seem to threaten social purity and political integrity is no infallible sign of rare endowments of mind and a special training in social sciences. Nor is the too common practice of classifying some one evil as the supreme peril of society an evidence of a superlative moral insight. Such judgments are often swayed by local conditions, if, indeed, they are not solely for the delectation of personal prejudice or the expressions of a sort of moral monomania. Professional critics are apt to develop a conceit which narrows mental vision. But without indulging in this distasteful and odious habit, it is worth while to consider two influences which, at this time, hinder the growth of religious sympathies and impair the integrity of religious faith. These are, first, the secularization of public education, and second, the application of scientific methods in every field of thought.

From the beginning education and religion were united by what seemed to be a natural and convincing logic, but the progenitors of the French Revolution, among their many other schemes, conceived the divorcement of the schools from the church, education from religion—a divorcement which papal policies did much to inspire. The project as begun in France was perfectly consistent with the philosophy of infidelity and should have been left to its patronage. However, Mr. Jefferson imported the idea into America where it has taken deep root. Under a national Constitution, which is wholly a secular document, only mentioning religion to declare that it should receive no state patronage beyond the widest civil tolerance of all sorts of creeds, under this national document religious aims have been pushed out of the public system of education, making it entirely secular in methods, ideals and spirit. In some places the Bible is accorded a patronizing courtesy of a fragmentary reading at an opening worship, but even this small courtesy has become grounds for political issues and, in some conspicuous instances, the Bible has been forced out by court rulings, or the pressure of political sentiment.

It is scarcely xpected that the sincere and trustworthy Christian faith and sentiment of this nation shall regard with moral complacency and patriotic enthusiasm a system of education which is divorced from religion and painfully embarrassed by the presence of the Bible. While none may feel as deeply as did the sainted and spotless Bishop Pierce, who, when speaking of such a system of education, declared: "You may call it republicanism or democracy, but, in the name of God, I pronounce it a damnable heresy, fraught with disaster, a shame to our civilization, and a curse to our liberties;" yet there is just cause for serious alarm and a persistent protest. Nor are these fears and protests ample reasons upon which to base a suspicion of one's patriotic fidelity and public generosity. The orthodox Christians of America have as rightful claims to public confidence, and may boast as genuine loyalty to the welfare of this nation, as may be claimed by those classes in whose behalf the Bible has been excluded from public schools of all kinds, from the primary school to the university. It is a national shame to make American Christianity the vassal of American infidels. It is an adroit evasion of the issues to charge these protestations to the chagrin of defeated sectarnianism or the impatience of partisan intrigues; they are in the interest of the nation's health, peace and prosperity.

The inadequacy of secular education will not be disputed by its most ardent apologists. As a system of education it fails to include in its aims the most vital phases of individual development and the service which the individual must render within the widely differcing circles of which he is a member. Secular education takes no account of the spiritual or originating faculties of mind, but confines its aims and its efforts to the faculties of reason, imagination and memory, faculties which are only instruments to be used by those deeper faculties in which all purposes, all plans, and all activities take their beginnings. The power to believe, the power to hope, the power to love are the regnant powers of consciousness, and the system of education that leaves these vital powers to shrivel and waste for the lack of the care and training that are indispensable to their growth, activity and direction, is a system which trifles with mind as though it were a paltry bubble to float for a moment and then go out forever. With vigorous precision Saint Paul stated the comparative value of the faculties of mind when he said to the Corinthians, "Now abideth faith, hope, love, but the most comprehensive of these is love." They are the powers which education should be most zealous to train. The lack of their cultivation and sanity makes a hideous appearance in moral, social spites, unseemly contentions, wavering consciences, political intrigues, unblushing profanity, industrial discontents, and in very many other weaknesses which are too prevalent in these times of universal education.

These things do not make for the safety of society, and no amount of statistical parade of money spent, buildings constructed, teachers employed and children taught, can offset the social threatenings one meets daily in the streets.

With the Bible and religion excluded from education, the educational interpretations of human life become necessarily narrow, leaving out all those qualities, relations and aims which make life rich with divine meaning and immortal prospects. If man were only a transient denizen of the earth, if all his duties were within state boundaries, if all his hopes were shut in by the horizon of material existence, if he were not a member of the infinite circle of creation which demands of him sympathy and justice and mercy and faith and hope and love for all beings, beginning at the one nearest to him and including the one most remote from him, then secular education might have some rational ground of defense. But man is that being whose appointed place in creation's order is the boundary line between things material and things spiritual, he is that being whose consciousness fills a mediatorial office between the earth behind him and the infinite world of spirit beyond him, and through his thoughts and feelings the world of matter is being lifted to its highest estate, and through his thoughts and feelings the world of spirit is moving down into the world of matter. He is, in a very true sense, a supernatural creature and as such should be educated. Only men through whom God can find his way into the world, lift life to higher levels and advance the world's true destiny.

The school question, Sir, is a far-reaching issue, involving the ideals and type of American civilization. If these schools continue to secularize the ideals, sympathies, and purposes of childhood and youth, the prospects are gloomy enough. The founders of this republic never dreamed that the idea of the separation of church and state meant any sort of civil allegiance with infidelity or non-religious classes. The separation of church and state was never designed to be a bitter antagonism between church and state, and to yield the point is to surrender the nation into the hands of those classes who are least fitted to have it in their charge. The churches should lose no time in turning back this tide of secularism which has already grown to alarming proportions, and the contention for the Bible and religion in the public schools should be urged till the issue is settled by a signal triumph for the Bible or by humiliating defeat of it.

There is, however, another influence at work in these days which is destructive of a consciousness of God, and that is, as has been stated, the application of scientific methods in every field of thought. It has produced a scientific habit of mind which hesitates to accept any other tests and proofs than those approved by scientific methods. The outcome of this new habit of mind is the growth of a heartless and calculating naturalism which dissipates in the human spirit the consciousness of God and intimidates faith in the supernatural. Not a few pulpits have turned pale in its presence, and some would make peace with it by writing theology with God left out. This is especially the coveted achievement of that class of pulpit adventurers and promoters of novel notions who group themselves under such pretentious terms as "advanced thinkers," "evolutionists," and "modern critics." If "these gentlemen," as Bishop Candler calls them, have found a new truth, or thrown a stronger and wider light on an old truth, or searched deeper applications of any truth, the church of the living God should be the last to discourage them and should hasten to become their strongest and most ardent ally. If advanced thinking is certified by advanced living, if evolution is affirmed by a fuller disclosure of God, if modern criticism is verified by a higher faith, the church should rejoice and esteem them as benedictions. But when advanced thinking brings forth a stumbling life, when evolution quenches the spirit of prayer, and when modern criticism squelches the sense of reverance, then there is ample reason for suspecting them of being a Trojan horse which outwardly brings gifts, but inwardly carries death. The affiliation of these postulates with the conjectures of naturalism makes one hesitate to become entangled with them till their full intent is laid open. Naturalism displays too little sympathy with the belief in a personal God and His providential superintendence of His miverse, it writes too many worthless interrogation points over the portals of God's temples and on the face of God's altars, it openly suspects a common origin for the writings of Moses and the writings of Homer, and fancies that the history of religion and the phenomena of religious experience may be explained on the ground of psychological processes. The baneful influences of naturalism show themselves in the decay among men of a consciousness of God, the lack of which poisons society with moral impurities; unbridles the political conscience, stirs in industry a reckless rush after gain, and engenders in the church a weakly sentimentalism which muzzles faith and veneers the truth to please a back-slidden constituency.

It is too late in the world's history for the church to repudiate the God of the Bible. The passing centuries have attested with far more infallible proofs that He is God than did the outrage and death-dealing sword of Elijah on the summit of Carmel prove to Ahab that He is the only God. This old book, which was born amid the clouds that mantle Sinai and completed amid the splendid radiance that poured upon Patmos, reveals to mankind a God of vast and unceasing work, carrying on infinite enterprises of creation, and administering the universe in harmony with the infinite perfection of His own character. This administration proceeds along the lines of His righteous Fatherhood, having providential regard for His creatures amid all the circumstances of their existence. He not only holds the sun in its blazing centre and the planets within their orbits, but He watches the babe in its cradle and is present at the burial of the sparrow. The book of Job is a drama in which God sits on the throne of final judgment and settles every detail of the final issue. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; the God of Peter, James and John; the God of Sinai, Gethsemane, and Calvary; the God of Hermon, Joseph's garden, and Olivet needs no "qualified commendations or introduction from the high priests of human learning." "This God is our God for ever and ever, and He will be our guide even unto death."

There is an imperative need of a revival of faith, a real and genuine faith, in the personality of God, and an all-pervasive consciousness of Him. There are moral conditions in our nation's life which nothing save the power of God can correct. There are strifes and hatreds which will never be untangled except by the power of an indwelling God, antagonism which will never be arbitrated until a conscience of God shall smother out flaming passions, and there are a moral inertness and a spiritual apathy in the church which nothing but the presence and power of God can eradicate. Such a revival must be more than a commotion among the people, a transient agitation of their sensibilities, it must be a deep and permanent awakening of faith in some vital truth which shall become regnant in thought and conduct. Such was the revival under Luther who preached justification by faith, and such was the revival under John Wesley who preached the witness of the Spirit. The revival, sir, which the present conditions demand is one that will make this nation terribly conscious of God, and not one that will waste itself in a sort of emotional revelry and a brief delectation, but one that will take enduring hold upon all the motive powers of the spirit and rule every affection, and bring all conduct under direction of the laws of God. The next great revival of religion will be along the lines of a real and serious application of Christian truth to every phase of life.

The need of a great religious awakening in this nation is stressed by the moral condition of the immigrants that are pouring into this country. The voyage across the seas does not regenerate their ideals nor purify and ennoble their motives, while the atmosphere of freedom tends rather to intoxicate than to tame them. To close the ports of America against them would be a narrow exclusiveness, yet the monuments of Garfield and McKinley are perpetual warnings against some of the unpronouncable names that land at Castle Garden. There is a battle going on in the streets of every American city between heathenism and Christianity, and the issue is whether this nation shall be a Christian nation or a pagan nation. American Methodism should not forget the property right of God to this country, property rights which He has recorded on every page of its history. Unless the churches of America are desperately aggressive, pagan altars will rise in the shadows of Christian temples, and American morals will become a compound of Christian teachings and heathenish folly. This is a free land, but it is not the rendezvous of idolatry, paganism, and antiquated superstitions.

The rapid growth of mobocracy is an alarming malady which cannot be cured unless there be a mighty quickening of the conscience and strengthening of the moral integrity of this nation. Its growth is a sure sign of moral degeneracy, and this is true whether the sin of the mob be to wreak vengeance for a horrible crime, to vent an insane passion, to enforce a labor union's demands, to carry an election by fraud and intimidation, to force an opinion by boycott and persecution, or to forestall justice by inflammatory appeals to human passions. All are form of mobocracy which, in essence, is anarchy. It is American freedom pushed to American defiance. Nor is the church entirely free from this pernicious and corrupting seduction of law and order, a confession which is made with pain and humiliation. Obedience to decency and order is a Christian virtue which Saint Paul zealously exhorted the Apostolic church to exemplify in all things, and the emulation of it by the church in this nervous period is of vital importance. The deification of public opinion is a horrible heresy, not to be nurtured in the sacred precincts of God's temple. For when the church becomes deaf to the voice of God and tolerant of loose conduct, the State will not enforce law with any marked degree of courage and sincerity. This ghastly shadow that is falling athwart the path of this nation can be rolled back only by an irresistible awakening of a consciousness of God in the life of the republic, and thus save it from the fatal malady which has been the ruin of republicanism in all ages.

The symptom which begets the most distressing anxiety for the strength and power of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is the possible lowering of moral standards and the relaxation of an earnest desire for Christian living. It is not true that there is any compromise in the voice of the pulpit, or that the discipline is less exacting in its requirements of church membership. These are still held up to a high and correct ideal. But it cannot be disputed that the enforcement of discipline and a jealous guardianship of righteous living, are relaxed to a perilous degree. Church approval is too lavishly bestowed on men who have conspicuous reputations for godless conduct. Nor do their reputations for faithfulness seem to be impediments to their advancement to official honors and duties, the idea sometimes being entertained that official position will prove a means of saving grace, a theory which has often proved to be a sort of spiritual venality without any return, save chagrin and positive harm. A Methodist stewardship can not claim more redemptive efficacy than has been found in the work of the Holy Ghost. As the custodian of moral standards, a part from any other of its divine functions, the church should keep the distinction between right and wrong defined and enforced. There is, therefore, a pressing need for a revival of church discipline, but whether there will be such a revival is not so certain. It is possible, as has been verified in famous instances, for a church to pass beyond the fatal point in moral decay from which there is no returning, a calamity that may overtake American Methodism. The Spirit of truth cannot operate through apostate instrumentalities, nor be a party to hollow worships. A greed for the increase of membership and the enlargement of collections may be attended by an indifference to the spiritual quality of character. It is right, Sir, to covet and seek for American Methodism an outpouring of the Holy Ghost that will cleanse its atmosphere from moral malaria, inspire in it a rigid adherance to the laws of God, and make it a highty power for pulling down the fortresses of evil and exercising a vigilant care for the salvation of this great nation. In this prayer thousands on thousands of consecrated men, women and children who belong to the sacramental hosts of Methodism; whether they have their homes in the far away hills of Maine or along the fragrant banks of the St. John; whether they bow at the splendid altars of the mercopolitan temple or kneel in the wheat-straw of the camp-meeting; whether they are white or black, American or foreigner—in this prayer they join with bleeding hearts and besieging faith. And will not he who dispenses redeeming grace hear their cries?

It should not be difficult for Americans to love their country and to believe in their country. It is the beneficiary of God's infinite bounties and is divinely commissioned to render a saving service in all parts of the earth. It seems now to be in the vigor and enthusiasm of its youth. There are no marks of age on its institutions, no signs of decrepitude in its plans and its purposes. Tourists do not come hither to study broken columns and walk with reverent tread among antiquated ruins. For there is no Palatine Hill with its crumbled palaces, no unearthed Forum with its ancient memories, no Melrose Abbey to be seen by the moonlight, and no Kenilworth Castle to recall baronial luxury. The joyous whistle and the glad song and the strong whoop of stalwart youth fill the morning air as this nation goes forth to its day of mighty deeds. In its geographical location, its extension of territory, its composite race, its cosmopolitan sympathies, its universal commerce, its aggressive energy, its enterprising faith, and its Protestant Christianity, it constitutes the mightiest agency for the promulgation of truth that has ever been organized among men. One hundred years ago it was a small and infant nation lying along the Atlantic slope, but by the leadings of Providence it has stretched its domains across this wide continent from sea to sea, and from Porto Rico in the tropics to Alaska in the far north, and now at length floats its stars

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The Field

Notes from Louisburg.

The fourth Sunday in May dawned bright and clear. It was the day appointed for the dedication of our beautiful new church. It has been built at a cost of about $8,000.00, and has a seating capacity of about five hundred. For a town of this size, it is really an elegant church, built of brick and granite, and covered with slate. All its windows are memorial windows, and are very pretty. The foundation was laid during the pastorate of Rev. G. F. Smith, who is remembered here with much love, and the one regret which the present pastor has heard with reference to the dedicatory services is that he could not be present. The building was finished and paid for during the pastorate of Rev. M. T. Plyler, and all were glad to have him present to rejoice with us at its dedication. It was indeed a glad day. The other churches of the town suspended their services, and for one day we Methodists had things our own way. A large congregation greeted Bishop W. W. Duncan, of Spartanburg, S. C., who had come to preach the sermon for us. His text was Matt. 5: 13-14: "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world." I should do the Bishop an injustice to attempt any analysis of his masterful sermon. Suffice it to say that he presented the church as the conservative force in the world. Here is the hope of our country. It is not whether one political party or another is in control. We are not saved by any thrones of earthly power. Roman arms and Grecian philosophy, where are they to-day? We admire them only in the magnificence of their ruins; while the church, then represented only by a humble constituency, has spread itself over the world. This is the institution that stands for that which is to save us. And then the Bishop came down to the individual relation, and in a very practical way emphasized the importance for each one to be in his own way God's salt and God's light. It was a strong and forceful presentation of the great theme which he discussed, and it made a profound impression upon our people.

Whether it was the joy of the occasion,or whether it was because we were to have a live Bishop in our home, I will not undertake to say; but the appreciation of our people for their present pastor took a very practical turn in connection with the above occasion. Two wagon loads of things good to eat, and many of them necessities to every pantry, drove into our back yard and emptied their contents upon the back porch. It was a pounding and more. We shall not get over it for many days, and we don't care if we don't. It was another evidence added to the many already given that our lot has fallen among a pleasant and appreciative people. We sincerely pray God's blessings upon them! L. S. MASSEY.

Carthage Circuit.

This charge, now composed of Carthage, Centre, Cool Spring, High Falls, and Ingram Branch churches, is in a decidedly hopeful condition. The stated services are largely attended, especially in the country. Satisfactory and successful financial system are in use; the Sunday-schools and the Missionary Societies are well organized and are prosperous. The people are so reasonable and considerate that the work is a pleasure to the pastor.

Rev. J. B. Hurley, our active, enthusiastic, efficient Presiding Elder, has been among us twice this year, averaging two good, helpful sermons, emphasizing all the interests of the church, and making himself very agreeable socially. His District Missionary Institute was a real inspiration, a valuable blessing.

The Fayetteville District Conference is to be held in Jonesboro between the third and fourth Sundays in July. Our delegates are Rev. E. B. Craven, T. B. King, Duncan Cole, and A. P. Davis.

Long before the Conference year was half gone, death had claimed three of our most consecrated members—Sisters Sarah V. Davis and Mary Jackson, after protracted and painful sufferings, and Bro. Brinkley Short, without any warning whatever, while he was hard at work in the field.

His many friends here express sincere sorrow at the news of Rev. Z. T. Harrison's death. He was pastor of this circuit in 1897-'98, and the fruitfulness of his ministry was evidenced by the ingathering of fifty-eight souls.

The Raleigh Christian Advocate has made large gains on this circuit this year; but it is claimed that the editor is due Carthage a visit, and it is very much desired that he spend a second Sunday here in the early fall, if not before.

Rev. M. T. Plyler, of Chapel Hill, representing the furnishing of new Greensboro Female College, spent several hours with us recently. We were glad to have him, and he was encouraged by a strong, healthy sentiment favoring rebuilding, and by the promise of substantial proof of this sentiment a few months later.

R. H. BROOM, P. C.

Snow Hill Circuit.

On the evening of the 26th of May, the monotony at the parsonage was broken by the appearance of a pounding party. It was a pleasant occasion. The merry crowd soon dispersed, leaving quite a number of packages—tangible tokens of remembrance—all of which were highly appreciated. We desire to publicly thank the good people who so kindly remembered us.

Our second Quarterly Conference has been held, which reminds us that the year is rapidly rolling by. The following brethren are delegates to the District Conference: Josiah Exum, Sr., T. M. Dail, W. H. Dering, and G. M. Lindsay.

Death has invaded our territory and from our ranks have fallen Susan McKeel, Mary Barrow, Roderick Sugg, and J. T. Holmes. They were good people, and the church needed them, but God willed otherwise. Their death impresses us with the frailty of humanity and the uncertainty of life. Some day, in the midst of life's duties, the summons will come to us, and we'll have to lay down the implements of toil, and enter upon the realities of eternity. May they be the realities of the world above.

The cause of missions has been receiving attention. This is a matter of great importance. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the missionary enterprise. The outlook, we think, is hopeful.

The Advocate hasn't been entirely overlooked. Seven subscriptions and one renewal have been sent up. May the time soon come when this paper shall make its weekly visits to every Methodist home in the North Carolina Conference.

E. C. SELL.

Commencement Exercises of Littleton Female College.

On Sunday morning, May 23, 1904, Rev. G. F. Smith, Presiding Elder of the Warrenton District, preached to the young ladies of the college at the M. E. Church. His sermon was one that gave forth "a certain sound" of excellent advice and practical ideas of service and success. His theme was that by striving to do well we are greatly benefited whether we succeed or not, seeming failures often giving place to higher glory. "We rise by the things that are under out feet."

The Class Day exercises were held on the campus on Tuesday afternoon. These were especially interesting to the student body and to the friends of the "naughty fours" ('04).

The prophecy and will abounded in humor and the poem in beauty and pathos. After burying their mistakes, they planted over the grave a magnolia tree, this indicating that they were determined to make every failure a stepping-stone to higher and holy aims.

Dr. C. W. Byrd, of Atlanta, Ga., was present on Wednesday evening and preached the baccalaureate sermon in the college chapel. The leading thought of his discourse was "consecration and consequent transformation." He endeavored to teach that nothing in the natural world, either plant or animal, is of any good till it yields itself to the giving out of what it has to those around. He appealed to the young ladies to give their lives, while in life's morning, to Him who will make of them all that they could hope or dare think, and that eternity would but be a beginning of the great things God has in store for them. The influence of his sermon cannot be measured, and many a heart is determined to present his body a living sacrifice. At the close of his sermon, the audience rose and sang, with touched feelings and subdued hearts, "Entire Consecration."

The graduating exercises were at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. The audience stood as the class marched in bearing their flag of crimson and gold.

This is the largest class that has yet been graduated, numbering ten, Miss Katharine Brice, of South Carolina, graduating with the highest honors of her class.

PROGRAMME.

Doxology.
Prayer.
Salutatory Addresses—Essay, "Night Brings Out the Stars," by Katharine Brice.
Essay—"Mental Telepathy," by Mary Angeline Ware.
Essay—"The Pains of Growth," by Lucile Aiken.
Violin Solo—Polish Dance (Wieniawski), by Grace Crocker.
Essay—"American Ideals," by Ellen Douglas Gainey.
Valedictory Addresses—Essay—"The Morning of the Mind," by Rosa May Lowder.
Presentation of diplomas, Bibles, badges and certificates.
Announcements.
Chorus, Faithful and True—Bridal March—from Lohengrin—Wagner.
Literary Address—Rev. R. D. Smart, D. D., Norfolk, Va.
Benediction.
Ushers—Ella Stanfield, Belle Evans, Etta Frizelle, Georgia Lee.
Subjects of essays not read:
"Silent Influences," by Myrtle Flythe.
"Sources of True Happiness," by Dominne Pearl Aycock.
"For Value Received, I Promise to Pay," by Bessie Green Pulliam.
"Service and Culture," by Nellie Grant Beardsley.
"Art for Humanity," by Rethia Daile Whitehead.

The essays were filled with rich thoughts and showed deep research, and were such as any young woman should have been proud to deliver.

The salutatory and valedictory addresses were especially touching.

Dr. R. D. Smart, of Norfolk, Va., delivered the literary address. This was practical, ornate and eloquent, and was received by an appreciative audience. His theme was the "Largeness of Littles, or Duty." For about thirty-five minutes he elaborated these thoughts in his own inimitable manner and closed by pointing the members of the class to the hand of God whose blood is able to make the heart white—even as white as the snow. In the reckoning of eternity only will he know how great the good done was and be rewarded accordingly.

The recital by music and elocution pupils, Thursday night, was superb and grand. At the close of the recital, the entire class sang, "Off for the Holidays," which brought forth gladness and tears to a goodly number. This piece was composed by Miss Nora Foy, class '05.

This has been the most successful year in the history of this school, and we are very proud to note the grand success that Brother Rhodes is meeting with in his school, for he richly deserves all that the horn of plenty has in store.

Very respectfully,

B. C. GLOVER,
Traveling Representative of Raleigh Christian Advocate.

Institute Program to be Held in Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, N. C.

FIRST SESSION—MONDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 27.

4.00.—Devotional Exercises—Led by Rev. W. H. Moore, D. D.
4.15.—A Bible Study—"The Life of Christ," by Dr. Hamill.
5.00.—Practical Primary Problems by Mrs. Hamill.

SECOND SESSION—MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 27.

8.15.—Song and Prayer Service—Led by W. J. Young, Jr.
8.30.—The Child in the School, by Mrs. Hamill.
9.00.—A Forward Movement in our Methodist Sunday-schools, by Dr. Hamill.
Offering for expenses.

THIRD SESSION—TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 28.

9.30.—The Quiet Half Hour—Led by Rev. F. A. Bishop.
10.00.—Points in Teaching—
(a) Managing a Class.
(b) Holding Attention.
(c) Securing Home Study.
(d) The Art of Teaching, by Dr. Hamill.
10.45.—Aids in Primary Teaching—Music, pictures, blackboard, helps, etc., by Mrs. Hamill.
11.30.—Volunteer Reports of Schools by Superintendents.

FOURTH SESSION—TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 28.

4.00.—The Quiet Half Hour. Led by Rev. J. H. Shore.
4.30.—The Sunday School Session—
(a) The Program.
(b) The Work of the Officers.
(c) The Lesson Study.
(d) Fine Points in Management. Dr. Hamill.
5.15.—Hard Primary Lessons—Review, Temperance, Missionary. Mrs. Hamill.
5.45.—Round Table—The Home Department, House-to-House Visitation, Sunday School Helps, Decision Day, etc. Led by Dr. Hamill.

FIFTH SESSION—TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 28.

8.15.—Song and Prayer Service. Led by Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D.
8.30.—The Child in the Church. Mrs. Hamill.
9.00.—The Problem of the Teacher. Dr. Hamill.
Offering for Expenses.
Issuing Certificates of Honor.

W. H. M. Society.

Report of the Annual Meeting of the W. H. M. Society at Selma, N. C., by Mrs. C. C. Aycock to the Fremont Auxiliary, which she represented.

Fremont Auxiliary had a large representation at Selma on Friday. We arrived in Selma about 8.30, and were met at the cars by Dr. James Person, who introduced us to Mr. Spiers, husband of our Corresponding Third Vice-President, and of whom I have more to say. These gentlemen conducted us to the hotel, and, after breakfasting, we were directed to go to Mrs. Spiers' home before going to the church, and Dr. Person kindly accompanied us. Arriving there, we were pleasantly welcomed by Mrs. Spiers, and soon found ourselves in the presence of, and shaking hands with, ladies prominent in the work; ladies with whom I had corresponded and from whose letters I had received inspiration and encouragement—Mrs. Scott, our Conference Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Wilkins, our former Corresponding Secretary, and others.

After a few minutes conversation, Mrs. Spiers disappeared to soon return with the insignia of the Society, bestowing one upon each of us. These badges were artistically designed and hand-painted by Mrs. Spiers—a pure white ribbon with the letters W. H. M. S. intertwined with forget-me-nots.

The hour having arrived, we started to the church and were met at the gate by our much loved friend and Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Speight, and Mrs. Duncan, and near the church entrance by our Conference Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jerome, and other ladies. Entering the church our eyes fell upon the mottoes: Welcome to the W. H. M. S." and "Our Land for Christ" arranged on either side of the pulpit. There was a large attendance of delegates and District Secretaries. "The largest in our history" we were told.

After devotional exercises, reports from Smithfield, Durham, Raleigh, and Wilmington Auxiliaries were read, and gave evidence of advance in all lines of work. Ladies representing Durham Auxiliaries desired information respecting tithing, and the following questions were considered: What is the tithe? The uses of the tithe? What its historical and spiritual value? Is paying one-tenth increase commensurate with Christian obligation? It was decided that the tithe is intended only as a basis of giving below which none should go, if able to give at all.

Mrs. Spiers, in making her interesting report of the Baby Roll and of the Florine McEachern Brigade, forestalled me in proclaiming the fact that Fremont Auxiliary has the banner brigade of the Conference.

Mrs. Harrell deplored the lack of sympathy and co-operation with the ladies in the Home Mission work exhibited by the preachers of the Conference. It was only the preachers receiving meagre salaries and living in rented houses who gave us their hearty sympathy. Mrs. Burton desired to speak a few words in defense of the preachers, and suggested that this lack of sympathy might be attributed to a want of information and urged that we should send our pastors literature with the request to inform themselves.

Mrs. Scott held a consecration service. Every word she spoke was laden with loving zeal for the cause, and gave inspiration and encouragement. The keynote was faith in God and service with Him in blessing and uplifting humanity.

The session adjourned to meet again at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Spiers captured the whole Fremont delegation by her charming originality, her diversified talent, and her free-hearted hospitality.

The devotional service for the afternoon was led by Mrs. S. I. Harrell, a gifted, consecrated lady. Mrs. Wilkins, Secretary of the Warrenton District, and Mrs. Dixon, of the Raleigh District, reported work which told of untiring zeal in the vineyard of the Lord. Mrs. Wilkins has the banner district of the Conference.

At 4 o'clock the Society, delegates, visitors and all attended a reception at Mrs. A. E. Edgerton's home. This was admirably planned to afford opportunity in a delightfully informal way to delegates and visitors to mingle with one another and with the ladies of Selma; also to amuse and to give us an example of Selma's hospitality.

We brought with us a souvenir in the form of an envelope decorated with a cherub bearing the Baby Roll of the W. H. M. So, designed by Mrs. Spiers, our talented Third Vice-President, and Miss Margaret Etheridge, with whom I was so pleasantly thrown. We also brought with us pleasant memories which will linger with us many days.

Ocracoke High School Commencement.

By request, I write a few items concerning our commencement at Ocracoke. The exercises began Friday, May 20, 1904. The presence of a large and appreciative audience gave evidence of the general interest in our school. The achievements of the students were very gratifying. Saturday night addresses were delivered by Rev. R. R. Grant, Rev. G. W. Stancill, and Rev. W. E. West, which thrilled every heart with the desire to get an education.

On Sunday morning the commencement sermon was preached by Rev. W. E. West. This being the first commencement ever at Ocracoke, it was a great benefit to the school, and also to the community at large. Everyone sympathizes with the teachers in so great a task, as it is to them the successful merits of the students are due.

Prof. Redfern made a talk to the patrons and students that should ever be remembered.

Wishing the school a continued success, I remain an everlasting friend.

R. S. WAHAB.

Ocracoke, N. C., May 24, 1904.

New Bern District Conference.

The New Bern District Conference will be held at Beaufort, June 30th to July 3rd, opening at 9 a. m. on the 30th, Bishop A. Coke Smith presiding.

Friday morning will be devoted in whole, or in part to the subject of missions. We will be pleased to have the District Secretaries of the Foreign and Home Mission Societies present to report their work. We urge the Recording Stewards to have the Quarterly Conference records on hand the first day.

Committee on Admissions and License—G. T. Adams, E. H. Davis and E. C. Sell.

On Orders—M. Bradshaw, H. B. Anderson, W. H. Townsend.

F. D. SWINDELL,
Presiding Elder.

A Tribute From California.

I am not in a mood to write a cheerful letter; but I cannot refrain from telling you and the North Carolina Methodists about our representative to the General Conference of the M. E. Church at Los Angeles.

A few weeks ago Dr. Kilgo wrote me to come down and chaperone him through the General Conference. I went, but not for the purpose indicated; because I knew nothing about a General Conference. However I did expect to show them around the city, and make some side trips. But the Doctor would not go anywhere until he had delivered his message and then he could not get away for some time.

At the hour for the address, Dr. Bovard and Mrs. Bishop Hamilton gave our party, Mrs. Kilgo, Prof. Flowers, Miss Trippe and myself, a box near the speaker's stand. From this we could see the Conference, Bishops and visitors, and hear the message from our own church's representative.

I cannot begin to describe the effect it produced. That great body of men were so thrilled that they gave prolonged applause again and again. At the close, when the cheering had somewhat subsided, Bishop Andrews, who was presiding, with the Conference gave the Chautauqua salute, then some one began to sing America and the whole Conference, visitors and all, sang the old song with great feeling.

It was an hour long to be remembered. Bishop Berry said to Dr. Kilgo when congratulating him that "the high water mark had been reached and nothing else would equal it during the session."

I expected to bring the Doctor home with me, and have him preach in Berkeley and San Francisco; but the Powers would not let him leave until after Sunday when he preached to a great audience in the First M. E. Church, in Los Angeles.

Monday night they reached San Francisco, and I had an opportunity to chaperone.

We visited Stanford University and places of interest about the city, such as the Cliff House, Golden Gate Park, Chinatown, University of California, Berkeley and Oakland. Although the Doctor was very tired he preached for us at Oakland Wednesday night, after which he and his party were given an informal reception.

But the time soon came when they had to turn their faces to the East, and I was again left alone in the great West.

Of course I hated to see them go; but in the language of a Georgia girl, the time spent in California with such a party, "seemed good ter me."

J. C. WOOTEN.

An Explanation.

Mr. Editor:—In Brother Willis' letter on "Early Collections" there is a statement which is calculated to leave a wrong impression as to Elizabeth City District. He speaks of a slight decrease in the amount paid on missions as compared with last year. According to the figures presented, there is only a difference of sixty-eight cents.

Brother Towe, of Dare Circuit, has sent in his entire assessment for missions, which reached the hands of the treasurer just a little too late to get in the report. If this amount had been received a few days earlier, it would have made Elizabeth City District $132.32 in advance of last year instead of a decrease of sixty-eight cents. I write this in justice to our people.

J. E. UNDERWOOD.

Methodism in America: Past, Present, and Future.

(Continued from page three.)

and stripes far away in the Orient, and no man can tell where the American flag will find its last resting place. The extension of this nation is a propagandism that dazes the imagination, and the quiet good nature with which it takes up the burdens that fall to it, is an example of heroic generosity that should fill every American heart with patriotic joy. What an opportunity God has opened for His church in the forces, influences and enterprises of this mighty republic under whose protection Americans may go to all parts of the globe!

Shall American Methodism, favored with the providential bounties of this land, have a due share in helping it to fill its divinely appointed mission? This is no time for croaking and no time for conventional lamentations, though there may be painful reasons for heart-burnings and speedy repentance, yet whatever may be the results of past labors, however much there may be to regret that they are not more abundant, still there is cause for gratitude and encouragement. Your own great church, Sir, has not been idle, it has not been unmindful of its commission. It has its chapels and schools in the shadows of the Vatican, it sings its songs among the glacier fields of the Alps, it sends its preachers along the banks of the Danube, it proclaims the gospel around the ice-girt coasts of Norway and Sweden, it holds its conferences in the dark and tangled heart of Africa, it assembles its prayer-meetings and class-meetings along the Ganges, and sends forth its songs into the dark and heavy night of Oriental paganism. And yet its faith is not satisfied, for here you are discussing wider plans, preparing for new enterprises, and are organizing for a world-wide crusade against heathenism and error. May God go with you and help you to overthrow sin and ignorance wherever you may find them entrenched.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has something of an adequate conception of the meaning, spirit, and purpose of its Lord's kingdom among men, and is not an idle spectator of the world's movements. It is debtor to the Greeks and Barbarians; both to the wise and the unwise, and as far as in it lieth it is willing to preach the gospel on every continent and in every island till its Lord shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied. The ceaseless cry that goes up from its altars is a cry for the world's redemption, and its bishops, from the grand old man, Bishop Keener, who sits in the quiet glow that fills the evening of a splendid life, to the last one ordained to the office, are moved by an apostolic faith and an apostolic zeal. There is a holy impatience at what seems to be a widespread apathy among many members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, but this impatience springs from a consecrated desire to do larger things in every field of work. It is a healthful sign, and rightly guarded, may lead to a larger faith and intenser zeal.

American Methodism, Mr. President, should never forget that evangelistic zeal and persistent labor are the only conditions upon which it can claim divine sanction and expect genuine success. These are the marks by which it has hitherto verified its Apostolic faith, and there is no need to go back of this unanswerable record to reopen trifling issues of historical succession, puerile pursuit that may well be left to those who have less pressing engagements than absorb, or should absorb, the whole attention of Methodism. It becomes and behooves Methodism to keep on its working garb, for such apparel better befits its faith and pretensions. The glitter of mitred priests and the vain pomp of worship about high altars are arts in which it is not skilful, and any clumsy efforts in such practice would only provoke ridicule. It will find nobler honors and more enduring glory by closely following its Lord's example, who at the early age of twelve years became conscious of the heavenly and imperative compulsions of His Father's work. As co-existent with His Father, He had taken part in every act of creation, and His earthly history was full of incessant labors, for He hastened to finish the work that had been given Him to do, that He might be raised to the glory which He had with the Father before the world began. And now that He is ascended up on high, far above principalities and powers, He still works, walking continually among the candle-sticks and holding the seven stars in His own right hand, directing the movements and overlooking the conditions of His church in the earth. Work—consecrated, persistent, heroic work—is the infallible sign of allegiance to our Lord, and he who has not had fellowship in His suffering and labors cannot have co-inheritance with Him in His glory. Therefore, let American Methodism evince its loyalty to its Lord by incessant labor, let it make full proof of its divine commission by the outlay of its powers, its thought, its resources and its life, that fallen manhood may be redeemed.

Now that the world is a wide-open field for work, and the loud calls for workmen come from every quarter of the globe, there should be no discordant note, no segregating spirit, no provincial faith in American Methodism. It should respond to these providential appeals with an enthusiastic vigor, an inspired loyalty, and an eternal allegiance; and amid abundant and ardent labors find a lasting fellowship becoming the potential fraternity which we so much admire and so often profess. It is no time to squander energy and waste resources upon a worse than worthless factiousness, it is no time to nurse petty prejudices and foster childish rivalries, it is no time to contend about useless forms and transient circumstances. An unified Christian church—"unified in a heavenly communion rather than compacted into an earthly corporation"—is the supreme need of the age. The day of segregations, of prejudices, of provincialism, of antagonism, and sectional strife should be fully past in this land. Americans are not tribal pagans masquerading in sacerdotal robes, and strifes and divisions do not become this nation within whose borders the note of Christian song is never hushed. And social divisions, political strifes, sectional estrangements and sectarian antagonisms should find no shelter within the altars of God's temples, nor should they have their ardent promoters in the preachers of the gospel. American Methodism ought to deem it a holy privilege to set an example of Christian fellowship, and lay out its energies to unite every institution, every influence, every force and every section of this great nation into an undying fraternity.

Mr. President, my task is done, I have delivered the message which I crossed this continent to bring you from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and I thank you for the courtesy which you have so generously accorded me. It is no more than I anticipated, yet it is none the less appreciated because it was expected. I trust that you will in the future, as you have in the past, send fraternal messengers to the branch of Methodism which I represent, and I assure you they will always receive a welcome becoming the fraternal fellowship of American Methodism. The region of our country out of which I have come is a fair region, and the light of a splendid day is on its hill-tops and is pouring through all its valleys. A great people, Sir, dwell between the Potomac and the Rio Grande, and their hearts are bound by an indestructible loyalty to the destines of this republic. They are not represented by the coarse and vulgar classes—classes that live in every section of every land—nor does the inflammatory speech of the sectional demagogue, let his home be where it may, find sympathy in their sentiments and ideals. I confess to a love of my native Southland. I love its gentle and genial sunshine; its forests, vocal with the songs of birds; its hills, fragrant with never-fading flowers; its brooks and rivers, singing softly to the sea; its mountains with their imposing forms; and its wide swamps where the mourning pine and the tall cypress lift themselves with royal grace above the mass of tangled undergrowth. But with as genuine sincerity and as patriotic pride, I love the bleak sea-beaten rocks of New England's coast, and the booming waters of wild Niagara, the fertile valley of the Ohio and the wide plains where the northern winds pour their furious gales, and as I love this far away eastern land on the breaking swells of the Atlantic, so I love this far away western land on whose hill-tops may be seen the last gleam of the American day. May the peace of God fill all our borders, and His presence guide our land through all coming generations.

Golden Wedding Occasion.

On the evening of April 26, 1904, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Thompson, of Ashpole, N. C., celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their home in Ashople, N. C. The occasion was one of real pleasure to the family and invited guests. The children, with two excentions, were all present, five boys, and three girls, together with quite a number of grand-children and invited guests, numbering in all, seventy-two. The presents to the old people were numerous, beautiful and useful. The hours from six to eight were spent in pleasant conversation. At eight, the summons came to repair to the dining-room. Here an elegantly conceived and splendidly prepared supper was served in courses. To this, ample justice was done. The youngest member of this interesting family is a grand-child three weeks old, the oldest is the grand-father, who is in his seventy-seventh year.

The guests were delighted with the evening's entertainment. As the guests left, they all congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Thompson upon their long life, and wished them many more happy years. They are excellent old people, and have reared a fine family. If the world was full of such people it would be happier and better.

J. M. ASHBY.

Mrs. Margaret Bottome, speaking of the secret of joyous old age, says: "I could not ask for you a greater gift than that in the future, when the autumn time of life shall come, you may have the spring-time in your heart. There is only one life where the new never becomes old, where the love is always kept fresh, and is always a first love with increasing freshness; and that is having the One who says: 'I am the Life!'"

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$11.05 Raleigh to Athens, Ga., and return account Summer School. Tickets on sale July 2, 11, 18, limited returning fifteen days in addition to date of sale. An extension can be obtained until September 30, on payment of a fee of 50 cents.

$13.50 Raleigh to Atlantic City, N. J., and return, account Imperial Council Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Tickets on sale July 10 and 11, final limit July 23, 1904. An extension can be obtained until August 3rd, on payment of a fee of 50 cents.

$21.10 Raleigh to Detroit, Mich, and return account Baptist Young People's Union of America International Convention. Tickets on sale July 5, 6, 7, and 8, final limit July 12. An extension until August 15, can be obtained on payment of a fee of 50 cents.

$19.95 Raleigh to Louisville, Ky., and return account Biennial Conclave Knights of Pythias. Tickets on sale August 12 to 15, final limit August 25. An extension until September 15, can be obtained on payment of a fee of 50 cents.

$18.20 Raleigh to Monteagle, Tenn., and return account Monteagle Sunday-school Institute. Tickets on sale August 5, 6, 7, and 8, final limit August 31, 1904. An extension until October 31, 1904, can be obtained by paying difference between rate which ticket was sold and summer tourist rate.

$17.75 Raleigh to Nashville, Tenn., and return, account Peabody Normal Summer School. Tickets on sale June 5, 6, 7, 18, 19, 20, July 3, 4, and 5, with final limit fifteen days from date of sale. An extension can be obtained until September 30th, on payment of a fee of 50 cents.

$21.10 Raleigh to Indianapolis, Ind., and return, account National Prohibition Convention. Tickets on sale June 26 and 27, final return limit leave Indianapolis not later than July 15, 1904.

$3.80 Raleigh to Greensboro, N. C., and return account North Carolina State Democratic Convention. Tickets on sale June 21, 22 and 23, final limit June 27, 1904.

Womans Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. B. F. Dixon, Raleigh, N.C.

Officers of the W. F. M. S. of the N. C. Conference, June, 1903-'04.

President—Mrs. Lucy A. Cunninggim, Greensboro, N. C
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Our Corresponding Secretary.

All her friends and "companions in labor" will be rejoiced to know that Mrs. F. D. Swindell, who has been ill for some time, is now much improved. They all unite, we know, in an earnest prayer for her full restoration to health and usefulness.

Conference Expense Fund.

The law relating to this Fund is, that the twenty-five cents should be paid the first quarter. Its present need was urged at our Annual Meeting at Elizabeth City.

BLANCHE FENTRESS.

This item of our law concerning the time for the payment of our Conference Expense Fund—or contingent fund, as some choose to express it—is opportunely given by our esteemed Recording Secretary, and should be, not only read carefully, but put into immediate practice by all our Auxiliaries. It has been the custom of some to defer the payment of this fund till the third or last quarter. The Treasurer of each Auxiliary is requested to make a note of this law, and instruct the members in it at each meeting, until it is perfectly understood, and faithfully complied with.

Bright Jewels.

Let it be remembered that Auxiliary members are expected to visit and take an interest in our Bright Jewel Bands.

BLANCHE FENTRESS.

Here is another valuable suggestion from our Recording Secretary, in the way of "stirring up our pure minds by way of remembrance," in the discharge of duty to our laws and regulations, in this department of the work.

It is not known by all, that where there are adult and juvenile societies in the same church, the Lady Manager for the Bright Jewel Band is elected by the adult auxiliary; and that it is the duty of that Auxiliary to appoint a committee to attend the meetings of the Bright Jewel Bands, when considered necessary, to encourage and assist in keeping up an interest in the work.

There is no fault in our regulations—in the machinery that propels our grand enterprise; but there is great need, sometimes, for the lubrication which love, patience and tender consideration will bring.

"Uppermost rooms" and "chief seats" must have no place in the ambition of those who labor purely for the extension of our Lord's kingdom, and the salvation of souls.

Officers for 1904-1905.

Perhaps it will be best to give our readers a full list of the officers that were elected at our last Annual Meeting:

Mrs. Lucy A. Cuninggim, Greensboro, N. C., President.
Mrs. R. A. Willis, Laurinburg, N. C., Vice-President.
Mrs. F. D. Swindell, Goldsboro, N. C., Corresponding Secretary.
Miss Blanche Fentress, Wilmington, N. C., Recording Secretary.
Mrs. B. B. Adams, Four Oaks, N. C., Treasurer.
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Our Leaflets.

There is not enough attention paid to the reading and distribution of the leaflets sent out every quarter.

When you consider the amount of time, care and expense required for the issuing of these useful helps in our work, you will be surprised to find in what a light esteem they are held, even by some of our most enterprising women.

They should not only be read by the members of all our auxiliaries, but preserved and distributed among those women and children who are not members of our societies.

There are many important facts, beautiful thoughts and suggestions, and germs of "eternal truth" embodied in our leaflets, which cannot fail to instruct, interest and quicken, if they are properly read and presented to the minds of women and children.

To our corresponding secretaries of the auxiliaries, therefore, we would suggest a dilligence in the business of giving special prominence to your leaflets, not only in the monthly meetings, but wherever you find a "convenient reason" for handing them to those who are not "established in the faith" of foreign missions.

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Woman's Home Mission Society

Please send all communications for this Department to MRS. R. O. BURTON, Raleigh, N. C.

Officers of W. H. M. S. of the N. C. Conference.

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Mrs. E. F. Cook, Board Superintendent of Press Work.

We gladly welcome Mrs. Cook as our new Superintendent and congratulate ourselves on having been able to secure her services.

She is from Thomasville, Ga., in itself almost a guaranty of success, and in her first issue of our Monthly Bulletin proves the wisdom of the Executive Committee in their choice.

Her plea for the co-operation of the Conference Superintendents is a call for sympathy and help which I earnestly trust we will willingly hear and gladly heed.

A Tribute to Mrs. Luke Johnson.

I feel that every Auxiliary will heartily endorse Mrs. Cook's words concerning the fine work of her predecessor, Mrs. Johnson: "The terse, telling paragraphs of the Monthly Bulletin have proven an important part of Home Mission information. Mrs. Johnson's practical plans and suggestions, that were the very coinage of her heart and brain, have established this new department of work, giving it character and permanence."

Our Board Meeting.

The session recently held in Kansas City was the best in the history of our Society. I wish every member could read the admirable account in the May number of "Our Homes." It is inspiration to review the work and learn of plans for future activities, and I doubt not every reader will rejoice anew that it is her privilege to claim in it a share, be it ever so small.

The Success of "Our Homes."

Although just twelve years old, the organ of the Woman's Home Mission Society is self-supporting, keeps out of debt, has a subscription list of 9,267, and owns stock in the Birmingham Street Railway Company. Is not this clear testimony to the practical business ability and fine management of Miss Helm? We extend hearty congratulations to her.

A Boys' Dormitory.

And we owe more than congratulations to our capable and consecrated Editor. We here express our grateful thanks for the recent gift of $1,000 that has come through her from "Our Homes" to the Treasury of the Woman's Home Mission Society. This makes possible the much-needed Boys' Dormitory at the Sue Bennett School, which means new life-purpose, new equipment, new culture for scores of mountain boys.

Mrs. C. C. Aycock's Report of Our Annual Meeting.

On account of lack of space, I could not give Mrs. Aycock's interesting report in this column, but Dr. Ivey kindly offered to publish on another page, and you will enjoy it there. Our Annual Meeting was so delightful, I feel that a second account will be gladly welcomed. And I desire to thank Fremont here for this contribution to our Press Department. How many Auxiliaries will "follow suit"? Sisters, we must bestir ourselves!—[The article will appear next week.—Editor.]

A Reminder.

I am looking longingly for replies to my May communications. I desire to know what is being done in our secular papers, and to hear at once from all who have not written concerning the use of the Monthly Bulletins in the regular meetings. In a few days my report for the quarter must go. Please remember this, and write immediately to me.

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Editorial

"GREAT REVIVALS AND THE GREAT REPUBLIC."

This is the title of Bishop Candler's latest book, just from the press of our Publishing House. Coming as it does at a time when the need of a great sweeping revival like that of the "Great Awakening" is becoming emphasized in the minds and hearts of all those who are truly solicitous for Israel, it must be accepted in a certain sense as providential.

The book is evidently the product of both brain and heart. Some very readable books have in them neither brain nor heart. Those, however, who know Bishop Candler feel that whatever intellectual or spiritual product he throws out on the public must come from glowing forges.

That religion and national life are most intimately related; that revivals in the Old World made colonies in the New; that evangelical Christianity is the security of the Republic and the hope of the world; that we may expect another great awakening—these are some of the theses which are treated and maintained in a style which is fascinating and a logical force which is convincing.

The Wesleyan Revival, the revival of 1800, the revival of 1858, and the revival in the days of Moody and Sankey are considered at length in such a way as to illustrate many striking truths.

The author in the chapter on "The Next Great Awakening," says that the next great awakening will be a revival of religion—not a political reform nor a philanthropic scheme of social amelioration. It will not be based on an altruism, but on the love of a Father for a lost world. It will be doctrinal. It will come through great leaders.

The book has the merits of originality. Many books have been written on the subject of revivals, but we know of none other that deals with the subject in as practical, enlightening, and stimulating way as does "Great Revivals and the Great Republic."

The book is neatly bound, clearly printed, and of convenient size. Price $1.25 at our Publishing House.

THE DOCTOR.

There used to come to our father's house away back in the 60's an old and good man they called "The Doctor." He was not handsome, but they said that he was one of the best men that his county ever produced. It was an open fact that over half of his service was purely charitable. He always brought sunshine into the home circle of that little parsonage. Strong was our faith in his ability to cure every physical ill. When he left crape hanging on the door, that faith remained unshaken. He sleeps in an old graveyard overlooking the little mountain town. That grave and the memories of childhood have glorified for us the medical profesion, and through all the passing years we never meet the true "Doctor" without an impulse to tip our hat to him as one of God's noblemen.

The Doctor walks hand in hand through life with the Preacher. It is the mission of the Doctor to minister to that which the Preacher calls the "temple of the Holy Ghost." Both Preacher and Doctor are appointed for the alleviation of suffering. The one ministers to the body; the other to the soul. Just as the true Preacher must have an eye single to the welfare of the body as well as of the soul, just so the true Doctor must have an eye single to the welfare of the soul as well as of the body. Soul and body are so intimately connected. We love to think of those physicians who are ready to offer a prayer at the sick bed and to turn the eyes of an unhappy soul to the Great Physician who is able to minister unto all His patients.

We never could understand why the Doctor does not always receive the meed of praise which is his due. He is next to the Preacher in the amount of charitable service rendered. Yet his bill, like that of the Preacher, is very often the last one paid. He deals with the body which is like a "harp of a thousand strings"—wonderfully subtle and complicated, yet a slight mistake is often accounted sufficient to damn. He is the bulwark against those tides of charlatanism are ever striving to sweep in the name of science over suffering and credulous humanity, yet how seldom is his voice heeded in legislative assemblies when he speaks against fraud and deception and pleads for that which is sound and scientific.

These thoughts were evoked by the assembling of the North Carolina Medical Convention in the city of Raleigh last week. The occasion was a very important one. It meant much for the State and humanity at large. There are over one thousand members of this Society in North Carolina, and the number is constantly growing. It is a remarkably fine looking body of men. We bid them Godspeed in their noble and self-sacrificing work.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

This body has adjourned. It will be several days before the transactions of the concluding days will be known to the public. The Associated Press pays little attention to religious bodies, and so the public can get but a faint idea of what they do. This is specially true of Methodist Conferences, because, perhaps, Methodists are poor advertisers of their own transactions.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church which has just adjourned was remarkable in several respects. It contained a large number of new men. The paramount issues were few, but very important. There was much speaking. Dr. J. M. Buckley and Dr. T. B. Neely were the leaders on the floor. Both men are skilled parliamentarians and remarkably well equipped.

The event which created the greatest sensation was perhaps the retirement of five Bishops, four of whom probably had not thought of such a thing. Our Northern brethren evidently believe in having the work only in strong vigorous hands. Sentiment plays but a little part in their affairs. The superannuation of as many as five Bishops could hardly happen in a General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

We have already published the names of the Bishops-elect. The publication of the name of Dr. James R. Day, of Syracuse University, was rather premature, as this gentleman was of the opinion that he was not called to the order of the Bishopric, but that it would be better for him to remain in the educational field. We have no doubt that he was correct. His case is somewhat similar to that of Bishops Soule and Haygood, who at one time, respectively, refused the office. But it is not often that a man who has been elected Bishop can be persuaded that there has been any mistake made.

The time limit question which was one of the most important matters with which the General Conference had to deal was settled in such a way as to leave the law as it was for another four years.

CRAVEN MEMORIAL PORTRAIT.

Amounts subscribed since last report:

Rev. P. E. Parker	$.50
Hon. W. D. Turner, Statesville, N. C.	5.00
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Rev. J. D. Bundy, Rocky Mount	2.00
Mr. Cyrus Foscue, Fowle, N. C.	1.00
Hon. F. M. Simmons, Washington, D. C.	10.00
Rev. F. M. Shamburger, Oxford, N. C.	1.00
Rev. R. H. Willis, Morehead City, N. C.	1.00
Mr. Henry Page, Aberdeen, N. C.	5.00
Rev. J. M. Ashby, Ashepole, N. C.	2.50
Mr. C. N. Allen, Auburn, N. C.	5.00
Amount previously reported	171.85
	206.85
Amount needed	$500.00

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

The Newton Theological Institute has voted that seventy-two years shall be the limit of active service in the faculty.

A woman in Scotland has received a diploma of honor for sixty-seven years of continuous teaching in a Sunday-school.

The information concerning Bishop Thoburn does not promise a speedy recovery. At last accounts the placing of his broken limb in plaster proved a failure, making necessary further taxing treatment.

Ex-Gov. James P. Eagle, of Arkansas, was elected for the third time president of the Southern Baptist Convention at its session in Nashville. Governor Eagle is a native of Tennessee, and served in the Confederate army under Gen. Leonidas Polk.

It is estimated that fifteen or twenty thousand visitors have been in Los Angeles during the General Conference. The great Methodist host was royally taken care of and the delegates found much to interest them in that city of flowers, of fruit and sunshine.

Mr. John R. Mott delivered a course of lectures before the Ohio Wesleyan University on the general theme "The Place of the Pastor in the Evangelization of the World." The occasion was the seventh series of lectures on the Merrick Foundation.

The committee appointed by the national triennial convention of the Episcopal Church, at San Francisco in 1901, to consider the advisability of changing the legal name of the denomination has reported against the advisability of making any change. This is a wise, conservative decision, and ought to settle the matter for some time to come.

In the revival in Birmingham, England, Dr. R. A. Torrey witnessed Sunday morning Bible classes numbering from 7,000 to 8,000 men. These men are mostly from the working classes, and take a keen delight in the study of the Bible and subjects pertaining to the Christian life. Dr. Torrey regards this as one of the most interesting movements of the country.

The popular impression in the United States is that the Friends are decreasing in numbers, but statistics for 1903 show that the Quakers have made a slight gain. In a total membership of 92,998 the net increment of the year is 398. As only ninety-six of this number are due to excess of births over deaths, it is evident that the principles of the Friends are still winning converts. Indiana is today the greatest stronghold of the Friend.

As a part of his financial reform scheme, the Pope has ordered that notice be given to various clerical newspapers and reviews that the Vatican subsidies hitherto accorded to them will now be withdrawn. Among the publications affected is the erudite review "Il Bessarione," founded and financed by Leo XIII. as an aid to the movement for the reunion of the Eastern churches with Rome. It is expected that similar treatment will be meted out to the famous intransigeant Roman daily "La Voce della Verita."

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

Washington District, Aurora—May 11-16.
New Bern District, Beaufort—June 30-July 3.
Raleigh District, Cary—June 30-July 3.
Elizabeth City District, Sunbury—July 13.
Wilmington District, Southport—July 28 to July 31.
Warrenton District, Rich Square—July 28 August 1.
Fayetteville, Jonesboro—July 20-24.
Rockhingham District, Gibson—July 21-24.

Make it a rule, and pray to God to help you keep it, never, if possible, to lie down at night without being able to say: "I have made one human being, at least, a little wiser, a little happier or a little better this day."—Charles Kingsley.

Methodist Mention

State.

The Brooklyn Sunday-school, Raleigh, goes on an excursion to Lillington to-day.

Bishop Duncan will preach at Epworth church, Raleigh, at some time in June. The Cunninggim memorial window will then be unveiled.

Rev. J. W. Jenkins held quarterly Conference for Presiding Elder W. H. Moore last Saturday at Ebenezer in Franklin County. He preached at the same place on the next day.

The closing exercises of Jonesboro High School, Rev. E. Pope, principal, will be held June 7 and 8. Hon. J. Y. Joyner, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will deliver the literary address.

The North Carolina editors on their return from the St. Louis Exposition showed their appreciation of the Secretary, Mr. J. B. Sherrill, by presenting him with a handsome gold-headed cane.

We are pained to learn through Rev. S. F. Nicks of the extreme illness of Rev. J. M. Rice, of Ashland, N. C. He, at the time of writing, was not expected to recover. We trust that under a kind Providence he is better by this time.

We acknowledge the following invitation: Mr. and Mrs. William Francis Utley request your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Lottie Edith, to Mr. Burke Hubert Parker, on Thursday evening, the ninth of June, 1904, at nine o'clock, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Apex, N. C.

Mr. B. N. Duke, of South Carolina, has offered to give $10,000 to rebuild Greensboro Female College of that State, provided $90,000 more be raised for the endowment.—Central Methodist, North Carolina. Brother Batson, Mr. B. N. Duke is a North Carolinian, and has given more to the cause of education than any other Southern man.

Dr. C. W. Byrd preached on last Sunday at Pleasant Plains, near the home of his mother, in Harnett County. He passed through Raleigh on Monday on his way to Atlanta. We had a pleasant visit from him. He is doing fine work as pastor of the First Methodist Church in Atlanta, which was recently finished at a cost of $149,000. It was dedicated a few weeks ago by Bishop Morrison.

Rev. D. C. Geddie writes: "We have been kindly remembered again. A few days ago a number of presents came to us on the steamer Howard; and on examination we found they came from the Lee's Chapel members, and if we made no mistake, some also from those who were not members of our church. We thank them all most heartily, and pray that they may be paid many times for their kindness."

We clip from the Clarkton Express the following reference to Children's Day service at Elizabethtown: "The Children's Day praise service was held at the Methodist Church on last Sunday night. The program was very interesting and consisted of songs, responsive readings and recitations by the children of the Sabbath Schools of the town and an interesting talk by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Brown. Credit is due to Mrs. Mattie Clark for the training of the children in singing and recitations and the success of the celebration."

Rev. W. B. Humble writes: "We had a missionary rally day service yesterday at Ebenezer. Had a large congregation and fine day. We had a soul-stirring sermon by our Presiding Elder, Bro. Smith, at 11 a. m.; a large communion service, and after a recess had some recitations and songs and a very helpful and instructive talk on missionary Sunday-school work and the financial condition of the church by our beloved Presiding Elder, closing with a song and collection. Brother Smith preached a fine sermon at Tabor at night to a large congregation."

Mr. Lee White, son of Rev. I. A. White, now of Raleigh, but formerly of the North Carolina Conference, has been awarded a scholarship at Haverford College, Pa. He graduated with distinction at Guilford College, and was one of the brightest young men in that institution.

A pleasing incident of the session of the Edenton Street Sunday-school on last Sunday morning was the presentation of a gold-headed cane to Rev. J. R. Johnson by his class. This worthy man who is an active, devout local preacher in the insurance business, left to-day for Canada, where he will make his home. He has made many friends in the South, where he is esteemed as a business man of sterling worth and a preacher of ability.

Connectional.

Central College, Missouri, has a beautiful exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition.

South Carolina stands fifth in contributions to Foreign Missions, Georgia, Virginia, Texas, and Kentucky being ahead in the order given.

The Western Christian Advocate favors the consolidation of the publishing interests of the M. E. Church and of the M. E. Church, South.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions convened in Jacksonville, Fla., May 18, and continued through to the 25th.

Dr. J. M. Buckley was elected for the fourth time chairman of the Episcopal Committee. He has been a member of every General Conference since 1872.

R. B. McSwain, now professor in one of our church colleges in Texas, has been elected to the presidency of Epworth University at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and has accepted.

Mr. H. T. Coleman, who died recently in Reynolds, Ga., bequeathed $2,500 to the Methodist Church at Reynolds, and $5,000 to the South Georgia Orphan's Home at Macon.

Among the editors of Southern Methodism who are visiting the M. E. General Conference at Los Angeles, we note Dr. Cannon, of Blackstone, Va., one of the bravest and brainiest.—Exchange.

At the recent session of our oBard of Missions, held in Waco, Texas, established the Hebrew Mission, and Rev. Julius Magath, formerly Professor in Emory College, has been appointed to the mission.

Dr. Jay Benson Hamilton has resigned the presidency of Walden University, Nashville, Tenn. Suits aggregating $100,000 have been entered against the university by relatives of girls who lost their lives in the fire there last December.

A memorial window to the late Rev. William Arthur has been placed in Wesley's Chapel, City Road, Loudon. The figure represents a sower sowing seed, and the text is, "Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God." Dr. Arthur was president of the Conference in 1866.

The Baltimore Southern Methodist is scheduled to give to the Church its first issue on June 2. Rev. J. A. Anderson, of Baltimore, is chairman of the Publishing Committee; Rev. E. V. Regester is secretary, and C. M. Armstrong, Esq., is treasurer.

The Furman will case has been compromised by the relatives and Vanderbilt University. The terms of the compromise are not yet announced. All litigation will be stopped and the estate settled as agreed upon. Vanderbilt was to have received about $150,000. This will be considerably reduced by the compromise.

At the recent meeting of the Book Committee, the question of erecting a new publishing house was quite prominent, and a sub-committee was appointed with power to act, and to proceed with the building as soon as practicable. It is understood that as soon as a satisfactory sale can be negotiated for the old plant, steps will be taken to erect an up-to-date plant on the lot at the corner of Broad and McLemore.

Publisher's Column

THE CAMPAIGN NOT CLOSED.

The brethren who have been working so nobly for new subscribers have not been working to secure pre-eminence for their Districts. A higher motive has really actuated them,and that was a desire to advance the interests of Christ through an increased circulation of His paper. Therefore, we safely assume that the brethren will continue the Campaign. We covet the opportunity of reporting June 15 that the 1,350 have been secured. Methodist preachers are not in the habit of saying with respect to their aims and efforts, "So near and yet so far." They are thoroughly in sympathy with us in our desire to report at Henderson next December that the Conference Resolution has been practically carried out. So we make the following

OFFER.

To the District reporting the largest number of new subscribers between May 4 and June 15, 1904, the Advocate will give $10.00 to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

To the District reporting the next highest, $5.

Reports will be published weekly in the Advocate as before.

The following is the report since May 25:

B. C. Glover	6
H. C. Spell	2
Rev. W. B. Humble	1
Rev. J. W. Hoyle	1
Rev. C. A. Jones	1
Direct	1

The following is the report by Districts since May 4, 1904:

Wilmington District	42 increase 2
Fayetteville District	42 increase 2
New Bern District	15 increase 2
Warrenton District	13 increase 6
Rockingham District	12 increase 0
Elizabeth City District	8 increase 0
Washington District	7 increase 0
Raleigh District	4 increase 0
Durham District	3 increase 0

Total number new subscribers received since December 1, 1903, 1,283.

Some Testimonals.

You have no idea how I enjoy the blessed old Advocate which I have been reading since I was a boy. I look eagerly for its coming every week, and read it with much enjoyment. It is easy for me to say that it grows better and better, and it has been excellent all the time. No editorials do I enjoy more in any paper. Always bright, thoughtful and safe. God bless you and the Advocate in your good work.

REV. L. L. JOHNSON.

Afton, I. T.

I have been a regular subscriber for the Advocate ever since it started. If I live to see my next birthday I will be 79 years old, and in the year 1846 I was born again of the water and of the spirit, and brother, I can tell you that God owns me as His child today, the 12th day of March, 1904. Thank God, Brother, I ask an interest in your prayers. When it goes well with you, remember me at a throne of grace.

Your brother in Christ,

ELI GIBSON.

A tablet bearing the following inscription has been unveiled at the Jerry McAuley Mission on Water Street, New York: "The converts and his friends of the McAuley Mission have placed this tablet in loving memory of Col. H. H. Hadley, our beloved and God-honored brother, a redeemed drunkard, who from the day of his conversion, July 28, 1886, to the day of his death, December 2, 1903, gave his life for the lost drunkards of this land. 'I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.'"

NORTH CAROLINA EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE

EDITED BY REV. W. B. ANDERSON.

The Methodist Presbyterian and Congregational churches of Canada are talking strongly of organic union of the three denominations. Only a few years ago all the Methodist bodies became one. There seems to be, in the cities, no discordant voices in the present movement.

"Your labor shall not be in vain in the Lord." A public prosecutor in a large district of the Transvaal, South Africa, says that "of thirteen thousand natives convicted of crime during a long period, only four had been educated in connection with the native churches."

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has a regular income from Miss Lizzie L. Johnson, of Casey, Ill. She is a great sufferer, and has been bedridden for years; but she makes bookmarks, and devotes the proceeds to the cause of missions. Since 1901 the income from this source has amounted to $4,810. In addition to this, she carries on an extensive correspondence which reaches into nearly every State in the United States and into five or six foreign nations. —Exchange.

A High Standard.

The aim of every child of God should be to live every day with reference to the Father's will to have life's plans so thoroughly in harmony with God's purposes; and to be so thoroughly consecrated to the service of the Father, that, if they knew they were to die within twenty-four hours, they would not have to change a single plan.

Epworthian, if you knew you would close your eyes to-morrow night for the last time on earthly scenes, would you make any material change in your plans for to-morrow?

Is the thought gruesome? Do you shudder to contemplate it? On the contrary, it should be a most delightsome thought. Not that you are to die to-morrow night, but that you are so thoroughly in harmony with God's plan concerning you, that if it were God's will to take you to Himself to-morrow night, your state of mind would be one of joy rather than of dread. Happy is that servant whom, when his Lord doth come, shall find watching.

Why Should We Support a Missionary.

It would broaden our view of the kingdom of God.

It would prevent discouragement when we failed of success in some cherished chapter work. When depressed or despondent we need the touch of enthusiasm which large and successful activities bring. No better thing could happen to the chapter of the North Carolina Conference than that every member become possessed with a holy passion of a great and noble movement like this, on which many chapters are centered. It would uplift, it would capture and hold the heart with a thrilling power. It would inspire prayer for the evangelization of the world. It would compel higher endeavor, and greater sacrifice for the Master and larger love that would change everything and give life a fuller, happier and more glorious meaning.

It would bring us into direct and close communication with the foreign field by correspondence and otherwise. It would bring us into personal contact with at least one living missionary and his work, and this would quicken our desire for world-wide evangelism.

Leaguelets.

South Georgia Conference has 150 chapters. The entire State is divided into ten districts and each district has a secretary through whom reports are gathered and whose duty it is to hold a District League Conference once a year.

The League meeting held in Waco, Texas, was a great success. The indications are that the Leaguers of the five Texas Conferences are wide awake. They appointed delegations at their meeting the other day to attend the League Assembly at Biloxi, Miss., and the sessions of the Baptist Young People's meeting at Laporte, Texas, for the purpose of observing plans and methods.

All about State and Conference Leagues are being held, resulting in great enthusiasm and forward movements. Let the North Carolina Conference League be held and adopt as a watch-word instruction, conviction, inspiration, action.

It is very difficult to become enthusiastic over a thing we know so little as most of us know about the League.

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Durham via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Henderson via Richmond	34.10	28.40	23.30
Henderson via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Maxton via Atlanta	38.65	32.25	26.25
Raleigh via Richmond	35.60	29.90	24.80
Raleigh via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Hamlet via Richmond	37.60	31.90	26.25
Hamlet via Atlanta	37.60	31.90	26.25
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Sunday School

Lesson for June 5, 1904.

Christ's Trial before Pilate.

(Mark 15: 1-15.)

Golden Text: Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man. (Luke 23: 4.)

After Jesus had instituted the Last Supper, and had uttered those wonderful discourses to His disciples, which are given in the Fourth Gospel and must be ever considered among the choicest heritages of the Christian Church, events moved swiftly and sadly to their awful culmination on Calvary.

Leaving the upper room where he had eaten the Passover with His disciples, Jesus passed out with them to the Mount of Olives. Then taking Peter, James and John, He entered into the Garden of Gethsemane, where he endured that untold agony which forced from Him great drops of bloody sweat. His betrayal and arrest quickly followed, and He was hurried before the Jewish authorities, ostensibly for trial, but in reality for condemnation.

Jesus Before the Jewish Rulers.—Jesus was taken first before Annas, the father-in-law of Caiphas, who was the actual high priest. After a brief hearing before Annas, Jesus was taken before Caiphas, where false witnesses gave their discordant testimony against Him, speaking in conformity with the wishes of the rulers and chief priests, but in utter disregard of the truth.

After this mockery of a trial, which was conducted in defiance of all the principal provisions of the Jewish law, respecting the rights of an accused person, and the proper form of procedure, the court declared Jesus worthy of death. But though this was their decision, they were utterly powerless to carry out the sentence they had pronounced, for the power of life and death rested with the Roman courts alone. So, soon after day-break, Jesus was brought before Pilate, the Roman governor.

A Character Sketch of Pilate.—The name of Pilate will ever be connected with the trial and death of Jesus Christ. Some interesting facts concerning him are given by Dr. MacLear in the Cambridge Commentary for Schools and Colleges. His office, we are told, was that of procurator under the governor (propractor) of Syria, but within his own province he had the power of a legatus. His headquarters were in Caesarea, he had assessors to assist him in council, he wore the military dress, was attended by a cohort, as a body-guard, and at the great festivals came up to Jerusalem to keep order. When presiding as judge, he would sit on a Bema or portable tribunal erected on a tesselated pavement, called in Hebrew Gabbatha.

In character Pilate "was not insensible to the claims of mercy and justice, but he was weak and vacillating, and incapable of compromising his own safety in obedience to the dictates of his conscience. As a governor he had shown himself cruel and unscrupulous, and cared little for the religious suscentibilities of a people whom he despised and could not understand."

A Fatal Decision.—The details of the trial before Pilot are familiar to us all. Though Pilate repeatedly declared Jesus to be innocent of any wrong-doing, yet he delivered him over to be crucified, and in so doing he has handed down his name to perpetual ignominy.

The Personal Application.—It is a solemn thought that to each human soul there comes a responsibility akin to that which faced Pilate, when Jesus was brought before him for trial. Pilate was compelled to decide either for or against Jesus. So to-day every human soul must decide either for or against the claims of Jesus.

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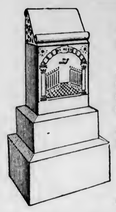

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WARRENTON DISTRICT.
G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Garysburg, Oak Grove, May 28, 29
Roanoke Rapids, May, 29, 30
Warren, Cokesbery, June 4, 5
Henderson, June 5, 6
Ridgeway, Tabernacle, June 11, 12

THIRD ROUND.
Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, June 19, 20
Warrenton, Hebron, June 25, 26
Littleton, Bethel, July 2, 3
Northampton, Pleasant Grove, July 5
Conway, Sharon, July 6
Murfreesboro, July 7
Bertie, White Oak, July 9, 10
Harrellsville, Colrano, July 10, 11
Hobgood, Hyworth, July 15
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, July 16, 17
Scotland Neck, July 18
Roanoke Circuit, New Hope, 23, 24
Roanoke Rapids, July 23, 24
Rich Square, Woodland, July 31

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
New River, Sneed's Ferry, June
Burgaw, Wallace, June 11, 12
Grace, June 12

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.
THIRD ROUND—IN PART.
Rockingham Station, June 4, 5
Robersiel Circuit, Mt. Pleasant, June 11, 12
Hamlet Circuit, Sneed's Grove, June 18, 19
Richmond Circuit, St. Paul, June 25, 26
Laurenburg Station, July 3, 4
Rowland Circuit, Oak Grove, July 9, 10
Robeson Circuit, Olivet, July 16, 17
St John and Gibson, Gibson, July 23, 24

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.
J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N C.
THIRD ROUND.
Pasquotank Ct., Union, June 11, 12
Elizabeth City, City Road, June 12
Hertford Ct., Evans, June 18, 19
Edenton, at night, June 19
Kennekeet, (C. M.) June 21, 26
Hatteras, June 27
Roanoke Island, July 3, 4
Perquimans, Bethany, July 9, 10
Gates, Philadelphia, (D. C.) July 13, 17
North Gates, Parker's, July 17, 18
Camden, Newlands, July 23, 24
Elizabeth City (First Church), night, July 24
Moyock, Concord, July 30, 31
Currituck, Mt. Zion, Aug 6, 7
Kitty Hawk, Aug 7, 8
Columbia, Aug 13, 14
Dare, Aug 14, 15
Pantego and Belhaven, Aug 20, 21
Roper, Pleasant Grove, Aug 27, 28
Plymouth, Aug 28, 29

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Edenton Street, June 4, 5
Selma, Princeton, June 11, 12
Smithfield, June 12, 13
Franklinton, Banks, June 18, 19
Brooklyn and Macedonia, Macedonia, June 25, 26
Central, June 26
Youngsville, Rock Springs, July 2, 3
Clayton, July 9, 10
Oxford Ct., Bethel, July 16, 17
Millbrook, July 23
Epworth, July 24
Granville, July 30, 31
Oxford Station, July 31
Keely, August 6, 7
Wakefield, August 7
Tar River, Trinity, August 13, 14
Louisburg, August 14, 15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Bethel, Shiloh, June 4, 5
Tarboro, at night, June 5
THIRD ROUND.
South Edgecombe, Sandy Cross, June 11, 12
Wilson Circuit, Barnfoots, June 18, 19
Wilson Station, night, June 19
Fremont, Yelverton, June 25, 26
South Rocky Mount, night, June 29
Bath, Bethany, July 2, 3
Washington, night, July 4
Robersonville, Jamesville, July 9, 10
Rocky Mount, night, July 13
Swan Quarter, Stateville, July 16, 17
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, July 19
Mattamuskeet, Mt. Pleasant, July 21
Fairfield, July 23, 24
Farmville, Long, July 30, 31
Nashville, Bethel, August 6, 7
Springhope, Gold Valley, August 8
Bethel, Conetoe, August 13, 14
Tarboro, night, August 14
Grimesland & Vanceboro, Providence, Aug 20, 21
Greenville, night, Aug 22
Aurora, Campbell's Creek, Aug 27, 28

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
St. John, June 3
Grifton, Grifton, June 3-5
Hookerton, Ormonds, June 4-5
LaGrange, Trinity, 11-12
THIRD ROUND.
Mt. Olive, at Faison, June 18, 19
Goldsboro Circuit, Pine Forest, June 25, 26
St. Paul, 26
District Conference, Beaufort, June 30 July 3
Jones Circuit, Shady Grove, July 9, 10
Kinston, July 10
Craven Circuit, Beech Grove, July 16, 17
Centenary, New Bern, July 17

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Fayetteville Circuit, Camp Ground, June 4, 5
Hope Mills, Fishers, June 11, 12
Cokesbury, Tabor, June 18, 19
Dunn Station, June 25, 26
Haw River, Ebenezer, July 2, 3
Carthage, Ingram Branch, July 8, 10
Elise, Mt. Carmel, July 9, 10
Siler City, Mt. Vernon, July 16, 17
Jonesboro, (District Conference), July 23, 24
Pittsboro, Chatham, July 30, 31
Lillington, Cool Springs, August 6, 7
Buckhorn, Harnett Chapel, August 13, 14
Sanford, Lemon Springs, August 20, 21
Goldstone, Marcuryx, August 27, 28
Newton Grove, September 3, 4
Duke, September 10, 11
Sampson, September 17, 18
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 24, 25

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Durham, Trinity Church, June, 5, 6
Durham, Carr Church and Branson, at Branson, June 5, in afternoon
Durham, Mangum Street, at Bethany, June 11
Durham, Main Street, June 12, 13
Durham, West Durham, June 12, at night
Milton, Providence, June 25, 26
Hillsboro, Walnutt Grove, July 2, 3
Leasburg, Union, July 9, 10
Chapel Hill, July 16, 17
Yanceyville Prospect, July 23, 24
Alamance, Clover Gardeu, August 6, 7
Burlington, Prospect, August 13, 14
Burlington Station, August 21, 22
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
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SHAEFER — LE GWYNN.—In Fifth Street Methodist Church, Wilmington, N. C., April 27, 1904, Mr. Wm. H. Shaefer and Miss Katie Hall Le Gwynn, Rev. A. McCullen officiating.

HOWARD—O'NEAL.—In the M. E. Church, South, Ocracoke, N. C., April 13, 1904, Mr. Halton H. Howard and Miss Chloan O'Neal, both of Ocracoke, R. R. Grant officiating, residence of the bride, near Weeks-

Obituaries

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ELLISON.—God in His all-wise providence has again visited our church and called from earth to heaven the soul of our sister, C. Isabella Ellison.

Sister Ellison had been a faithful member of our church for a long time, having been converted and joined the church in her girlhood.

Her place in her home and her church cannot be filled as she filled it. We all miss her, for she lived her religion, and by her godly walk and conversation drew everybody to her. She laid down the cross here and wears the crown in glory.

Her children rise up and call her blessed. May they follow her as she followed Christ.

T. H. SUTTON.

JONES.—Mrs. Ida B. Jones (nee Hunter) was born June 20, 1873, and died March 18, 1904, at her home, Forkade, N. C. It was my privilege to be her pastor for three years, 1897 to 1900 inclusive, and in all my ministry I have never served one who was more faithful to God, to the church, and to her pastor, than she was. Converted in childhood, and making a complete consecration of herself to God in young womanhood, her life was one of unfeigned love, of boundless charity, of almost endless patience, and sweetness that endeared her to everybody. In December, 1899, she was happily married to Bro. J. C. Jones, by this writer. To them was born one child, a bright little boy, who, with father, survives wife and mother. She died as she lived triumphantly, trutsing in Jesus.

We miss thee from our home Ila,
We miss thee from thy place,
A shadow o'er our life is cast,
We miss the sunshine of thy face.

ANDREW J. GROVES.
Cypress Creek, N. C., April 11, 1904.

OGLESBY.—Levi T. Oglesby was born 1818 and died November 4, 1903, age eighty-five years.

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He was director of the A and N. C. R. R. for years, and held State's proxy.

He joined the church in 1844, under the ministry of Rev. Henry Gray. He was a man of few words and very unassuming.

His son said of him: "There was more religion in one of his short prayers than in many sermons for him. He never knew him to do a bad act."

Truly a "father in Israel" has left us. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Surely he could say at the end of his earthly pilgrimage: "I am ready; temporal affairs adjusted, and spiritual vision without a cloud."

God grant a reunion of all his loved ones.

"The gates of life swing either way.
On noiseless hinges night and day
One enters through the open door,
One leaves us to return no more."

J. H. M. GILES, Pastor.

ADAMS.—Mrs. Mary Adams was born in Northampton County, N. C., February 17, 1830, and died at her residence in Wilson, N. C., January 8, 1904.

Mrs. Adams was a daughter of Daniel L. and Martha A. Ellis. They were strong-minded, intellectual, cultivated people, and bequeathed to this daughter an abundant share of these gifts, of which she made, perhaps, the best use during a long life.

She found peace with God at eight years of age, joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at once, and lived a pious and useful life, adorning the Christian faith for sixty-six years.

In her young womanhood she was educated at Buckingham College in Virginia. In head and heart she was a credit to any college.

In 1853, she was married to Prof. E. W. Adams, a teacher of no small note, and at once entered the schoolroom with him, where she displayed great gifts and ability both for teaching force and governing power. The influence of her sweet spirit is felt in many young lives till to-day. She was a many-sided woman.

After teaching in Wilson Seminary for several years, her husband accepted the presidency of the Goldsboro College in which Mrs. Adams sustained, even increased, her already fine reputation for moral and mental discipline.

Sister Adams believed in God. She had repented of sin, rested her faith in God on Christ, experienced a decided change of heart, had a renewed nature, and was, therefore, a real scriptural Christian. Her life among her neighbors was beautiful, her influence strong and far-reaching, and her example always the best. Many were the expressions of deep personal loss when it was said Sister Adams is dead.

She never proved untrue to her church vows. She was a Christian first, then a Methodist, and the light of her life did not go out when death claimed her body, but shines on more and more. There are many who stand by the sod that enwraps her clay, and declare that "there lies a good woman."

She leaves one son, two daughters and other relatives to enjoy the heritage of a triumphant faith and a glorious life.

May her children and grand-children follow her pious example and imitate her holy life!

ANDREW P. TYER.

JACKSON.—Mrs. Mary Jackson, daughter of John and Bethania Cheek, was born in Moore County, N. C., October 12, 1834, and died in Carthage, April 8, 1904, in her seventieth year. She survived her husband, John C. Jackson, about sixteen years. Of their eight children only three are now living, namely, W. K. Jackson and Mrs. T. H. Harrington, of Carthage, and John C. Jackson, of Fayetteville.

When some twenty years old she was soundly converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she was stedfast and faithful until death. With an intense consciousness of God's saving grace, she heartily enjoyed the rich experience of the Christian religion. Whatever she did was done heartily as unto the Lord. In the days of the camp meeting she was, in her tent and in the worship and service of God, one of the most liberal and enthusiastic supporters. In all the meetings and all the interests of her beloved church in the visits of her pastor, whoever he might be, for her church paper she never ceased to feel and show this same warm interest. Her cordial Christian hospitality was unexcelled. Her whole life was lit with the flame of love. In her devotion to her family she was absolutely forgetful of herself. In like manner she showed her love for God, for all that is good, for everybody. It is not strange therefore that sometimes in a season of grace, with merry heart and musical voice, she would pour out praises to God from a cup ever held up for God to fill. In response to the call from the needy and suffering her generous spirit could know no bounds. She was candid, pure of purpose, always understood. She never made an enemy nor lost a friend. She trained her children and grandchildren in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Those who preceded her were doubtless waiting and watching. Those who survive her rise up to call her blessed. She left a recorded request that not one fail to meet her in heaven.

The life of this dear sister-mother was marked with much of affliction and trial as well as bodily suffering. The repeated shocks of sad and sudden death among her loved ones seemed sometimes sufficient to crush life from body and spirit, yet, by divine grace, like the bruised flower, she gave only the increased fragrance of abiding trust and perfect resignation.

She would not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chastening rod,
But in the hour of grief and pain
She leaned upon her God.

One of her last expressions, treasured as a fond recollection by this writer, was: "My many sufferings have made me love my blessed Savior more."

She was triumphant in trouble. Over death she gained the victory before he came. To her he had no power to sting. She prayed for his approach. When she felt she had fought her fight and finished her course she looked to the crown of rejoicing and longed to receive it. Her form and face have passed away, her voice is hushed. Yet her whole life we hold embalmed in precious memory. We sorrow in our loss, we rejoice in her everlasting deliverance, and thank God for every remembrance of her. We shall meet again.

"That cheerful voice whose joyous tones
Made glad the scenes of sin and strife,
Sings now an everlasting song
Around the tree of life."

W. F. CRAVEN.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, God, the wisdom and graciousness of whose purposes and plans and providences we do not doubt, has called to Himself our tenderly beloved sister, Mrs. Mary Jackson, who, for several years, was a most faithful member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Carthage M. E. Church, South; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That while we humbly and cheerfully submit to God's will, we keenly feel the great loss our Society has sustained in her death; for all interests had in her a most loyal and cordial supporter even during years of affliction.

2. That the sweet influences of her consistent Christian life shall be to us a rich heritage, and shall be conserved in the increasing devotion and enlarging sacrifices of our own lives.

3. That we hereby express for the sorely bereaved family our most sincere condolence, and assure them that it is our fervent prayer that they too may be faithful unto death.

MRS. S. H. HUMBER,
MRS. BETTIE A. STUART,
MRS. R. H. BROOM,
Committee.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our friend, Miss Laura Stokes; therefore be it resolved by the scholars of Powellsville Sunday-school:

1. That in the death of Laura we have lost an earnest worker and a faithful friend.

2. That while we bow in humble submission to the will of an all-wise providence, we feel deeply our loss and mourn the death of our companion.

3. That we extend to the heart-broken family our deepest sympathy and most earnest prayers in this their hour of affliction.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and published in the Advocate, and a page of our Sunday-school record be inscribed to her memory.

LAURA SESSOMS,
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STATEMENT

United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, of Baltimore, Maryland.

Condition December 31, 1903, as Shown by Statement Filed.

Amount of capital paid up in cash.....$1,700,000.00
Amount of ledger assets December 31st of previous year, $2,497,814.71; increase during year, $49,100.00; surplus paid in $16,393.50; total 2,563,308.21
Income—From policy-holders, $1,836,823.09; miscellaneous, $198,361.70; total 2,035,184.79
Burglary, $329,148.04; fidelity and surety, $1,507,675.05.
Disbursements—To policy-holders, $688,259.22; miscellaneous, $1,249,925.18; total 1,936,184.40
Burglary, $114,155.35; fidelity and surety, $574,103.87.
Premiums written or renewed during the year—Burglary, $451,426.76; fidelity and surety, $1,806,700.00.
Premiums in force at end of year.—Burglary, $394,492.17; fidelity and surety, $1,566,256.46.

ASSETS.

Book value of real estate (less amount of encumbrances)	$445,611.92
Mortgage loans on real estate	22,650.00
Loans secured by stocks, bonds and other security	23,535.00
Value of bonds and stocks	1,890,523.80
Interest and rents due and accrued.....	24,719.08
Cash in home office and deposited in banks	257,183.45
Premiums unpaid	405,357.44
Advanced account contract secured.....	155,730.45
All other assets, detailed in statement	42,262.50
Total admitted assets	3,270,573.62

LIABILITIES.

Unpaid policy claims	$116,813.46
Unearned premiums	984,158.48
Ledger liabilities	82,902.26
Commissions, brokerage and other charges due	85,755.06
Estimated expenses of unpaid claims.....	5,000.00
Total liabilities as to policy-holders	1,274,629.26
Capital paid up in cash	1,700,000.00
Surplus beyond all liabilities	295,944.36
Total liabilities	3,270,573.62

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1903.

Burglary.—Premiums received, $699.98; losses paid $390.00; losses incurred, $390.00.

Fidelity and Surety.—Premiums received, $18,092.97; losses incurred, $820.45.

Totals.—Premiums received, $18,792.95; losses paid, $390.00; losses incurred, $1,210.45.

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State of North Carolina,
Insurance Department,
Raleigh, April 15, 1904.

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the United States Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Baltimore, Md., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1903.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

JAMES R. YOUNG,
Insurance Commissioner.

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Condition December 31, 1903, as Shown by Statement Filed.

Capital paid up in cash	$1,000,000.00
Amount ledger assets Dec. 31st, previous year	13,150,369.08
Income—From policy-holders, $5,862,665.61; miscellaneous, $864,084.39; total	6,726,749.99
Disbursements—To policy-holders, $2,680,112.31; miscellaneous, $2,488,344.69; total	5,168,457.00
Fire Risks—Written or renewed during year $661,320,652	
In force	1,035,395,861.00

ASSETS.

Book value of real estate (less amount of encumbrances)	$1,113,000.00
Mortgage loans on real estate	32,150.00
Book value of bonds and stocks	11,460,530.14
Cash in home office and deposited in banks	808,503.53
Agents' balance, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1903	770,039.28
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1903	96,585.31
Interest and rents due and accrued	85,431.24
Bills receivable taken for fire risks	427,853.81
Total	14,794,093.31
Less assets, not admitted	601,915.68
Total admitted assets	14,192,177.63

LIABILITIES.

Losses and claims unpaid	$464,893.23
Unearned premiums	5,646,444.36
All other liabilities as detailed in statement	517,441.51
Total liabilities as to policy-holders	6,628,749.10
Capital paid up in cash	1,000,000.00
Surplus	6,563,428.53
Total liabilities	14,192,177.63

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1903.

Fire risks written, $1,929,981.00; premiums received, $31,081.73.
Losses incurred—Fire, $22,246.41; paid, $18,781.56.
Losses now unpaid, $7,183.47.
President, Henry Evans; Secretaries, J. E. Lopez, E. L. Ballard.
Home office, No. 46 Cedar Street, New York, N. Y.
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State of North Carolina,
Insurance Department,
Raleigh, February 12, 1904.

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Continental Insurance Company, of New York, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of Dec. 1903.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

JAMES R. YOUNG,
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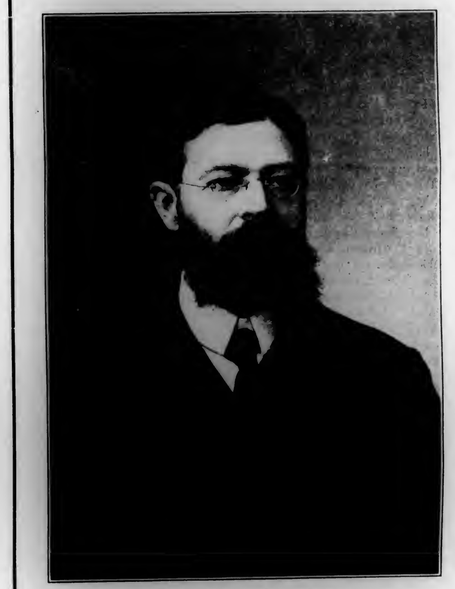

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That God hath heard their prayer,
Because the days are glad,
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But O there are some hearts,
Who further go than this,
Who trust Him, when the days are drear,
And life seems all amiss.

Who, in each darksome night,
Still trust Him, and hope on,
And look for sunshine, while it rains,
And heavy clouds roll on.

Who ask with faith sublime,
Although they can not see
The slightest token that He hears,
Still unto God they flee.

And day by day they call,
And trust Him still, and wait,
And know the Father heareth them,
O such a faith is great!

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About Two Prayers.

BY REV. S. A. WEBER.

It is interesting and instructive, and may be helpful, to study, in their mutual and common connections, two comprehensive and deeply spiritual prayers of the Apostle Paul: one which he made for the Thessalonians (I. Thess. 5:23), and another which he made ten years later for the church at Ephesus (Eph. 3:16-19). Take the first, "the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, ... your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Now this is a most remarkable prayer, covering the entire scope of personal sanctification. One stands confused and bewildered in the presence of its implied spiritual possibilities. To be sanctified wholly (through and through); to be preserved blameless in spirit, soul and body till the coming of Christ,—certainly this is a wonderful prayer. Keeping this in view, what a relief it is, realizing our limitations, to turn to the gracious and ample means for the fulfillment of the prayer as suggested in the verse following it: "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." Herein is our comfort and help, namely, that he who calls us to these high attainments and privileges, is pledged by his word of promise to do for us and in us what we can't do for ourselves without his gracious co-operation. And then the second prayer, in which the Apostle prays for the Ephesian Church, among other things, that they might be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge and that they might be filled with all the fulness of God. It is hard to conceive how language could express more. There is nothing in the way of analogy or figure either to simplify or intensify the meaning here. Taking the grand climacteric of the prayer: to be filled with God, to be filled with the fulness of God, to be filled with all the fulness of God (Adam Clarke),—how happy the privilege and opportunity to turn to the doxology (verses 20 and 21) that follows: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

And so the glory of our salvation from its initial stages to its ultimate consummation belongs to God, and to Him only and always. Duty is ours; results are God's.

Yorkville, S. C.

Adrift on the Pamlico.

BY A DRIFTER.

Did you ever out of the pulpit reach a point where you could go no further? If so, you are prepared to appreciate the narrative I shall try to relate. Should it appear to approach the limits of credulity, remember it is of the sea, fishy.

On Monday morning, bright and soon, seven enthusiastic travelers, Revs. A. P. Tyer, J. D. Bundy, J. A. Hornaday and R. C. Craven and Col. Bruton, Messrs. Davenport and Brown boarded a naptha launch, the "Annie G"—how gentle the name—at Aurora, bound for Washington, N. C. The water was smooth, the air balmy, and right beautifully did Annie speed us along, and very fulsome were the words of praise extended by her cargo.

Bundy occupied a conspicuous position on the vessel where he sat clothed with all the dignity which a Presiding Elder who has scored his first point in a successful District Conference can have; he also wore a St. Thomas doubt.

Tyer so far forgot his dignity as to smoke, once, twice and again, and those classic features of his profile often were disturbed by mirth. Hornaday, in that inimitable style of his, regaled us with some of his best jokes, most of whose incidents never occurred.

Col. Bruton, in that suave, courtly manner, which cannot be affected, essayed occasionally to go one better than Hornaday, with some show of success.

Brown's hearty laugh was even a better tonic than the bracing breeze.

Davenport wore an, I-wonder-what-next expression, and Craven, tired from the duties of secretary, had a Diogenes expression, save when a large wave came familiarly near the Annie G and coquetted with her.

We decided to visit the historic town of Bath against the protests of our captain, who told us that fate had been adverse to the ancient town since the time that their mockery caused George Whitfield actually to shake off the dust from his feet against its inhabitants as a judgment. However, we took the risk, and are indebted to Dr. Nicholson for courtesies extended in pointing out places of interest. We learned anew the story of Governor Eden and Edward Teach—men who divided the booty before the age of post-offices and postal scandals.

Bidding the genial doctor adieu, we again boarded the Annie G, but she had lain in the harbor of Bath long enough to catch somewhat of its spirit; hence, when word was given to go, gentle Annie preferred a rest. She was coaxed, and teased, but withal was "uncertain coy and hard to please."

Bundy said, "I told you so;" Hornady illustrated it with another joke, and Col. Bruton played the Jonah act, and exclaimed that he alone was responsible. Craven peered into the engine room when Annie's engine gave a kind of sneeze, like unto the report of a gun, which gave quite an animated expression to our secretary, who proceeded forwith to occupy his small corner.

After an hour, gentle Annie seemed to overcome the soporific effect of Bath, threw off her lethargy and sped with us out into the bay.

In the eyes of certain aforesaid gentlemen, who were becoming disillusionized, gentle Annie had degenerated into a common "gas boat." With the instinct of some feminine creatures, Annie was watching her opportunity for revenge, and—she got it.

When we were again in deep water, the shores far away, the wind increasing and white caps were heaving all around, Annie, with a sneeze, somewhat akin to an old man sick with influenza and whooping-cough, stopped, and positively refused to respond to any of our wooings. With an ominous twinkle in his eyes, Bundy said, "I told you so," Tyer forgot himself and smoked, Hornaday's jokes were so dry that they cracked prematurely, Brown spoke of the joys of home-life, and we all talked of Paul's experience in the briny deep, of Jonah and Peter's walking on the water, and, of ourselves, without any preconcerted action; that cargo resolved itself into a Quaker meeting, which became so noisy that two passengers climbed as high as possible on that gas boat and looked laughingly towards the west where loved ones lived.

Having drifted within shouting distance of land, one of the cargo, with a voice that would wake any chronic church napper, hailed a boat, which was dispatched to the town of Bath with Tyer and Hornaday on board to negotiate for transportation. As soon as they landed, they struck a bee-line for a hotel.

In the meantime Annie, with true feminine instincts, relented concerning her perverseness, and moved off as gently and smoothly as ever a maid does when her error is manifest. The white caps wooed in vain; she tarried not.

We repaired to Bath to get the negotiators and found them at the dinner table. They were compared to Benedict Arnold and Maj. Andre, but for the fact that they had ordered lunches for the rest of us who had neither food nor drink for nine hours, they might have shared a like fate to Arnold and Andre.

Again boarding the Annie G at 3 o'clock, we gaily rode the crested waves and arrived at Washington at 5 p. m. With the loss of six hours and Craven's hat, and the gain of interesting experiences, we bade adieu to Capt. Lane, who had done all possible for us, in response to which the an expiring snort.

The Light of the World.

C. F. SHERRILL.

A few centuries, the fourth and seventeenth, notably, presented the unlovely sight of Christians thinking more of a creed than of the Christ. The Savior of men is more than a dogma. Christ is greater than any creed. He is the Light of the world. There is lumination in his words and works. But the light first of all was in the Divine Person. Jesus is more to the human heart than the Arian, Athanasian, and Apostolic creeds. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

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Christianity is the religion of the Christ. While it cannot countenance false dogma, its glory and greatness is in a Person. "I am the Vine." "Believe on me." "Confess me." "Come unto me." Christ is over Christianity and in it. To repeat a formula is not to find the Christ. Religion is a living faith in a living Lord.

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When Peter said: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," he thought little about whether his confession should fit an Arian or an Athanasian creed. It was the soul's love and loyalty to its Lord. The creed of all creeds is the personal trust in a personal Christ.

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The incarnation of Christ, purposed in eternity, made visible and actual in times will continue forever, and finds its final purpose in our redeemed and completed humanity. "Ye are complete in him."

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Christ was conscious that he was the Eternal Son. He was also conscious that he was the Head of the human family. The Son of the Father was the Elder Brother of man. How near this brings the human to the divine, man to God. Christ was no more conscious of his Sonship than of his Headship of the human race.

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To be all spirit and no body is to be an angel. To be all flesh and no spirit is to be a man. To be a man with an immortal spirit quickened by the spirit of the Perfect Man and Perfect God is to be a Christian. The Christian is the crown of creation, the perfect fruit of the redemption of Christ, the heir of the ages, the child of the Eternal Father.

Wrong at the Grave.

A solemn place to do wrong. Who was doing so? An official member of our church, I think. How was he doing wrong? By persuading one or more young men, brothers, never to remove their membership from the church of their childhood home. This was contrary to our Discipline. (See paragraph 138.) I heard it, but owing to the sadness of the home, said nothing. The family, the mother of whom was buried that day, had been living in Elizabeth City several years, their membership remaining twelve miles distant, and twelve miles from the pastor. During that good woman's sickness I was blamed by Baptists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians and members of my own church for not visiting her, they being under the impression that the family were members of my church. I knew nothing of the mother's sickness till I saw notice of her death in the paper. It may be that the family feeling that they had no claim on me as pastor had not informed me. Many members of my church did not know that the family were Methodists, hence did not render kindnesses that otherwise might have been rendered. From six or seven different points of the compass the grown sons and daughters gathered about that dear mother's grave—some from other States—yet it seems that none had moved their membership, and, therefore, had no pastor—no soul-shepherd in their different homes. Truly, they might come to say like David. "No man careth for my soul"—certainly no one had "official responsibility for their souls in their new homes." Dont move your membership till you get "settled down," is a trick of Satan by which he gets you to begin to neglect an important duty. If you do not live in a place but a short while, your church letter puts you on God's side while there. You can't "settle down" without your church membership, for your best interests have been left behind till you get it—your are not entirely moved. Then, again, we are not to serve and worship the place where one's parents did, but the God of our parents, in the place wherein God's providence our lot is cast. Abraham moved his altar from Bethel to Mamre—the tent and altar went together. Our Discipline is right on the certificate ideas. But you say your church needs their financial aid. Will not God care for His Church in every place? Is the future of your church dependent on its present membership, or on your faith in God's promise to care for the church? Is it right to keep names on your church register for the financial aid the persons give when they cannot be there to work for the salvation of souls? Is it true when sinners say: "We are after the money only?" Would it not be better to let members who move take their membership with them, and the church go to prayer, and work to save other sinners to take their places on the register? "Let all things be done decently and in order," says Paul, and the Discipline.

OBEY.

The Granbery College.

The wisdom of founding and maintaining an institution of learning in any given community depends upon the educational needs of the people and the adaptability of the institution to meet these needs.

It is because those who have visited and studied the field were particularly impressed with Brazil's need of such a school as the Granbery College proposes to be that they have appealed to the church in the United States for the money and the men necessary to establish and carry forward the enterprise.

Four very important questions might be appropriately asked concerning this institution of learning: Where is the Granbery College? What is the Granbery College? Why is the Granbery College? What may be the results from the Granbery College?

These inquiries might be summarily answered as follows: The Granbery College is a Christian school for boys, founded at Juiz de Fora, Brazil, in the year 1890, by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the purpose of preparing young men for the ministry, furnishing to Brazilian youth the best means for the development of their physical, intellectual and moral faculties under Gospel influence, and to serve as an evangelizing agency.

But in order that the importance and the needs of this institution may be brought more prominently before the Christian public it may be well to attempt an answer more in detail to each of these separate inquiries.

WHERE IS THE GRANBERY COLLEGE.

The location of institutions of learning with reference to accessibility to the people, healthfulness of the climate and surroundings generally is always a matter of importance. Juiz de Fora in the State of Minas Geraes, where this college is located is an important and growing commercial and industrial city of 15,000 or more inhabitants on the Central Railroad about 170 miles from the city of Rio de Janeiro. The elevation is about 2,200 feet above the level of the sea, and the situation is in the midst of an extensive and very fertile coffee producing and agricultural section of the country. There are railroad connections with the Federal capital, with the progressive State of Sao Paulo, and with the system soon to be run through the Southern States, reaching into the Republic of Argentine and Uruguay; a branch also of the extensive Leopoldina Railway system starts from this point and reaches populous sections of the States of Minas Geraes, Rio de Janeiro and Espirito Santo. The Central Railroad extending through the State with branch lines is being rapidly projected on into the great San Francisco River valley to connect with lines through Bahia, Pernambuco and other northern States, and to stretch across the great interior cattle raising highlands and mountainous mining regions and on into the Amazon valley. As things appear at present there could be no more accessible, central and healthy location in Brazil for this school.

The site in the city has been well chosen; a plot of ground measuring 192 by 369 feet, with streets on three sides. The entire block might later be acquired if necessary. The college is easily accessible to persons living in all parts of the city, and is but a short walk from the Methodist Church.

The handsome building now nearing completion, and greatly needing funds to allow of its complete equipment has been wisely planned, and together with the old residence of the grounds where the school has been conducted in very crowded quarters until the present, will furnish accommodation for the President and his family, one professor and family, and 120 boarders. There will also be room for at least 100 day pupils from the city. The plant could not be better located to make its work and influence felt as an evangelizing agency. So much for the location, general and local of the institution.

Cup-Offerings of Water.

It is hardly an exaggeration to say that two-thirds of all that makes it "beautiful to be alive" consists in cup-offerings of water. Not an hour of life's journey but is rendered easier by their freshening or harder by their absence.

Why?

Because most of us are burden-bearers of one sort or another; because to most of us a large part of the journey is a dull and trivial trudge; because there is much dust upon the road, and—not so many bad places as probably we think—yet many common places; and it is load and dust and stretches of the commonplace that makes one thirsty.

We crave the roadside recognitions which give praise for the good deeds attempted, pity for the hard luck and the fall, a hand-lift now and then to ease the burden's chafe, and now and then a word of sympathy in the step-step-stepping that takes us through the dust.

And this is all that most of us wait to give, for we, too, are here on business. You cannot step my journey for me, neither carry me on your back, cannot do me any great service; but it makes a world of difference to me whether I do my part in the world or without these little helps which fellow-travelers can exchange.

"I am busy, Johnny, and can't help it," said the father, writing away when the little fellow hurt his finger. "Yes, you could—you might have said 'O!'" sobbed Johnnie. There's a Johnnie inside of all of us upon occasions.

The old Quaker was right. "I expect to pass through this life but once. If there is any kindness or any good thing I can do to my fellowbeing, let me do it now. I shall pass this way but once."—W. C. Gannat.

Comic and Curious.

Judge Lyman S. Barr was once talking with a novelist, now famous, then young and obscure, but self-confident. Finally he said sternly, "So you expect to be famous some day, eh?" "Some day," said the young man, "I expect to have the world at my feet." "What have you been doing all this time," said the judge, "walking on your hands?"

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One of our readers sends us an amusing story of a borrowing family:

The other day one of its members went to a neighbor's house and asked for the loan of a wash-tub, and the answer she received was rather perplexing. It was as follows: "No, I can't; the hoops are all off; the bottom is out, and it's full of water."

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At a recent examination of young men in England, three of the answers to the question, "What is the Monroe Doctrine?" were:

"The religion of America taught by Dr. Monroe on the transmigration of souls."

"The doctrine that people may be married several times."

"One that has to do with vaccination and smallpox; it was brought out by Professor Monroe."

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Frances had been brought up in a strict Presbyterian household, and in all her nine years had never attended service in a church of another denomination. While on a visit with her mother to a part of the country for from her own home, she entered the parlor one Saturday afternoon and eagerly asked: "Oh,mamma, may I go to the 'Piscopal church with Gertie to-morrow? I'll promise not to believe a single word the minister says!"

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Stories are told concerning a certain Irish town where "watchmen" are employed to parade the streets by night and "call the hours," their usual formula being something like this: "Two o'clock; all's well, all's well!"

One night,as a visitor happened to be lying awake, he heard the following somewhat paradoxical cry:

"Two o'clock; all's well Smith's mill's on fire; one man killed! All's well!"

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During the "Reconstruction Period" a colored man was elected a Justice of the Peace in the backwoods of South Carolina. His first case happened to be one in which the defendant asked for a trial by jury. When the testimony was in and the arguments had been concluded, the lawyers waited for the Judge to proceed with his instructions to the jury. The Justice seemed somewhat embarrassed. Finally one of the lawyers whispered to him and told him that it was time for him to charge the jury. Looking warily at the jury, with a grim judicial air, the Judge said:

"Gentlemen uv de jury, sense dis is a very small case, I'll jes' charge y'all a dollar an' a ha'f apiece."

Take thy self-denials gayly and cheerfully, and let the sunshine of thy gladness fall on dark things and bright alike, like the sunshine of the Almighty. —J. F. Clarke.

The Field

Goldsboro Circuit

This circuit is nicely situated around and near Goldsboro, and of the seven appointments only two are as far distant as seven miles from the parsonage, and the pastor can fill any two of the appointments and return home in the same day.

Our circuit is surely progressive in almost every line of work, and we feel encouraged to expect still greater achievements in the near future.

The moral, spiritual, intellectual and financial condition of our people will compare favorably with most sections and their love and care for their pastor and family, supplying their every need, as well as their constant offices of benefaction to any who really stand in need, speaks for them its own eulogy.

We have just completed two nice new churches. One at Pine Forest costing $1,000, to be dedicated June 26th; one at Pikeville costing $1,200, to be dedicated as soon as it is seated, and we hope to do that very soon. These churches are plain, but nice ones, and are an honor to those sections and a credit to those who, under difficulties, erected them.

The money for building them was raised mainly within the bounds of this circuit and from our own people, and it has been quite a tax upon them and will somewhat retard our early Conference collections, but "all is well that ends well," and they will not suffer the wheels of progress to lose their motion or stand still.

More of our people are reading the Advocate, and as they read it more they find that $1.50 is not such a great price for a paper like the "Old Raleigh." We hope to send many more subscribers during the year.

HENRY E. TRIPP, P. C.

Goldsboro, N. C., June 2, 1904.

Hookerton Circuit

After closing a very pleasant four year's pastorate on Lumberton circuit among tried friends, we were sent to Hookerton charge for the current year. On arriving here early in December, we found ourselves in the midst of an appreciative people.

At the last Conference this charge was made by dividing the Snow Hill circuit, hence we had no parsonage in which to live, but found the official board ready to take such steps as changes demanded. At once they proceeded to purchase a lot and build a parsonage for our occupancy. The building is now complete, painted inside and out, and nicely furnished with everything necessary from an axe to a rolling-pin. Everything is paid for. With a leadership composed of such loyal Methodists as Hon. Jno. E. W. Sugg, W. W. Ormond and Dr. G. C. Edwards, together with a no less willing constituency, things must come to pass. We took possession of these newly acquired premises on April 27th, and since have enjoyed many expressions of esteem.

The three churches composing this work are nice structures, located in thrifty and progressive communities, from two to four miles apart. Each church has two appointments a month, and furnish good congregations. All the appointments have been met during the year notwithstanding the unusually cold winter. The Sunday-schools always steer clear of winter quarters, and are in fairly good shape. Two of them are organized into Missionary Societies. The work seems to be in such shape as will justify the looking forward to a profitable year.

With the truest sense of appreciation for what has been done for our comfort, we pray God's richest blessings upon all the people. We trust this year may be signalized by the doing of great things for the Master.

J. P. PATE, Pastor.

Programme of Raleigh District Conference to be Held in Cary, N. C, June 29th to July 3d, 1904.

WEDNESDAY.

8.15 p. m.—Opening sermon by Rev. F. A. Bishop.

THURSDAY.

9.00 a. m.—Prayer service.

9.15 a. m.—Organization.

9.45 a. m.—Reports from pastors on Sunday-schools.

(1) Scholars enrolled.

(2) Literature used.

(3) Missionary Societies organized.

(4) Improvement made since last report.

11.00 a. m.—Sermon: Christian character as exemplified in early piety, by Rev. F. M. Shamburger.

EVENING SESSION.

3.00 p. m.—Address: Epworth Leagues and their value to the church, by Rev. J. M. Culbreth.

3.30 p. m.—Address: "The difficulties in the way of Sunday-school work and how to overcome them," by Rev. W. H. Puckett.

4.00 p. m.—Adress: ....., by Rev. L. S. Massey.

8.15 p. m.—Sermon: "Responsibility of parents for developing Christian character in their children," by Rev. J. D. Pegram.

FRIDAY.

9.00 a. m.—Prayer service.

9.15 a. m.—Reading the minutes and enrolment of new arrivals.

9.30 a. m.—Reports on missions:

(1) What interest in taken in the cause?

(2) What has been done to create an interest among our people?

(3) Have the missionary collections been taken?

(4) What steps have been taken to insure full collections this year?

11.00 a. m.—Sermon on missions, by Rev. R. F. Bumpas.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

3.00 p. m.—Opening service.

3.15 p. m.—Our Orphanage, by Rev. J. W. Jenkins.

3.45 p. m.—"The duty of the church to send the Gospel to all the world," by Rev. N. E. Coltrane.

4.15 p. m.—"What the Raleigh District is doing for missions, and what is possible for it to do," by Rev. F. A. Bishop, District Secretary.

8.15 p. m.—Sermon: "The works of Christ, and the greater works of the church," by Rev. J. H. Shore.

SATURDAY.

9.00 a. m.—Prayer service.

9.15 a. m.—Reading minutes.

9.30 a. m.—Reports on spiritual state of the church.

11.00 a. m.—Address on Christian education, by Rev. J. C. Kilgo, D. D.

EVENING SESSION.

3.00 p. m.—Prayer service.

3.15 p. m.—Report of Committee on Quarterly Conference Records.

3.30 p. m.—Unfinished business.

Selection of place for next Conference.

8.15 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. R. H. Whitaker, D. D.

SUNDAY.

10.00 a. m.—Love feast; conducted by Revs. J. O. Guthrie and G. W. Fisher.

11.00 a. m.—Sermon, followed by communion, by Dr. J. C. Kilgo.

8.15 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. J. O. Guthrie .

Let every one be present at the opening service.

Commencement Exercises of the Harry North School.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—The commencement exercises of the Harry North School have been held this week. On last Sunday morning Rev. N. M. Watson preached the commencement sermon, taking as his text, 2 Tim. 3:7: "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." It was a strong sermon, and was much enjoyed. Dr. W. I. Cranford was to have delivered the literary address, but was prevented from doing so by the death of Mrs. C. W. Edwards. Prof. Plato D. Durham came in his stead, and delivered a very fine address on Wednesday night. Tuesday evening a concert was given by the music class. It was of a high order and reflected much credit upon both teacher and pupils. On Thursday evening there were exercises by the school. The children were well trained and, though the exercises were a little lengthy, the audience would not have had any part omitted.

This school, owned and controlled by our church at this place, is doing a good work. It has met with a much larger success during the past year than was expected by the friends, and we are expecting even greater success next year. Arrangements have been made for boarding pupils, and a number of these are expected.

I enclose a paper which has been adopted by the School Board, and which I will thank you to publish.

Yours truly, R. H. WILLIS.

A New Church and Parsonage for Rocky Mount.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—I write to say that our people here are thoroughly committed to and have begun the work of building a handsome new church and parsonage, both of modern architecture and improvements. This will be pleasant news to those of my predecessors in the pastorate here who are now living, and to our Methodist people generally who know how long and greatly this work has been needed.

The church will be of brick, slate roofed, and stone-trimmed, and will be worth, when complete, including lot, $17,000. The parsonage will be of wood and will be worth $3,000. Both buildings will occupy very nearly the sites of the old church and parsonage, corner of Church Street and Sunset Avenue, the old buildings having just been removed to make room for the new. The parsonage will be completed within the next three months, and the work of the church will be pushed forward during the summer and fall.

Very sincerely, W. S. RONE.

Rocky Mount, N. C., June 2, 1904.

Harry North School, Morehead City.

(A paper adopted by the School Board.)

With the exercises of this week, the Harry North School comes to the close of the first year of its existence. We rejoice to note the success that has come to the school during this year, and would express our appreciation of the faithful and efficient work that has been rendered by the principal and each of his co-laborers. With zeal and fidelity they have prosecuted their work, and, therefore, deserve, and no doubt receive, the hearty thanks of the many friends and patrons of the school. The school has had a most auspicious beginning, and, we feel sure, has a bright future before it. We bespeak for the management of the coming year the sympathy and co-operation of all who are interested in the school. We hereby pledge ourselves, both as a School Board and as individuals, to continue to give the school our hearty support and to do all in our power to advance the cause of Christian education in our community.

We have been glad to have with us during the closing exercises of the school, Rev. H. M. North, through whose efforts during his pastorate here, the school was established. The work wrought by him while in our midst is highly appreciated, and we hope he will make it convenient to visit us frequently in the future on these commencement occasions.

It is with pleasure also that we have had with us Rev. N. M. Watson, of Wilmington, and Prof. Plato D. Durham, of Trinity College. The management of the school is to be congratulated upon having secured such eminent speakers for this occasion. The messages brought by them have been inspiring and uplifting, and we would hereby extend to them our sincere thanks.

The Family

June.

Come, with thine old-time witcherics of life,
Oh, thou full-breasted mother, hasten thee,
Lest on some winter-weary sense there fall,
Too late the rose and humming of thy bee!

So late thou art! Through many pulsing days
We heard thy tread in heart of earth and tree,
And felt thy breath until each leafing vine
Yearned for thy sensuous touch to make it free.

Through barren months, all black and cold and gray,
We watched, like children through the muffled pane,
A tender signal from a beckoning hand,
But only saw frost-flowers through the rain.

Come, coax the shyest blossoms of the year!
Bless us, sweet mother! Make the palest smile,
And, with our storm-roughed cheeks against thy breast,
Give us thy beauty for a little while.

No changelings call thee, for our hearts are thine;
Thou boldest that which keeps all things in tune,—
Rose-leaves and kisses, love and life's red wine,—
Oh, golden hearted, peerless, perfect June!

—June Century.

Following Afar Off.

Our Lord has millions of followers, but they are not all equally near to Him. Some walk close to His side every day, while others follow afar off. Many waver. One day they resolve to cleave to the Lord at all hazards and all costs, another day they fall back into the rear rank. One appears to follow the Lord fully while everything goes on according to his mind, but no sooner does he meet with disappointment and trial than he begins to lag behind and almost drop out of sight of those who were his chosen companions in former days.

Those who make a profession of religion but refuse to unite with the Church of Christ follow Him afar off. Some one will say, "Can I not be a Christian without being a member of the church?" Yes, you can, but what kind of a Christian do you wish to be? If you wish to be an out-and-out Christian you will have to unite with the church, but if you are content to be a half-and-half Christian you can do so without identifying yourself outwardly with the people of God.

An apple tree may grow in the forest surrounded by oaks and pines and sycamore trees, but it will not bear fruit, or if it should bring forth fruit its fruit will be inferior and unfit for use. The apple tree which is planted in the orchard, pruned, cultivated, and tended with special care, will bring forth good fruit. So it is with Christians. "They that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God." They shall bring forth fruit in old age.

One who tries to be a Christian and still live without the church is a sort of double witness. By his words he declares that he is a follower of Christ. He says: "I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and trust in Him for salvation. I pray and read the Bible and keep the Sabbath." This is well, but he is identified in his life, not with the people of God, but with the people of the world. He is counted among those who do not follower Christ. If he is a follower of Jesus he follows afar off.

Those who make a profession or religion and neglect the means of grace follow afar off. God has ordained prayer, the word of God, the Church of Christ, and the holy Sabbath as channels through which grace may be supplied to the believing soul. We need them. The Christian begins the new life with prayer. He continues to walk in the narrow way by prayer. He prays morning, noon, and night. He prays without ceasing. He prays everywhere. Only by unceasing prayer can he fight the good fight of faith. "Restraining prayer, we cease to fight." Hast thou given up prayer? Thou art afar off. The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit with which we may fight the battle of the Lord. We must search the Scriptures daily or we lay down the sword of the Spirit. That professing Christian who is not a daily Bible reader is following affar off. The Christian needs the church and the Sabbath. No one can forsake the assembly of the saints and follow Christ closely. No one can neglect to keep the Sabbath holy without falling back from Christ.

All those who make a profession of religion and live a worldly life follow afar off. There are Christians whose minds and hearts and time are all taken up with making money. They are so busy that they have no time for prayer in the morning, and so weary that they have no strength for prayer at night. They are church members, but the life and power of godliness have departed. There are others who are absorbed in pleasure. Parties, entertainments, amusements, and recreations are their life. They are members of the church, but where is their spiritual life? How much do they contribute to the sum of spirituality in the community?

Some follow Christ outwardly, but not in heart. They belong to the church, and do not neglect the means of grace. They are honest, upright, and outwardly consistent. But they were never converted. They do not know by experience the joys of pardoned sin. They have not received the Holy Ghost. They are destitute of the witness of the Spirit. They are following, but it is all on the outside. To follow Christ closely one must follow Him in heart. He must walk as Christ walked, and he animated with that same divine life which throbbed in His heart. He must be a partaker of the divine nature.

"It is good for me to draw near to God." It is not good to live in clouds and darkness when there is light. It is not good to walk on the borders of the enemy's country while traveling to the celestial city. We may travel through Immanuel's ground to fairer world on high. We do not have to wait until death to see God and walk with Him. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Jesus has promised to be with us and to dwell in us.

"Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee;
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me."

A Motive for Consecration.

One of the distinguished ministers of the Presbyterian church told us the other day in a conference in a Western city that a little boy who had been operated upon by Dr. Lorenz said as soon as he came out from under the anaesthetic, "It will be a long time before mother hears the last of this doctor;" and then said my friend: "I thought of an incident in my own life, of a poor German boy whose foot was twisted out of shape, whose mother was poor and could not have him operated upon, and I determined to bring him to a great doctor, and ask him to take him in charge." The operation was over and was a great success. When the plaster cast had been taken off from his foot, my friend said he went to take him home. He called his attention to the hospital, and the boy admired it, but he said, "I like the doctor best." He spoke of the nurses, and the boy was slightly interested, but said, "They are nothing compared to the doctor." He called his attention to the perfect equipment of the hospital, and he was unmoved, except as again and again he referred to the doctor.

They reached the Missouri town, and stepped out at the station together, and the old German mother was waiting to receive him. She did not look at her boy's face nor at his hands, but she fell on her knees and looked at his foot, and then said, sobbing, "It is just like any other boy's foot;" and took him in her arms. But all the boy kept saving to her over and over was, "Mother, you ought to know the doctor that made me walk."

And then my friend said: "There is no one of us but for whom Jesus Christ has done ten thousand times more than the doctor did for this boy, and we have never spoken for Him; we have not yielded ourselves to Him."

It must have been with some such spirit as this that the apostle said: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."—Selected.

Keeping Clean All the Way.

It was on a transcontinental train. We were fellow-passengers and had become quite well acquainted by reason of our sharing the same section for a day or so. He was a young man full of hopes and ambitions. Learning who I was he became quite confidental and told me of his plans for the future and the purpose of his present journey.

He was on his way to a Western town to marry the sweet heart of his boyhood days. On the second day, after a very dusty ride across the desert, I missed him for a time. He soon came back from the toilet room cleanly washed and shaved, his clothing neatly brushed, and fresh linen in place of the soiled.

I said to him: "You must be getting near the end of your journey, where you will meet your future bride."

"Oh, no," said he. "I find that the best way to be clean at the end of the journey is to keep clean all the way along."

Oh, if the young men and women of our day would not put off cleaning-up time until the end of the journey! If they would not think that they will have time enough to prepare to die! If they could only be made to realize that it is a far more serious thing to live than it is to die, and that the only way to be clean at the end of the journey is to get clean now and keep clean. —The Rev. Bruce Kinney.

A "Widow's Mite.

Everybody has heard of the "Widow's Mite," but how many are aware that a real specimen of this oft-mentioned coin is in existence? Yet this is the case, and it now reposes in the cabinet of coins in the United States Mint at Philadelphia, enjoying the reputation among unmismatists of being the most noted coin in the world.

"The Widow's Mite" was found in some rubbish in the temple grounds in Jerusalem some years ago, and the finder presented it to the Mint. Its original name was "lepton," from "leptos," very small. The word mite is English, formerly meaning a weight representing the twentieth part of a grain, but was used in the place of "lepton" when the New Testament was translated. The coin is of bronze, weighs ten grains, and has a diameter of three-tenths of an inch.

The nationality of the coin is not definitely known, but authorities say it is fairly certain that it is not of Jewish origin, there being little Hebrew money in circulation at the beginning of the Christian era. Just what was the value of the mite is also a subject of speculation, but expert numismatists suppose it to have been worth about one-fifth of a cent.—New York Sun.

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Repentance is the awakening of the consciousness of sin; and patience is the ever-deepening abhorrence of its sinfulness.—Bishop Thorold.

Our Boys and Girls

Tulls, N. C., May 10, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl cleven years old. I go to Sunday-school when I can. I also go to every day school. My teacher's name is Miss Belle Wimbish. I like her very much. Our pastor is Rev. James Y. Old. We all like him very much.

Now, I will close with best love for the orphans.

Your friend,
NELLIE BAXTER.

Bath, N. C., May 6, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. I have been going to school, but it was up a month ago. Mr. H. N. Roper was my teacher. I like him very much. I have a sweet little sister five years old. Her name is Esther. I have a brother eight years old. His name is Lindley. My papa and mama are both living.

Your little friend,
ANNIE I. TYER.

Gibson, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy twelve years of age. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher is Mrs. T. J. Adams.

I will answer Esther Miller's question: Iron floated in Jordan River; also Helen Weaver's question: Joseph was twelve years old when his brethren sold him.

I will ask a question: How old was John the Baptist when he was beheaded?

Your friend,
JIM PATE.

Sanford, N. C., May 12, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy cleven years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. I love to read the little boys and girls letters. My Sunday-school teacher is my father. My father takes the Advocate. Our pastor is Rev. S. T. Moyle. Our Superintendent is Mr. S. P. Hatch. I will ask one question: Who was the oldest man?

I will close. Find 10 cents for the orphans.

Your unknown friend,
ERNEST CONOLEY BASS.

Bayboro, N. C., May 3, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As I have never written to you, today I write. I have five brothers and one sister. I have a mother, but no father. I go to school and to Sunday-school too. I am in school now. Mrs. Jellah M. Cheek is my teacher, and Mrs. E. H. Pickles is my Sunday-school teacher. Mr. E. H. Picklee is our superintendent. We like him very much. I will close by asking a question: Who put Daniel in the lions' den?

Best wishes for the Advocate.

Your little unknown friend,
ETHA R. LUPTON.

Wilmington, N. C., May 10, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. Papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little girls and boys' letters.

I go to Sunday-school when I am well. I go to every-day school, and I am in the second grade. I study spelling, third reader, and "A great America for a little American." My teacher's name is Miss Belle Anderson, and I like her very much. Our pastor is Rev. A. B. Haltom, and we like him very much. Our Superintendent is Mr. R. H. Beery.

I will close.

VIVIAN C. WILLIAMS.

Wanchese, April 27, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My Sunday-school teacher is Miss Marina Simpson, and I like her very much.

Our pastor is Rev. A. J. Parker, and I like him very much also.

I go to every-day school. My teacher is Mrs. C. R. Taylor. If this escapes the waste-basket I will write again.

Your friend,
MINNIE WILLIS BAUM.

Troy, N. C., May 10,1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl thirteen years of age. I am going to school every day. Mr. W. B. Cochran is my teacher. I like him very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher is Mrs. Fanny Parker. Our superintendent is Mr. R. T. Pool. Our pastor is Rev. M. D. Hix. I like them very much. I have never written to the Advocate before. I will answer Sallie Miller's question: Sampson was the strongest man. Now I will ask one: In what part of the Bible are the ten commandments found?

Your unknown friend,
MYRTLE EWING.

Okisko, N. C., May 9, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl 13 years old. My papa takes your paper, and I enjoy reading the boys and girls letters very much. This is my second letter to your paper.

I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. Our pastor is Rev. W. F. Jones. We all like him very much. We are going to have childrens day service the fifth Sunday.

Now, I will ask a question: Who wrote the ten commandments?

I will answer Maud Haskett's question: "Jesus wept," is the shortest verse in the Bible.

I will close now.

Your true friend,
EULA G. WOOD.

Troy, N. C., May 7, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—Mama takes your paper, and I enjoy reading it, especially the boys and girls corner.

I am a little girl cleven years old. I belong to the M. E. Church here. I joined last year. Our pastor is Rev. M. D. Hix.

I have two brothers and two sisters.

I will answer Grace H. Drewett's question: Moses was one hundred and twenty years old.

I will ask some: In what book of the Bible are the ten commandments found? Who was Cain's wife?

Quarterly Conference is in session here now. Elder Cole is with us.

As this is my first letter, I will close, hoping to see my letter in print, I am

Your little friend,
NANNIE LEWIS.

Stonewall, N. C., May 4, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will write a few lines. We have an interesting Sunday-school. R. H. Baxter, Superintendent. Mrs. P. A. Baxter is my teacher. Our week-day school continues eight months. About 125 students. Mrs. Z. M. Cheek principal. Have three teachers.

My father is pastor at Stonewall.

We have organized a missionary society at this place. About fifty members. We meet monthly. I have the honor of being secretary. We expect to pay our missionary collections in full this year. I am acquainted with Emma and Blanch Carter, of Hemp, N. C. I will answer their question: "What three persons fasted forty days?" Moses. Elijah and Jesus.

A question: As the Advocate is very helpful to us, how many girls and boys will promise to get one new subscriber this year? Report through the Advocate. [Hurrah for Ruth!—Editor.]

RUTH ETHERIDGE.

Troy, N. C., May 10, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years of age. My papa takes the Advocate, and I like to read the little boys and girls column.

I go to school now. My teacher's name is Mr. W. B. Cochran. We all like him. I study arithmetic, grammar, history, geography, and dictionary. I like history and dictionary best of all my studies. I go to Sunday-school also. Our pastor is Rev. M. D. Hix. We all like him very well. My Sunday-school teacher's name is Miss Alice Bruton. I like her fine. Our Superintendent is Mr. R. T. Poole. We all like him. We have a real good Sunday-school.

I have written to you before.

I will close by asking a question: In what part of the Bible is the Lord's prayer found?

I hope this will not go to the waste basket.

Your friend,
MATTIE STAMEY.

Old Hundred, N. C., May 5, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I have written several times before, and I will try again. We are going to have "Childrens' Day" the third Sunday in May. We are looking to have a big time.

I think the girls will get ahead of the boys if they do not write often. My birthday will be the third day of October, and I wan't to have a party. I will be fifteen years old.

I think it is so kind in Dr. Ivey to give us a page in his paper. We ought to try to fill it up with nice letters.

I will answer Sallie M. Miller's question: Sampson was the strongest man.

I will ask one: What is the shortest verse in the Bible?

I will close for fear of the waste-basket.

Your friend,
LELIA MAY THROWER.

Roper, N. C., May 9, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a motherless little boy cleven years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks letters. I go to Sunday-school and preaching every Sunday. My Sunday-school teacher is Miss Ella Herrington. Our Superintendent is Mr. L. G. Roper. I go to the graded school also. Professor Bayne is our principal. I will answer Annie Bell Dickens's question: The Lord's prayer is found in the sixth chapter of St. Matthew, and in the eleventh chapter of St. Luke.

Now I will ask one: Where is something said about the boys and girls in the Bible?

I close, sending 20 cents with love to the orphans.

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Your little friend,
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Mrs. Hargrove.

By request, the following dates for the addresses of Mrs. Mary L. Hargrove in some of the towns of our Conference, are republished: Rockingham, Sunday, July 10th, 8 p. m.; Fayetteville, Monday, July 11th, 8 p. m.; Wilmington, July 12th, 8 p. m.; New Bern, July 13th, 8 p. m.; Raleigh, July 14th, 8 p. m.; Durham, July 15th, 8 p. m.

Notes from the Board.

The twenty-sixth annual session of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was held May 18-24 in the handsome new McTyeire Church, Jacksonville, Fla. What a pleasure and a privilege it was to attend this delightful meeting! When my beloved co-workers, by their loving generosity, turned my mind in that direction, the thought was a pleasure trip simply, but to my great regret and disappointment sister Swindell, our Conference Secretary, was taken ill of diphtheria, and prevented from going—being her alternate, it became my duty to go in her place. She was greatly missed in the deliberations of that body of Christian women.

All of the officers were in their places except Mrs. M. L. Hargrove, Recording Secretary, who had not returned from the S. S. Convention in the Holy Land. Miss Nina Wilson performed the duties of that office in a most acceptable manner. Only four or five of the 34 Conference Societies were unrepresented. Bishop Candler, at 11 a. m., Sunday, and Bishop Wilson, at 8 p. m., preached grand, uplifting sermons to large audiences. Dr. W. W. Lambuth and Dr. Nanee, President of Soochow University, China, delivered interesting and instructive addresses on Friday and Saturday evenings. Dr. Margaret Polk and Miss Helen Richardson, of China Mission; Miss Viola Blackburn, from Mexico, and our own Mary Pescud, from Brazil, all added interest to the meeting. Four young ladies were accepted and appointed to foreign work. One to Brazil, and three to China. One young lady offered and was accepted as music teacher to one of our schools in Mexico.

The forward movement the past year was cause for thanksgiving, and necessitated enlarged plans for future work. To meet the demands from the foreign fields and also to visit the Conferences in the home land an associate general secretary was elected. Mrs. J. B. Cobb, of Macon, Ga.—a lady of culture and consecration to this mission work since its organization. She will live in Nashville, Tenn.

Some important changes were made in regard to "specials," which will be explained later.

Our "agents" in the foreign fields will hereafter be called "secretary of the mission"—Brazil Mission and China Mission, etc.

The Scarritt Bible and Training School had the largest enrollment the past year of any in its history. Nineteen graduates this year. The Maria Wightman lectureship was pledged in full by the secretaries, and another started in honor of Mrs. S. C. Trueheart.

The five pressing invitations for the Board "meeting" next year showed its appreciation. Muskogee, Indian Territory, received the largest vote.

Total receipts of the year were $132,143.37; increase over last year of $20,000. All appropriations were met. The amount of Pledge for the North Carolina Conference Society for this year is $2,000.

It was the good fortune of Mrs. Crawford and myself to be guests in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holloman, formerly of the "good Old North State," which is dear to their hearts still. May God's richest blessings ever abide with them as well as upon the members of our beloved W. F. M. S. of the North Carolina Conference.

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Facts and Figures.

Dr. Pierson said "Facts form the fuel with which missionary fervour is fired and fed"—which words to me appear an alliterative appeal, and I think our readers will agree with me after considering the following facts recently collected. In the century just closed the population of the United States increased 14 fold. Protestant membership 54, all Methodism, 92; Southern Methodism, 246. Twelve years ago only 17 per cent of the cotton factories of the United States were in the South. Now there are 54 per cent.

GREAT DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES.

Do you not see them? It devolves upon us women in a peculiar way to continue the work of our beloved Southern Methodist Church, because its wonderful growth must be the unmistakable seal of God's approval, and because along with this growth has come the acknowledgement of woman's ability to work beside her brother. Some denominate this the "emancipation age" for women, and we should not be slow to claim and use our privileges. I do not refer to the hackneyed "woman's rights," for our place is not in any portion of the political arena. But it behooves the Woman's Home Mission Society to increase its number of schools, kindergartens, settlement homes, rescue homes, etc., and to send out hundreds of trained workers among the masses.

Our Four New Deaconesses.

Only four received the high and holy orders at the meeting of the Board in April, viz.: Mrs. Sonley and Miss Lockard, who were sent to Kansas City, Miss Olsen to Sloan Mission, St. Louis, and Miss Elliott to the Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, Los Angeles, Cal. May they be blessed in every word and work, daily proving their right to the beautiful name given by Bishop Hendrix —"Sisters of Jesus."

Amity Auxiliary, Lake Landing.

"We have used Bulletins sent us. It has been suggested that we study them more carefully, that we select the most important items and advance ideas on them, thereby hoping to develop our own members."

I give this welcome extract from Mrs. Fisher's latest letter as a sample of a charming reply to my letters to the auxiliary superintendents of press work.

A Beautiful Box-opening.

We have just had our first mite-box opening, and I must declare it a success. The mothers were invited to meet at a member's home, and to bring babies and children. The first to arrive was a young mother with her three months' babe, in long snowy robes, and the little one's sweet face, wreathed in dimpled smiles, brought joy and gladness. The children came forward as their names were called, and their elastic steps and glowing countenances said: "We are happy." Not one had less than 25c., and some had more than a dollar, the whole amounting to $6.71—and several children were absent. No epicurean luxury can take the place of candy with children, so we treated them to it while they played on the lawn, and the ladies finished up business. The mothers were as pleased as the children, and the one with the babe mentioned joined our Auxiliary. We will not forget to teach them to work for the Lord for Christ's sake.

MRS. M. M. FISHER,
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Editorial

SOME REVIVAL SUGGESTIONS.

We are approaching the season of the "dog-days," and revival meetings will be in evidence throughout the rural sections of our Conference. From the point of physical comfort the summer season is not very favorable to revival meetings, but circumstances incident to agricultural life make the summer season the best time for holding meetings in the majority of the sections of our Conference.

In writing on this subject, the editor feels happy in the thought that his knowledge of revivals is not merely theoretical. He has been a "circuit rider" and is proud of the fact, and he feels today that the circuit riders form the "Old Guard" in Immanuel's army. Having been a circuit rider, he knows something of revivals. A station may go for years without a revival and in a way survive, but who ever heard of a circuit preacher going up to Conference without a report of revivals on his work. A circuit simply could not exist without revivals, and it is truly providential that it is comparatively easy to have a "good meeting" in the country.

But about those "Suggestions." They will be general rather than specific, and are intended to fit revivals anywhere—in town or in country.

(1) Remember that no revival is "gotten up," but comes down. This statement lacks originality, but it throbs with dynamic force. We are absolutely dependent on the Holy Spirit for the fire which consumes the dross of sin, and He is always more than willing to kindle this fire when men and women will allow Him to do so. We would say that when you find a preacher agonizing in prayer for a divine visitation, you may look out for the presence of the King and the glow of the shekinah. "But a preacher cannot do much unless the people be ready," you say. Yes, but whenever you see a preacher thus agonizing, you may look in nine cases out of ten for a people ready to bless and be blessed.

(2) Kindle the fires among the church members before you burn the brush in the new ground. If necessary, have the whole church at the altar, not perfunctorily reconsecrating themselves for a few minutes, but praying as penitents for a new life in the soul. The fire, then, is bound to burst over into the new ground.

(3) Do not magnify preaching at the expense of prayer and singing. We have seen this done, and have noticed only unsatisfactory results. In our opinion, the least formal services in revival meetings are the most successful. A strong evangelical, earnest sermon of thirty minutes pointed and emphasized by short, earnest prayers both preceding and following, and by hearty singing from the soul, always has a good effect.

(4) Preach the awful reality and the real awfulness of sin. Preach that salvation from sin is only through a complete surrender to Jesus Christ. Preach that man is saved from sin for this life as well as far the life to come. Somehow or other, many people have the idea that the real salvation belongs ahead when we will wear crowns and sweep golden harps. Salvation from sin is for this life.

(5) Have the church building as well ventilated as possible. If you have night service, have plenty of light. It is simply impossible to have the best service in a poorly lighted church. If you have an afternoon service, issue a proclamation to the people that "good" dinners may be left at home. The zeal of good women in preparing fine spreads has, we believe, crippled Zion in many a revival meeting. Exhort the men and children to harden their hearts sufficiently to leave the beloved dogs at home. Be sure to place the "sleeping brother" on the rear seat, and do not let a sleeping preacher sit behind you in the pulpit.

(6) "String your fish as soon as you catch them," is good advice, but be sure that you allow no fish to spoil on the string. Salt them down as soon as possible. Read and explain the rules of the church to those whom you are to receive as members. Explain to them the vows they take. See that each one has a Bible and the Discipline, and secure at once his subscription to the church paper, and put him to work at something. We have always believed in giving the time of a whole service to the reception of members. It is time well spent. Such a service is extremely impressive.

We express the hope that this year may be a great year for the conversion of sinners and the strengthening of saints. God has good things in store for us, but He cannot empty them into palms turned down. Let us through prayer and an earnest agonizing faith be ready for the gifts.

THE MORNING POST'S NEW EDITOR.

Mr. Robert M. Phillips has been elected editor of the Morning Post of Raleigh. He was formerly city editor. Those who know Mr. Phillips feel satisfied that the directors have made a wise selection, and that under Mr. Phillips's editorial management the Post will lose none of that prestige and usefulness which were vouchsafed to it by the lamented Furman.

Mr. Phillips is a practiced newspaper man, having been in the work for the last fifteen years. For several years before taking the place as city editor of the Post he was editor of the Greensboro Evening Telegram. Mr. Phillips is a remarkably terse and forceful writer, having clearly in view what he wishes to write, and then writing it in the fewest words possible. He has a wide knowledge of State affairs. He is a man of fine Christian character, and is a useful member of Edenton Street Church. He came from fine Methodist stock, being a gradnson of the late Rev. Louis Phillips. The Advocate wishes the new editor much success in his new position.

A MEMORABLE WEEK.

The week beginning Saturday, April 28, and ending Saturday, June 4, is destined to live in North Carolina as a memorable week. Never before since the war have sensations so spectacular and deep-reaching engaged the public mind.

On Saturday, April 28, the application for a receivership for the A. and N. C. R. R., was considered by Judge Purnell, and Mr. T. D. Meares, of Wilmington, was appointed Receiver. On the following Monday, V. E. McBee was appointed Co-Receiver. It is safe to say that the majority of the people of the State deplored the appointment of a Receiver, since it is a generally held opinion that the Governor had determined to lease the road at the earliest possible moment. The appointment of Mr. McBee as Co-Receiver was taken as a direct blow in the face of the State, and was therefore ill-advised.

The Sunday morning's issue of the News and Observer contained some strictures on Judge Purnell's ruling, and consequently on Monday Judge Purnell issued a rule against Mr. Josephus Daniels, editor of the News and Observer, requiring him to appear and show reason why he should not be attached for contempt of court. On Tuesday the trial was held, and Mr. Daniels was adjudged to be in contempt and was fined $2,000, without the right of appeal. Mr. Daniels refused to pay the fine. He was held in the custody of the Marshal. The imposition of such an enormous fine and the holding Mr. Daniels in custody aroused intense feeling all over the State. His arrest was considered an encroachment of Federal power on the freedom of the press. Mr. Daniels received in the shape of letters and telegrams such an ovation as hardly any other man in the State had ever received. It showed how jealous the people of North Carolina are with regard to the freedom of the press and the sacredness of individual rights.

In the meantime, counsel for the State in the matter of the A. and N. C. R. R., secured from Chief Justice Fuller an order requiring the road to be held by the former officers until the case could be heard before the District Court in October. Messrs. Meares and McBee who had taken possession of the road were required to give over the property to the original officials.

On Thursday, Mr. Daniels secured a writ of habeas corpus, and on Friday the case was tried by Judge Pritchard, who ruled that not only was the fine imposed excessive, but that Judge Purnell exceeded his jurisdiction in holding Mr. Daniels in contempt. Mr. Daniels was released.

On the same day (Friday) the Supreme Court overruled Judge Peebles in attaching Messrs. Kerr, Southerland, and Carroll, for contempt in the case of Judge Peebles against the Lumberton lawyers. On the same day Judge Peebles dismissed the case against the lawyers, and once more is the State quiet.

We have given briefly the history of a memorable week. It contains lessons of great value. We will make later the comments we think necessary.

CRAVEN MEMORIAL PORTRAIT.

We are dispappointed in that we were not able to unveil the Craven Memorial Portrait on Tuesday, as we anticipated. Without compensation, and at great labor and expense, we undertook to secure for the Memorial Hall a handsome oil portrait of Dr. Braxton Craven, the first President of Trinity College. Our heart has been saddened by the thought that it is always safer for a man to have his monument made before he dies—that is, if that monument is to be erected by his friends. We have learned that the memory of the dead with many is very short-lived. Hundreds of Dr. Craven's old pupils and friends have not given anything to perpetuate his memory. Many to whom we have written have not responded.

But please remember that the portrait will be secured and paid for. You may depend on this. God is able to "raise up of these stones children unto Abraham." We thank heartily all those who have so nobly responded and we call on others to send us a contribution at once.

The following is the report since last week:

Mr. James A. Gray, Winston	$5.00
Gen. J. S. Carr, Durham	10.00
Capt. C. F. Siler	1.00
Rev. N. M. Jurney	1.00
Judge W. R. Allen	5.00
W. B. Dowd, Esq., New York	2.00
Prof. Jerome Dowd, Chicago	5.00
Amount previously reported	206.85
	235.85
Amount necessary	$500.00

DEATH OF REV. J. H. RICE.

Again are we called to announce the death of a member of the North Carolina Conference. Rev. J. M. Rice died on Monday morning, May 30th. We regret that we did not receive the news in time to publish it in last week's Advocate. Brother Rice was compelled several years ago to take a superannuated relation on account of impaired health. Since his superannuation, he has lived quietly, alternating between extreme sickness and partial recovery. He was a true Methodist preacher, faithful to his duty, and happy in the consciousness of God's approbation. It is unnecessary to say that he was ready to go. He wrote frequently to the Advocate, and his letters always breathed a spirit of deep consecration and entire resignation. The bereaved wife and children have the deepest sympathy of the Advocate. A memoir of the deceased will be furnished later by Rev. S. F. Nicks.

Rev. E. C. Glenn, of Greensboro, is assisting Rev. L. E. Thompson in a meeting at the Methodist church, which began last Sunday.

On Thursday, July 19th, an election will be held in Greensboro to determine whether that enterprising town will have prohibition or saloons.

Methodist Mention

State.

We would be glad to receive at once fifty copies of the Advocate of June 1st.

Dr. W. H. Moore, Presiding Elder, preached two excellent sermons at Edenton Street Church on last Sunday. The day was excessively warm, but he had a large number of attentive listeners.

Through the efforts of Mr. J. B. Danelly, superintendent, and others, a flourishing Y. M. C. A. has been formed at Pilot Mills, Raleigh. This Association has twenty-four members, and will do great work.

It was our pleasure to receive on last Saturday a visit from Prof. Ralph Fisher, of Roseboro, and his two little friends, Davis Martin and George Pool, pupils for the past year at the Institution for the Blind.

Messrs. W. H. Humphrey, Clerk of the Superior Court of Robeson County, and Editor Peterson, of the Lumberton Argus, were appreciative visitors last week. They were attending the habeas corpus trial in the Supreme Court.

A gracious revival was held in the Odd Fellows Orphan Home, Goldsboro, not long ago. About thirty-six orphans professed Christ. A number of these joined the Methodist Church. The Odd Fellows of the State are doing a great work.

Rev. A. P. Tyer conducted services in the Methodist Church Sunday morning and evening. His sermons were able and instructive and highly appreciated by the large congregations gathered there to hear one who was well known and loved by many of them when he was pastor here more than twenty years ago.—Lumberton Argus.

The following invitation tells the tale of another preacher's becoming tired of single life; and we wish him and his great happiness in life: "Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Turner request your presence at the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth to Rev. Wesley F. Craven, June 15th, 1904, nine o'clock a. m., at their residence, near Franklinton, N. C. At home, Roper, N. C., June 16, 1904."

Rev. Dr. T. H. Law, Field Agent of the American Bible Society, requests us to state he will be absent from his field for the next two months on a trip to Europe, whither he goes as a delegate to the General Council of Presbyterian church which meets in Liverpool June 28th. He, therefore, desires that during his absence all remitttances for the Bible Society be made directly to Mr. Wm. Foulke, Bible House, treasurer, New York.

W. E. Spruill, C. N. Wharton, Eugene Johnson, Mrs. Mamie J. Clay, and Miss Mollie Taylor, Directors, hold in trust about seven hundred acres of land near Littleton, and will establish a high school for boys. They wish to employ a Principal to take charge not later than July 1. 1904. There are on the ground three buildings that can be ready for use by October 1st. These three buildings will furnish accommodation for the Principal and thirty boarding pupils. The Principal, with one assistant lady teacher, will be needed by July 1st. The Principal will be paid a guaranteed salary. Address W. E. Spruill, Littleon, N. C.

A series of meetings began at the Methodist Church last Sunday morning, conducted by Evangelist Thos. H. Leitch, of Charleston, S. C. Preaching twice a day, at 11 a. m. and 8.30 p. m. Much interest is manifested in the meeting. Several have been converted and a number have asked the people of God to remember them in their prayers. Evangelist Leitch is an earnest, consecrated worker, and is bold and fearless in his denunciation of sin and vice. Good music is made by the choir, led by Mr. Marshall, who accompanies Evangelist Leitch. The meeting will continue till Sunday if not longer.—Sanford Express.

Rev. D. N. Caviness sends us the following concerning the matters on his charge: "Front Street Church has recently experienced one of the finest revivals in its history. Rev. E. C. Glenn did all the preaching, and did it well. His preaching was of a high order and intensely Methodistic, hence Scriptural. The greatest work done was in the conversion of church members of various churches. I believe there were at least one hundred and fifty church members converted. As a result of the meeting, thirty have joined our church. A number has joined some other churches. Brother Glenn is not an evangelist, but a revivalist. He and his good wife very greatly endeared themselves to our people."

Rev. C. O. DuRant has our sympathies in the loss by death of his mother, who died on April 22. He sends the following item: "We organized a church at Roberdell No. 2 on the fifth Sunday in May, with 12 members. We hope soon to double our membership there. I suppose I was the last preacher in the Conference to move. I arrived here at the Old Pee Dee parsonage on the 30th of March. Since that time we have done a good deal of repairing, which was sadly needed. However, we are about through with the carpenters' work, and if funds were in hand would give the old building a little dash of paint on the outside. asit has had its share on the inside. We are trusting for a large ingathering this year."

Connectional.

An exchange states that the Episcopal residence recently purchased in Texas for Bishop Hoss is to be abandoned, and another provided.

Our church at Brownsville, Tenn., has subscribed $2,740 for missions. This is in addition to the regular assessment which was paid some months ago.

The Wesleyan Advocate, Atlanta, states that the results of the recent election show that there are no less than sixteen Emory College graduates who will represent their respective counties in the lower house of the next Legislature.

The missionary exhibit at the General Conference in Los Angeles was visited by 102,563 persons, an average of 6,410 per day. All classes of people, from public school children to university professors and students, looked on the exhibit.

The official board of Centenary Church, St. Louis, have fitted up the spacious parlors and reception rooms of the church for lodging the preachers of the three Missouri Conferences in general and the St. Louis Conference in particular during the fair. Twelve persons can be accommodated at a time Invitations have been sent the preachers proffering these accommodations without cost.

The new Centenary Church building at Greensboro, N. C., will be very handsome. The seating capacity will be 1,200, the main auditorium seating 800 and the annex 400. The congregation hopes to occupy the annex by November. The old church is for sale, and the committee is ready to negotiate a sale, reserving the use of the house till the congregation can be accommodated in the new church.

We welcome the Baltimore Southern Methodist to our exchange list. It is neatly printed on excellent paper. The first issue gives every token that it will stand in the front rank of Southern Methodist papers. Rev. B. W. Bond is editor, and Rev. Charles Lynch, assistant. The paper starts out with nearly three thousand subscribers—a good beginning. We wish our new contemporary a career of great usefulness.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth will sail on June 4th for an extensive visit to our mission in Brazil, going direct to South America from New York. He will traverse the Rio Grande do Sul District and look into the status and prospects of mission work there, later coming north to the session of the Annual Conference. The presiding bishop will not attend that Conference this year. Dr. Lambuth expects to be absent about six months.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

Publisher's Column

REQUEST NO. 1.

Brethren of the North Carolina Conference, please give special attention to the exhibit by Districts showing how many new subscribers have been sent in. You know that we are very desirous of securing the requisite number, 1,350, by June 15. This is the last week of our special offer. You will see that we lack only 57 of having the 1,350. Shall we fail when we are so near the goal? Will not every preacher in the Conference send us before June 15 at least one new subscriber? This will more than carry us to the point desired.

REQUEST NO. 2.

We are sending out this week a request to every circuit preacher to let us have at once a revised list of the postoffices on his charge at which the Advocate is taken. We trust that no preacher will fail to let us hear from him at once. We wish to place the subscribers' accounts in the hands of every preacher at once. We need the money now. This is the hard time of the year, and our expenses are not reduced. The paper we are giving you costs more than it ever did before. We might give you a paper which would not cost us so much to issue, but you would not appreciate it as much. Will you not remember us at this trying time of the year by sending us some renewals as well as new subscribers.

REQUEST NO. 3.

Dear subscriber, you whose subscription is due, read carefully "Request No. 2," and remember that your renewal would come in exceedingly handy just now. Do not wait for the preacher to come around, but rejoice us at once with your renewal. Won't you?

THE CAMPAIGN NOT CLOSED.

The brethren who have been working so nobly for new subscribers have not been working to secure pre-eminence for their Districts. A higher motive has really actuated them,and that was a desire to advance the interests of Christ through an increased circulation of His paper. Therefore, we safely assume that the brethren will continue the Campaign. We covet the opportunity of reporting June 15 that the 1.350 have been secured. Methodist preachers are not in the habit of saying with respect to their aims and efforts, "So near and yet so far." They are thoroughly in sympathy with us in our desire to report at Henderson next December that the Conference Resolution has been practically carried out. So we make the following

OFFER.

To the District reporting the largest number of new subscribers between May 4 and June 15, 1904, the Advocate will give $10.00 to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

To the District reporting the next highest, $5.

Reports will be published weekly in the Advocate as before.

The following is the report since June 1.

Rev. W. E. Brown	3
Direct	3
L. H. Joyner	1
Rev. W. B. Humble	1
Rev. H. A. Humble	1
Mr. R. F. Wrenn	1
Rev. N. H. D. Wilson	1

The following is the report by Districts since May 4:

Wilmington District	45 increase 3
Fayetteville District	45 increase 3
New Bern District	15 increase 0
Warrenton District	15 increase 2
Rockingham District	13 increase 1
Elizabeth City District	8 increase 0
Washington District	7 increase 0
Raleigh District	5 increase 1
Durham District	3 increase 0

Total number of subscribers received since December 1, 1903, 1,204.

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If the work of establishing Sunday-schools was committed to us, I have a vague notion we would move as slowly in that work as we are moving in this. Yet who does not recognize the value of the Sunday-school?

We may not realize that we can spare the time to organize and establish a League. Yet few of us would object to falling into that heritage of a well organized League, over which some other brother has prayed, wept, and shed his blood. If you think you can erect a monument of any kind worth its space without labor, toil and patience, it is more than I have ever been able to do; and—well, I don't want your job. Don't think it's an easy thing to set a first-class League a-going.

Personal Evangelism.

In the Pullman sleeper which brought me back from California were some fifteen or eighteen passengers. Among the number was a lady from Washington. She was a woman of intelligence and of unusual ability as a conversationalist. During the journey from Los Angeles to Kansas City, she labored personally and persistently with every passenger in that coach, including myself. What was the theme of her conversation? Christian Science, so-called. I never saw a Christian woman labor for the salvation of the unsaved with half the intensity and persistency with which this woman labored to convince us of the truth of the doctrines of Christian Science. During the last day as we were coming along through Kansas, I said to myself: "That woman makes me ashamed of myself. Here I have been riding with these people for three days, have enjoyed as great opportunities as she has enjoyed, and yet I have not said one word to anyone about Jesus Christ, my Saviour and my Lord." That night I took a walk through the train. I entered one of the tourist sleepers. I noticed that one of the berths was occupied. I said to the porter: "Is there anyone in that berth, and is the person ill?" He replied that a young man was there who was very ill indeed, and they had been afraid during the whole journey that he would not live to reach Chicago. The porter secured for me an invitation to go and visit the young man. I put my head in between the curtains, and there saw a young fellow not more than twenty-two or three, with pale face and sunken eyes, and the crimson glow upon his cheeks which told of tuberculosis in an advanced stage. I asked his pardon for intruding, and he said he was glad I had come, for he was very, very lonely. In feeble voice, he told me about his trip from his eastern home last autumn, seeking health in California. But the climate had not agreed with him, and he was now returning home to die. I spoke sympathetically, and tried to cheer him up, and he brightened perceptibly upon hearing my words. I was afraid I would weary him, and was about to leave. But I thought of the Christian Science woman and how desperately in earnest she was to win people to her belief. So I turned back, and said: "I hope, my boy, you are a Christian. If you are not, Christ yearns to save you just now. Have you learned to trust Him yet? He is such a true, generous friend. You ought to have Him to help you in your loneliness to-night." The boy's eyes filled with tears, and then he whispered something that thrilled me through and through, and has been ringing in my ears ever since. Said he: "I'm glad you have come to tell me that. I do want to find Him, and I didn't just know how. I have been wondering ever since we left Los Angeles whether there was anybody on this train who was a Christian and who would help me to find Christ." I quoted some of the invitations and promises of the Master, and after a few words of prayer, left him. The next morning before we reached Chicago, I went to see the dying boy. I looked in through the curtains, and did not need anyone to tell me that Jesus had been there during the night. He grasped my hand joyfully, and as he pressed it he said: "You had not been gone five minutes last night before I was able to look up through the darkness and see Jesus Christ. He is my Savior now. I have been too happy all night to sleep."

There are all about us, every hour of every day, opportunities for just such service as that. There are discouraged souls that need comfort. There are sin-sick souls that need salvation. There are men and women who in their heart of hearts are longing for the Christ. But Christian people pass them by in indifference, and they are not saved. The great demand of our time is for men and women anointed from above to go to their friends and neighbors and plead with them to be reconciled to God.—Rev. J. F. B. in Canadian Era.

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Durham via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Henderson via Richmond	34.10	28.40	23.30
Henderson via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Maxton via Atlanta	38.65	32.25	26.25
Raleigh via Richmond	35.60	29.90	24.80
Raleigh via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Hamlet via Richmond	37.60	31.90	26.25
Hamlet via Atlanta	37.60	31.90	26.25
Wilmington via Richmond	38.65	32.25	26.25
Wilmington via Atlanta	38.65	32.25	26.25

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Sunday School

Lesson for June 12, 1904.

Christ Crucified.

(Mark 15: 22-39.)

Golden Text: Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures. (1 Cor. 15: 3.)

A most helpful book upon the period of Christ's history which we are now studying is "The Trial and Death of Jesus Christ," by Dr. James Stalker. (Published by American Tract Society, 150 Nassau Street, New York City. Price $1.50, postpaid.)

The spirit in which we should approach the narrative of this lesson is beautifully expressed by Godet, who writes: "When the angel of the Eternal appeared to Moses in the burning bush, he forbade him to approach without taking his shoes off his feet; 'for,' said he, 'the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.' The cross is also a burning bush. Let us not approach this holy place until we have removed from our hearts every carnal, worldly or profane thought!"

The lesson properly includes the whole story of the Crucifixion, and should therefore be studied with the aid of a good Harmony of the Gospels. An interesting and helpful treatment may be found in taking the utterances of Christ as he hung upon the Cross, and weaving around them the various incidents which occurred during the closing hours of the earthly life of our Lord. These utterances of Jesus are known as the Seven Words of the Cross.

The First Word.—"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23: 34.) This prayer for forgiveness for his executioners probably fell from the Saviour's lips just as he was being nailed to the Cross. It furnishes us with a sublime illustration of the Master's own teaching, "Pray for them which despitefully use you."

The Second Word.—"Verily I say unto thee, to-day shalt thou be with me in paradise." (Luke 23: 43.) This was the Master's promise to the repentant thief, and it has been the ground of eternal hope for many another who, in the closing hours of a sinful life, has turned in faith to the Saviour.

The Third Word.—"Woman, behold thy son!" . . . "Behold thy mother!" (John 19: 26-27.) It was to Mary, his mother, and the apostle John that the Master gave this message. There is infinite pathos in the scene that presents itself to our minds as we think of this parting between Jesus and his mother.

The Fourth Word.—"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Mark 15: 34.) This utterance marks the moment of deepest anguish for our Saviour, when even the Father seemed to be withdrawing His presence and help. Into this mystery of mysteries we cannot presume to enter.

The Fifth Word.—"I thirst!" (John 19: 28.) This was the only expression of physical suffering which fell from the lips of Jesus through all the long hours of his mortal agony. In answer to this piteous cry, a sponge moistened with sour wine (vinegar) was put to his mouth.

The Sixth Word.—"It is finished." (John 19: 30.) This impressive utterance indicates the completion of the work of redemption on the part of the Son of man. It emphasizes the fact that the earthly work of Jesus was perfect—there was absolutely nothing lacking.

The Seventh Word.—"Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23: 46.) This last utterance of our Saviour shows us that his thoughts were turned toward heaven. It indicates the right attitude for every follower of Jesus, when the hour of death draws near.

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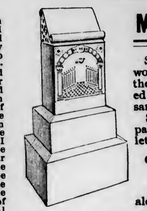

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Secular News

STATE.

Judge Pritchard has purchased a residence in Asheville, and will make that city his home.

The Christian denomination has collected about $5,000 for the purpose of establishing an orphanage, but have not yet decided on the location.

The contest for the Democratic nomination for Governor continues growing warmer. Both Mr. Glenn and Mr. Stedman's supporters claim they are in the lead.

Judge Pritchard last week retired from the bench of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia and went to Richmond Wednesday to take the oath of office as Circuit Judge.

Charlotte will vote on the liquor question July 5—the issue being whether the city shall continue to have saloons, or shall have a dispensary or prohibition in lieu thereof.

The eighty-eighth annual Protestant Episcopal Convention of the diocese of North Carolina, began in Christ Church, this city, today. A very large attendance is expected.

The net profits of the Raleigh dispensary this year will be at least $60,000, half going to the city, the revenue of which from bar rooms under the old system of license was only $7,000.

The bulletin of the State Board of Health says 37 counties have smallpox, the census aggregating 700—Durham, 125; Ashe, 200; Greene, 40; Vance, 42; Caswell, 32; Forsyth, 23; Richmond, 20.

According to Col. Olds there are 142 agricultural students at the A. & M. College—more than in any other department. Up to three years ago 17 was the largest number of agricultural students.

According to the last census, tobacco was produced more or less in every county in this State in the year 1899, the year for which statistics were collected, save Camden, Iredell, Mecklenburg and Union.

The Sanford Express says a bank can now be found in nearly every small town in the country. Ten or fifteen years ago very few banks could be found in towns in this State that had fewer than 5,000 people. There are now six banks in Moore County and the population of all the towns put together wouldn't make much over 5,000. Four of these banks are within two miles of each other. Does so many banks mean prosperity?

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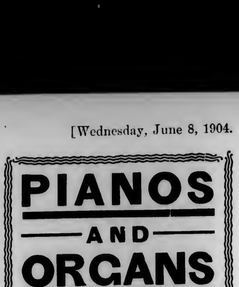

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Our Visitors from Abroad.

Rev. J. B. Streeter, Superintendent of the North Carolina Children's Home Society, at Greensboro, N. C., spent a short while with us Tuesday evening, and looked over our plant. He is doing a fine work in getting homes for orphan children.

Drs. Whitaker and Nicholson, two of the disciples of Aesculapius, in attendance upon the Medical Convention, called to see us Wednesday evening.

Sister Speight and daughters, Mrs. Duncan and Hook, and a lady friend, also.

Come again friends.

That Collection, Sunday Schools, etc.

If the preachers in charge will take the collection in this month, June, and the Sunday-schools will pay up to date, the work on our new building will go on to completion. Brethren, will you not do it? You said you would. Several of our strongest Sunday-schools have sent us nothing up to date. This embarrasses us. The current expenses must be met.

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New Bern.

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Rocky Mount.

When I first knew Rocky Mount it was a struggling village of a dozen houses. Now, with South Rocky Mount, and the Falls, it stretches along for about four miles. It is one of our thrifty, bustling towns, with a great future before it. But few remain of those who were there in fifty-eight. I preached in the same old church. But hope to preach in the new one when I go again. Ground will be broken very soon for a new church and a new parsonage. Rone is the man to build it. He is one man that was not spoiled for the pastorate by being Presiding Elder so long. Eight years is long enough for any man to be P. E. and twelve for Bishop.

Ebenezer-Tar River Circuit.

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The Sunday-school there agreed to join the Circuit in supporting an orphan. They will pay one-fourth of the amount. I expect to enroll the Tar River Circuit Sunday-schools soon, among those who support an orphan. What Circuit will be next? Brother Ormond is doing well on the "Old Tar River."

I have been roasted several times for dunning those who had paid. Of course we expect all honest men to pay their subscriptions, if they are able to do it. It is a loss of time. I am sure, if I had spent the time last year in canvassing, that I spent in trying to collect subscriptions, I would have more money, and more friends. A man would rather make a gift, than pay a debt. I am done dunning. Do I hear an echo? So mote it be! Now for giving that will make all happy.

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SECOND ROUND.

Garysburg, Oak Grove, May 28, 29
Roanoke Rapids, May, 29, 30
Warren, Cokesbury, June 4, 5
Henderson, June 5, 6
Ridgeway, Tabernacle, June 11, 12

THIRD ROUND.

Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, June 19, 20
Warrenton, Hebron, June 25, 26
Littleton, Bethel, July 2, 3
Northampton, Pleasant Grove, July 5
Conway, Sharon, July 6
Murfreesboro, July 7
Bertie, White Oak, July 9, 10
Harrellsville, Colrane, July 10, 11
Hobgood, Epworth, July 13
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, July 16, 17
Scotland Neck, July 18
Roanoke Circuit, New Hope, 23, 24
Roanoke Rapids, July 23, 24
Rich Square, Woodland July 31

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

New River, Snead's Ferry, June
Burgaw, Wallace, June 11, 12
Grace, June 12

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

THIRD ROUND—IN PART.

Rockingham Station, June 4, 5
Roberdel Circuit, Mt. Pleasant, June 11, 12
Hamlet Circuit, Snead's Grove, June 18, 19
Richmond Circuit, St Paul, June 25, 26
Laurenburg Station, July 3, 4
Rowland Circuit, Oak Grove, July 9, 10
Robeson Circuit, Olivet, July 16, 17
St John and Gibson, Gibson, July 23, 24

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Pasquotank Ct., Union, June 11, 12
Elizabeth City, City Road, June 12
Hertford Ct., Evans, June 18, 19
Edenton, at night, June 19
Kennekeet, (C. M.) June 21, 26
Hatteras, June 27
Roanoke Island, July 3, 4
Perquimans, Hertford, July 9, 10
Gates Philadelphia (D. C.) July 13, 17
North Gates, Parker's, July 17, 18
Camden, Newlands, July 23, 24
Elizabeth City (First Church), night, July 24
Moyock, Concord, July 30, 31
Currituck, Mt. Zion, Aug 6, 7
Kitty Hawk, Aug 7, 8
Columbia, Aug 13, 14
Daro, Aug 14, 15
Pantego and Belhaven, Aug 20, 21
Roper, Pleasant Grove, Aug 27, 28
Plymouth, Aug 28, 29

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Edenton Street, June 4, 5
Selma, Princeton, June 11, 12
Smithfield, June 12, 14
Franklinton, Banks, June 18, 19
Brooklyn and Macedonia, Macedonia, June 25, 26
Bentral, June 26
Youngsville, Rock Springs, July 2, 3
Clayton, July 9, 10
Oxford Ct., Bethel, July 16, 17
Millbrook, July 23
Epworth, July 24
Granville, July 30, 31
Oxford Station, July 31
Keuly, August 6, 7
Wakefield, August 8
Tar River, Trinity, August 13, 14
Louisburg, August 14, 15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

Bethel, Shiloh, June 4, 5
Tarboro, at night, June 5

THIRD ROUND.

South Edgecombe, Sandy Cross, June 11, 12
Wilson Circuit, Barrefoots, June 18, 19
Wilson Station, night, June 19
Fremont, Pelverton, June 25, 26
South Rocky Mount, night, June 29
Bath, Bethany, July 2, 3
Washington, night, July 4
Robersonville, Jamesville, July 9, 10
Rocky Mount, night, July 13
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Ocracoke and Portsmouth, July 19
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Fairfield, July 23, 24
Farmville, Long, July 30, 31
Nashville, Belford, August 6, 7
Springhope, Gold Valley, August 8
Bethel, Conetoe, August 13, 14
Tarboro, night, August 14
Grimesland & Vanceboro, Providence, Aug 20, 21
Greenville, night, Aug 22
Aurora, Campbell's Creek, Aug 27, 28

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.

SECOND ROUND.

St. John, June 1
Grifton, Grifton, June 3-5
Hookerton, Ormonds, June 4-5
LaGrange, Trinity, 11-12

THIRD ROUND.

Mt. Olive, at Faison, June 18, 19
Goldsboro Circuit, Pine Forest, June 25, 26
St. Paul, 26
District Conference, Beaufort, June 30 July 3
Jones Circuit, Shady Grove, July 9, 10
Kinston, July 10
Craven Circuit, Beech Grove, July 16, 17
Centenary, New Bern, July 17

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Fayetteville Circuit, Camp Ground, June 4, 5
Hope Mills, Fishers, June 11, 12
Cokesbury, Tabor, June 18, 19
Dunn Station, June 25, 26
Haw River, Ebenezeer, July 2, 3
Carthage, Ingram Branch, July 8, 10
Elise, Mt. Carmel, July 9, 10
Siler City, Mt. Vernon, July 16, 17
Jonesboro, (District Conference), July 23, 24
Pittsboro, Chatham, July 30, 31
Lillington, Cool Springs, August 6, 7
Buckhorn, Harnett Chapel, August 13, 14
Sanford, Lemon Springs, August 20, 21
Goldstone, Maroneys, August 27, 28
Newton Grove, September 3, 4
Duke, September 10, 11
Sampson, September 17, 18
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 24, 25

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Durham, Trinity Church, June, 5, 6
Durham, Carr Church and Branson, at Branson, June 5, in afternoon
Durham, Mangum Street, at Bethany, June 11
Durham, Main Street, June 12, 13
Durham, West Durham, June 12, at night
Milton, Providence, June 25, 26
Hillsboro, Walnut Grove, July 2, 3
Leasburg, Union, July 9, 10
Chapel Hill, July 16, 17
Yanceyville Prospect, July 23, 24
Alamance, Clover Garden, August 6, 7
Burlington, Prospect, August 13, 14
Burlington Station, August 21, 22
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

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WELLS—SPENCER.—In Washington, N. C., April 27, 1904, Dr. A. S. Wells and Miss Susan J. Spencer, Rev. L. E. Thompson officiating.

DENNIS—OGLESBY.—At Wildwood, N. C., February 10, 1904, Mr. A. H. Dennis and Miss Mary Lee Oglesby, J. H. M. Giles officiating.

LEONARD—TAYLOR.—At Mr. N. H. Taylor's, Harlowe, N. C., Mr. T. L. Leonard and Miss Allena Pearl Taylor,, April 19, 1904, J. H. M. Giles officiating.

MANN—GARNER.—At Mr. Rufus Garner's, near Newport, N. C., March 16, 1904, Mr. Gibeon L. Mann and Miss Winnie L. Garner, J. H. M. Giles officiating.

ELLIOTT—BECTON.—At Rev. F. S. Becton's, Bachelor, N. C., Mr. Jas. H. Elliott, Jr., of Newport, N. C., and Miss Mamie Becton, J. H. M. Giles officiating.

ALDRIDGE— HARDESTY.— In the Methodist church, Newport, N. C., April 27, 1904, Mr. A. S. Aldridge of Oriental, N. C., and Miss Matilda Hardesty, J. H. M. Giles officiating.

WETHERINGTON — DAUGHERTY.—In Asbury church, Craven County, N. C., April 13, 1904, Mr. J. E. Wetherington to Miss Ada T. Daugherty, W. H. Townsend officiating.

McKENZIE—BRUNER.—At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Bruner, at Maxton, N. C., W. B. McKenzie, of Florida, and Miss Willie M. Bruner, by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson.

WHITEHURST — CARRAWAY. —At Mr. E. F. Carraway's, Merrimon, N. C., April 18, 1904, Mr. Simon H. Whitehurst, New Bern, N. C., and Miss Essie Ray Carraway, J. H. M. Giles officiating.

RIDDICK—WILLEY.—At Kittrells church, Willeyton, N. C., Tuesday, May 3rd, Mr. Wm. Mills Riddick, of Gates, N. C., to Miss Annie M. Willey, of Willeyton, N. C., Rev. W. H. Brown officiating.

Obituaries

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HENDERSON.—Cora F. Henderson, beloved daughter of Fletcher and Mary O. Johnson, was born in Duplin County, N. C., January 2, 1881. She was converted in early life and joined the Methodist Church. On February 20, 1901, she was happily married to Mr. W. D. Henderson, of Roschill, N. C., where she lived a consecrated Christian life until her work on earth was done. On April 27, 1904, the Lord took her from a happy home and loved ones on earth to live with God and the redeemed in heaven.

Let us take up the cross.
Till we the crown obtain,
And gladly reckon all things loss,
So we may Jesus gain.

J. W. MARTIN.

WHITE.—Died in the 63rd year of her age, on April 24, 1904, Mrs. Lydia L. White. She was a member of the M. E. Church, South, at Fletcher's Chapel, and was a devout Christian. She had been afflicted with consumption for several years, and her valuable life was only prolonged by the best medical skill and tenderest nursing, but finally the frail body had to succumb and the pure spirit took its flight to that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." She had a most amiable disposition, her bereaved husband says she had not spoken a cross or unkind word to him during their long married life. May the Lord comfort him and the heart-broken children.

T. J. DAILEY.

AVENT.—Chloe H. Avent, wife of the late Rev. Isaac W. Avent, passed to her reward April 24, 1904. She had been a faithful member of the Methodist Church since childhood. Almost an invalid for many years, yet she patiently endured affliction and died in the triumph of faith. Side by side with other loved ones her body now sleeps in Cokesbury cemetery to await the resurrection morn. How could one think of sister Avent as other than good. Her father, Geo. W. Pegram, though dead for twenty years, still lives for good in the memory of many people here, and her husband was a faithful member of the North Carolina Conference for forty-seven years. One by one we are gathered home. The meeting will be glorious.

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HOLLOWAY.—Naomi Holloway, daughter of Bro. J. A. and Henrietta Holloway, died near Redwood, Durham County, N. C., in her seventeenth year, of typhoid fever.

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May heaven's richest blessings rest upon the bereaved parents and lonely ones who have lost a dear sister and friend.

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HOUSE. — Mrs. Lucy House, daughter of Bro. I. B. and sister Nannie Lane, was born August 3, 1879, and entered into the heavenly rest April 20, 1904.

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BROWN.—Mrs. Alice O. Brown was born July 10, 1839, and departed this life at the home of her son, Mr. Joseph A. Brown, at Gatesville, N. C., on the 25th day of April, 1904. She professed religion in early life and joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a cheerful and happy Christian life to the end. She loved the church and before her afflictions she was a regular attendant upon all the services of the sanctuary, and an ever willing worker for her Lord. She was a true friend of her pastor, and he always received a warm welcome into her home. She had such a sunny and happy disposition that one felt better after being in her company. She did not burden others with her troubles, but patiently and uncomplainingly bore her sorrows and endured her afflictions. She was indeed a good woman, and no wonder after months of patient suffering she was ready and willing to depart and be with her Lord. She leaves two sons, three daughters, several grandchildren and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss, but their loss is her eternal gain.

T. J. DAILEY.

CARTER.—Mrs. Sarah Arendell Howland Carter, daughter of Mrs. Sarah F. Dennis, of Morehead City, N. C., and wife of S. S. Carter, of Clarkton, N. C., died May 8, 1904. The funeral services were conducted May 10, by her pastor in the Presbyterian Church at Clarkton, and she was laid to rest in the Clarkton cemetery.

She was born December 1, 1842, joined the Methodist Church while young, and was married to S. S. Carter, of Chatham County, July 9, 1862, at the residence of John Bender, near Pollocksville, Jones County, N. C. The ceremony was performed by Simon Koonce. Brother Carter belonged to Company G, Regiment 26, of the North Carolina volunteers, and four of his comrades, Lieut. Frank Foy, A. J. Kinsey, Geo. Hall and Philemon Bender, witnessed the ceremony.

Sister Carter leaves an aged mother, Mrs. Sarah F. Dennis, who was twice married—first, to James Lucas Howland, of Beaufort, N. C., by whom she had two children, Sarah Arundel Howland and Jas. Lucas Howland, then to Col. W. N. Dennis, of Jones County, N. C., by whom she had two children, Edward N. Dennis and Eula Dennis, the last named dying some years ago. Jas. L. Howland is in New York, a commercial newspaper man; Edward N. Dennis in Richmond, Va., prominent with the Western Union Telegraph Company, and afflicted husband, four sons and two daughters. Since joining the church, she has lived an earnest, consecrated life. Though almost an invalid for thirty-five years, she has been patient and cheerful. May God comfort and keep her loved ones.

W. E. BROWN, P. C.

BYRD.—Died at Mt. Gilead, on the 29th of February, 1904, Mrs. Eliza Jane Byrd, daughter of John and Susan Steele. She was born near Pekin, Montgomery County, N. C., May 15, 1823, was converted and joined the Methodist E. Church about the age of fourteen. On the 21st of January, 1844, was married to the Rev. Nathan Byrd. To them were born six sons. Three of them died when small. On the 5th of October, 1857, Rev. Nathan Byrd died. Sister Byrd was far above the average in intellect, judgment, courage, perseverance, economy, etc., with her masterly mind grasped her situation, and with her three boys took hold of the farm, and succeeded well. In 1876 the oldest son, John M. Byrd, died. The younger of the two living sons, L. P. Byrd, and his Christian wife, remained with his mother, and did everything in their power to make sister Byrd comfortable and happy. I have known sister Byrd more or less, since 1855, and never heard or saw anything to her discredit. Always the same modest, prudent, Christian lady. She, with her well-balanced mind and purpose to do right, seldom erred or made mistakes. Ministers of the gospel were welcomely received at her house, pleasantly entertained, refreshed in body and mind, and always left inspired with renewed zeal for the Master's cause. She was an affectionate, kind mother, a good neighbor in every sense of that term, and a good, trusty friend. Sister Byrd was an invalid, had used a rolling chair for nearly seven years. Took la grippe, suffering in its various forms for eight weeks. The two last weeks suffered intensely, and died. Her ransomed soul took its flight to the Paradise of God to hear from her Lord: "Thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." Beyond the reach of sin, sorrow, pain and death, my long-sought home.

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Income—From policy-holders, $1,836,823.09; miscellaneous, $198,361.70; total	2,035,184.79
Burglary, $329,148.04; fidelity and surety, $1,507,675.05.	
Disbursements—To policy-holders, $688,259.22; miscellaneous, $1,249,925.18; total	1,936,184.40
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Value of bonds and stocks	1,890,523.80
Interest and rents due and accrued	24,719.08
Cash in home office and deposited in banks	257,183.43
Premiums unpaid	408,357.44
Advanced account contract secured	155,730.45
All other assets, detailed in statement	42,262.50
Total admitted assets	3,270,573.62

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Unpaid policy claims	$116,813.46
Unearned premiums	984,158.48
Ledger liabilities	82,902.26
Commissions, brokerage and other charges due	85,755.06
Estimated expenses of unpaid claims	5,000.00
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TRINITY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

On Sunday morning, June 5, the Craven Memorial hall was packed with a vast throng that gathered to hear the annual sermon to Trinity's graduating class. The sermon was preached by Dr. William DeWitt Hyde, of Bowdoin College.

The musical program in connection with this service was elaborate and the large commencement choir was composed of Durham's best voices. The selections rendered were all of a high order.

Dr. Hyde preached an able sermon, taking for his subject "The Gifts of Education." His text was taken from 1st Corinthians, 12th chapter and 31st verse: "Desire earnestly the best gifts."

The following is an incomplete synopsis of what Dr. Hyde said:

There are five gifts of education, the physical, the technical, the liberal, the theoretical and the spiritual. The physical gift is a healthy body with strong muscles, normal functions, steady nerves and a cheerful and happy life. Without this, the other gifts of education are of little avail. The technical gift is training for one's vocation. It fits the student to contribute something valuable to the community. A man or woman who cannot earn in the markets of the world enough to live on is an educational pauper.

The liberal gift takes a man out of his little individual self and makes him an interpreter of the processes and laws of nature; the heir of all that has been said and done by man. He knows nature and humanity, not merely as ministering to his physical and economical life, but as appealing to his interests and affections. It bids man be more than a mere producer and consumer of material goods, it bids him enter into the thought and purpose which the world expects and which man for thousands of years has been slowly coming to understand.

The theoretical gift is devotion to truth for truth's sake, forgetful of the individual's personal interests, lost in knowledge as an end in itself. The theorist goes into an unexplored country where the mind of men has never trod and receives the intellectual manna fresh from the hand of God. The touch of the theoretical ideal has electrified the college course and introduced the elective system. This permits students, even while in college, to get beyond the rudiments in one or two departments of learning. If to the free elective system as developed by Harvard, we add the requirement in force at Yale and several other leading institutions, that each student must take at least one research course following a series of suitable elementary courses, we get that combination of liberal and theoretical in education for which the best colleges should stand.

The spiritual gift is the greatest of all. It inspires us to look up with gratitude to the good Father who made this world so beautiful and beneficent and to do our best by our brief presence in it and the part we play while here to make it the truly happy place he really wishes that it shall be. It teaches us to leave the great institutions of family, state, industry, morality and religion, not more impure, corrupt, oppressive, weak and insincere, but purer, sounder, juster, safer, saner for our touch. It bids us treat all men as brothers with rights and interests as dear to them as ours is to us. We could better afford to miss all other gifts than this. Without the physical gift man becomes an invalid, without the technical one become educationally a pauper, without the liberal he becomes a blind man in the picture gallery of the world, without some touch of the theoretical he is in danger of hardening into the crust of conservative conventionality, but without the spiritual he becomes an orphan in his father's house, an outcast and an enemy in a world of order and brotherhood.

You who graduate today should remember that all these gifts together are needed to make the thoroughly educated man. The physical gift alone would make us great fat oxen; the technical gift alone would make us merely machines in an industrial mill; the liberal alone would make us fastidiously near a crank; the spiritual alone would make us monks and nuns. These gifts are all essential and must be developed in due proportion to each other, side by side. The symmetrically educated man will be physically sound and vigorous, fond of outdoor life and sports, doing his work with the joy and health that comes of conscious power. He will do his work so well that the community will be glad to give him in return a decent livelihood. Every day and hour of his life he will have a hundred interests which he would like to follow up, of which he will choose the one he likes best. Could such choice allow he will march with the advance guard of human knowledge and take new truth fresh coined from the mount of God. And to crown it all he will love God and man with so ardent a devotion that he will rest assured with the peace that passeth all understanding that no conclusion of science, no outcome of criticism, no discrediting of an old document and no discovery of a new one can ever wreck for him the sincerity of mind, the serenity of spirit, the purity of heart which the spiritual gift, which is the greatest of them all, bestows upon its faithful followers.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

There are thirty-six members of the board and twenty-six were present at the session. Others came in during the night and gave almost a full attendance at the meeting on Tuesday. Those present were as follows: J. H. Southgate, Durham, President; B. N. Duke, C. W. Toms, V. Ballard, Durham; J. A. Long, Roxboro; J. F. Bruton, Wilson; H. A. Page, Aberdeen; Rev. N. M. Jurney, Mt. Olive; E. T. White, Oxford; Rev. F. A. Bishop, Rev. J. N. Cole, Rockingham; J. G. Brown, Raleigh; A. P. Tyer, Wilson; Kope Elias, Franklinton; Rev. S. B. Turrentine, Greensboro; T. T. F. Marr, Charlotte; G. W. Flowers, Taylorsville; J. W. Alspaugh, Winston; W. R. Odell, Concord; Dred Peacock, Greensboro; W. G. Bradshaw, High Point; T. N. Ivey, Raleigh; R. L. Durham, Spartanburg, S. C.; R. A. Meyer, Charlotte; Rev. J. B. Hurley and Rev. M. A. Smith, of the North Carolina Conference. The business transacted was mainly routine. The following synopsis of the President's report give a view of what the College has done during the year:

"During the academic year 402 students have matriculated in the two departments, 236 in the college classes and 166 in Trinity Park School. This is a gain of something more than ten per cent on the matriculations of the previous year. From the registrar's records are secured facts, which show upon how broad a basis the attendance rests. Representatives are present in the student body from North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Virginia, Arkansas, New York, California and Japan. Not only Methodists are enrolled but also persons connected with the Protestant Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, Christian, Lutheran and Hebrew denominations.

"Loans have been granted during the present fiscal year to fifty-two students, amounting to a sum total of $4,013.85. The loan fund of the College, with accrued interest, now amounts to $12,045.88.

"During the present year there have been some very necessary and notable additions made to the various departments of the College. Most important among them is the addition made to the number of volumes in the library. The manager of the library reports a total of accessions for the year of 9,953 bound volumes and 1,123 pamphlets. These accessions have been made by purchase and donation.

"During the year a lighting plant has been installed. This new plant cost $2,117.80

"The growth of an institution of learning is a question of financial resources. Within the past several years there has been very rapid development in the various departments of the College, and this development has put great strain upon the financial management. It is gratifying to know that there has been incurred no debt during the past ten years. This is an exceptional record and shows the conservative spirit in which the financial problems of the college have been managed by your executive committee.

"During the present year there has been a notable growth in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. A committee composed of members of the faculty and members of the student body acts as a general council for this organization. There are a number of sub-committees which have oversight of the various lines of work undertaken. The most gratifying feature in connection with the aims of this organization is the effort to include within the religious idea every part and phase of college life.

"Since 1897 women have been admitted upon the same conditions as men to all departments of the College. At no time, however, since this policy was inaugurated, have the women been more than ten per cent of the entire number of students.

"It is evident that women are not only capable of doing as high class work as men may do, but it is also evident that there is a large and increasing number of young women who desire educational advantages equal to those offered to young men.

"If it is the purpose of your board to continue and develop this phase of the work of the college, other arrangements should be made than have hitherto been made. There should be established a woman's annex which should be a separate and distinct institution, sufficiently near the College to put the library and scientific equipments within easy reach of the woman's annex and make it possible for the faculty of the College to conduct recitations and lectures at the woman's annex.

The requirements for entrance, the standards of work, and educational aims should be identical in both institutions. With an arrangement like this there is no reason why the College might not render a very large service in the education of Southern women. It may be frankly stated that this service is sorely needed and unless those interested in the education of young men become interested also in the education of young women, it is likely that young women will receive the education they desire and deserve."

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The bacealaureate address was delivered on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock by Dr. Frank C. Woodwar of Richmond. Dr. Woodward was at one time president of South Carolina College. He is a pleasing speaker and a deep thinker. His address was one that was elevating and uplifting. He held the attention of his hearers throughout. His subject was "Own Thyself." He spoke in part as follows:

"It is time for a new watchword. How will it do to substitute for the effete 'Know thyself' its echo, 'Own thyself?' This is a convenient aphoristie form of the truth that the ideal of human society is the largest individual freedom with social and civil organization.

"The menace of modern life is the weakening of the individual will to maintain personal convictions against organized agencies and corporate interests; the tendency that is robbing men of their liberties in the name of human progress.

"The industrial sphere cannot afford the opportunity nor the test of human excellence and human progress. Material wealth is not the sure basis of happiness; nor anything but a false measure of worth. Its application is too narrow and partial; divided among us earthlings, earth's wealth would grant each about $600, and impoverish the race.

"Nor is there better hope in the spellbinder boast about our democratic civil and social polity. We are not democrats at all; but would-be-aristocrats. But our so-called democracy bases on the oppressive prineiple of majority supremacy not only in politics, but illogically and unfortunately in nearly all concerns of life, public and private. Public opinion, finally controlled by majority dictation, is but thinly disguised despotism. All such influences make against manly independence and real self-ownership.

"Naturally in such a state of affairs the continental tendency is to narrow the scope of individual thought, action and influence, most men being physically dependent on corporate organizations, and therefore involuntarily tending to repress personal opinions, and silence personal convictions, lest they be hit by social, ecclesiastical, or business blaklist or boycott.

"There can be but one result for the general public: the loss of self-ownership! These influences unchecked will reduce the race to a hireling proletaire, drawing livelihood from a few plutocrats and really owned by these, their souls if not their bodies!

"The goal of human desire and effort is self-ownership; and the first step to its winning is the inalienable command by each man of his own body and his own labor.

"To take the true view of duty, one must get a right definition of success. He who honestly asks will get for answer: Success is achieving the best manhood, physical, mental, moral; a clean body, a pure mind, and unbuyable personality. For almost every man this enforces the simple life of plain food, clothes, shelter. And this, in the last analysis, means to fall back on the soil and one's own brawn. But that means poverty! It means to meet life unmortgaged, to enter on its strenuous campaigns unimpeded, and there is no such wealth as that! A cottage, some rough utensils, a few acres and strong heart and hands, nature and God on your side, it is moral billionaireship!

"The first reward is the consciousness of self-ownership, and that is sweet and good. But one may not rest in that: Duty exacts self-expenditure. But this demands some value in self: it must harbor ideas, convictions, emotions, affections. Attain these and then proclaim and stand for them.

"The final test and attainment of self-ownership is the power to stand alone. Not many hear this call, but it is the crucial test of manhood, the initiation into the master's degree!

"But you are to own self, to give self. The almost supreme duty of life is service. Almost supreme! The exceptions occur with the crises, when you may not grant to another, against the monitions of supreme conscience, the direction of your service. Then must you resume and maintain self-ownership against all outer and inner appeals and protests. Then you will know what it means to stand alone. But this is to stand with Job and Joshua, with Socrates and Luther, with Christ!"

MEETING OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

At 4 o'clock the annual meeting of the alumni association was held. It was well attended, there being a large number of old Trinity men in Durham and about the campus. Some left the walls of Trinity but a few years ago and they still find on the campus students who were in the lower classes when they left. But there are others whose heads are white and whose limbs tremble with every step.

The alumni meeting was like the reunion of a great family. Mr. David Goodwin Ellsworth, who graduated with the class of 1880, was the speaker of the day. He spoke in a reminiscent strain and referred to the fourteen manly, big-hearted fellows who graduated from Trinity now almost a quarter of a century ago when he left her walls. He spoke of how the class appeared and of the hopes, ambitions and pride that filled each breast. "Old Trinity," he said, "had trained the intellect and fired the ambition." He spoke some forty minutes. It was just such an address as is appreciated by those who gather at their alma mater for reunion on an occasion like this.

The following officers were elected: Dr. W. G. Bradshaw, High Point, president; Mr. R. L. Durham, Spartanburg, S. C., first vice-president; Rev. G. T. Rowe, Concord, second vice-president; Dr. J. S. Bassett, Durham, secretary and treasurer, and Dr. C. W. Edwards, Durham, chairman of the executive committee.

WILEY GRAY CONTEST.

The contest at night was among four members of the graduating class for the Wiley Gray medal. This medal, given in memory of the late Wiley Gray, who lost his life in the war between the States, is one of the highest and most coveted honors of a college course. The contestants were H. B. Adams, Jr., of Monroe; G. H. Smith, of Anderson; Mr. J. P. Frizelle, of Ormondville, and Mr. L. H. Gibbons, of Jonesboro. The speakers showed fine mental and elocutionary training.

The medal was won by Henry B. Adams, Jr., of Monroe, whose theme was "Breadth and Effectiveness." The judges were Governor Aycock, Rev. J. A. B. Fry, of Charlotte, and Henry A. Page, of Aberdeen. The presentation was made by the Governor.

COMMENCEMENT DAY.

The commencement address, at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, was really three addresses in one. Dr. Francis Greenwood Peabody, of Harvard, who was to deliver the address, did not come, being detained at home on account of siekness. His place was filled by three of the party who came in a private car to attend the commencement —Dr. Nash, of Harvard College, Rev. John Howard Melish, pastor of Trinity Church, New York, and Dr. George Foster Peabody, of Brooklyn.

Dr. Nash was the principal speaker. He spoke in a general way of the college graduate, and looking back, as he does, on twenty-five years since leaving Harvard as a student, he spoke of the great benefits and of the fact that the pulse of the great American republic is found in the colleges and universities of the land. He proved himself a fluent speaker and one who is thoroughly acquainted with the conditions of life in America today.

Rev. Mr. Mellish spoke for a few moments, urging the graduating class to realize that in the young men of today is the hope for the future. He is himself a young man. He wanted all to realize that God and right is back of all good.

Dr. George Foster Peabody was introduced, as were the other speakers, by President Kilgo, referring to him as having been born in Georgia, a citizen of New York, and an American citizen who is trying to educate the youth of the land. He also made a short talk.

THE GRADUATES.

The following diplomas were presented, Dr. W. P. Few announcing the action of the trustees, President Kilgo saying a few words, and Prof. R. L. Flowers presenting the diplomas:

BACHELORS OF ARTS.

Adams, Henry Bethune, Jr., Monroe, N. C.—Breadth and Effectiveness.

Beachboard, Zachary Pearl, Bell Buckle, Tenn.—The Love of Money.

Bradsher, Arthur Brown, Durham, N. C.—The Culture and Manufacture of Tobacco in North Carolina.

Budd, Walter Pemberton, Durham, N. C.—The Ministry of Doubt.

Bynum, Frederick Williamson, Pittsboro, N. C.—Tariff Legislation in England Since 1800.

Baker, Victor Columbus, Delight, N. C.—The Reign of Lawlessness.

Egerton, Charles Edward, Louisburg, N. C.—.....

Elias, Kope, Jr., Franklin, N. C.—The U. S. Department of Agriculture—Its Work, Past and Present.

Elliott, Arthur Graham, Durham, N. C.—Some Phases of Municipal Aetivity in the United States and Europe.

Finger, Will David, Charlotte, N. C.—Radium.

Frizzelle, Jesse Paul, Ormondsville, N. C.—The Spirit of Conciliation.

Gibbons, Lemuel Hardy, Jonesboro, N. C.—The Strength of the Old South.

Giles, Marvin Stamey, Roxboro, N. C.—Educational Development in North Carolina.

Hinohara, Zensky, Yamaguchi, Japan.—Progress in Japan.

Hoover, Edwin Francis, Bell Buckle, Tenn.—The Industrial Revolution in England.

Hoyle, Enoch Marvin, Durham, N. C.—The Present Crisis in the Southern Pulpit.

Huekabee, James Gaston, Albermarle, N. C.—Some Dangers Incident to the Industrial Development of the South.

Jones, Otho Jerome, Mountain Island, N. C.—The Simple Life.

Livengood, Charles Harris, Coolecmee, N. C.—A Plea for the Restriction of Immigration.

Lockhart, Walter Samuel, Hillsboro, N. C.—Catullus; A Study in Roman Lyric Poetry.

Lowdermilk, William Steele, Covington, N. C.—The National Point of View.

Satterfield, Henry Clem, Roxboro, N. C.—The Evils of Partisanship.

Scarlett, Charles, University Station, N. C.—The Foe of Democracy.

Scruggs, Corrie Jane, Spartanburg, S. C.—The Georgics of Virgil.

Smith, Gilbert Harmer, Anderson, S. C.—Buddha; Pagan Religious and Christianity.

Stephenson, Nellie Arthur, Durham, N. C.—A. B. (Trinity), Philosophy, English, Latin, and German.

Richardson, Michael Ralph, Durham, N. C.—A. B. (Trinity), Mathematics, Physics, Philosophy, and French.

Sessions, Robert Ernest, Montevallo, Ala.—A. B. (Southern University), English and German.

Stewart, Stephen Alexander, Durham, N. C.—A. B. (Trinity), Biblical Literature, Greek, and History.

SOPHOMORE HONORS.

Eva Hugh Branch, Henry Gilbert Foard, John Allen Morgan, Hoy Taylor, Raymond Browning, Charles Blackwell Markham, Robert Thomas Proctor, Mary Reamey Thomas.

FRESHMAN HONORS.

Leroy Compton Bledsoe, Ural Nathaniel Hoffman, Nan Jordan, Susannah Gregory Michaels, Annie Elizabeth Tillett, Claiborne McMillian Campbell, Jr., Holland Holton, Claude Hyman Martin, James McPherson Templeton, Jr., Lela Daisy Young.

HONORS IN DEPARTMENTS.

Highest Honors.—Walter Pemberton Budd, Chemistry; Will David Finger, Chemistry; Walter Samuel Lockhart, Latin.

Honors.—Victor Columbus Eaker, Greek; Corrie Jane Scruggs, Latin; Henry Clem Satterfield, History; Ernest Noell Tillet, Chemistry; John Bailey Walker, Jr., Latin.

Valedictory.—Walter Pemberton Budd.

In the afternoon the annual banquet by the Alumni Association was held. This banquet was in honor of Col. J. W. Alspaugh, of Winston, one of the oldest living graduates of the college, and the oldest member of the Board of Trustees. There was a large attendance.

HONORARY DEGREES.

Several honorary degrees were recommended by the faculty, conferred by the Board of Trustees and announced by President Kilgo. The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon Prof. Robert Lee Flowers, a member of the Trinity faculty. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, and Rev. Thomas F. Marr, of Charlotte.

Two great gifts were announced. Mr. B. N. Duke, of Durham, and his brother, Mr. J. B. Duke, of New York, gave for a Woman's Annex, which had been decided upon by the Board of Trustees, a tract of land adjoining the Trinity tract, valued at $50,000, and an additional $50,000 in cash. In addition to these gifts other private donations from members of the Board of Trustees were announced amounting to $6,000. This places the donations of the day at $106,000.

The only condition placed upon the gifts is that the Methodist people of North Carolina shall raise an additional $50,000. President Kilgo announced that this would be no hard matter, and that the Woman's College, to be known as the Woman's Annex to Trinity, is now an assured fact.

The annual reception at night was largely attended and most highly enjoyed.

To the Fearful.

REV. W. E. BROWN.

The pledge for the certain bestowal of all needed grace and the necessities of life is found in the fatherly love of God and our sonship. "Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (Matt. 7: 11, cf. Luke 11: 13.)

How beautifully he rebukes anxiety in his fearful and fretful children! "Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" "Consider the lilies of the field how they grow; they toil not neither do they spin, and yet I say unto you that Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these." His reasoning is, the fowls of the air are his creation, serving their purpose in the Divine plan of the universe; the lilies of the field springing up at his bidding serve his purpose, and he cares for them though they bloom and fade between the rising and the setting of the sun. Man is also the creature of his hand, but created on a higher plane, in his image, and therefore a son of the highest. We are accordingly taught by him, who went about doing good to the souls and bodies of men, to address him as Father. If God so cares for the fowls of the air that not a sparrow falls to the ground without his notice; if He clothes the grass of the field and puts the very beauty of his own pure nature in the heart of the rose that blushes in the morning and ere noon is withered, how much more will He nourish and sustain your bodies as well as keep vigilance over your going out and your coming in as constantly as the stars in heaven's blue vault! O gloomy, despondent one, God never slumbers nor sleeps, neither are his ears dull of hearing! "The whole current of His being sets to thee." Look up in the midst of your cares, burdens, perplexities and anxieties, and behold the face of your ever compassionate Father. Why grieve Him with doubts and spoil your own life, wearing frowns and marks of corroding cares instead of a hopeful, cheeful face?" "I have been young and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread." (Ps. 37: 25.)

Wonderful.

Dear Advocate:—This week has been a feast of good things. On Tuesday, wife and I heard the sermon at Louisburg Female College commencement. To say that Bishop Duncan did the preaching is enough to say.

On Wednesday, daughter and I went to Littleton Female College and remained till the close of the commencement. Everything connected with it so far beggars my descriptive powers that I shall not undertake a description of anything. It was all inspiring. The most wonderful thing I heard was the President's report to the Board of Trustees, which they requested their secretary to send to the Advocate for publication. I hope every reader of the Advocate will carefully read this report.

Sincerely, GEO. T. SIMMONS.

Youngsville, N. C., May 28, 1904.

Christian Missionary Endeavor and the War—An Appeal From Japan.

At a fully attended meeting of the Missionary Association of Central Japan, a representative organization, held in Osaka, March 15, 1904, after the reading of a paper on the subject of "Missionary Endeavor Under War Conditions," and a spirited discussion following, a resolution was unanimously adopted authorizing the officers of the Association to call the special attention of the Christian public in foreign lands to the present great crisis in the history of Japan, as a Christian opportunity, very extraordinary in character.

We are at the commencement of what promises to be a stupendous struggle, the burden of which will be sorely felt by the soldiers, their families, and the nation, whatever the final issue of the contest may be. The solemnity of mind and deepened sense of need so widely occasioned by the dangers and sorrows incident to war are preparing the hearts of many for a welcome reception of Christ and the better hopes and more enduring joys of his gospel. It is of the utmost importance therefore that the Church should grasp the present situation with all the power of an inspiration and signalize this event in Japan's history by a generous and vigorous response to the call it makes to Christian faith, sympathy, and devotion.

The drain upon the wealth of the country is already being felt by the Japanese churches and by the institutions which they support, increasing the difficulty of maintaining self-support. It will be necessary, therefore, in order to conduct evangelistic enterprises in any way commensurate with the present opportunity, to call upon the churches abroad for special funds and contributions. For the distribution of tracts and Scriptures, the visitation of the sick and wounded in hospitals, the holding of preaching services for the thousands of soldiers waiting in Japan, and for the sending of chaplains with the armies going to the front, the various mission bodies and Japanese churches, acting separately and in co-operation, have already begun to plan and to work. But for the successful and continued prosecution of so vast an undertaking adequate provision cannot be made from local contributions alone.

We, therefore, have felt constrained to appeal to the sympathies of those who enjoy the blessings of peace, with the hope that the spirit of Christ may move in a special manner upon the heart of His Church, causing an increased flow of appropriations and donations to this field, through the duly constituted missionary agencies, for the purpose of carrying on greater evangelistic effort suited to the enlarged opportunities occasioned by the war.

Signed: S. H. Wainright, Chairman (Mission of M. E. Church, South, U. S. A.); C. T. Warren, Vice Chairman (Church Missionary Society, England); H. Laning (American Episcopal Mission), J. H. Scott(American Baptist Missionary Union), George Gleason (Y. M. C. A., U. S. A.), Standing Committee.

In Memoriam.

Rev. Isaac N. Mann was born June 19, 1826, and April 22, 1904, finished his course with joy. Of him it may be said: "After he had served his own generation by the will of God, he fell on sleep." It was a relief to him, for he had suffered long, patiently, for the Lord to say: "It is enough; come up higher." He often expressed his faith in Christ, and his hope of heaven. This message, in substance, he sent me, time and again, while we were unable to see him: "I am trying to be patient. Pray for me, I have no fears." When we did see him, about six hours before his departure, holding my hand, he whispered: "All is bright."

We loved him devotedly, "but he is not, for God took him," and we surrender to the wisdom and will of the Chief Shepherd who has called him from the trials of this present life to join the countless multitude who, "through great tribulations, washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Some Christians are ready, but not willing, to die, but Brother Mann, with no hope of recovery, was ready and willing. Nearly seventy-eight years old, another of the old land-marks of Methodism in Chatham County has crossed the river to join those who have gone before, young and old, who were ready to greet him at the "beautiful gate." Brother Mann was converted when about thirteen years old, or sixty-four years ago. He was licensed to preach about thirty-five years ago, and as a local preacher, worked faithfully in and around Mt. Pleasant Church and Haw River Circuit where his father, as an exhorter, worked before him. He served Pitsboro Circuit in 1897 as a supply. Here, as elsewhere, the people loved him and loved to hear him preach. He was well up in the doctrines of the Bible, and his delivery was pleasant and helpful, for he knew and felt what he was talking about, and was profoundly in earnest. We thank God for his life and labors. No one but God can estimate the value of his life.

Brother Mann was twice married. His first wife was Miss Frances Foushee, and his second wife Marticia B. Bowdoin, who, with three sons and two daughters by his first wife, survives him, and a host of relatives and friends, for he belonged to a numerous family, good stock, and was profoundly thankful for his goodly heritage from his parents. He leaves to his own children the inheritance of a godly life, more valuable than riches or worldly honors. May God help them to walk in the way their father and mother trod, and to be ready when the Lord shall call them.

Brother Mann was a member of Siler City Church almost from its beginning, and no one was loved more than he. They cherish his memory, and will not forget the sweet spirited Christian whom the children and young people called "Uncle Mann." He did not forget the scenes of his childhood and the old home and church, and evidently wished to rest at old Mt. Pleasant, where so many of his loved ones are waiting till "The Crowning Day." "Servant of God, well done."

J. SANDFORD.

Coral.

The coral is found in the warm countries, where they form large banks not very deep. They are gelatinous living substances. The red coral is much admired for its fine color and a high polish. They bring it from the sea by means of a grappling apparatus which is dragged after a boat or boats; the pieces are broken by a wooden beam which is sunk by weights. The coral grows to the height of one foot and is as thick as your little finger.—Selected.

The Field

Sabbath-Breaking.

BY J. V. WILLIAMS.

This is a subject that needs more action and less talk. We have a law in this country against labor on the Sabbath day, but the trouble seems to be, that the devil has quite a good deal to do with executing the law.

Some years ago, W. W. Poisson, of Wilmington, wrote me to take up this question in the Advocate, and in the early part of this year I saw a note in the "Old Raleigh" calling on me to say something. The brethren seem to understand that I don't write or preach without saying something.

The people go to sleep while we talk about what Wesley, Watson and Benson said. When the ministry wakes up he will wake the people up. All over this country they are playing base-ball on Sunday and doing any other devilment that they want to. To-day at Shreveport, La., where I am now writing, they have a great game of base-ball which is attended by thousands of people, the majority of whom are probably members of some church. The railroads are running excursions every Sunday, contrary to law; steamboats everywhere, private and public conveyances, are running every Sunday.

"Where am I at?"

Think of more Methodists at a game of base-ball on Sunday than at church; and if the preacher refers to the matter he must do it so lovingly that the Sabbath-breaking gangs says, "He's a dear, good man!"

We talk with pride of the Lord raising up Methodists to revive a dead church when we are about as dead as the church was in the days of Wesley.

The world has always been breaking the Sabbath, but the Methodist Church did not. Why is it that the Governors of the States can't enforce the law against Sunday work?

New Orleans runs wide open every Sunday. The liquor sellers have their saloons in full blast. The theatres have their bands on the streets drumming up trade.

They tell me it is because it is a Catholic city and the people elect such officers as will swear to enforce the law, who have agreed not to enforce it before they are elected. But where is your Governor?

I don't think that Governor Aycock would sit down and let any city in North Carolina sell whiskey openly on Sunday.

At the New Bern District Conference two years ago the Committee on Sabbath Observance brought in a report condemning the president of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad for running Sunday trains. I made a speech (as usual) saying that it did not seem the right thing to condemn the president of a railroad for running Sunday excreursions when our Methodist people were patronizing the excursions, and I thought the thing to do was to condemn our people and turn them out for living ungodly lives. If I had known, as I learned afterward, that the preachers who were loudest in their denunciation of the railroad, had members engaged in running boats every Sunday in connection with the railroad, I might have said something that was practical. Every Sunday at Morehead and Beaufort the boats are run—many, I'm told, being owned and operated by church members.

A preacher who has a lot of these Sabbath-breakers in his church, and makes no effort to turn them out, ought to keep his mouth off the railroad. Don't you think so?

Now, don't get frizzled, brother. The truth will always hurt, but the public is getting tired of shams.

I remember when I was a boy in Hyde our neighbor had a frizzled rooster. He was the ugliest thing I ever saw. All his feathers—tail feathers and all—turned the wrong way. When I see a man or woman getting frizzled, I get further on.

Let us purge the Methodist Church of Sabbath-breakers, and then pray the good Lord to have mercy on the ungodly world.

J. V. WILLIAMS.

Go Foward.

From the list of subscribers to "Go Forward" in North Carolina furnished me by the Business Manager of that paper, I gather some facts that may be of interest to the readers of the Advocate. I find that there are 1,149 subscribers in the State. Of these, 559 are in the bounds of the North Carolina Conference. These are distributed by districts as follows: Elizabeth City District, 122; Fayetteville, 105; New Bern, 87; Washington, 75; Warrenton, 42; Wilmington, 41; Raleigh, 38; Rockingham, 28; Durham, 21. There are 142 preachers in the Conference who take the paper, and fifty-seven do not take it. These figures are taken from the subscription list as it stood the first of May. Doubtless there have been some additions since then.

From this it can be seen that the paper is not largely circulated amongst our people. Instead of five hundred subscribers, we ought to have five thousand. If every preacher in the Conference, at each of his appointments, in a five-minute talk would present the claims of the paper, and then devote about ten minutes to taking subscriptions, we would soon have in each district as many subscribers as there now are in the entire Conference.

Brethren, does not this paper deserve greater consideration at our hands? Can any preacher afford to be without it? Can any Methodist who feels an interest in the extension of the Lord's kingdom afford to be without it? It is the only Missionary paper published by our Church, except those published by the Woman's Societies. It is a twenty-four page paper, finely illustrated, containing no advertisements except on the cover, full of soul-stirring messages right from the field. The subscription price is so low that every one can take it—only 25 cents a year. Let every one who reads these words, and is not a subscriber, send at once 25 cents to G. W. Cain, Business Manager, 346 Public Square, Nashville, Tenn., and get the paper each month for one year. Especially let each of those fifty-seven preachers in the Conference who are not taking the paper send in their subscriptions. Let every preacher who has not made an effort to get the paper circulated in his charge do so at once. Let us have a campaign for new subscribers to "Go Forward" in the North Carolina Conference during the next few weeks. This is a paper that the people will read if it is put in their hands, and they will be glad to take the paper if their attention is called to it.

R. H. WILLIS,
Conference Secretary of Missions.

Goldston Circuit.

Dear Bro. Ivey:—As I have not seen anything from Goldston Circuit in some time, I will pencil a few lines. I am confined to the bed with a broken leg and can't make my letter very interesting, as the hot weather, flies and pains of a broken bone keep me restless. I was painfully hurt on the 26th of last month by being thrown from a buggy. Am thankful to say I am doing as well as could be expected. My neighbors and friends have certainly been kind and sympathetic during my sickness, for which I feel so grateful. May the good Lord bless them and cause me to be a better man, more useful to my church and neighborhood. I regret so much that I can't get out to Sunday-school, as I am so much interested in Sunday-school work, but Bro. J. D. Willett, asistant superintendent, and conseerated Chritsian worker, will keep the good work moving on.

We hate so much to part with Bro. J. C. Humble at the close of this Conference year, as we must do. We feel now like we can never get another that will suit the people and work as well. Bro. Humble has done his whole duty. He has labored earnestly and faithfully in the interest of his people and church, and he has the satisfaction of knowing and seeing the Lord's cause prosper in his hands. Through his instrumentality Goldston Circuit has been greatly strengthened, religiously and financially. Brother Humble is a great revivalist, able preacher and will soon be bald-headed enough for Presiding Elder.

Yours sincerely,

JAMES R. RIVES.

Goldston, N. C., June 6, 1904.

Brethren of Conference Brotherhood.

Within the past month Brothers Harrison and Rice have died. Send in your assessments promptly. Relief is needed, and to delay is to forget sometimes. Quite a number of our lay members have dropped out—some paid up and asked that their names be stricken from the roll; others play quit by never responding to notices. I have spent much as ten cents in postage from the Widow's and Orphans' Benefit Fund on such. This is not right. Quit honorably. Those who have requested names dropped have given reason for so doing. Some have said: "We joined to pay, as we understood it, where there was real need, and only in such cases." The brotherhood is under obligations to pay to every holder of a benefit certificate. Can't honorably get out of it.

Not more than one in six of our members dies leaving his family with more than income of $120.00.

Brethren and friends, better pay ten who could do without the help than to leave unpaid one widow and fatherless children—God's favorites—who are in deep need. More love, brethren. We rarely help too much.

D. H. TUTTLE,
Treas. N. C. Conference Brotherhood.

Childrens Day.

Children's Day services at Grace Church last Sunday morning was to me in the nature of a revelation of the hidden forces of the church suddenly brought into activity. Marching, singing, reciting, and all with clock-like precision and naturalness that showed how perfectly and painstaking the work of training had been done. It is universally voted one of the best days in the history of Grace Church.

What an army force of young life we have here, and how beautiful it becomes in the service of the Christ. To have once entered such a fellowship divine ought forever to preclude the possibility of a life of sin. May the hearts, the hands, the feet, the tongues of these who praise Him to-day, never be found in after-life among the rabble who shout, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

Our Sunday-school enrolment has now passed the six hundred mark.

N. M. WATSON.

Preachers Summer Village.

I can secure, free of charge, twenty lots, 100 by 150 feet, near a fine mineral spring, on the crest of the Blue Ridge, sixteen miles from Mount Airy, for twenty preachers who are willing to erect on their lots such cottages as their families may occupy during their summer vacations. The point can be reached by hack line.

Mail and telephone communication good. Any preacher interested in such an enterprise may write me enclosing stamp for reply.

F. L. TOWNSEND.

Mount Airy, N. C.

Notice.

To the Pastors of the Fayetteville District (a reasonable request).

Dear Brethren:—Please furnish me, as soon as practicable, the names of your local preachers, delegates and alternates. I earnestly desire to prepare, for my worthy successor, an accurate roll of the next session of the Fayetteville District Conference.

R. H. BROOM,
Secretary for 1903.

Carthage, N. C., June 9, 1904.

A Good Letter.

Rev. J. W. Jenkins, Superintendent Orphan Asylum.

Dear Sir:—Enclosed you will find three dollars and thirty-eight cents, the amount of our Englehard Sunday-school Easter contribution. We regret very much it is not more, but hope to be able to do better another time. We had a very nice Easter service, which was entertaining and impressive. Our program, the Glory of the Garden, whose recitations and songs were bright and sparkling, was recited and sung by the boys and girls who did much credit to the Misses Guthrie and Watson, who trained them for the service.

With best wishes for yourself and institution,

ENGELHARD SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Pamlico Circuit.

I am well pleased with this charge. Have a good and intelligent people to serve. They are very kind to me. We have not lacked any good thing. Have six churches, all painted and comfortably furnished.

Our parsonage is at Stonewall, a new building, seven rooms, nearly two acres of ground. Rev. W. A. Jenkins is due the credit of this building.

We are making some progress. Several of the churches have paid their missionary collections in full. We hope by the District Conference to pay in full. There are about forty subscribers to the Advocate.

Children's Day has been observed at three churches with good collections. The Orphanage is remembered.

Death has been among us—Redding Lupton, Wallace Hooker, Caroline Cowell, and Henry W. Cowell, all of Bayboro. Bro. Henry Cowell was one of our faithful stewards.

Two Quarterly Conferences have been held. Dr. Swindell, Presiding Elder, was present. He is much liked here. This is his last year with us, and we regret it.

Our delegates to the District Conference are: R. H. Baxter, Chas. Flowers, Daniel Hooker, S. W. Latham. They will all attend.

L. S. ETHERIDGE, P. C.

The Sunday School and The Apostle's Creed.

My Dear Dr. Ivey:—I notice in your issue of May 11th that Brother Constable devotes about two-thirds of a column to the lack of agreement between the Apostle's Creed as given in the new Order of Worship and in the Sunday-school literature.

I beg to say that after the Creed in the Order of Worship has been incorporated in the revised Discipline, as it will probably be sometime during the summer, the same form will be used in the Sunday-school literature. I should have even already made the change, but for the fact that the Sunday-school quarterlies have to be printed several months in advance, and it will not be possible, therefore, for change to be made in them for a few months to come. The magazine is monthly, it is true, but I desire that the forms in the magazine and quarterlies shall agree until the change to uniformity can be made general. The Committee on the Form of Worship interpreted its powers to be full and final, and that interpretation may be correct. It is possible, however, that when the General Conference meets it may desire to modify some things. If it should accept the form of the Creed in the new Order of Worship, it will be a great relief to the Sunday-school editor, because he has long desired an authorized statement of the Apostle's Creed to be used by our Church, and for that reason secured the introduction of the Creed into the Discipline at the last General Conference. Even with such an authorized form printed in the Discipline it will sometimes happen that printers will disregard the direction to print according to the Discipline, and even proof-readers overlook slight changes.

I merely write to assure Brother Constable and the other brethren that the Sunday School Department will do what it can to advance the aim of uniformity in worship, and that at the earliest possible day. With love.

Yours cordially, JAMES ATKINS.

The Family

Real Rest.

N—— will never know any real rest until she leaves off trying to secure it. This life's peace is only to be found in uncertainty. Pure love only finds scope in the absence of all assurance. Every anxious glance is a drawing back and a failure in true self-abandonment. Let us leave God to do what He will with us, and when that is done, be content to lean on nothing earthly.

Your sister must give herself up into God's hands. "Whether we live, we live unto Him, or whether we die, we die unto Him," says St. Paul. Giving up self is only real when there is something to give up. God is the same for the next life as for this, equally worthy to be served for His glory and His good pleasure. In either case He requires our all, and His journey hedges in the souls who seek him on all sides.

I pray for the peace of pure faith and self-abnegation for your dear sister. Such peace is not easily lost or invaded, because it is not built upon any private possession or support. I would fain see her heart full of peace and simplicity. I say this, because simplicity is the true source of peace. Those who are not simple are not true children of peace and do not taste its fruits. People often deserve the anxiety they feel by their useless self-contemplation in spite of knowing it to be harmful. The spirit of peace only rests upon those who do not disturb it by giving ear to self rather than to God. Rest, which is a foretaste of the eternal Sabbath, is very sweet, but the road which leads to it is a thorny path. It is time (this is meant for your sister) to let God complete his work of years. He requires more of her than of a beginner.

I pray with all my heart for your invalid; her cross is precious in God's sight. The more she suffers, the more I reverence her in him who crucifies her that she may be made worthy of him. Great suffering sets forth at once the depth of the wound we have to heal and the greatness of the gifts prepared for us by God.

For yourself, sir, shun dissipation; beware of your own impetuosity. That natural energy which you foster instead of repressing gradually withers up the grace of an interior life. A man only holds fast to rules and visible motives, while the "life which is hid with Christ in God" is affected, becomes pollutted and dies out lack of needful sustenance, namely, silence in the soul's depths. I was sorry that you were not in active service; but I see that it is the intention of God's mercy to detach you from the world draw you to the life of pure faith, which is unceasing death. So give to the world only such time as necessity and social bienseances require. Do not let yourself be absorbed by trifles; only talk when it is needful. Always control your imagination; let go everything. It is not through eager anxiety that you will cease to be impetuous. I do not ask for a laborious, toilsome recollection, but one which merely consists in dropping whatever stirs and excites you.

I am rejoiced to hear that you find so much that is good in ——. I hope you will make her still better by teaching her, through your simple, steadfast example, how attractive and unlike what the world esteems it true religion is. But her husband must not spoil her by a blind passion. While spoiling her he would spoil himself too; and such excess might end in a dangerous coolness, possibly in estrangement. Let the stream flow by somewhat, but watch for providential opportunities to point him to moderation, recollection and the preference of grace to nature. Watch for God's moments and do not let them slip.

God would have us unite two very great acts of self-mortification in doing His work, i. e., to labor as though everything depended on the assiduity of our toil, and, when the work is accomplished, to count it as nothing. Sometimes when we have worked hard, God sees fit to sweep away the fruits of our work as the broom sweeps away a cobweb, and then He himself effects, we know not how, the work on which we bestowed what seems such a useless toil. Do you weave your cobwebs, God will sweep them away; and when you are dumbfounded, he will work things out in His own way. —Fnelon's Letters.

A Reply to the Moderate Drinker.

That staunch old Scotchman, Dr. Arnot, gives a good illustration of the total abstinence question. You will find the world full of men who will tell you that they "are not obliged to sign away their liberty in order to keep on the safe side." "They know when they have had enough; no danger of their becoming drunkards," and the like.

Dr. Arnot says: "True, you are not obliged; but here is a river we have to cross. It is broad and deep and rapid; whoever falls into it is sure to be drowned. Here is a narrow foot-bridge, a single timber extending across. He who is lithe of limb and steady of brain and nerve may step over it in safety. Yonder is a broad, strong bridge. Its foundations are solid rock. Its passages are wide; its balustrade is high and firm. All may cross it in perfect safety—the aged and feeble, the young and gay, the tottering wee ones. There is no danger there. Now, my friends, you say, 'I am not obliged to go yonder. Let them who cannot walk this timber.' True, true, you are not obliged, but as for you, we know that if we cross that timber, though we may go safely, many others who will attempt to follow us will surely perish. And we feel better to go by the bridge!"

Walking a foot-bridge over a raging torrent is risky business, but it is safety itself compared with tampering with strong drink.

Living for Ideals.

There was a wise old clergyman who urged his brethren not to admit young men to the ministry unless they were evidently more broad-minded and enthusiastic in their faith than their elders. "We must allow," he said, "for the inevitable shrinkage." The same allowance is necessary in every life for the sure closing of the real upon the ideals of youth, and the unavoidable narrowing of hope and aim that must come with middle age. The more idealism we start with, the more stoutly we defend it against the shocks it is certain to receive, the more joyous life will turn out to be as we go on living. The dreariness of the middle-age view of life springs largely from the fact that its ideals are so shrunken as to be no longer a source of vitality, of renewal. As long as we believe in life, and in love, and in friendship, and in heroism, and in other ideal possibilities, life is worth living, and we are strong to take our part in it. Living for ideals is happy and courageous living. Living without them is "the dull gray life and apathetic end."—Harper's Bazaar.

A Guide to Conversation.

Subjects not to mentioned in polite society: the rainy weather, the muddy roads, the cook's impertinence, the vase the second girl broke, the gown on which the waiter spilled pudding sauce, the other which the dress-maker ruined, headache, indigestion, the minister's faults, horrible accidents, disappointments, lack of money, all tales of badness, meanness, unkindness, extravagance, imprudence, scandal, back-biting, and vicious deeds. Recommended topics: Pleasant weather, "how does your garden grow," new chafing-dish recipes, the best way to mend tablecloths, babies, dogs, eats, your companion's recent trip (your own if specially urged). lectures, concerts, plays, music, books, magazines, singers, preachers, philanthropists, parties, weddings, picnics, all acts of goodness, kindness, patience, charity, and all the virtues.—Congregationalist.

Nothing will make us so charitable and tender to the faults of others as by self-examination thoroughly to know our own.—Fenelon.

Our Boys and Girls

Winstead, N. C., May 25, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy nearly eight years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little boys' and girls' letters. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My Sunday-school teacher is Miss Mary Stephens, and I have a good lesson every Sunday. I send five cents for the Orphanage.

Your friend,
WILLIAM S. DIXON.

Jarvisburg, N. C., May 23, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy eight years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher is Miss Ella Wilson. I like her very much. Our preacher is my papa. I enjoy going with him to his churches. I have been to every one of them. Every-day school has closed. My teacher was Miss Rosa Gray. I send ten cents for the orphans.

MONROE G. PILAND.

Maxton, N. C., May 26, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years of age. Father takes the Advocate. Our pastor is Rev. N. H. D. Wilson. This is his last year, and we are sorry that he will have to leave us. My teacher is Miss Florie Burns. She is a good teacher.

I will answer Moses E. Moore's question: The 19th chapter of the 2nd Kings and chapter 37th of Isaiah are both alike.

I enclose ten cents for the Orphanage.

Your little friend,
PANSY WILSON GAITLEY.

Herring, N. C., May 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher is Mrs. Mattie J. Culbreth. I like her very much. Our pastor is Rev. R. A. Bruton. This makes his third year with us.

I will answer Mamie Taylor and Mollie Harris' questions: Onesimus was a faithful and beloved brother; Daniel's three friends were put in the fiery furnace.

I will ask one: Who was put in the lion's den?

Yours truly,
LUCY CUNNINGGIM HERRING.

Conway, N. C., May 20, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a boy seventeen years old. My father takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Our pastor is Rev. W. C. Merritt, and we like him very well. Our superintendent is Mr. J. O. Flythe.

Now I will answer Maggie S. Jones' question: The longest chapter in the Bible is the one hundredth and nineteenth Psalm.

I enclose five cents for the Orphanage. With best wishes for you and the orphans, I am,

Your friend,
H. B. LASSITER.

Iredell, N. C., May 3, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As it has been a long time since I have written, I will write again. I have been going to school for a long time, but am home again. I enjoyed going very much. My teacher's name was Mr. Willie Watson, and I like him very much. I studied grammar, spelling, geography, history, dictionary. It hurt me very much to part with my schoolmates and teacher; I liked them all so much. I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. We have a good lively school. I read in Bible Class No 1; my teacher is Miss E. L. Belamy. We all like her very much. My superintendent is Mr. John Russ.

I will close by answering the question, who called his wife a heifer? It was Samson.

So no more this time.

ETTA JENRETT.

Winstead, N. C., May 24, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My Sunday-school teacher is Miss Mary Stephens. I love to go to Sunday-school, and I love my teacher. Papa is the superintendent. I went to school to Cousin Addie Lea. Our school was out the last of April. I loved her, and she was a good teacher. Rev. K. D. Holmes is our preacher. I send five cents for the Orphanage.

Your little friend,
ANNIE H. DIXON.

Roberdell, May 7, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As I haven't written in a long time, I thought I would write a short letter.

Well, our good preacher, Mr. Harrison, is dead. We hated to part from him. He has been dead nearly a week. I hope to meet him in heaven.

We have a good Sunday-school. Our Sunday-school teacher is Miss Hattie Smith. We all like her splendid.

The Childrens' Day for Sunday will come off very soon. I hope we will have a nice time.

I will close for this time.

SUSIE REYNOLDS.

Clayton, N. C., May 7, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy eight years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. I go to every-day school too. Papa takes the Advocate. Our superintendent is Mr. E. B. McCullers, and our pastor is Rev. G. W. Fisher, and we like him very much. My Sunday-school teacher is Mrs. E. B. McCullers, and my every-day school-teacher is Mrs. R. F. Williams. School will be up in June. Hon. R. B. Glenn will deliver the annual address, and Rev. R. C. Beaman will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, May 30, 1904.

Now I will answer Annie Bell Dicken's quetsion: The Lord's Prayer is found in Matthew sixth chapter 9th to 15th verses.

I will close. Please find enclosed ten cents for the Orphanage.

Your little friend,
ASHBY FALMER.

Middleton, N. C., May 24, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As I have seen my letter in print, I will write again. I was glad to see a letter in the Advocate from Gladys Johnson. Her papa use to preach for us. I wonder if she has forgotten me?

I will answer May and Helen S. Jenkins' question: Samson carried the iron gate.

I enclose ten cents for the Orphanage.

Your little friend.
LILLIAN BURRUS.

P. S.—I have a proposition to make. I want to know how many of the little cousins will raise one dollar by Christmas for the orphans and let Mr. Jenkins report the amount raised in this way through the Advocate? L. B.

Stork, N. C., May 9, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy nine years of age. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little girls and boys letters. Our Sunday-school ran through the winter. I go every Sunday. Our Superintendent is Mr. J. A. Williams, and my teacher is Mr. W. J. Steadman. We have a missionary society in our Sunday-school. Our preacher is Rev. J. C. Humble. This is his fourth year on this Circuit. We all like him very much.

I will close by answering Esther Miller's question: "It was in the river of Jordan that the iron (ax) floated. Now, I will ask a question: Where was the garden of Eden? And where was the land of Nod?

I hope to see this in print.

Yours truly,
CAUGHEY C. JOHNSON.

Powell's Point, N. C., May 23, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. My papa takes the Advocate. This is my first letter to the Advocate. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My teacher's name is Mrs. Fisher, and our pastor's name is Rev. W. A. Piland. We all like him very much.

I will answer Grace H. Drewette's question: Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died.

Now will ask one: Who buried Moses?

If this does not reach the waste-basket, I will try and write again.

I will close, with much love to the Orphanage.

Your unknown friend,
EFFIE L. DUTCHER.

Chalk Level, N. C., May 19, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the children's page very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. Mr. J. M. Cade is my superintendent and Mr. G. W. Starling is our pastor. Mrs. G. W. Starling is my Sunday-school teacher. We like them all very much.

I will answer Mattie Newbold and Ramson Middleton's questions: Methusalah was the oldest man, and Elijah was taken to heaven in a chariot of fire.

I will ask a question: What king ate grass like an ox?

I will close, hoping to see this in print, and much love to all the little Advocate friends.

ANNY LEA ABERNATHY.

Rowland, N. C., May 14, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl fourteen years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the boys' and girls' letters. I have been going to school. My teacher's name is Miss Ethel Buchan. I like her very much. School will close the last of May. I have no pets only some kittens. Mamma has ninety-five little chickens; they are very pretty. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher is Miss Irene McQueen. I like her very much. Our pastor is Rev. W. T. Walker. He is very much liked by all.

I live in the country and have many pretty flowers. I am the only girl. I have two brothers living and one sister dead.

If my letter escapes the waste-basket, I will write again.

Your unknown friend,
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Minutes.

Our Conference Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Swindell, requests us to say that the copy for the Annual Minutes is now in the hands of the publisher. Her illness, and waiting until after the meeting of the Woman's Board, have caused the delay.

Life Certificates.

The reason that many Life Members have not received their certificates is, that the last issue has been exhausted.

As soon as another issue can be printed, the Life Members will be furnished with their certificates without delay.

A Card.

I take this method of sincerely thanking the Societies and many kind friends for their nice letters of interest and sympathy during my recent severe illness, from which, by the mercy of God, and in answer to prayer, I have about recovered.

I desire to use my spared life more constantly and fully in the service of the Master, and for the furtherance of His kingdom.

Later, I hope to acknowledge, by personal letters, the receipt of those which have been written to me.

Fondly your co-laborer,
SUE D. SWINDELL.
Goldsboro, N. C., June 7, 1904.

Mrs. Henderson's Letter.

Dear Jewels:—The reports for the first quarter of the fiscal year are beginning to come in, and I am hoping to find that you have started out so well as to make sure of a still better Annual Report than the very fine one given at Elizabeth City.

The second quarter upon which you will soon enter is, more than any other, a test of faithfulness and interest in your great work. Because of the warm weather and the vacation trips there is great temptation to be negligent about attending the meetings, paying dues, etc.

Do not forget that the object for which you are working increases in importance as the days and months go by; and its claims upon you are more imperative as the years sweep into eternity millions of heathen souls.

I shall hope and pray that you will make special effort the coming quarter to overcome difficulties and obstacles, so that there shall be no falling off in your report.

I should be glad for all the Lady Managers to read the admirable paper on Juvenile Work prepared by Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson and read by Mrs. Leon Richardson at our recent Annual Meeting, as it contains some valuable suggestions. It was left in the hands of Mrs. Richardson to be circulated as largely as possible among the Lady Managers. If any of you fail to receive it, address a card to Mrs. Leon Richardson, Durham, N. C., and she will let you know about it.

I wish to repeat and emphasize the request that you send to our column in the Raleigh Advocate short reports of your work. This will be helpful in bringing us all closer together in the bonds of a stronger love for Christ and His work. May that love constrain us all to greater zeal and faithfulness!

Lovingly,
AUNT LIZZIE.

To the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the N. C. Conference.

Dear Friends:—You are urgently requested to send to the Conference Treasurer a full financial report this quarter, raising as much on the Pledge and other collections as possible.

This call is made to prevent the recurrence of the experience of last year, when there was such a deficit in the collections during the spring and summer months, that the funds in the treasury were insufficient to meet the current expenses of the missionaries in the foreign field.

Our own missionaries, Mary T. Pesend and Elizabeth Davis, whom our Conference Society is supporting, must not be again subjected to such an inconvenience.

Furthermore, it is best to equalize the collections during the four quarters, so there will be no necessity for an especial appeal at the last of the year.

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June Questions.

"When Did You First Become Interested in Home Missions?"

To this I would answer: From my earliest recollection, when my cultured Christian mother taught me the duty and pleasure of sharing our gifts, especially the highest, with others less fortunate. A childhood employment was to read the Bible on Sunday afternoons to the colored laborers on my father's plantation, and a school girl's vacation experience was to help her teach, without compensation, there was never a penny charged—the children of the white workers. (I have lived half of my years in the country.)

2. "What Influences Led You to Take a Definite Part in This Work?"

Maturer years brought a clearer realization of my individual responsibility in securing my portion of the eternal glory promised to the followers of Christ—hence the desire to strive to imitate Him in word and work. Also a deeper and more grateful love for the tender Father who has filled my life here with joy and happiness. My sorest sorrows and keenest disappointments have brought Heaven to others. Should not my service be the gladdest and best I can give? And I do not think there is a better organization for Christian work than the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Will others answer these questions?

I would be so pleased to publish replies from many of our members. Will you not send them to me? Let us help one another in every way that we can.

Encouragement.

I was glad to send in my first report to our new Board Superintendent of this Department, Mrs. Ed. F. Cook, a small list of writers for secular papers and for our Conference organ, but I wish it could have been much larger. I earnestly hope you will make it so this quarter. Please vie with Smithfield, Windsor, Weldon, Fremont and Lake Landing in helping our cause in this way, entertaining our readers, and encouraging me.

An Institutional Church.

In Kansas City, Southern Methodism will soon have an Institutional Church which will be an honor to it. And we believe the real, practical good that will result will be a blessing to humanity.

Immigration Perils.

In March more than 51,000 immigrants were landed in New York City. Many remained there in the already congested slums, others went westward, and some turned southward. Most of these foreigners are poverty-stricken and ignorant—a menace to our civilization. Rapidly are opportunities for Christian workers arising on every side. May we all see them and seize them, and help subjugate these aliens to the cross of Christ.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of urine difficulties. If it did there would be few children that would do it. There is a constitutional cause for this. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 283, Notre Dame, Ind., will send her home treatment to any mother. She asks no money. Write her to-day if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child. The chances are it can't help it

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Editorial

THE STATE'S GREATEST PERIL.

"Strange as it may seem, I verily believe that more marriages have been dissolved in North Carolina during the past five years than there have been in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland since the time of the Reformation." Such were the startling words of Hon. John S. Henderson in an address in Metropolitan Hall on last Friday evening. In the year 1902 there were twice as many divorces in the United States as were granted in France and Germany combined. The figures for the United States were about 61,000 contrasted with 177 in England, and 26 in Canada.

These are facts which throw black shadows around the hearthstone and pressage dire disaster for the home which is the centre and inspiration of our national life.

In discussing the divorce evil, we have been in the habit of keeping our eyes on the New England States, South Dakota and other Western States. But we can now look upon North Carolina as the very hot-bed of this great evil. During last year there were 1,400 divorces granted in North Carolina, 1,333 more than have been granted in the Dominion of Canada during the last 35 years. In North Carolina there is one divorce to about every seven marriages. There is only one State in the Union which has a higher divorce percentage. This is a terrible name old North Carolina is making for herself. She is certainly rushing on to an awful harvest time. No political prestige, no scientific triumphs, no financial exploits, no material Golden Age, can prevent the ruin of a people whose home altars have been destroyed. "One man for one woman, and that for life," is the motto, which contains the principle of safety for any civilized people.

Why is it that North Carolina is making for herself such a black record? The answer is not hard to find. It is in the lax divorce laws that have been enacted. North Carolina of all the States in the Union has the most lax divorce laws. Prior to 1871, the statutes of North Carolina and the Supreme Court reports show that only two acts had been passed on this subject. Only eight or ten cases were in the reports before 1868. In 1895 was passed the first law allowing divorce for abandonment. Only two years abandonment on the part of either party was necessary in order to obtain a divorce. Now only one year's abandonment is necessary. Thus the gates are being thrown wide open. In every case in which a loose divorce law has been passed, it has been to relieve a special hard case. A sluice of destruction has been allowed by our law makers to pour over the sacred hearthstones of our people in order that a few individuals might release themselves from the restraints of marriage.

What is the remedy? It is the wiping out of our statute books those loose divorce laws. As long as they remain there the marriage tie will be more and more dishonored and the pulse of our moral life will become weaker and weaker. Our people must vote for legislators that have an eye single to the moral welfare of the people. Subserviency to the political ukase has been worn to a frazzle and henceforth there must be in the exercise of suffrage a subserviency only to the conscience which keeps its eye on God and His eternal will.

Our present law was fastened upon our people by the help of legislators, one of whom publicly,in our hearing, scouted the idea of our holding to the law of Christ on this subject. He said that this law was "old-fashioned" and "not in keeping" with the genius of this new and progressive age. This man received the votes of God-fearing people. Let no such man be elected to any office. Vote only for men who hold as sacred the great moral principles which form the bulwarks of our social and moral welfare.

IN THE LAND OF FUQUAY.

How the Fuquays and the Pipsisissiways met in mortal combat in the Sippahaw country; how the battle dire raged for a few tragic minutes between Blooming Thunder and Gritty Moccasin; how the former received in his side a long arrow head which was years afterward coughed up and forms one of the choicest relics of the North Carolina Hall of History—is all graphically told by Colonel Frederick A. Olds, the official chronicler of the Fuquay country.

How John A. Millss laid his iron track through all this romantic country and with the help of the Sexons, the Ballentines, the Joneses, the Ellises, the Barhams, the Riggans' and others equally as worthy, made Fuquay Springs famous, and planted a beautiful little town where erstwhile the impetuous brave wooed his dusky maiden is the tale of a later day.

Did you ever visit Fuquay? If not, you have a real pleasure before you. We went down on last Saturday afternoon to preach there on Sunday for Rev. G. W. Starling, who has sown down all that section with Advocates, and who once a month dispenses the Gospel to the Methodist saints of Fuquay.

Dr. James A. Sexton removed himself a few years ago from the "madding crowd" and planted himself at Fuquay. Right on the brow of the hill overlooking the spring he runs an excellent hotel which he is equipping with a modern cafe, bath rooms and many other appurtenances coveted by health-seekers. It was our fortune to be his guest, and we were never more royally treated. He with others are determined to make Fuquay Springs the best resort in all this section of the State. The water is strongly impregnated with mineral qualities, having the gas that is characteristic of the famous Carlsbad water. Dr. Sexton has an artesian well one hundred and thirty-five feet deep and the water is strongly mineral. There is no better place at which to build up run-down health. The surroundings are picturesque. The hotel and boarding-houses accommodations are first-class, and for a reasonable price. It was our pleasure to take dinner on Sunday with the family of Mr. R. S. Barham who for several years has been running an excellent boarding-house right at the Spring. Mr. J. D. Ballentine, an earnest Methodist, has a store in the same locality.

The Methodist church is a gem. It was finished and dedicated only a few months ago. The band of members is small, but ambitious, enthusiastic, and zealous. We counted seventy in the Sunday-school on Sunday morning. Mr. J. D. Riggan, so well known in Raleigh, is the superintendent, and there is nowhere a more zealous Christian worker. He has built a beautiful residence down there, and, under the influence of the change and the water, he has become another man from the physical standpoint.

We preached twice on Sunday—at 11 a. m. and 3.30 p. m. The support given us by the congregations was all that could be desired. The Methodists have every nerve strained to build up their church. They are a zealous set. Rev. G. W. Starling, the preacher-in-charge, preaches at Fuquay on every fourth Sunday afternoon. On the second Sunday, Bro. Burt, a worthy local preacher, has an appointment. Considering the fact that Fuquay Springs is a strategic point, and is destined to become a centre of strong influence, and that the Methodists are so zealous and ambitious, we feel that the church there should have a missionary appropriation and become a station. With the help of a missionary appropriation, the little band down there could easily support a preacher. The possibilities for growth are marvellous.

There is quite a number of visitors at the Springs now. Among them is Rev. E. M. Snipes, of Dunn. He is there successfully building up his health which for the last few months has been greatly impaired. He trusts that a few weeks at the Springs will enable him to apply himself once more to his accustomed duties.

OUR EDUCATIONAL PROSPECTS.

That was an important piece of news which went out on last Wednesday from Trinity Commencement in the shape of the statement that Messrs. B. N. and J. B. Duke had shown their accustomed generosity in giving conditionally to Trinity College $100,000 for the establishment of the Woman's Annex on Trinity Park. Such gencrosity, while not surprising, much touch a very tender chord in every section of Southern Methodism. The donors have done a great work for the cause of Christian education, and they have the thanks of every lover of education.

The Woman's Annex is designed for those young women who wish to take the advanced course furnished in the curriculum of Trinity College and to do post-graduate work. It does not supply the demand for the regular Woman's College which is contemplated in the new Greensboro Female College. So we see no reason why one should be considered antagnistic to the other. Both institutions are needed and will fill different spheres.

The new gift to Trinity College is made on the condition that the Methodist people of North Carolina raise the sum of $50,000. It is true that our Methodist people are in a sense committed to the work of raising a sum sufficient to equip and endow Greensboro Female College, and are now in the midst of this endeavor with the most glowing prospects of success, yet this fact does not mean that our people cannot, and should not, raise the $50,000 for the Woman's Annex, even if circumstances should demand that the moral obligation to Greensboro Female College be first discharged. As far as the question of ability is concerned, the Methodist people of North Carolina can raise $150,000 at once.

We should all congratulate ourselves that such a magnificent educational prospect lies before the people of our church in North Carolina—a prospect which includes in its sweep a new Greensboro Female College and, at Durham, a Woman's Annex, which will be the pride of the whole South.

WE HAVE SOMEWHAT AGAINST THEE.

The following suggestion comes from one of the best men in the North Carolina Conference, and is heartily commended to the consideration of our preachers:

"When any of our preachers are sick it would be well for the family or some friend who knows of the affliction, to let the church know it through our Conference organ. Within the past few years several of our preachers have died, and no notice of their sickness had appeared in the Advocate. It appears that our Brother Harrison had been sick for several weeks, but many of his friends knew nothing of it till the sad announcement was made of his death."

In point of intelligence, preaching and pastoral ability, loyalty to duty, and faithfulness to their Conference organ, the preachers of the North Carolina Conference will stand in line with the preachers of any Conference on the face of the earth. But, we have something against our brethren. They are too modest in the use of the pen. They do not write as often as they should for the Advocate. Every preacher should not only follow the foregoing suggestion of Bro. T. J. Dailey, but should make it a point to let us hear from them at least four times a year in regard to their work. Such short letters are very interesting to our readers and have a tendency to awaken deeper interest in church affairs, and thus bring about a decided development throughout the whole Conference. We should have at least one dozen letters every week on "The Field" page. We have a large number of preachers for whose articles the "Contribution" page is patiently waiting. Brethren, think on these things, and act.

Bishop Galloway, accompanied by Mrs. Galloway, will soon start on his journey to the Far East, where he has charge of the Mission Conferences.

Methodist Mention

State.

Vanderbilt commencement this week.

Wilmington, North Carolina, will vote July 27 on the question of a Dispensary.

The District Conference season in the Western North Carolina Conference began early in this month.

Rev. F. L. Church has been assisting Rev. A. J. Parker in a meeting at Manteo. We have not yet learned the results.

Rev. D. H. Comann, of the Western North Carolina Conference, is assisting Rev. R. A. Willis in a meeting at Laurinburg.

Main Street Methodist Church, Gastonia, Western North Carolina Conference, was dedicated on last Sunday by Bishop Wilson.

Trinity College had its typical weather during commencement. It is unnecessary to say that the mercury was striving to reach the top of the tube.

Rev. R. H. Willis writes that Prof. Plato Durham and Rev. J. F. Bivins made a fine impression on the Teachers' Assembly which met last week at Morehead City.

Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, Main Street, Durham, left on last Friday for Nashville, Tenn., where he will be for two weeks attending the Vanderbilt Biblical Institute.

The following gentlemen by visiting this office last week made us their debtor: Revs. J. N. Cole, Z. Paris, A. P. Tyer, H. A. Humble, C. W. Robinson and Col. J. F. Bruton.

Every one who knows Revs. R. C. Beaman and T. F. Marr will say that Trinity College in conferring at its last commencement the degree of D. D. on these gentlemen very highly honored itself.

Our friend, Mr. M. C. Buffalo, believes not only in Methodism, but in being the first to bring forth the fruit of the ground in the shape of fine peaches. The offering he made to this office is a fine proof of his success.

We call attention to the notice of Rev. F. L. Townsend on another page. The idea is a good one, and we see no reason why it should not be actualized. A summer resting place for preachers and their families would be a great blessing to many.

Dr. H. M. Hamill and wife will hold a Sunday-school Teachers' and Workers' Institute for the northeastern section of the North Carolina Conference at Elizabeth City, June 29 and 30. The program is very interesting and promises to be highly instructive.

On the first Sunday in June, Rev. W. W. Rose, Weldon Station, preached at Fremont. Rev. J. A. Hornaday, Greenville Station, preached at Weldon, and Rev. P. N. Stainback, of Weldon, preached at Greenville. This exchanging of pulpits is a good idea, and should be done oftener.

The commencement season for our Methodist schools in North Carolina is over, and now is the time for Methodist people to become thoroughly solidified in the doctrine that Methodist schools are the best places for Methodist boys and girls. We trust that our people will not become so broad as to ignore this doctrine.

Bishop W. W. Duncan, of Spartanburg, S. C., will preach two sermons in Raleigh next week. On Tuesday evening, the 21st, he will preach in Epworth Church a memorial sermon to "Uncle Jessie" Cuninggim. After the sermon, the Cuninggim memorial window will be unveiled. This window has been placed in the building by the membership of Epworth Church. On Wednesday evening, the 22nd, the Bishop will preach in Edenton Street Church. Raleigh Methodism will enjoy an enviable privilege in this visit of Bishop Duncan.

Honors are coming thick and fast upon our North Carolinians in California. Rev. J. C. Wooten, stationed at Berkely, has recently received his degree from the Theological School of that place, and the stork, after a delay of twenty years, has visited the home of Rev. W. F. Coffin. Our congratulations to all.

Dr. Ley, of the Florida Advocate, quotes us as discoursing in a recent issue on "long sweetening" and throwing out intimations that pan-cakes and molasses and "millions" would come in handy. Now, we know that Brother Ley's mouth was watering when he made that gastronomic reference, but it is our duty to say that Dr. J. W. Jenkins, editor of the Orphanage Department, is responsible for arousing those earthly emotions in our Southern neighbor.

Connectional.

Dr. Piner, pastor of Central Church, Memphis, has become associate editor of the Methodist, published at Humboldt, Tenn.

The St. Louis Christian Advocate calls for a parliament of religious journalists to be held at some time during the Exposition.

While in a recent meeting at Rome, Ga., Rev. Sam Jones was taken very sick. The latest report is that he is much better. He has cancelled all his engagements in the West.

Another superannuate home has been donated to the North Alabama Conference. Dr. S. C. Tatum, of Center, gives the home, which is a comfortable cottage located at Center.

Stephen J. Herber, former Assistant Editor of the Chritsian Advocate (New York), is now editor of the Epworth Herald, vice Joseph F. Berry, who was recently elected Bishop.

At the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Alabama Conference College, Rev. John R. Turner was elected president of that institution to succeed Dr. Anson West, resigned.

The Pacific Methodist is responsible for the statement that during the recent General Conference in Los Angeles, three negro preachers were sent one Sunday to fill the pulpits of the M. E. Church, South.

The Court of Appeals has affirmed the decision of the lower court by which the Kentucky Conference of the M. E. Church is to receive $250,000 from the late Mrs. Nanny Speed, of Louisville, for educational purposes.

Miss Eva Parker will sail for Brazil early in July and join her brother, Rev. George D. Parker, as a missionary from our Church. She will be supported by the ladies of Felicity Street Church, in New Orleans, where she has her membership.

At the recent session of the District Conference of San Antonio District, held in Del Rio, $1,750 was contributed toward the Mood scholarships for Southwestern University, Mr. J. O. McLymon, a layman, assuming the responsibility of a gift of $1,000.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church took no action on the paragraph in the Discipline forbidding certain forms of amusements, chiefly, as would appear, because such action would have been interpreted to be a recession from the well-known attitude of Methodism.

At a Stewards' Reunion of Atlanta, held at Trinity Church on Tuesday night of last week, the "New Order of Worship" was the topic for discussion, whether it evidences progress or retrogression. After a spirited debate for and against, a vote was taken and showed, one gentleman said, "three to one against the new order."—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

At the recent meeting of the Book Committee the question of erecting a new publishing house was quite prominent, and a subcommittee was appointed, with power to act, and to proceed with the building as soon as practicable. It is understood that as soon as a satisfactory sale can be negotiated for the old plant, steps will be taken to erect an up-to-date plant on the lot at the corner of Broad and McLemore.—Central Methodist.

Publisher's Column

THE CAMPAIGN NOT CLOSED.

The brethren who have been working so nobly for new subscribers have not been working to secure pre-eminence for their Districts. A higher motive has really actuated them,and that was a desire to advance the interests of Christ through an increased circulation of His paper. Therefore, we safely assume that the brethren will continue the Campaign. We covet the opportunity of reporting June 15 that the 1,350 have been secured. Methodist preachers are not in the habit of saying with respect to their aims and efforts, "So near and yet so far." They are thoroughly in sympathy with us in our desire to report at Henderson next December that the Conference Resolution has been practically carried out. So we make the following

OFFER.

To the District reporting the largest number of new subscribers between May 4 and June 15, 1904, the Advocate will give $10.00 to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

To the District reporting the next highest, $5.

Reports will be published weekly in the Advocate as before.

The following is the report since June 8:

Rev. W. F. Galloway	2
Rev. W. E. Brown	2
Rev. W. H. Kirton	1
Rev. J. M. Lowder	1
Rev. C. L. Read	1
Direct (Raleigh District)	1
Direct (Fayetteville District)	1
Rev. C. M. Lance	1
Rev. E. R. Welch	1

The following is the report by Districts since May 4:

Wilmington District	47	increase 2
Fayetteville District	47	increase 2
New Bern District	15	increase 0
Warrenton District	15	increase 2
Rockinham District	13	increase 0
Elizabeth City District	11	increase 3
Washington District	9	increase 2
Raleigh District	6	increase 1
Durham District	4	increase 1

Total number of subscribers received since December 1, 1903, 1,305.

THE CRAVEN PORTRAIT FUND.

Since our last report, we have received the following subscriptions:

Rev. N. M. Jurney, Mt. Olive, N. C.	$1.00
Cash	2.00
Rev. G. T. Adams, New Bern, N. C.	1.00
Rev. Z. Paris, Lumberton, N. C.	1.00
Dr. A. Cheatham, Durham, N. C.	5.00
Rev. M. Bradshaw, Goldsboro, N. C.	1.00
Mr. T. M. Anderson, Wilson, N. C.	5.00
Dr. W. H. Nicholson, Hickory	1.00
Amount previously reported	235.85
Total	252.85

TWO TIES.

According to our proposition the special campaign for new subscribers is to close with this issue of the paper. It will be seen, however, that according to the figures, it is impossible to award the first and second prizes for the reason that Wilmington and Fayetteville Districts tie on the first prize, and New Bern and Warrenton, on the second. We are desirous of making the award according to our proposition. So we will extend the propossition until next week, June 22. Let every District make a special effort. You will see that we lack only 45 to make up the 1,350 aimed at. Brethren do something special this week.

THE SOUVENIR.

At the beginning of the year, the Raleigh Advocate sent a specially made calendar to every preacher's wife in the Conference. Last week we sent a Raleigh Advocate souvenir to every preacher in the Conference. If any preacher has not yet received his, we would be glad to know of it at once.

We are sending out the lists of subscribers to the preachers. Please do not forget to send us some renewals during this very dull summer season. Our expenses are as large as at any other time of the year, and our bills must be paid as promptly.

Is it Self Immolation?

Under the above caption Brother Bumpas, if I have correctly read his article, in Advocate May 25th, has misunderstood my meaning in quoting from the little book—"Gold Dust." Whatever the author was in reality I do not think his prayer, a part of which I quoted in League columns of the Advocate of May 4, is the prayer of an ascetic, but a prayer for self-abnegation. True, some passages taken out of their settings and separated from their context might imply he was an ascetic. But the phrase, "from the design of influence," is preceded by the phrase, "from the desire of praise"; and, "from the desire of approval," is followed by, "from the desire of authority."

Then he says: Grant me the utmost holiness of which I am capable, then let others be holier than myself.

That others may be loved more than myself.

That others may be more highly esteemed.

He wanted to be loved and esteemed, but prayed that others should have the greater share of both. The intensity of desire caused the author of the prayer to use some expressions that did not, when separated from other passages, convey his real meaning.

I would teach neither asceticism nor mysticism. I do not think that the Master showed any tinge of asceticism. And He is our pattern and our guide. I believe the Word of God to be the only and sufficient rule both of our faith and practice. I believe in a faith that is free from superstition, and in a Christianity that is eminently practical.

Six years ago the Leagues of the Northern Methodist Church had no mission study classes. In less than two years a thousand mission study classes have been conducted, and in these classes were enrolled 10,886 members. Last year the sales of "The Price of Africa," one of the class text books, exceeded 10,000 copies.

The Centenary (New Bern) League has added to their subscription of $500 to the building fund of their new church another subscription of $500, making a thousand dollars in all. We learn the building committee will provide the chapter with elegant apartments for their meetings.

As Epworthians we are justly proud of the record Dr. Kilgo, the leader of our educational interests in North Carolina, made at the General Conference of the M. E. Church, in Los Angeles. Here's our hand, Doctor. You didn't take our breath if you did cause a General Conference to walk softly while it shouted lustily.

There are four Canadian League Leaflets to which I wish to call special attention as well worth the while of our young people to read, viz., Visiting and Relief, Ministry of Flowers, Missionary Work, and the Model Social. These leaflets may be had of Rev. Wm. Briggs, D. D., Toronto, Can., at twelve cents per dozen.

It is presumed that the Leaguers are familiar with our own publications.

You doubtless read in these columns of June 1st how Miss Lizzie L. Johnson, of Casey, Ill., a great sufferer who by making book marks was able to donate to the cause of missions annually $4,810, and in addition to this has an extensive correspondence which reaches to nearly every State in the Union, and in five or six foreign nations.

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Henderson via Richmond	34.10	28.40	23.30
Henderson via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Maxton via Atlanta	38.65	32.25	26.25
Raleigh via Richmond	35.60	29.90	24.80
Raleigh via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Hamlet via Richmond	37.60	31.90	26.25
Hamlet via Atlanta	37.60	31.90	26.25
Wilmington via Richmond	38.65	32.25	26.25
Wilmington via Atlanta	38.65	32.25	26.25

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Sunday School

Lesson for June 19, 1904.

Christ Risen.

(Matthew 28: 1-15.)

Golden Text: Now is Christ risen from the dead. (1 Cor. 15: 20.)

The Resurrection is the crowning feature of the revelation which we have in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the culminating fact in Christian theology. We cannot exaggerate the importance of the Resurrection as one of the salient and impregnable truths of the Christian faith.

Christ's First Appearance.—Mark tells us that the risen Christ appeared first to Mary Magdalene (Mark 16: 9), and the details of this manifestation are given to us in John 20: 11-18.

It is a significant fact that the risen Christ should have showed himself first to a woman. It seems almost prophetic of the exalted station to which Christianity has elevated woman in every Chritsian land.

Christ Appears to the Women at the Tomb.—Immediately after his appearance to Mary Magdelene, Jesus showed himself to the other women, who had gone with her to the tomb, and from whom she seems to have become separated for the time being. These other women included Mary, the mother of James the Less and Joses; Salome, the mother of John; Joanna, the wife of Chuza, and some others whose names are not given.

A list of the Recorded Appearances.—In all, some eleven instances are recorded in which the risen Lord appeared to human witnesses. They may be enumerated as follows:

1. To Mary Magdelene, early in the morning on the first Easter Sunday, near the Tomb where Jesus had been buried.

2. To the other women who went with Mary Magdelene to the Tomb.

3. To Simon Peter (Luke 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5), on the first Easter Sunday.

4. To the two disciples who were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, in the afternoon of the first Easter Sunday. (Luke 24:13-32.)

5. To ten of the apostles, Thomas being absent) and other disciples in an upper room in Jerusalem, on the evening of the first Easter Sunday. (Luke 24:36-49.)

6. To the eleven apostles (Thomas being present), and others in the upper room at Jerusalem, one week later. (John 20:26-29.)

7. To seven apostles, several days later, by the Sea of Galilee. (John 21:1-22.)

8. To the eleven apostles on a mountain in Galilee some weeks later. (Matt. 28:16-20.)

9. To other five hundred at once, at about the same time as the appearance to the eleven in Galilee. (1 Cor. 15: 6.)

10. To James. (1 Cor. 15: 7.)

11. To the apostles in Jerusalem, and afterwards on the Mount of Olives, near Bethany, at the time of his Ascension. (Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11.)

The above list of appearances represents the views of probably the majority of scholars. Of course in a matter where there are several different accounts to combine there is a possibility for differences of opinion. For example, some regard the first and second appearances as identical. Others regard the eighth and ninth appearances as also identical. Thus it will be seen that different scholars would enumerate nine, ten or eleven appearances, according to the particular view which they took. This list, however, may serve as a working basis for a study of the various appearances of Christ during the period between his Resurrection and his Ascension.

The Living Christ.—The Resurrection is the positive assurance to every Christian heart that we have a living, not a dead, Saviour. Christ lives to-day, and seeks admission to every human heart.

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Fifteen-day excursion tickets, good returning fifteen (15) days in addition to date of sale, sold daily at rate of $24.80 from Raleigh.

Ten day special coach excursion tickets—see notices elsewhere.

Reduced rate tickets as above will be sold from other stations on the Southern Railway at proportionate rates.

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7 20	4 15	.....Raleigh.....	9 45	6 35
7 35	4 25	S.....†Caraleigh Mills..	9 35	6 20
7 45	4 30	F.....*Sylvania.....	9 30	6 15
7 54	4 39	F.....† Barnes	9 20	6 05
00	4 45	F.....Hobby	9 14	6 00
8 15	4 53	M.....†McCULLERS.....	9 10	5 55
8 25	4 58	F.....Banks.....	8 58	5 45
8 30	4 59	F.....Austins	8 55	5 38
8 50	5 07	S...†Willow Springs....	8 50	5 30
9 05	5 15	M...† JOHNSON MILL	8 40	5 15
9 15	5 17	F.....† Cardenas.....	8 38	5 05
9 20	5 22	S...C. F. & N. Junction	8 32	5 01
9 35	5 26	S...† Fuquay Springs..	8 30	4 50
9 40	5 31	F.....Buckhorn	8 20	4 35
9 45	5 36	F.....Rawls	8 17	4 30
10 00	5 45	S.....† Chalybeate.....	8 10	4 20
10 05	5 50	S.....Bradley	8 00	4 05
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Secular News

STATE.

Work will commence immediately on Greensboro's $30,000 Carnegie library.

Lexington has voted $60,000 of bonds for water works, electric lights, etc.

Capt. W. H. Day, who was stricken with paralysis the other day, continues to improve.

The North Carolina State Bankers Association are holding a meeting in Asheville this week.

The President has appointed J. D. Parker postmaster at Smithfield and R. P. Reinhardt postmaster at Newton.

Hon. Henry G. Turner, of the Supreme Court of Georgia, died at Raleigh, last week. He was a native of this State.

H. F. Seawell, of Moore County, has declined to make the race for Congress on the Republican ticket in the Seventh District.

The retail merchants of North Carolina will hold their second annual convention in Winston-Salem Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Governor Aycock has returned from a stay of several days at Morehead City where he went especially to attend the recent session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly He was much pleased.

The race for the Democratic nomination for Governor has continued to grow in interest with Messrs. Glenn and Stedman in the lead. Some personal feeling has been injected into the campaign.

The Wilmington and Weldon Railroad—now a part of the Atlantic Soast Line system—is 162 miles long, and when built 71 years ago was the longest railroad in the world. It boasts of the remarkable fact that it has never killed a passenger.

The recent action of the Board of County Commissioners in refusing to grant liquor license to the saloon keepers in Fremont, Wayne County, has led the people of that town to sign a petition to the effect that the saloon keepers be allowed to the first of next January to dispose of their stock.

A. L. McCaskill, postmaster at Fayetteville, who is seeking reappointment and who is endorsed by Republican State Chairman Rollins, has encountered the spirited opposition of a number of negro leaders in this State. This hostility resulted from the exclusion of negroes from the county convention of Cumberland, and McCaskill is charged with responsibility.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons convened in their 56th annual convention in Masonic Hall in Raleigh, Tuesday night. On Wednesday at 11.30 the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina will assemble in 28th annual meeting, and at 8 p. m. Wednesday the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars will convene in 24th annual conclave. A number of prominent Masons will be in attendance.

GENERAL NEWS.

The horse spur is said to have been used since 300 B. C.

Levi Z. Leiter, the Chicago multimillionaire, died at Bar Harbor.

The Boers resent an attempt to take a Transvaal census. They consider it an intrusion into their private affairs.

A map of Jerusalem in Mosaic over 1,500 years old, has been found in Palestine.

The hour of Sunday church service in an English parish has been changed to suit golf players.

One of the little islands of the Hawaiian group containing 70,000 acres is owned by an American named Gay.

Attorney-General Knox has been selected as United States Senator to fill the place made vacant by the death of Senator Quay.

By a vote of five to four the Supreme Court of the United States has decided that residents of the Philippines are not entitled to the right of trial by jury.

Consumption is a rare disease in Japan. Even in winter coughs are of rare occurrence, and this despite the fact that the real Japanese do not heat their rooms with anything more than a tiny charcoal stove.

The chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture estimates the total area planted in cotton in the United States this season at 31,730,371 acres, an increase of 2,823,016 over acreage planted last year.

SPECIAL RATES VIA SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY.

$21.55, plus 50 cents, from Raleigh to Chicago, Ill., and return account of the Republican National Convention, June 21st to 24th. Tickets on sale June 16th to 20th, inclusive, with final limit to leave Chicago June 29th. Stop-overs at St. Louis will be permitted on tickets reading through that point.

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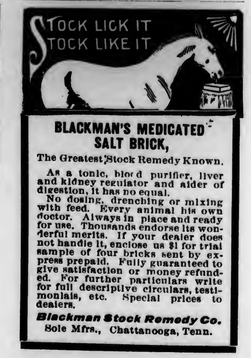

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The Oxford Orphan Asylum now represents the latter, nearly. It has been all. Commencing with one main building, not planned for that purpose they were at a disadvantage. They then put up another large building into which they put the boys. At last through the munificence of Mr. B. N. Duke, they transmographied it into the group cottage plan. The Thornwell Orphanage at Clinton, S. C., is somewhat on the group cottage plan. All three of these are grand institutions. One Masonic, one Presbyterian, and one Baptist. We saw nothing that we wished to copy at Thomasville. We did copy largely from Oxford, and some from Clinton, and some from Barium Springs—Presbyterian. We have never regretted our choice. We now have the best cottage in the State, and will soon have the best main building. If you don't believe it, come and see!

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Roanoke Rapids, May, 29, 30
Warren, Coksebery, June 4, 5
Henderson, June 5, 7
Ridgeway, Tabernacle, June 11, 12
THIRD ROUND.
Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, June 19, 20
Warrenton, Hebron, June 25, 26
Littleton, Bethel, July 2, 3
Northampton, Pleasant Grove, July 5
Conway, Sharon, July 6
Murfreesboro, July 7
Bertie, White Oak, July 9, 10
Harrellsville, Colrane, July 10, 11
Hobgood, Epworth, July 15
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, July 16, 17
Scot and Neck, July 18
Roanoke Circuit, New Hope, 23, 24
Roanoke Rapids, July 23, 24
Rich Square, Woodland July 31

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
St. John, June 1
Grifton, Grifton, June 3-5
Hookerton, Ormonds, June 4-5
LaGrange, Trinity, 11-12
THIRD ROUND.
Mt. Olive, at Faison, June 18, 19
Goldsboro Circuit, Pine Forest, June 25, 26
St. Paul, 26
District Conference, Beaufort, June 30 July 3
Jones Circuit, Shady Grove, July 9, 10
Kinston, July 10
Craven Circuit, Beech Grove, July 16, 17
Centenary, New Bern, July 17

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.
THIRD ROUND—IN PART.
Rockingham Station, June 4, 5
Roberdel Circuit, Mt. Pleasant, June 11, 12
Hamlet Circuit, Snead's Grove, June 18, 19
Richmond Circuit, St Paul, June 25, 26
Laurenburg Station, July 3, 4
Rowland Circuit, Oak Grove, July 9, 10
Robeson Circuit, Olivet, July 16, 17
St John and Gibson, Gibson, July 23, 24

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.
J. E. Underwood, P. E., Elz City, N C.
THIRD ROUND.
Pasquotank Ct., Union, June 11, 12
Elizabeta City, City Road, June 12
Hertford Ct., Evans, June 18, 19
Edenton, at night, June 19
Kennekeet, (C. M.) June 21, 26
Hatteras, June 27
Roanoke Island, July 3, 4
Perquimans, Bethany, July 9, 10
Gates Philadelphia (D. C.) July 15, 17
North Gates, Parker's, July 17, 18
Camden, Newlands, July 23, 24
Elizabeth City (First Church), night, July 24
Moyock, Concord, July 30, 31
Currituck, Mt. Zion, Aug 6, 7
Kitty Hawk, Aug 7, 8
Roanoke, Aug 13, 14
Dare, Aug 14, 15
Pantego and Belhaven, Aug 20, 21
Roper, Pleasant Grove, Aug 27, 28
Plymouth, Aug 28, 29

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Edenton Street, June 4, 5
Selma, Princeton, June 11, 12
Smithfield, June 12, 13
Franklinton, Banks, June 18, 19
Brooklyn and Macedonia, Macedonia, June 25, 26
Central, June 26
Youngsville, Rock Springs, July 2, 3
Clayton, July 3, 10
Oxford Ct., Bethel, July 16, 17
Millbrook, July 23
Epworth, July 24
Granville, July 30, 31
Oxford Station, July 31
Keuly, August 6, 7
Wakefield, August 8
Tar River, Trinity, August 13, 14
Louisburg, August 14, 15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
Bethel, Shiloh, June 4, 5
Tarboro, at night, June 5
THIRD ROUND.
South Edgecombe, Sandy Cross, June 11, 12
Wilson Circuit, Barefoots, June 18, 19
Wilson Station, night, June 19
Fremont, Pelverton, June 25, 26
South Rocky Mount, night, June 29
Bath, Bethany, July 2, 3
Washington, night, July 4
Robersonville, Jamesville, July 9, 10
Rocky Mount, night, July 12
Swan Quarter, Statesville, July 16, 17
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, July 19
Mattamuskeet, Mt. Pleasant, July 21
Fairfield, July 23, 24
Farmville, Long, July 30, 31
Nashville, Bellford, August 6, 7
Springhope, Gold Valley, August 8
Bethel, Conetoe, August 13, 14
Tarboro, night, August 14
Grimesland & Vanceboro, Providence, Aug 20, 21
Greenville, night, Aug 22
Aurora, Campbell's Creek, Aug 27, 28

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs P. E., Durham, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Durham, Trinity Church, June, 5, 6
Durham, Carr Church and Branson, at Branson, June 5, in afternoon
Durham, Mangum Street, at Bethany, June 11
Durham, Main Street, June 12, 13
Durham, West Durham, June 12, at night
Milton, Providence, June 25, 26
Hillsboro, Walnuit Grove, July 2, 3
Leasburg, Union, July 9, 10
Chapel Hill, July 16, 17
Yanceyville, Prospect, July 22, 24
Altamance, Clover Garden, August 6, 7
Burlington, Prospect, August 13, 14
Burlington Station, August 21, 22
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
J. S. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Fayetteville Circuit, Camp Ground, June 4, 5
Hope Mills, Fishers, June 11, 12
Cokesbury, Tabor, June 18, 19
Dunn Station, June 25, 26
Haw River, Ebenezer, July 2, 3
Carthage, Ingram Branch, July 8, 10
Elise, Mt. Carmel, July 9, 10
Siler City, Mt. Vernon, July 16, 17
Jonesboro, (District Conference), July 23, 24
Pittsboro, Chatham, July 30, 31
Lillington, Cool Springs, August 6, 7
Buckhorn, Harnett Chapel, August 13, 14
Sanford, Lemon Springs, August 20, 21
Goldstone, Maroneye, August 27, 28
Newton Grove, Sep ember 3, 4
Duke, September 10, 11
Sampson, September 17, 18
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 24, 25

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.
SECOND ROUND.
New River, Snead's Ferry, June
Burgaw, Wallace, June 11, 12
Grace, June 12
THIRD ROUND.
Waccamaw, Old Dock, June 18, 19
Fifth Street, June 19
Market Street, June 19
Bladen Circuit, Doams, June 25, 26
Parks and Richlands, Haw Branch, July 2, 3
Town Creek, Summerville, July 9, 10
Bladen Street, July 10
Clinton, Goshen July 16, 17
Whiteville, Evergreen, July 23 24
Southport, District Conference, July 28, 31
Carver's Creek, Warsaw, August 6, 7
Magnolia, Trinity August 12
Kenansville, Charity, August 13, 14
Elizabeth, Union, August 20, 21
Shallotte, New Hope, August 27, 28
Onslow Swanboro, September 2, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
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Burgaw, September 10, 11
Grace, September 18

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HILL—MILLER.—May 11, 1904, in St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro, N. C., by Rev. M. Bradshaw, Mr. W. B. Hill, of Danville, Va., to Miss Bessie Miller, of Goldsboro, N. C.

Obituaries

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WOODARD.—William Lawrence Woodard, son of John W. and Nancy C. Woodard, was born June 24, 1893, and died April 24, 1904.

Willie had long been in delicate health, but was so bright and jovial that no one suspected, until the end was near, the gravity of his afflictions. Conscious to the last, he realized the presence of the reaper and bade good-bye to his sorrowing parents. May they find comfort in Him who said, "Blessed are they that mourn."

W. T. USRY.

JONES.—James B. Jones, age 68, died at his home near Corapeake, N. C., on April 12, 1904. The roll of membership at Parkers Church, North Gates charge, is one less, but we trust that the "roll up yonder" has been increased by one.

Brother Jones left a wife and a number of children to mourn their loss.

Since his death many have said, he was a good citizen and a good provider for his family.

Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved and our prayer is that they shall meet him in heaven.

W. H. BROWN.

BROOKS.—Joseph C. Brooks was born December 12, 1835, and died May 6, 1904.

He professed faith in Christ early in life and connected himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in which he remained a consistent member until the day of his death. He was a good man, a good neighbor and citizen, a loving and affectionate husband and father. Death came very suddenly, and in an hour unexpected by his friends, but he was ready for the summons.

He leaves behind to mourn their loss a wife and five children: W. E. Brooks, in Georgia; J. W. Brooks, Wilmington, N. C.; Geo. E. Brooks, Carrie and Fanny, at home, Seaside, Brunswick County, N. C.

May the blessings of the Lord rest upon the mother, sons and daughters left behind, and finally may they all meet in heaven.

N. H. GUYTON.

HARRIS.—Andrew Jackson Harris, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Harris, departed this life April 23, 1904.

By this dispensation Brother and Sister Harris have been called to pass through the deenest sorrow of their life.

Like Isaac to Abraham, little Jack was to them, the child of their fondest hopes.

Jack was indeed an unusually bright and promising boy. He was a sincere, manly little fellow.

Too young to have met the tempter, or to have left any foot prints in the path of sin, like a budding flower not yet having unfolded its petals to the tarnishing touch of the surrounding world, God kept the bud of that life unfolded upon itself till the day when He transplanted it, unblown and unstained by the touch of sin, to the soil of Immanuel's land.

Jack was the idol of the home, but his father and mother with Christian grace and fortitude, bowed submissively to an overruling Providence, and, like Hanna with Samuel, lent little Jack to the Lord. May God bless and comfort them.

K. D. HOLMES, P. C.

BENTON.—William Thomas Benton, of Gates County, N. C., died at his home on the morning of May 7, 1904. He died at a ripe old age.

Until the latter part of 1903 he was a familiar figure in Savages Church, North Gates charge. But from the above time up until his death, with the exception of a few moments, he lay on his bed.

Though he lingered, yet he was ever cheerful. He was visited by many during his sickness, and they were all met with a bright smile and a "Praise the Lord."

He bore his troubles patiently and spent his time in reading God's word and singing hymns of praise of his Lord.

Brother Benton was preceded to eternity by four wives. He always spoke of them as his four darling wives.

May God's richest blessings rest upon the relatives he left on earth, and may there be a happy meeting some day up yonder.

W. H. BROWN.

BRITTON.—The subject of this sketch, Elisha R. Britton, was born near Conway, N. C., December 7, 1835, and died at the same home February 4, 1904, and was therefore a little more than 68 years of age. Just when Brother Britton joined the church is not known by the writer, but he was a faithful soldier in the Master's service for many years. For a long time he was a local preacher in our church, and did great good as a preacher of the Word. Something like twenty years ago his health gave way, and his mind likewise became impaired, and his license was not renewed, but he held exhorter's license, and conducted meetings up to a few weeks before his death.

For a little more than three years the writer was associated with him much, and from all that could be gathered in that time, seeing him in the church, in the home, in the field, and on the highway, it can be said unhesitatingly that he was one of the purest and best of men. He was most assuredly a "prince in Israel." He was gentle, humble, full of love and tenderness. Perhaps his most prominent virtue was charity. He loved everybody, and everything, that "the good Creator" (as he was wont to say) made. He hated nothing but sin.

His faithfulness in the church, his tenderness in love, his firmness in friendship, his devotedness to his Lord, his purity of heart and righteousness of life, all tend to remind us of the word of the Psalmist, "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace." He belonged to the royal priesthood.

He was the very embodiment of humility. He felt unworthy of all consideration—Divine or human This was particularly noticeable in his last days.

Taken all in all Brother Britton gave evidence of being the nearest entirely weaned from the world of any one this writer ever knew. He was "in the world, but not of the world." The voice with which he loved to praise his Redeemer, in songs of joy, and shouts of triumph, is forever hushed to earth; but with a sweeter melody he joins in praise with the heavenly throng in crowning the Savior Lord of all.

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PARKER.—Susan D. Parker, the subject of this sketch, was born January 13, 1830, and departed this life in peace with her Maker, March 25, 1904.

Sister Parker was converted while quite young, and connected herself with the M. E. Church, South, in which she was a true and faithful member until the angel of death removed her to the church triumphant. She was a good woman, highly respected and much beloved by all who knew her.

She leaves behind on earth a large circle of friends, together with her own children and grandchildren to mourn their loss, but they mourn not as those who have no hope.

May the Lord comfort and keep the dear loved ones left behind, and by and by, may they all compose an unbroken family in heaven.

N. H. GUYTON.

BROOKS.—Sorrow upon sorrow! How it multiplies in some hearts and homes!

On January 28, 1904, we laid beneath the sod sister Ida Paylor, the eleventh child to die in the family of sister Belle Brooks.

On April 28th, we again repaired to the cemetery and buried Bertha, the twelfth child to die in this home.

The shadow of death has hovered over this home for many years.

The husband and father in addition to the twelve children who have died, has now slept many years beneath the sod.

But while the shadows have been thick and they have had to grope along amid the deepening gloom, still it has not been a house of despair.

It is a Christian home, and like Israel of old in bondage, they have had the light of hope in their habitation at eventide.

Sister Paylor, the elder daughter and the first mentioned subject of this sketch, was as ripe and happy a Christian as has been my privilege to know.

She left every assurance that all was well with her soul.

She left a husband, with two small children, to mourn her loss.

The death of Bertha was peculiarly sad and distressing.

Death stole upon her so stealthily that his coming was not expected till he was at the door.

She had just grown up into woman hood, and was the pet of all the family. The shock was severe, and yet, in the midst of sorrow upon sorrow, they are comforted in the assurance that she is at rest. Bertha was a good girl, sweet-spirited, cheerful and bright.

She loved her church, and was always in her place at all the services except when providentially hindered.

How it must comfort the heart of that mother, so often bereaved, and called within the last three months to follow two daughters to the grave, to feel that both are "asleep in Jesus." Thank God for the blessed comfort it affords the bereaved family.

May these hours of grief and pain be but promises of happier years, and may the good Lord comfort them in all the years to come.

K. D. HOLMES, P. C.

STEPHENS.—The subject of this obituary, Bennie Stephens, was born in Person County, N. C., reared on his native heath, and departed this life March 9, 1904, was the youngest son of Capt. T. J. and Mrs. M. J. Stephens.

At the time of his death was principal of the High School at Ormondsville, Green County, N. C., at which place he was held in the very highest esteem by all who knew him.

Death sought a high and shining mark when it smote Bennie Stephens.

There was inexpressible sadness in his death. He was blameless and spotless in life and character.

Every impulse of his manhood was noble and true, and in him was the promise of great usefulness.

He was a recent graduate of Trinity College, having made a record worthy of emulation in that institution.

He was well equipped for high class work in his profession. And, as we see with our eyes, the world had need of him. His life and personality was a fragrant flower. Why death sought him on the very threshold of his promising young manhood is a mystery unfathomable to us.

There was an air of culture and quiet refinement about him that made one think of modest violets by the wayside. He was a choice spirit.

We know not why, but God called him to come up higher. And doubtless by this dispensation of an allwise Providence there has come to him, who is gone from us, an enrichment of endless life, and a fullness of joy out of which is builded, for all who love His approving, "an house eternal in the Heavens."

The shadows have fallen heavy on a home of much affliction and oft repeated bereavement.

Our heart goes out to them in love and sympathy; and we breathe the prayer that while they do not "murmur nor complain beneath the chastening rod" these afflictions may work out for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

K. D. HOLMES, P. C.

In Memoriam.

Whereas, our friend and co-laborer, Mrs. Pattie Day, has been translated from earth to the fair land beyond the sky, we the members of the Ladies' Aid Society, pass the following resolution:

That while we bow to God's will, we deeply mourn the loss of one who was loved by all and respected for her beautiful Christian character. She was truly perfected through suffering, and bore affliction with great fortitude and patience. That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to her brothers and children.

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Jitaro Mori is a wealthy Japanese scholar, who up to a few days ago was an advanced student of Yale University. He had occasion in a recent speech to criticise the scholastic attainments of American missionaries, and incidentally to remark on the abnormal number of American loose women. He avers that he did not intend to reflect on the integrity and usefulness of missionaries, nor upon the purity of American women as a class, yet he is no longer at Yale. To use a homely but luminous expression, he had to get out. At this we must be allowed to express our surprise. Is not Yale University a centre of free thought, where the fullest liberty of opinion is guaranteed? Is not the "illimitable" there utilized to its most glorious capacity? Does not the institution represent a land which sends to these sections where "narrowness" grovels and riots scholastic missionaries to praise the "faithful" and reproach the "unfaithful" with the purpose to make, if possible, the latter wish they had a lodge in a "garden of cucumbers?" Then why has the Jap been compelled to leave the institution—especially since that institution is Yale?

The gubernatorial campaign for North Carolina started out a few months ago with all the roseate promise of a perfect day in June. Four men of the highest moral character and with the prestige of valuable service rendered the State, appeared before the people as aspirants for the Governorship. The contest promised to be a play of good nature. No vultures appeared on the horizon and the dark forms of envy, prejudice, and slander were nowhere to be seen. But we are sorry to say that the situation has somewhat changed. Envenomed darts have been shot in the last few weeks and the round-table of peace and good-will has been broken up. We are sorry—sorry that North Carolina has not been able to demonstrate that within one of her political parties a campaign cannot be waged without the injection of unworthy elements. Happily, the strain will be relieved this week when the Convention meets at Greensboro.

"Half the world sees white and the other half black." This is true, no matter what comes within the range of vision. This is illustrated in the case of Pyramus who, with the ears of an ass ensnares the affections of Titania and provokes only the horse laugh in others. It is also illustrated in the case of Walt Whitman who has persuaded some to call his nonsensical diarrhea of words true poetry, on the same principle, we suppose, that in some circles a baboon in full dress is honored as the guest of the occasion. Oh, the fads! the wearying, idiotic fads! But we started to express our wonder that our ancient friend, Dr. Alexander Dowie, Elijah the Second, who has gormandized on the gullibility of the American people and stuffed his pockets with American shekels, has been able to go over to London, abuse loyalty, rant furiously and at the same time to organize a church. He had finally to evacuate English soil at night, but in Old England the name of Dowie is still "great." This color blindness, limited to white and black, is a strange thing.

The case of Judge Peebles versus the Lumberton lawyers has demonstrated to a certainty that the prevailing opinion in North Carolina is that the harm in drinking spirituous liquors is altogether in the intoxication caused; and that it makes no difference how much one drinks provided he does not get drunk. This opinion is based on an idea which is the fast friend of intemperance and the deadly foe of that temperance which is enjoined in Holy Writ. Intoxication is bad enough, and every case of it is impregnant with the suggestion that although man was made but "little lower than the angels," he is nevertheless endowed with a fearful facility for bringing himself to the level of a brute. But it is well known that alcohol in the human system may have invisible and insensible effects which measured by the train of moral and mental sequelae can be more deadly than those effects which are wrapped up in a "beastly drunk." The "moderate" drinker is a great foe to himself, though he knows it not. He suffers, and makes others suffer, and may be clearing for unborn children a new ground to be ploughed by them in sorrow. "Touch not, taste not, handle not," is an ancient injunction, yet it contains the only true policy. The time has come when no high official and no obscure citizen, especially a Judge, can take as a beverage one drink of alcohol without going too far.

There are some interesting statistics in the Bulletin on Child Labor just sent out by the Department of Commerce and Labor. Of children under sixteen years old, employed in the textile industries, there are 1,087 in Massachusetts, 254 in Rhode Island, 223 in New York, 457 in New Jersey, 1,160 in Pennsylvania, 425 in North Carolina, 830 in South Carolina, 1,193 in Georgia, and Georgia, and 223 in Alabama. The operatives work a larger number of hours in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, than in other States. We think that there is very little in the plea made by Southern manufacturers that more time is needed to accomplish a certain amount of work in a warm climate than in a cold climate. It is not surprising that as a rule the parents of children who are operatives do not admit that the health of the children suffers by working in the mills. Those most opposed to the exclusion from mills of children under a certain age are the parents themselves. Every mill superintendent can testify to this. Yet when we consider the number of mills and operatives in North Carolina, we cannot but consider that the fact that there are only 425 in North Carolina under sixteen years of age very creditable to the State. The number is so small that we cannot avoid a lingering suspicion that there has been a misprint in the figures.

An insignificant cup of grease turns over. It catches fire. The flames spread. An excursion boat loaded with many Sunday-school scholars and teachers is burned and beached. Of the many on board, nearly 1,000 were burned or drowned. This is the sad story of one of the most awful catastrophes that ever happened in Northern waters. It was on last Wednesday, June 15. The Slocumb, a large three-decked excursion steamer, was carrying the Sunday-school of St. Mark's German Lutheran Church, New York City, to Locust Grove, one of the many resorts in Long Island Sound. When the flames began to spread, the passengers became panic-stricken. The life preservers were left untouched. The fire apparatus, for some reason, was not used. Hundreds leaped into the water and were drowned. The hurricane deck fell and crushed many others. The boat was finally beached on North Brother Island, where a temporary morgue was established. There is peculiar sadness in the accustomed tale—that many could have been saved if they had not become panic-stricken. It was an awful disaster, one which we do not like to contemplate. Death is painting this year for the American people a panorama of more than Dantesque horrors. Let us hope that the work is finished. Truly are we learning that "in the midst of life we are in death."

The plan of federation already adopted by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is now a part of the law of the M. E. Church. Henceforth no new work can be started in any place where the other church is doing the work of Methodism until the consent of the Bishop in charge has been secured.

Contributions

He Knows

I know not what will befall me! God hangs a
mist o'er my eyes,
And o'er each step of my onward path, He makes
new scenes arise,
And every joy He sends me comes as a glad and
sweet surprise.

I see not a step before me as I tread the days
of the year,
But the past is in God's keeping; the future His
mercy shall clear;
And what looks dark in the distance may brighten
as I draw near.

For perhaps the dread future has less bitterness
than I think,
The Lord may sweeten the water before I stoop
to drink,
Or if Marah must be Marah, He will stand beside
the brink.

It may be there is waiting for the coming of my
feet,
Some gift of such rare blessedness, some joy so
strangely sweet,
That my lips can only tremble, with the thanks
I cannot speak.

Oh! restful, blissful ignorance! 'Tis blessed not
to know,
It keeps me quiet in those arms which will not let
me go,
And hushes my soul to rest, on the bosom which
loves me so.

So I go on not knowing, I would not if I might.
I'd rather walk in the dark with God, than go
alone in the light,
I would rather walk with Him by faith, than walk
alone by sight.

My heart shrinks back from trials, which the
future may disclose,
Yet I never had a sorrow but what the dear Lord
chose;
So I send the coming tears back, with the whis-
pered words—He knows.

—A Hymn.

Christianity's Debt to the World.

BY BISHOP H. C. MORRISON.

(An Address Delivered Before the Missionary Conference at Waco Texas, May 4th.)

The word Christianity is like the word faith. It has no meaning save as it inheres in a personality. By the debt of Christianity to the world we mean the debt of the saved to the unsaved world. Now this great debt is an absolutely and purely moral indebtedness. There is not and never has been any legality or formal constraint about the Christian system. Whatever legality there may have been in the salvation of the world was forever paid and wiped out by the Founder of our Religion. This stupendous debt that we owe is of that moral kind that arises out of the excellence of Christianity. It is indebtedness of the same order that moved the Father to so love the world that he gave his only begotten Son to save the world. It was this moral and divine indebtedness that established the Christian system. The sense of indebtedness is an infallible sign and proof of true Christianity and whatever does not manifest this sense is not true Christianity. This sense moreover is known to no other system or religion on the earth. It is not known to Buddhism, to Confusianism, to Mohamedanism, for it is peculiarly and absolutely Christian in character.

It was in the person of the apostle to the Gentiles that this sense of indebtedness to humanity reached its highest exemplification. "I am a debtor both to the Greek and to the Barbarian, to the wise and to the unwise." This sense of world-wide indebtedness was the mighty inspiration and the desire to meet it was the aspiration of that wonderful life that so strangely moved the whole of the ancient world and after a life of conquest was laid down beneath the executioner's sword in the city of Rome. Such was the constant effort he made to pay what he recognized as his debt to the world. Such was the greatness of the motive back of his sense of indebtedness to the world. Then if you would have the church feel this same driving power, you must bring her up to the plane occupied by the great apostle to the Gentiles. When you have placed the same motive back of the church as was behind St. Paul, you will have solved the problem of the evangelization of the world, and not till then.

What shall we say of the magnitude of this debt. Let us go back to the divine phase of it. Get if you can the measure and the magnitude of the divine indebtedness to humanity, and then you will be able to form some idea of our indebtedness. The magnitude of this indebtedness rises out of a love that endures from everlasting to everlasting, and you will see that this love must give rise to an obligation. It is a love which of its own character generates obligation, and holds its obejct forever in its thought. This is the Divine ideal. It is a fact—a sad fact—that the church does not hold the needs of the world continually in her thought, and it requires a constant effort to bring the needs of earth fully into the consciousness of the church. So great is the energy necessary to bring the world upon the thought and the moral feeling of the church.

Much so-called Christianity does all its thinking about affairs at home, and there is an actual aversion among some who occupy the position of leaders in the church against bringing the world effectively into the thought of the church. There is no place in their thought for the regions beyond. They have forgotten the fact that their Lord loved and suffered for the world. God in truth holds the world forever in his mind.

There is a certain remarkable expression in the New Testament: "We love him because he first loved us." That does not mean just that our love for God is based simply on the fact that he loved us first, but it means more than that. It means that God loved us from the beginning. The first thing that he ever did in the world was to love us. You cannot find in the Bible a single indication of any time when we were not in God's thought. The Psalmist had this in mind when he said: "When I consider thy Heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou has ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him." Think for a moment what is meant by the word "mindful." It means that we fill the mind of God. The redemption therefore was not an afterthought of God. God never had an afterthought. Whenever you bring the church up to this Divine ideal and when you have brought the world upon the heart of the church as from the very beginning it has been on the heart of God, then you will be nigh to the accomplishment of the evangelization of the nations. The commission which has been given us beggars conception in the magnitude of our indebtedness. As long as there is a soul on the earth unlighted by the light of Christianity so long there rests a debt upon us. The mission of the church is to recapture and bring back a wandering world, and they that dwell therein. From an infernal usurpation, until nothing is left in the power and thralldom of the forces of darkness.

This means much. It does not mean that there are 50,000 souls to be brought to the truth; it does not mean that there are 50,000,000 souls to be brought in, but it means that there are 1,000,000,000 to come out of darkness. It means that the gloom of heathen lands must be dispelled and it means that the semi-anarchy so clearly seen in our own is to be arrested and checked and changed and brought into submission to loyalty and right. These are some of the stupendous changes to be wrought by the church of Christ.

How is this great work to be accomplished. It is not in our own strength but in the spirit of the Lord. "Of myself I can do nothing." The church will be prepared to wipe out her indebtedness and accomplish the work demanded of her only through the domination of the spirit of the Lord. There is something beyond organization and mere methods required in this business. When a man is dominated by such a spirit as that which alone can perform this work he loses consciousness of self and becomes swallowed up in the force that dominates him. When we and one mighty church are one in Christ we will have no trouble in bringing the world to his feet.

What is the progress made toward the payment of this debt? Beginning at zero without money or missionary in the face of persecution and opposition, after 1870 years the church has paid its debt a little more than one-third of the human race. While the work of payment is not progressing as I should like to see it, it is being paid at a rate more rapid than at any period of the past. India has had a Protestant gain of 100 per cent in the last ten years. And at the same rate in the middle of the next century the whole country will have been conquered for our Lord and Master. China is silently and imperceptibly yielding to the Divine force at work in a manner astounding to those who understand her. Her demand for education and her acceptance of Christian sentiments is working a revolution in the mighty empire. The Kingdom of God does not come by civil or military convulsions, but like the silent forces of the world. The Gospel influence is the Divine leaven that is to do the work, and do it in the same silent manner as the coming springtime changes the face of nature. Working in this way the leaven of Christianity is undermining the domination of the powers of darkness.

Let us ask the question: Why should we pay this debt? Put it for a moment on the lowest possible basis, and consider it there. We must pay this debt because our own salvation depends upon it. God has so coupled your salvation and mine with the salvation of the heathen that we cannot separate the two. This is the only argument that you can bring to some people on foreign missions. If you will bring the truth to their minds that all that God requires of us is to carry his salvation to the ends of the earth you will start some one to thinking. They they may begin to crawl out and do something. So far as my own salvation and the safety of my soul depends upon my fulfillment of this commission I must be up and doing. This is surely the lowest of motives, but it is the only one that can be brought home to some.

What is my part of the indebtedness? My indebtedness is measured by my opportunity, just so far as I can I must embrace every chance that comes within my power to send this gospel to the ends of the earth, and in so far as we do this and only so far will we stand justified at the judgment bar of God.

Forgive and Forget.

Why the world would be lonely,
The garden a wilderness left to deform,
If the flowers but remembered the chilling winds
only,
And the fields gave no verdure for fear of the
storm,
Or how could our spirits e'er hope for the
skies;
If Heaven refused to forgive and forget?

Music is sweetest near or over rivers, where the echo thereof is best rebounded by the water. Praise for pensiveness, thanks for tears and blessing God over the floods of affliction make the most melodious music in the ear of heaven.—Thos. Fuller.

Our personality is not a closed circuit. It dips deep into God. It is rooted in him, as the tree is rooted in the soil. That which comes up from within is none the less from him than that which comes down from above.—Willard B. Thorp.

Prune thou thy words, the thoughts control,
That o'er thee swell and throng;
Thy will condense within thy soul,
And change to purpose strong.
—John Henry Newman.

God never reveals what man can discover.

Growth in Sympathy.

C. H. WETHERBE.

The best type of useful sympathy becomes a personal possession by growth; and the growth is attained by a series of sufferings. Young children cannot, in the very nature of things, have any considerable measure of responsive sympathy with others, because there has been no sufficient time and opportunities for the growth of this great grace.

Rev. J. H. Jowett, of England, says: "Before my sympathies are enlarged, it is needful that I pass through a certain experience? is it needful that I pass through a certain experience? Does it necessitate the drinking of a 'cup'? Surely we have the proof this in common life. The great sympathizers have been and are the great sufferers. It is the man who has known 'the passion' whose life abounds in 'compassion.' It is by no means an unsuggestive kinship that the words 'passion,' 'pathos' and 'pity' are of such close, relationship. Let us see the interpretation of this. The word 'sympathy' may find some little exposition in the word 'symphony.' In a symphony sound calls unto sound, and they mingle with each other in musical confluence, and in sympathy there is something of musical response in the realm of feeling. A sympathetic nature is one that answers readily to the call of another's need."

But natural sympathy is comparatively small and weak, and much that is commonly called sympathy is merely some amount of tender feeling, flashing out for a moment like shavings ablaze. A person who never lost a child by death is not capable of sympathizing with one who has suffered unspeakably from such a loss. It is growth by experience in the loss of a loved child, a husband or wife, a brother or a sister, that makes sympathy large, vigorous and tenderly practical. When two bereaved persons talk with each other on the subject of their sufferings there is a pathetic symphony going on between the two hearts. Tears respond to tears. The sad face of one is answered by the sad face of the other. And even one such experience in the life of a person imparts a growth which cannot otherwise be obtained.

And shall this growth be kept hidden from other people? Many tell us that one should not make his sorrows known to others, for each has enough of his own; but I say that, wisely conducted, a bereaved one may minister blessing to another afflicted heart by relating his own sad story. Therefore, sympathize with others.

Thoughts Caught on the Wing.

REV. D. H. TUTTLE.

The man who traveled in the stage coach a century ago had as much reason to say that men would never travel by any faster mode as the unbeliever has to say that the grave marks the outermost boundary of life.

Say, "Hallelujah," when in the rising tides of gratitude, you feel like it. Say it, or else you will soon cease to feel like it. God will not continue to put the spirit of praise into people that won praise. "Quench not the spirit."

Death is not a destiny, but only an experience in the path that leads to a destiny. On the other side of death we shall bear testimony, one to another, as to our experience in meeting and overcoming it. The grave then is but a gate through which tested, tried, and triumphant spirits sweep gloriously forward into shining realms of perfect life when no resisting current of satanic birth can impede the soul's eternal progress.

Most, if not all of us, are meaner than we think we are. David thought that he might have other than known faults. He said: Who can know his errors; cleanse thou me from secret faults.—Psa. 19:12. With Paul personal consciousness of sin was not a safe standard. He said: "I know nothing against myself, yet am I not hereby justified." With Paul known sin might not be all sin. He desired God to pass on his case, and said: "But he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God." "Have praise of God." Let this be your aim. Submit to God's searching (Psa. 139:23,24) and you will come to God's praise. Be at all times meek and humble enough to say: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us," always leaving it with God as to whether or not you have sinned against Him or any one.

A Good Woman.

In the last issue of your valuable paper, page 4, I note two letters, one each from Brothers Pate and Tripp, one writing of the Hookerton Circuit and the other of the Goldsboro Circuit. Knowing the good people composing each of these Circuits, I am not surprised that these brethren write such enthusiastic, cheering letters. But in connection with these two charges, I hope I may be pardoned for mentioning the names of two people. I do not at all agree with those who wait until death to say good things of those who deserve them. There is the handwriting of a good woman that runs through each of these Circuits, so surely, that it is due her in life to know, that her efforts are known and appreciated. I speak of Mrs. E. D. Sasser, of Pine Forest, on Goldsboro Circuit.

Twenty-six years ago Pine Forest was a neighborhood school-house, situated in a community where Primitive Baptists largely predominated and Sunday-schools were unknown. But this mother in Israel, true to her convictions, decided as for her and hers there should be Sunday-school.

About that time, Dr. Thos. M. Jordan, now of your city, who was then a mere boy, was engaged to teach school at Pine Forest. While the description he gave of the organization of that Sunday-school has its laughable side, nevertheless, it is in the main, facts. Quoting him from memory: "Mother Sasser," said he, "called the 'meetin'' to order, 'leected me Superintendent and teacher of the Bible Class, appointed herself leader of the choir, general manager of the school and Superintendent. Ours had the largest attendance of any country Sunday-school in that county, and a very distinguishing feature of the school was, that old and young, whole families, came." The Doctor was not a member of the church then. No doubt that experience was helpful to him, and surely it must be gratifying to Mrs. Sasser, to see him with every one of her own children, and a great many others of that Sunday-school connected with the church. Out of this beginning there has not only grown a nice church, but Mrs. Sasser has the consciousness of owning a preacher of her own, Rev. W. D. Sasser, who less than a year ago, returning to the scenes of his childhood to help in a revival, put in motion the project which has culminated in the erection of this beautiful church at Pine Forest.

In regard to, and connecting the Hookerton Circuit with the Goldsboro Circuit and placing the imprint of the hand of this good woman there, it will be remembered, that Dr. Jordan, the boy Superintendent out of that Pine Forest Sunday-school, located in Hookerton, and was not only largely instrumental in erecting the elegant school and Lodge Building there, but it may be said of him, and it is generally conceded in that community, that to him more than to anyone else is due the erection of the beautiful little church at Hookerton, which because it was his plan, his hand and his eye that directed its construction into that perfection of beauty and usefulness, that the contemporaries of each will never see one without thinking of the other, and until the tooth of time shall destroy it, that church will be a living monument to his memory.

May many, many years yet be allotted to Sister Sasser to enjoy the fruits of her wise sowing.

What can just one determined, conscientious Christian worker do!

Sincerely,

DULUS H. DIXON.

Goldsboro, N. C., June 13, 1904.

The Son of Man.

C. F. SHERRILL.

What monotony there would be in human life and character were all men to copy after one of their race. The painful sameness would surpass that of Chinese pictures. To imitate Christ does not destroy personality. It gives us the glory of divinity in unity. Each one is more his true self when he forms his life after the pattern of Jesus. The central sun is the same, though it gives light and fragrance to many different flowers. The Christ spirit is the same everywhere, though it manifests itself in many different individuals.

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The world has many creeds, but only one Christ. There may be theories about the atonement and the inspiration of the Bible, but the church forever holds to the Person of Christ. The creeds and dogmas and churches and the Bible all point to Him, and in Him find their meaning and end.

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The place that Confucius holds in Confucianism, that Moses holds in Judaism, and that Mohammed holds in Ismalism, cannot be compared to the place that Christ holds in Christianity. Judaism is more than Moses. Confucianism exists without Confucius, Christianity is the presence and power of the Christ. It cannot exist without Him, no more than the sunshine can exist without the sun.

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Moses was a messenger. He pointed away from himself. Paul preached not himself. He pointed to the realm of truth. Christ was both messenger and message in one. He pointed to no domain of truth. He was Truth incarnate. "Learn of me." "I am the Light of the world."

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Christianity cannot exist apart from a personal faith in a personal Christ. Were all faith in Christ to die out from the human heart, Christianity would cease as a power in the earth. He who does not confess Christ is no Christian. That is the Christian creed and doctrine and sacrament and church that gets light from and pays homage and allegiance to the Christ.

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No mere man has yet been born in the human family who, being born in his own age and race, could be the model and standard of right for all men in all times and among all people. This distinction is given only to Christ. Moses and Paul and Shakespeare and Milton belonged to their age and people. Christ is not the son of a man, but the Son of Man. He belongs to the human family. For all men in all ages and climes and races He is pattern and authority and Savior.

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There are two ways to view God's hatred of sin: from His greatness and from His grace; from law and love; from creation and the incarnation, from Sinai and Calvary. How awful a thing is sin seen either in the light of God's glory or grace. Christ reveals both God's greatness and grace.

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The greatest and only true religion in the world is Christianity. The most distinctive note of Christianity is the worship of a Person. No creed can take the place of the Christ. No dogma or doctrine can usurp the Savior. His place in Christianity is like that of the central sun in the heavens. All creeds and dogmas and sacraments and even the Bible itself must receive their light from and do abeyance to the Christ. Christianity is the worship of a Person. Take Christ out, and Christianity is gone.

The foundation of pride is the wish to respect one's self, whatever others may think; the mainspring of vanity is the craving for administration of others, no matter at what cost to one's self-respect.—F. Marion Crawford, in "The Heart of Rome."

Your altitude with men depends on your attitude with God.

The Field

Elizabeth City District Conference.

The Elizabeth City District Conference will convene in the Methodist Church in Sunbury, N. C., on Wednesday, July 13th, at 10 a. m.

The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. H. M. Jackson, of Pantego, N. C.

The preachers will please prepare written reports on subjects indicated in the Discipline (paragraph 72). Let laymen be prepared to speak briefly, as to finances, Sunday-schools, and the spiritual condition of the church, as they may be called out.

The following will please act on committees of examination, viz.:

For license to preach—M. H. Tuttle, W. E. Hocutt and J. Y. Old.

For admission and for orders.—A. J. Parker, F. L. Church, and W. F. Craven.

Bishop Smith will preside over the Conference.

Let earnest prayer be made for the presence of the Holy Spirit, in great power.

J. E. UNDERWOOD.

Elizabeth City, June 17th.

Kitty Hawk.

Dear Editor:—This is my second year on this charge, and I suppose I might be permitted to use a little space in the Advocate.

Kitty Hawk charge is isolated from the rest of the State by the waters of the Albemarle and Currituck Sounds, depriving the people of many privileges and opportunities enjoyed by those who are favorably situated. But with all their disadvantages, they have made remarkable advancement in the last twenty years. There is not a section of North Carolina where the people deserve more credit or praise than the people within the bounds of this charge, which extends from Nags Head to Currituck inlet, a distance of forty-one miles.

They are naturally a kind-hearted people; ever ready to help those who may need their aid. And this natural tendency, seasoned and quickened by the grace of God, makes them a people among whom it is a pleasure to labor.

There are among them loyal, whole hearted Methodists, who are ever ready to stand by the church and hold up her hands in all her attempts to extend the kingdom of Christ, not only at home, but everywhere. They are always ready to back their pastor in the fight against evil wherever it may be found. But yet, there are heighths not attained, depths to which they have not descended, and breadths out of which they have not reached. May the Lord use their present pastor, and their succeeded pastors, to help them to attain unto that which is their privilege in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The time and money expended here in the past have not been a failure, and the time and money to be spent in the future will not be without fruits with the glory of God.

A few years ago this section was invaded by Lynch and his followers, and they did much damage to the church. However, I am glad to say, that their work is dying a natural death. The doctrine they taught were contrary to the Word of God; therefore they have failed from lack of Divine support.

Notwithstanding the loyalty and kind-heartedness of the people of Kitty Hawk, they have taken the liberty to invade the parsonage, not once only, but several times, and give the inmates a severe pounding; but I am glad to say that we have survived it all, and are still able for service, and I believe that as soon as we recover from the shock of the recent invasion, we could stand some more of it and come out unharmed unless it should be impaired digestion.

Lest my letter should be too long, I will close, with best wishes for the Advocate.

W. O. DAVIS, P. C.

Memorial to a Good Man.

(The substance of a speech delivered by M. O. Sherrill before Edenton Street M. E. Sunday-school, May 29, 1904, on presenting a nice gold-headed cane to Rev. J. R. Johnson, who was leaving for Canada.)

Mr. Superintendent, Pastor, Officers, Teachers and Scholars of Edenton Street Sunday-school, and friends:—I am too young and timid to make a speech before an audience like this. I presume I have been called on for the purpose of curing me of my bashfulness and youthful timidity. Last Sunday the class to which I have the honor to belong decided to have some expression of the love, esteem and respect for one who had for over four years been so faithful in teaching the class, and they decided to select some one to represent the class and selected me to make a few broken remarks. But mind you, when I consented to do this, it was to take place in our class room before the class, and not in here before the whole school. However, on yesterday, Brother Thonburg informed me over the 'phone that the program had been changed. One good thing, it is Children's Day, and the superintendent can give me only a few minutes, so it will be good for me, and especially good for the school that I will not be allowed time to say much. I came here five years ago last March. The class of boys to which I belong was then taught by that noble Christian man who is now represented here by that portrait on the wall, whose body lies at Durham, N. C., and whose soul we believe is with Abraham and others in paradise to-day. We considered Brother Norman a fine teacher. He was succeeded by Brother Johnson, and we state candidly, that we believe that Brother Johnson has done fully as well. He has been punctual, faithful, earnest and kind. He has constantly exhorted us to get on a higher plane of Chritsian living. He has frequently preached the Gospel in Raleigh and elsewhere on the holy Sabbath day, but he has been preaching seven days in the week by his life. Godly walk and conversation. I presume it is known that our brother, whom we all love, is to be taken from us; we are all sad at his departure, and like the friends of St. Paul, we are most sad of all because we are to see his genial face among us no more. However, when the disciples of our Saviour at last realized that he was to leave them, they were sad and sorrowful, but the Saviour told them not to be troubled, that He was going to prepare a place for them. "In his father's house were many mansions," not small cottages, but mansions, so in our case, if we all live right, and do our duty, we are heirs to the same mansions and may meet Brother Johnson there. Brother Johnson has made many friends in this city. He has been called to go back to his native land. Canada is a great country, as large, or larger in area, than this great country of ours. About three and a half million square miles; though not so many inhabitants as we have in this country, yet there is plenty of work for him to do, many souls to be saved. The land rescued from the French by the shedding of the blood of the brave General Wolfe and his men on the "heights of Abraham." Our loss is a gain to our Canadian brethren. We are fortunate in having Brother Eldridge as his successor.

Well, I suppose, Mr. Superintendent, that you and the school will think that my preliminary remarks sufficiently long, so we will now come to the matter in hand for which we are assembled. Brother Johnson, it is said, we are to "beware of the Greeks when they come bearing gifts," but this does not apply to the present case, for we are all your friends. In some cases it is considered a disgrace for a man "to be caned," not so in this case. I am authorized by your class, sir, to present to you this beautiful cane, or staff, as an expression of the love and affection that we all have for you. May it be a help to you in your earthly pilgrimage. Lean upon this staff, and we trust you never will have to use it as a weapon of defense, but only as support on your journey, and when you get to the last river where you have to lay down your staff, may the Lord whom you serve furnish you an unseen rod and staff for the journey through the dark valley and shadow of death. Take this as an expression of our love as a Sunday-school and church, and when it goes well with you in your northern home, remember your friends in this Southland.

You know, my brother, that when the "ark of the Lord" was at the house of "Obed Edom" three months that he had great prosperity. We do not claim so much for this cane; but when your eye rests on the cane, remember you have the prayers and sympathy of old Edenton Street Sunday-school.

Children's Day.

On the first Sunday in June, as we walked into Parker's Church, North Gates Circuit, we found ourselves almost in a flower garden. In the recess back of the pulpit there was a large and beautiful bank of flowers. The altar rail was artistically decorated, having evergreens from each end of the centre where the evergreens gave way for a large vessel of beautiful pond lilies. The occasion was that of "Children's Day."

Soon the seating capacity of this large church was taxed to its utmost. There were people there from far and near.

At the appointed hour the organ, presided over by Miss Marietta Parker, than whom there can be found nowhere among the young ladies a better church worker, pealed forth in melodious strains, "Gloria." The choir mingled its voices with the organ and it was grand.

The children did now begin to have the day for themselves. Sometimes one, sometimes two, and sometimes fifteen or twenty, bright, happy faces appeared before us. They recited and they sang as children laboring for their Lord and Master. They acquitted themselves well.

The object of the day was explained, and a collection taken amounting to $10.08. This was said to be the largest collection ever taken at that church on any similar occasion.

On the second Sunday, Kittrell's church, beautifully decorated, greeted our eyes. Palms, lilies, roses, etc., made within the altar and the pulpit platform, " a thing of beauty," which if it could have remained would have been "a joy forever." We were again to be entertained and edified by the children.

Long before the hour for beginning, standing room was at a premium. As I sat and beheld the vast audience, I thought, if only I could be as attractive every Sunday as the children are to-day, what an opportunity I would have.

At the organ sat Sister H. B. Cross, a small and by no means a strong woman, but one whose every particle of being is energy ready and willing to be expended for her Lord and her fellow-man.

The exercises began with, "Come Thou Almighty King," sung so sweetly by the well-trained choir and children, that one seemed almost to see the "King of Glory" coming in the distance, attended by His royal train.

The children as they took their places to recite and sing declared by their faces that they were never happier than when laboring for their Saviour. Their rendering of their services was of such a high order that it brought gladness into every heart.

When the collection was taken and counted, we had $7.00, which was the largest collection any one there remembered ever to have been taken at that church on any similar occasion.

We trust that these two churches may each year give the children one day in which to use their talents for their Lord.

Yours truly, W. H. BROWN.

Get holy principles, and thou shalt get the pinions of an angel, which shall bear thee above all clouds and storms of earth, into the sunshine and calm of eternity.—Dr. Thomas.

Hold the mind prayerfully in conference with God. We are certain of success; go, nothing doubting.—R. S. Storrs.

The Family

Silence.

When smitten thou dost feel the rod,
Be still and leave thy cause with God;
And silence to thy soul shall teach,
Far more than comes from outward speech.

When secret arts and open foe
Conspire thy peace to overthrow,
In silence learn the hidden power,
Which saves thee in that bitter hour.

Doth not thy Father take thy part?
Doth He not know thy bleeding heart?
And when it seems that thou wilt fall,
Doth He not feel it? bear it all—

Make no reply, but let thy mind
In silent faith the triumphs find,
Which comes from injuries forgiven,
Trust in God, and hope of heaven.

CONVERTED IN A JAPANESE PRISON.

The Story of How Captain Choy Found Christ in a Dungeon—His Letter Shows Spiritual Progress.

About the year 1875 the Chinese government sent fifty of her picked boys to New England to take a fifteen-year course of study in her best schools. A Mr. Wing who, some years before had graduated from Yale, induced his government to enter upon the scheme. After seven years, however, the project was cut short; all the students being recalled, greatly to their disappointment.

One of that band was young Choy. Years later, when a dark war cloud threatened his country, he, with more than usual patriotism for a Celestial, engaged in the war with Japan, as captain of a torpedo boat. When he, together with a good portion of the Chinese fleet, became entrapped by the Japanese, he made a bold dash to pass their lines, and was captured. With others he was brought to Japan, and imprisoned for months, in Hiroshima. When asked by some of his captors what he would do, if he was set free, he replied: "I will fight you again." His patriotic spirit was much admired by the Japanese.

At this time Mr. Northrop, the New England philanthropist, who induced our government to return to Japan the Shimonoseki indemnity money she had unjustly been compelled to pay us, was visiting that country; and while in Hiroshima, he, in company with Rev. Henry Loomis, agent for the American Bible Society in Japan, was privileged to visit the Chinese captives.

There they met Captain Choy. If I am not mistaken he and Mr. Northrop had met before—in New England.

As the captain could read English, Mr. Loomis kindly presented him with an English Bible. During those months of enforced leisure he read and studied with avidity, his one book; with the result of a thorough transformation of life and character. As the war drew towards a close, it became known that the Chinese government had decided to decapitate Captain Choy, when he should be returned to them, on the exchange of prisoners. Suffice it to say, to the joy of his friends, when that time came, he was not to be found. Mr. Loomis kept in touch with him, and opened the way for him to go to Formosa; which had been ceded to Japan by China.

Captain Choy wrote from Formosa several months ago to Mr. Loomis, that he had formed a partnership with a Japanese lawyer and their purpose is not so much to make money as to aid the people in securing justice. Before taking this step he consulted with Rev. Mr. Barclay, who told him that he would be doing as much material good there as elsewhere, and be working for Christ all the same, if he kept a Chritsian spirit in his work. For the Christians, and the poor, they make no charge for their services.

He further wrote: "I know you have been asking all the time, 'What is your spiritual life and progress? What is your relation to the Lord of glory? I have been happy, without anxiety, because I know He careth for me. It is my experience that to be a Christian is to be happy. To be a Christian man and to be a truly happy man are synonymous terms with me. Knowing that Christ is ours, which means that everything else is ours; and yet fret and be anxious, to wear a wrinkled face, a knitted brow, a drooping head, a heavy heart, and make the cross of Christ a heavy burden seems to me to be highly profane. We should show others the light, the joy, the hope and the bright prospects of a Christian's life. * *

"Christianity is not a philosophy, not a fiction, not a superstition, but a living and practical faith. Therefore, I am always happy as possessing Him who supplies and satisfies every want.

"The former obstacle to my acceptance of Christ was the fear of being made unhappy under the fetters of religion. But my happiness now assumes that Christ is the source from which we get our inexhaustible supply.

"In obedience to your good advice, I read the Bible daily. Every morning the New Testament with notes, the Classical Chinese Bible, and the Romanized Formosa New Testament are laid open. I read a chapter of the Romanized aloud. When I cannot catch the sense, I run over the Classical Bible. When the meaning in any passage cannot be understood, I have recourse to the English Testament with notes. In this way I learn the Bible and Formosa dialect. I confess I love the Book dearly; the one you gave me in Hiroshima is my constant guide and companion, and the spare spaces in it are being filled with marks and notes. So that if you come to Formosa you will see it buoyed and beaconed with red and blue ink, with Chinese and English notes, and other private helps to the proper digestion of the Bread of Life.

"My estimate of the worth of a book is to find out what lifting power it posses—how far it is able to make men good, noble and happy, how high it can elevate us from the beasts and brutes and make us true men. In no other book, ancient or modern, heathen of Christian, are such standards set forth as in the Bible. It does not only refine our nature and carry us to a loftier sphere, but it makes us the sons and daughters of God, and heirs of a throne more glorious than earthly kings in the height of their ambition ever dreamed of.

"Another standard of the worth of a book is its power of inducing thought. A book is not necessarily valuable because it contains certain facts, but it is valuable and precious because its perusal will stimulate thoughts in us by a sort of induction.

"It will be valuable in proportion to its rousing power and setting our own mind in active motion. Some books, though interesting on first reading, will appear distasteful in a second perusal; but the Bible is inexhaustible in depth; and even after repeated readings, new thoughts will still rise and present themselves. The closer we examine the more there is in it. It is really a world, a world of thoughts, a world of joy, a world of blessed promises. 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words shall not pass away.'

" 'The heavens and the earth will meet destruction sure,
But Jesus' holy words will e'er endure.
List not to wily tongues thy faith to move,
The Gospel tightly grasp and firmness prove.'

"I beg pardon and forgiveness for my delays in correspondence, but be assured you are always uppermost in my thoughts. By this letter I send my best love to Mrs. Loomis, Miss Loomis, and little Roger. God bless you all.

"Your own son, Choy."

In Case of Accident.

A young mother who reads the Advocate says she has been greatly troubled of late by accidents and as she has moved to the country and was never so far from a doctor before, this is particularly hard on her. She wishes me to write at once and tell her of a few simple remedies and helps for Children's Accidents. It does certainly reduce the doctor's bills to have a medicine chest, for when a young inexperienced mother gets frightened she sends at once for a physician when perhaps a simple home remedy would have answered.

For burns or scalds use linseed oil and lime water mixed together with a feather until it looks like cream, then apply it to burns. It is excellent. For an open wound always use old soft linen rags in preference to cotton as it chafes the injured part less.

Arnica is applied to bruises when the skin is not broken; if broken, vaseline is the best remedy.

For sore eyes or inflamed weak eyes bathe them in boracic acid; put a teaspoonful into a pint of warm water and bathe every half hour. Keep a medicine chest and put such in it. Always keep borax in your washstand and let the children put a pinch in the face and hands in water they bathe in, as it wards off contagion and disinfects, and the doctors say that school children should all use it to keep safe and healthy when playing in the streets with other boys. S. H.

A Fine Answer.

From the Alaskan mines comes a story which is worth repeating. A young Swede, whose opportunities had been so limited that he was nothing but a stable boy before he went to the mines, was fortunate enough to secure a good claim, and to dig a considerable amount of gold out of it. His partner, also a Swede, asked him one day:

"What are you going to do with your money?"

"I mean to do more for the world," was the quiet answer, "than the world ever did for me."

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So many workers say, impatiently, "Why should I do better work than the world pays me for?" and thus toil grudgingly on.

So many souls quarrel with life because it does not give them all they desire, and thus become self-pitying, self-indulgent failures.

How different the spirit of this Swedish stable boy, whose generous soul accepted the hardness and indifference of the world, asked nothing from it, but desired all the more to benefit it, and make it a better place for others than it had been for him.—Wellspring.

Take It as It Comes

Does it rain to-day? Is it dark and gloomy? That is all right; there must be some stormy days. To-morrow the clouds will have a silvery lining or disappear entirely. Does the sun shine? Enjoy the sunshine. To-morrow may be bright also. Are you well? Enjoy your health, and use it to the best advantage. Are you ill? Then it is a day in which to be patient and endure cheerfully. Are you free from trouble? Then it is a thanksgiving day. Are you carrying heavy burdens for yourself or others? Then it is a day for the rolling off your burdens at the foot of the cross.—Louise Heywood.

Work is to be begun on our new publishing house at Nashville, corner Broad and McLemore Streets, July 1st.

Those who expect to attend the St. Louis Exposition would do well to read the column in the St. Louis Christian Advocate giving the address of boarding-houses and hotels.

The Governor of Texas has appointed the publisher of the Texas Advocate, Mr. L. Blaylock, as Police Commissioner of Dallas. Things have put on a new front, it is said, since his ascendency to this throne.

Our Boys and Girls

Smithfield, N. C., May 30, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As my other letter was in print, I will write again. Our every-day school is out; but we have a very good Sunday-school.

I will answer Eula Ellen's question: Moses disobeyed God was why he did not enter the Promise Land.

I will ask a question: How old was Moses when he died?

Your little friend,
ROBERT P. WHITLEY.

Beasely, N. C., May 30, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl seven years old. I live in the country, and go to Sunday-school. I like to go very much. My teacher's name is Miss Frankie Britt, and I love her dearly.

I will close by asking a question: Who was the oldest man?

Your little friend,
MAUD WESTBROOK.

Hidonville, N. C., June 1, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. I love to read the Advocate. I go to Sunday-school sometime, and also to every-day school. It is vacation now. My teacher is my mamma. I like to study very well. We little children can learn well up here in the "Land of the Sky." I know the cousins would like to be here in the summer time. I may write more if I see this in print. I wrote this myself.

Your unknown friend,
LEONA CARPENTER.

Ocracoke, N. C., May 25, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years of age. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little girls letters very much. My papa and mother are both living, and I have only one sister. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday, and my teacher's name is Mrs. Bettie Grant, and our superintendent is F. W. Howard, and our pastor is Rev. R. B. Grant.

I will close with best wishes to the Advocate.

Your unknown friend,
ROSA TOLSON.

East Durham, N. C., May 30, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy eight years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My teacher is Mr. J. W. Cameron. He is a good teacher. Our superintendent is Mr. Y. E. Smith.

I will answer Bessie Mildred Crawford's question: Jesus was about thirty years old when he began to preach.

Now I will ask a question: How old was Moses when he died?

I am, your little friend,
WALTER HAYGOOD McCALL.

Pikeville, N. C.

—Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. I will write to your paper for the first time. My papa takes your paper, and I enjoy reading it very much.

I go to Sunday-school; my teacher is Mrs. Garris, and our pastor is Rev. Mr. Trip. I like him very much. My father and mother are both living. I have four brothers and three sisters. I wish to see this in print.

LOVIS HAM.

Louisburg, N. C., May 29, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. My mother is dead, and my papa is living. I have one brother, and no sister. I live with my grandma. I have two grandmas. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. We read the Bible in it. This is the first time I have written to you. I will close by asking what two chapters in the Bible are alike.

Your friend,
HELEN CARLISLE PLEASANTS.

Old Hundred, N. C., May 6, 1904.

Dear Cousins:—May I enter into your happy band once again? I have written twice before.

Our school was out last Friday, and I was so sorry. We are going to have Childrens' Day the third Sunday in May. I wish some of the cousins could be with us.

My birthday will be the 18th of May, and I will be eleven years old.

I will close by asking a question: Who was the strongest man?

Your little friend,
LOLIA J. THROWER.

Maxton, N. C., May 26, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years of age. I have just finished reading the Advocate. I go to Sunday-school. Our superintendent is Mr. Jos. E. Avent, and our pastor is Rev. N. II. D. Wilson.

I will answer Nannie Pruden's question: Samson's strength was in his hair.

Now I will ask one: What is the middle chapter and least chapter in the Bible?

If this escapes the waste-basket, I will come again.

Your little friend,
JULIA LEE PACE.

Smithfield, N. C., May 30, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. I love to read the little boys' and girls' letters. My papa is living but my mother is dead. I have a step-mother. I love her dearly. I have two brothers and one sister older than myself. I also have two brothers dead.

I will answer Oscar Gainey's question: Moses was buried in a valley in the land of Moab.

I will ask a question: Which of the ten commandments has a promise?

Your little friend,
MABEL ELLEN STRICKLAND.

Beasley, N. C., May 30, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the girls' and boys' letters very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Papa is our superintendent. My teacher is Miss Frankie Britt and I like her very much. Our pastor is Rev. R. A. Bruton, and I think he is a very good man.

I will answer Mary Taylor's question: Samson was the strongest man.

Now I will ask a question: Who was the mighty hunter before the Lord?

Your unknown friend,
EULA WESTBROOK.

Raleigh, N. C., May 31, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eight years of age. Papa takes the Advocate, and I like to read the little boys' and girls' letters very much. My school is out now. I studied the fourth reader, spelling, arithmetic and drawing. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My teacher is Mrs. Fannie Thompson.

I will answer Mary Taylor's question: Samson was the strongest man.

I will ask a question: How many times did Elijah pray before his prayer was answered?

Enclosed you will find five cents for the orphans.

Your little friend,
WILLIE ZOA KELLEY.

Raleigh, N. C., May 31, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy six years old. My school has closed now. My teacher was Mrs. E. T. Saunders, and I liked her very much. I go to Sunday-school every time I can. Our superintendent is Mr. Tinker Jackson and my teacher is my father. Our pastor is Rev. G. R. Rood; we like him very much.

I will answer Mabel Stephen's question: Moses was the meekest man.

I will ask a question: What was Jacob's mother's name?

Find enclosed five cents for the little orphans.

Your unknown friend,
CECIL KELLEY.

Wilmington, N. C., May 29, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy ten years old. I have a mother, father, two sisters and a brother. My sister's names are Lina and Annie, and my brother's name is Edward. I go to Sunday-school. My teacher is Mrs. Shaw and our pastor is Rev. N. M. Watson.

My every-day school teachers are Miss Mary Bernard and Miss Lathrop.

I will close by answering Mary Taylor's question: Samson was the strongest man. I am,

Your unknown friend,
WELFORD PRATT.

P. S.—I hope to have my letter in print.

Wilson, N. C., May 13, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy nine years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters very much. I go to Sunday-school and also to the graded school. Miss Mary Deans is my Sunday-school teacher and Miss Z. Winstead is my graded school teacher. I have two sisters; one is six and the other is two years old.

Now I will ask a question: Which is the shortest verse in the Bible?

Dr. Ivey, you must come down and see our new church. [You may be sure, Moses, that such is my intention.—Ed.]

I enclose five cents for the Orphanage.

Your little friend,
MOSES ROUNTREE.

Scotland Neck, N. C., May 31, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters very much. My father and mother are both living. I have four brothers and four sisters, and I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. I go to the graded school, and my school will be up next Friday. My school teacher's name is Miss Lizzie Hyman and my superintendent is Mr. R. L. Hardy. Our preacher's name is Rev. Mr. Holden. Mrs. A. A. Shute is my Sunday-school teacher.

I will answer Hazel Crawford's question: Methusaleh was the oldest man. He was 969 years old.

I will ask a question now: How many sons had Jacob?

So good by.

Your little unknown friend,
MOLLIE HARRISON.

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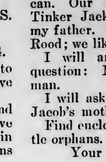

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How many kinds of a "pi" can printers make?

We hope our readers are too familiar with the excellent letters of our "Aunt Lizzie" to have been misled by the "Mrs. Henderson" which appeared last week.

Miss. Mary Pescud.

As the time draws near for our loved missionary to return to her field of labor in Brazil, her friends are anxious to give expression to the tender, genuine esteem in which she is held, not only by friends in her own church, but by all Christian workers.

The reception given in her honor by Miss Reece was a delightful function in all its appointments. No donbt the guest of honor will often revert to it with pleasure, after she reaches her far away home, and is "diligent in business" among those to whom she is sent as an "ambassador for Christ."

Bugle Echoes.

The communications from Mrs. Swindell and Mrs. Hendren last week contained timely admonition about the prompt payment of each quarter's dues. Indeed, it has been one of the leading themes of our column ever since it was set apart for the use of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

We are all familiar with the fact that reports for the second and third quarters rarely contain their proportionate part of finances—instead, they are meager, disappointing, while the demands of our work, the duties and labors of our missionaries, remain as imperative during these quarters as any other time—no surcease from daily toil, no raven to bring "bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening." And yet we leave our homes when the heated season comes—go abroad for rest and pleasure, and forget our duty—our vows of loyalty—to those to whom we pledged our support! Let us decide now to "change our ways," dear sisters.

There is no censure for those who can have these pleasant outings—it would be well if all could avail themselves of such opportunities; but when we are planning our summer trips, let us leave in the hands of our Treasurers, every cent of dues, Conference expense fund and pledge which is due for the month or quarter we will be absent.

May this second quarter find us awake to our responsibilities; and as we are making expenditures for our own comfort and pleasure, may these inspired words recur to us again and again: "Ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said. It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Adieu.

From today until August, the management of our column will be under the supervision of Miss Daisy Waitt, Raleigh, N. C. I bespeak for her the co-operation of our missionary sisters, and urgently request the officers of our auxiliaries, and the Lady Managers of our Jewel Bands, to send to her items of news from the different departments of the work.

She is the President of the Young Woman's Society of Edenton Street Church, and is efficient and faithful, as well as greatly interested in our missionary cause. With your assistance, dear friends, she will keep the interests of our work properly presented.

In a few days I will leave Raleigh for a season of visiting and pleasure in the Western part of the State; and as the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference convenes in Monroe, June 23rd, it will be my pleasure to meet with those elect women for the first time in four years.

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Report of Conference 3d Vice-Presidents for Quarter Ending June 1.

Churches.	Total number on Baby Roll.	Total amt. to date.	Amt. collected for Bible Quarter.	Amt. collected from Birthday Boxes due.	Amt. collected from Birthday Boxes due.	Amt. collected from Mite Boxes due.	Amt. collected for Bible Quarter.	No added to Roll this quarter.	Total number on Mite Roll.	Amt. collected for Bible Quarter.	Amt. collected from Mite Boxes due.	Amt. collected from Birthday Boxes due.	Amt. collected from Birthday Boxes due.	No added to Roll this quarter.	Total number on Baby Roll.	Names of Auxiliary Third Vice-Presidents.
Wilmington (Grace Church)	6	$7.34	$2.50													Mrs. M. L. Stover.
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Fremont	3	4.08														Miss Mattie White.
Lake Landing	3	14.08														Mrs. E. C. Mann.
Smithfield	10															Mrs. C. B. Ellis.

For Auxiliary Third Vice President.

Dear Mrs. Burton:—You are always glad to hear good news, I'm sure. Here is some for not only you, but all who are interested in our Home Mission work.

The day after our Annual Meeting adjourned, Mrs. Scott was with our Auxiliary, and told us why we should combine the Local Aid and Missionary Societies. The result is sufficient compliment to our beloved Secretary, and I will offer none other.

Our new President, Mrs. Edgerton, is very faithful, and we will try to help her in every possible way. She is much loved by each member, and we are confident the work will grow under her skilfull direction.

The refreshing influence of the annual gathering is still with us. Our ladies are more enthused than ever before.

We study the Monthly Bulletins, with excellent results. Last meeting our President began the use of the blackboard in this connection. We thank you for your faithful weekly reports in the Advocate. They keep us in touch with the work, and I believe I can say for each member of our Auxiliary, that we are trying to really learn something of our Society. Our greatest trouble is ignorance of what we have done, are doing, and expect to do—don't you think so?

Now, there is one subject about which I wish to speak to you: The Third Vice-Presidents are not doing their full duty; from some of the Auxiliaries there never comes a report. One or two of our largest have sent me no names at all—and I have held this office over one year. You know this will never do—my Department must grow or I will have to give it up.

I send a copy of my report for the past quarter. Only nine Auxiliaries, as you see, have written to me.

Please help me to devise some plan by which a new impetus can be given to this important branch of our work.

Yours with love,
MARGARET WADDELL SPIERS.

Appreciation.

I feel sure that Mrs. Spiers' letter and report will be both appreciated and valued. Every Auxiliary rejoices in her enthusiastic industry and consecrated energy. Let us all help her in her beautiful work; she is not only a worthy leader, but a gifted and wise one as well, who realizes that the future of Missions, which we know means the life of our beloved church itself, depends on the rising generation. I gladly devote our column this week to the Baby Roll and the Brigades.

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Editorial

LITERARY DISSIPATION AND MENTAL WORRY.

There is nothing more common than mental worry. In the modern exposure of things above and things beneath to the searching rays of science, mental worry has not escaped. The medical world is now engaged in considering the evil from a physical standpoint as a pathological manifestation. The exciting causes are held to be both physical and psychical.

A German physician, Dr. Lagner, says that the evil is caused by abnormal analysis of self, fear, lack of will-power, and the reading of exciting literature.

The first cause is developed within the domain of the religious emotions; the second, in the domain of the physico-psychichal, and the third, in the purely mental and emotional domain. In other words, the third cause may be expressed in the words, "literary dissipation."

Dissipation is really a squandering of resources. We find it in the case of one who squanders spiritual strength in the emotionalism of negative religious exercise. We find it in the case of one who squanders his physical and mental energies and his vigor of will in the excessive use of intoxicants and opiates. We find it as easily in the case of one who dwarfs memory, and reason, and abnormally develops and excites the imagination through either excessive or montonously uniform reading. The latter kinds, of dissipation is exceedingly common and is undoubtedly responsible for many elusive ailments for whose removal drugs are taken, but whose diagnosis is altogether psychical. In other words, our bad feelings do not come originally from the body, but from the soul, and literary dissipation is the exciting cause.

Here, as individuals upon whom rests the responsibility of providing the right kind of pabulum for the mind, we stand face to face with a very sacred duty—that of providing for the mind that diet which not only forestalls mental and moral lesion, but produces mental and moral healthfulness.

Here, as parents, teachers, and guardians we see clearly the necessity of a jealous watchfulness of the mental diet of our children. That many adults during darkened days filled with unexplainable heartaches, hover near the border land of insanity very often excites our wonder. The whys and wherefores may be not seldom found in early mental diet. An excitation of youthful imagination and emotion by means of theatrical performances, and excessive reading of those books and papers which appeal to the emotional and prurient cannot but furnish the drapery to enswathe in years to come the soul's darkened chambers which should be filled with sunshine. We frequently visit a public library, and what we see there saddens our hearts. We see hardly anything else than an inordinate thirst for fiction—and that of a kind which cannot be healthful to the soul.

Our mental diet should be sound and varied. Biography, travels, history, should become attractive to us, even if an effort of the will should be necessary.

There is another thought which we should consider in connection with this subject, and it is that if "literary dissipation" carries in its wake so much that is evil, the absence of literary exercise in those natures which are adapted to such exercise will be just as injurious in its effects.

Rev. Hilary Humble, the Methodist minister of Littleton, came up from Trinity commencement last week and spent several days visiting his parents here. He filled the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday morning and night, and preached two most excellent sermons. Mr. Humble is a Burlington man, and it is with great pride that we see him doing so well in his high calling.—Burlington **News.**

THE GLADNESS OF "CHARITY AND CHILDREN."

Charity and Children always takes a large view of things—large enough to take in a good many things which do not particularly affect the interests of a Baptist Orphanage.

We have just clipped from Charity and Children the following:

"The Dukes have been great givers to Methodist institutions in North Carolina, but their liberality has dwarfed the spirit of giving amongst the rank and file of the Methodist Church. That is one danger in having rich men in a denomination. The others all learn to lean on them. The Dukes have been benefactors to the whole State, but we are sincerely glad that they are not Baptist men."

So Charity and Children is sincerely glad that the Dukes are not Baptist men. We concede to Charity and Children the right to choose its own denominational associates. We must commend too its peculiar ebullient frankness in expressing its choice. If, however, Charity and Children in writing the above designed to impress upon the public mind a belief in its sincerity, then we much condemn Charity and Children's judgment. For surely, Charity and Children did not for a moment think that in making its statement it could fail to conjure up in every reader's mind an old fable which tells about a wolf, and a bunch of grapes which (according to the wolf) were "sour." But we have no quarrel with Charity and Children for its "I-thank-thee." It is glad that the Dukes are not Baptist men, and so are we, and there is harmony between us on this point.

But Charity and Children says that the liberality of the Dukes has dwarfed the spirit of giving amongst the rank and file of the Methodist Church. Surely it meant to say "extravagance," for whoever heard of a case in which liberality so highly commended in Holy Writ ever dwarfed anything good and true.

As the statement made is general, we take it that the spirit of giving in general is meant.

How did Charity and Children get such an idea as this? We Methodists in North Carolina are not given to boasting, but we have been feeling unusually good over the fact that the figures show that in the last ten years the spirit of giving in the rank and file of our membership has undergone a remarkable development. The average salary paid our preachers is increasing year by year, being over $600, larger than that of any other denomination of the State. The church and parsonage building fever is on our people. In the last year the Methodist people of North Carolina have spent for new churches and parsonages, $151,635.55. Last year we gave $50,413.12 for Foreign and Domestic Missions.

The total gifts of the Methodists of North Carolina, not including the gifts of the Dukes, was $559,927.63. The amount increases every year. We (the rank and file) have established an orphanage, whose central building, one of the most beautiful in the State, has been erected at a cost of over $30,000. In the matter of education our people have always shown their readiness to give. Within the last year they have given $59,000 to Greensboro College alone—actual subscriptions from the people.

No, Brother Charity and Children, the facts and figures are against you. They will not allow you to bring against the Methodists of North Carolina your charge that anything in the heavens above, the earth beneath, or the waters under the earth has dwarfed the spirit of giving among our people.

We have drawbacks and deficiencies, as have other Christian bodies, and we have always found it to be true that a Christian denomination is always the most successful in treating its own ailments—not those of another.

The new splendid buildings of Oxford Seminary will be completed by July 15th, so writes President Hobgood. We wish this excellent institution great success.

DEATH OF DR. JONATHAN SANDFORD.

There has just come to us the sad news of the death of Dr. Jonathan Sandford. He was stricken with paralysis on last Sunday while in the pulpit, just after the announcement of his text.

Since last Conference, Dr. Sanford had been almost incapacitated for work. In the early part of the year he was crippled in an accident which kept him in his room several months. During this time his health was feeble. Several weeks ago he was able to enter upon active duties. But the call of the Great Captain was almost ready. On last Sunday it came, and the brave and faithful soldier of the Cross, fully panoplied, and on the field, answered, "Here."

We presume that, if Dr. Sanford had been allowed to choose the place of his death, that choice would coincided with the reality. He went to heaven from the pulpit as have gone so many faithful preachers.

Many preachers of the Conference and thousands of the laity will look upon the death of Dr. Sandford as a personal bereavement. He had a personality which was attractive to all who knew him intimately. He was a genial tender-hearted companion and a true sympathetic friend. As a preacher, he possessed superior ability. He managed to get into the hearts of his hearers, often with a pathos that was melting.

He was one of the "Old Guard" of the Conference, and he has left his mark on many a field of battle. His trophies of victory are many. It is a large rich life that he leaves behind as he enters the life eternal.

May God be tender to the stricken wife and other loved ones.

Fuller data as to his life will be given to our readers in the memoir which we will publish later.

THE PERPLEXITY OF THE BRETHREN.

There reach our ears certain echoes that indicate that quite a number of our clerical brethren in the Conference are bothered about the new order of worship. They wish to be obedient to rules, regulations, and customs of the church, yet they stagger at certain things in the New Order. They feel that they cannot or should not hold their congregations to the recitation of the Apostles Creed or the singing of the Gloria Patri. In some of these congregations, the preacher himself often has to "hist the hime."

It does not fall within our province here to discuss the New Order of Worship, but we do wish to assure the brethren that if they take the New Order of Worship and study it well, especially the parts indicated as optional, that they can still use the old form, with the exception of standing up in the second hymn, and still be true to the New Order and loyal to the rules and regulations of the church. If the use of the Apostles Creed and the singing of the Gloria Patri had been considered as necessary parts of the New Order, the Commission would not have dared to say that these parts may be left out.

Notice.

To the Pastors of Fayetteville District:

Please mail me a list of your delegates to the District Conference together with a list of local preachers. Let all who expect to come by private conveyance notify me in time to provide for their stock.

Will all connectional brethren who expect to come please notify me so that homes can be provided for them.

E. POPE.

Notice.

Every person who expects to attend, as delegate or visitor, the Elizabeth City District Conference, which convenes at Sunbury, N. C., on the 13th of July, will please notify me at once that arrangements may be made for their entertainment.

J. M. CROSS.

Sunbury, N. C.

Methodist Mention

State.

The Edenton Street Sunday-school will have its annual excursion on next Friday. Jackson Springs is the objective point.

Dr. J. T. Gibbs and family will spend the summer at Pelham, which is in Durham District, of which Dr. Gibbs is Presiding Elder.

Misses Ollie, Irma, and Bertha Lawrence, of Harnett County, and strong friends of the Advocate, made this office a pleasant visit on last Friday.

We are glad to learn from Rev. H. B. Anderson that his wife, who has been quite sick with continued fever for several weeks, is very much better.

Rev. G. B. Starling, Cary Circuit, in a recent visit to the office, showed in face and tone that affairs on his work are in a healthy progressive state.

We have the sad news that the health of Rev. M. D. Hix is in a precarious condition. He is now at Jackson. We trust that his recovery may be complete.

Rev. Alvin Betts, of Raleigh, was seventy-six years of age last Saturday, June 18th. His brother, Rev. A. D. Betts, of Littleton, ran in from the Nashville Reunion just in time to spend that day with him.

Rev. Walter Holcombe, who went abroad a few months ago, and spent most of his time in Palestine, has returned. He is at present in Tennessee holding meetings. His address for the summer will be Montreat, N. C.

We are glad to know that Rev. J. A. Lee, who at last Conference, took a superannuated relation, is almost restored to health, and hopes to resume work at next Conference. He has ever been a true and faithful worker.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. B. L. Jones, of Norfolk. He died on last Saturday. He was one of our "model laymen." He was the son of Rev. John Jones, a deceased member of the North Carolina Conference.

Mr. L. G. Roper, of Roper, N. C., was an appreciated visitor at this office on last Friday. He was in Raleigh for several days attending the Masonic gathering. He gives a good report of Rev. W. F. Craven and his work.

We should have mentioned last week the death of Mrs. C. W. Edwards, wife of Prof. Edwards of Trinity College. She died May 30th, the fourth anniversary of her marriage. Prof. Edwards and the other bereaved ones have the deepest sympathies of the Advocate.

Trinity Park High School's last session was one of unusual prosperity. There is no school in the South with better facilities for giving to a boy and girl that education which takes in the best development of mind and heart. All the success of this school is deserved. See ad in this issue.

The annual celebration of St. John's Day by the Masons of North Carolina will be held at the Oxford Orphan Asylum Saturday, the 25th instant. The order of exercises will include special communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons before noon, and interesting and profitable exercises in the grove during the afternoon.

Mrs. D. N. Caviness went to Baltimore last Thursday, taking their little son to the hospital for treatment. For a long time the little fellow has been a great sufferer from what they supposed to be rheumatism, but an X-Ray photograph showed only a slight blur on the bone, and the physicians placed a plaster of paris cast on the diseased hip and Mrs. Caviness will return with him to-morrow. We are glad there is no serious trouble, and hope this treatment will bring him around all right.—Burlington News.

It was Dr. E. A. Alderman, of Tulane University, and not Dr. Collins Denny, who was elected President of the University of Virginia.

The Arkadelphia Methodist College has received $10,000 from Capt. C. C. Henderson, and the name of the college is to be changed to Henderson College.

Dr. H. M. Hamill, who made the annual literary address before Emory College, returns from Georgia pleased with the reception accorded him. His subject was "The Old South."

We have received the following item of news from Rev. Thos. H. Leitch: "We have just closed a meeting here with Rev. S. T. Moyle. Some forty converted and several united with the church. This was truly a revival in the church; then the town was moved. Brother Moyle is doing faithful work and being blessed in his labors."

Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Hamill will conduct in Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, a Sunday-school Institute, to begin Monday noon, June 27th, and to close on the evening of the following day. We are looking for a rare treat. Both Prof. and Mrs. Hamill are specialists in their line, and they never fail to entertain and instruct. A large number of attendants from a distance is expected.

Rev. A. J. Parker, P. C. Roanoke Island, thus writes: "When I came here I found less than thirty subscribers to the Advocate. I have now about eighty. I think that perhaps I will reach the one hundred mark before the year closes, even if I have to take a few Baptists and Disciples to make up the number. Brother Parker's efforts and triumps are like his body—on a big scale.

Children's Day exercises at the Methodist church were very appropriately rendered last Sunday. All the children having recitations and songs acted well their part, being trained under the efficient supervision of Mrs. J. P. Brown. The pastor addressed the children and congregation, giving timely thought and instruction to the children. A good collection was taken to furnish poor people with literature who are unable to buy it.—Ashpole Cor. Lumberton Argus.

We learn from the Weldon News that they had a great day at Smiths, near Weldon, on the second Sunday in this month. Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer, the original "Sunday-school speaker," was the orator of the day. Rev. P. N. Stainback and Rev. H. A. Humble, the pastor, made appropriate adresses in the afternoon. It was Children's Day. Rev. P. N. Stainback, though, carried off the honors of the day by uniting in marriage at the conclusion of the day's session, Mr. J. D. Johnson and Miss Carrie Dickens. In all, it was a fine day.

Rev. John Franklin Heitman, many years professor at Trinity College, of which he was acting president two years, died suddenly of heart failure at his home at Trinity on June 15th. He was the son of Rev. Henry Heitman, of Davidson County, and was born near Lexington in 1840. He was captain of the famous Company H of the 48th N. C. Regiment in the Civil War. He was wounded at Fredericksburg. He was several times mentioned for efficiency and gallantry. Brother Heitman was a worthy man, having courage of his convictions, and a desire to advance the cause of his Master.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, held a most interesting service on last Sunday night. Mrs. B. F. Dixon presided, and made an interesting report of the Edenton Street Auxiliary. Mrs. R. O. Burton read a well prepared paper on the history of the W. F. M. Society from the beginning. Miss Mary Pescud then made a feeling talk on Brazil and what the church is doing there. Miss Pescud will sail for Brazil July 5th. She has fully regained her health, and will return to her chosen field with renewed enthusiasm and deepened consecration. Rev. R. F. Bumpas preached in the morning a most appropriate sermon on the subject of womans work. As a result, there was quite an addition to the membership of the Edenton Street Auxiliary.

Publisher's Column

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THE AWARD.

According to our offer, Wilmington District is entitled to the prize of Ten Dollars. Fayetteville is entitled to the prize of $5.00. We lack only 27 of having the number we have aimed at—1,350. We take it that this number will be reached before the close of the month. Now that through the active loyalty of the brethren whom we most sincerely thank, we have up-to-date, since Conference, secured 1,323 new subscribers, let us see to it that by next Conference at Henderson we will have made the number 2,000. This can be done, and, we believe, will be done. A strong paper must have a large circulation. Remember that every new subscriber added to our list represents so much strength added to the paper.

OFFER.

To the District reporting the largest number of new subscribers between May 4 and June 22, 1904, the Advocate will give $10.00 to be applied as the District Conference thinks best.

To the District reporting the next highest, $5.

Reports will be published weekly in the Advocate as before.

The following is the report by Districts since May 4 to June 22.

Rev. A. J. Parker	5
Rev. W. E. Brown	3
Rev. W. J. Crowson	1
Rev. J. P. Pate	1
Rev. J. A. Dailey	1
Rev. W. Y. Everton	1
Rev. G. T. Adams	1
Rev. T. A. Smoot	1
Rev. D. B. Parker	1
Rev. R. B. John	1
Rev. L. H. Joyner	1
Rev. W. A. Jenkins	1
Wilmington District ..... 52 increase	5
Fayetteville District ..... 49 increase	2
New Bern District ..... 17 increase	2
Warrenton District ..... 16 increase	1
Elizabeth City District ..... 16 increase	5
Rockingham District ..... 13 increase	0
Washington District ..... 10 increase	1
Raleigh District ..... 6 increase	0
Durham District ..... 6 increase	2

Total number of new subscribers received since December 1, 1903, 1,323.

The newly elected connectional officers of the Methodist Episcopal Church are as follows: Publishing Agents, Homer Eaton and George P. Mains, for New York; Henry C. Jennings and Edwin R. Graham, for Cincinnati; Missionary Secretary, A. B. Leonard, Henry K. Carroll, Assistant. James M. King is the new Secretary of the Church Extension Society, and Robert Forbes Assistant Secretary; M. C. B. Mason and W. P. Thirkield, Secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; John T. McFarland, Secretary of Sunday School Union and Tract Society; William F. Anderson, Secretary of the Board of Education; Edwin M. Randall, Epworth League Secretary; Stephen J. Herben, Editor of the Epworth Herald.

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The Bible Class Corporation.

In the months past we have described several of the large Bible classes that have a separate organization and a corporate life of their own. Much interest is felt in this subject, as it touches vitally the question, how to keep hold of the young as they emerge from the discipline of childhood.

Our readers will be glad to read, therefore, the careful and conservative discussion of this theme in our news pages by the Rev. Edward Gilman Mason, of Arkon, Ohio. Our contributor, in this article, shows convincely the value of such organization and he clearly indicates how a class can be organized so as to acquire an intrinsic and permanent life that shall not depend on the ordinary vicissitudes of the teaching force. It may be said, however, that most, if not all, of the notably successful classes of this type do very largely depend on some natural leader. There must be the man behind or at the machine.

The Denominational Weekly.

One reason why the denominational weekly does not flourish as of yore is because it does not push itself upon its natural constituteney with the shrewdness and vigor of its secular competitors. It is too apt to adopt a policy of modesty and reticence, does not "blow its own trumpet," fails to pull wires of influence, forgets to advertise. As a consequence not a few worthy journals are quietly dying of dignity.

This is unfortunate to the church as well as to the journals. For we hold fast to the conviction that the weekly denominational paper is of the greatest value as a factor in the religious life of the times. The type is no more "obsolete" than the cause it represents. It is absurd to say that "people" have outgrown such journals. So long as Chrtisian organizations continue papers devoted to their interests have a legitimate cause for being.

The service which the denominational paper renders the individual church, and consequently the claim it has on church members for support, is well put in a recent editorial in Our Pilot, the parish paper of the First Universalist Church of Troy, N. Y. The passage reads:

"Every one present this morning has received a copy of the Univeralist Leader. You take the daily paper, perhaps two; you take one or more general magazines; you probably take a scientific or philosophical periodical, but do you take a religious paper? The Universalist Leader is a liberal, comprehensive and a profoundly religious publication. If you subscribe by the year it will cost you a fraction less than four cents a week. It is $2 a year, and you receive it weekly. Think it over, and send your subscription to the pastor or to the Universalist Pub. House, 30 West St., Boston.

"I make this appeal, not for the benefit of the Leader; that is secondary. I make it for the benefit of our local church; for the inestimable service it can render us and our cause in this city."

This clear and sensible statement, no doubt, had a tonic effect on the circulation of the Leader in that particular congregation. And as the editorial said, the church even more than the periodical, will be the gainer. We venture to assert that a pastor cannot have a more valuable adjunct to his ministry than a good subscription roll of readers to the organ of his denomination. The fruits of such loyalty to and interest in the general work of the denomination will come to the surface in countless practical ways.

If the statistics could be collected on this subject it would doubtless appear that the real burden of work done by the laity of any denomination is borne chiefly by those who take and read the denominational papers and thus keep in touch with the larger interests of their communion.

A Notre Dame Lady's Appeal.

To all knowing sufferers of rheumatism whether muscular or of the joints, sciatica, lumbagos, backache, pains in the kidneys or neuralgia pains, to write to her for a home treatment which has repeatedly cured all of these tortures. She feels it her duty to send it to all sufferers FREE. You cure yourself at home as thousands will testify—no change of climate being necessary. This simple discovery banishes uric acid from the blood, loosens the stiffened joints, purifies the blood, and brightens the eyes, giving elasticity and tone to the whole system. If the above interests you, for proof address Mrs. M Summers, Box 283, Notre Dame Ind.

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Henderson via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Maxton via Atlanta	38.65	32.25	26.25
Raleigh via Richmond	35.60	29.90	24.80
Raleigh via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Hamlet via Richmond	37.60	31.90	26.25
Hamlet via Atlanta	37.60	31.90	26.25
Wilmington via Richmond	38.65	32.25	26.25
Wilmington via Atlanta	38.65	32.25	26.25

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Sunday School

Lesson for June 26, 1904.

Review.

Golden Text: Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name (Phil. 2:9).

In the older classes of the Sunday-school the present review may well be made to cover the entire life of Christ. In the younger classes, it will probably be found more advantageous to confine the review to the lessons of the quarter, emphasizing some salient truth in each lesson, as is done here.

1. Jesus Visits Tyre and Sidon.—This lesson fell upon Easter Sunday, and furnished an excellent illustration of the newness of life which Christ brings. As He drove the demoniac spirit out of the daughter of the Syro-Phœnician woman, so He will drive away the evil spirit of sin from all who yield themselves to Him.

2. Peter Confesses the Christ.—The divinity of Jesus was the supreme truth taught in this lesson. As Peter openly confessed Jesus to be the Christ, so ought we to recognize in Jesus the world's Redeemer, sent to save us from our sins.

3. Jesus Transfigured.—The Transfiguration was the divine witness to the truth of the claim of Jesus to be Son of God. It furnishes a striking proof of His absolute divinity.

4. Mission of the Seventy.—This was essentially a missionary lesson. The seventy disciples who were sent forth by Jesus were the forerunners of that army of noble men and women who have since preached the Gospel in all lands.

5. Prayer and Promise.—This lesson brought to us the exceedingly helpful teaching of our Lord concerning prayer. Let us hear His voice still saying to us, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

6. Watchfulness.—The exhortation to watchfulness is a message for all times and places. We should be continually on our guard,and the teaching of our Lord in this lesson is needful for us all.

7. The Prodigal Son.—This stands as a prince among the parables of Jesus. It is a divinely inspired picture of the eternal love of our Heavenly Father for all His erring children.

8. Jesus Teaches Humility.—A single verse gives the keynote for this lesson, and in it Jesus sums up the whole purpose of His mission upon earth, when He says, "For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many."

9. The Passover.—This lesson is the story of the first Lord's Supper, which grew out of the Jewish Passover, and which forever puts us in remembrance of Christ, our Passover.

10. Christ's Trial Before Pilate.—Christ was brought before Pilate as a prisoner, but in the light of history, they have changed places, for it was really Pilate who was on trial before the bar of the divine judgment, and he stands forever condemned by his miserable failure to administer true justice.

11. Christ Crucified.—The death of Christ is the tragedy of the ages. It was for our sins that Christ was crucified, and we must never fail to recognize that truth.

12. Jesus Risen.—The Resurrection of Christ is the culminating truth of Christianity. It is the only sure ground of our confidence in the immortality of the human soul.

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Ten day special coach excursion tickets—see notices elsewhere.

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7 35	4 25	S.....†Caraleigh Mills...		9 35	6 20
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7 54	4 39	F.....† Barnes		9 20	6 06
00	4 45	F.....Hobby		9 14	6 00
8 15	4 52	M.....†McCULLERS.....		9 10	5 55
8 25	4 56	F.....Banks.....		8 58	5 49
8 30	4 59	F.....Austins		8 55	5 36
8 40	5 07	S...† Willow Springs ...		8 50	5 30
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9 15	5 17	F.....† Cardenas.....		8 38	5 07
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9 35	5 26	S...† Fuguay Springs..		8 30	4 56
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9 45	5 36	F.....Rawls		8 17	4 30
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The school at the Orphanage will close June 30th, and be resumed September 1st, next.

The Situation.

At this writing, Saturday, June 18th, the doors and windows in the chapel are in place—hung. And they are putting the chairs together, and they will soon be in place.

They have fitted all the doors except two, on the first and second stories, and they are hanging them and putting the transoms in as fast as they can. They are expected to be finished by the 21st inst., the day of the annual meeting of the trustees. The third story has the plastering complete on all the rooms, and they are putting it on the halls now. The door frames are all made for the third story. They are now flooring it. The windows for the second and third stories are fitted and glazed—waiting for the weights to be put in.

Blanks.

Hoping to be in our new building by September 1st, at the beginning of next session, we will send out blanks to all who apply. By sending a stamp, you will save the Orphanage something. Wish everybody who writes to us, and expects an answer would send stamped addressed envelope. That's polite.

Thanks to Our Friends.

We thank our friends heartily for paying the expenses on the boxes sent or dead-heading them. It has saved us quite a sum.

How Easy.

In view of the situation here, how easy to finish up and be done with. If the pastors will take the promised collections right away, and the working Sunday-school will send in the full amounts due by the first of July, and our numerous and liberal friends send us a good check, and our brethren collect the subscriptions taken in their charges this year, the work will be done, before September. Friends, wont you help?

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G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, June 19, 20
Warrenton, Hebron, June 25, 26
Littleton, Bethel, July 2, 3
Northampton, Pleasant Grove, July 5
Conway, Sharon, July 6
Murfreesboro, July 7
Bertie, White Oak, July 9, 10
Harrellsville, Colrane, July 10, 11
Hobgood, Epworth, July 15
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, July 16, 17
Scotland Neck, July 18
Roanoke Circuit, New Hope, 23, 24
Roanoke Rapids, July 23, 24
Rich Square, Woodland July 31
Battleboro and Whitakers, Central Cross, July 20
Garyysburg, Concord, Aug. 6, 7
Weldon, Aug. 7, 8
Warren, Sarepta, Aug. 11
Ridgeway, Middleburg, Aug. 13, 14
Henderson, Aug. 14, 15

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Mt. Olive, at Faison, June 18, 19
Goldsboro Circuit, Pine Forest, June 25, 26
St. Paul, 26
District Conference, Beaufort, June 30 July 3
Jones Circuit, Shady Grove, July 9, 10
Kinston, July 10
Craven Circuit, Beech Grove, July 16, 17
Centenary, New Bern, July 17

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Richmond Circuit, St Paul, June 25, 26
Laurenburg Station, July 3, 4
Rowland Circuit, Oak Grove, July 9, 10
Robeson Circuit, Olivet, July 16, 17
St John and Gibson, Gibson, July 23, 24
Mt Gilead, Philadelphia, July 30, 31
Montgomery, Beulah, Aug 6, 7
Aberdeen, Johnson's Grove, Aug. 13, 14
Red Springs, Centenary, Aug. 20, 21
Pekin, Centenary, Aug. 27, 28

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.
J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N C.
THIRD ROUND.
Kenekeet, (C. M.) June 21, 26
Hatteras, June 27
Roanoke Island, July 3, 4
Perquimans, Bethany, July 9, 10
Gates Philadelphia (D. C.) July 13, 17
North Gates, Parker's, July 17, 18
Camden, Newlands, July 23, 24
Elizabeth City (First Church), night, July 24
Moyock, Concord, July 30, 31
Currituck, Mt. Zion, Aug 6, 7
Kitty Hawk, Aug 7, 8
Columbia, Aug 13, 14
Dare, Aug 14, 15
Pantego and Belhaven, Aug 20, 21
Roper, Pleasant Grove, Aug 27, 28
Plymouth, Aug 28, 29

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Brooklyn and Macedonia, Macedonia, June 25, 26
hentral, June 26
Youngsville, Rock Springs, July 2, 3
Clayton, July 9, 10
Oxford Ct., Bethel, July 16, 17
Millbrook, July 23
Epworth, July 24
Granville, July 30, 31
Oxford Station, July 31
Kenly, August 6, 7
Wakefield, August 8
Tar River, Trinity, August 13, 14
Louisburg, August 14, 15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Fremont, Yelverton, June 25, 26
South Rocky Mount, night, June 29
Bath, Bethany, July 2, 3
Washington, night, July 4
Robersonville, Jamesville, July 9, 10
Rocky Mount, night, July 13
Swan Quarter, Stateville, July 16, 17
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, July 19
Mattamuskeet, Mt. Pleasant, July 21
Fairfield, July 23, 24
Farmville, Long, July 30, 31
Nashville, Bellford, August 6, 7
Springlope, Gold Valley, August 8
Bethel, Conetoe, August 13, 14
Tarboro, night, August 14
Grimesland & Vanceboro, Providence, Aug 20, 21
Greenville, night, Aug 22
Aurora, Campbell's Creek, Aug 27, 28

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Milton, Providence, June 25, 26
Hillsboro, Walnutt Grove, July 2, 3
Leasburg, Union, July 9, 10
Chapel Hill, July 16, 17
Yanceyville, Prospect, July 23, 24
Alamance, Clover Garden, August 6, 7
Burlington, Prospect, August 13, 14
Burlington Station, August 21, 22
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Dunn Station, June 25, 26
Haw River, Ebenezer, July 2, 3
Carthage, Ingram Branch, July 8, 10
Elise, Mt. Carmel, July 9, 10
Siler City, Mt. Vernon, July 16, 17
Jonesboro, (District Conference), July 23, 24
Pittsboro, Chatham, July 30, 31
Lillington, Cool Springs, August 6, 7
Buckhorn, Harnett Chapel, August 13, 14
Sanford, Lemon Springs, August 20, 21
Goldstone, Marcneys, August 27, 28
Newton Grove, September 3, 4
Duke, September 10, 11
Sampson, September 17, 18
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 24, 25

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Bladen Circuit, Doems, June 25, 26
Jacks and Richlands, Haw Branch, July 2, 3
Town Creek, Summerville, July 9, 10
Bladen Street, July 10
Clinton, Goshen, July 16, 17
Whiteville, Evergreen, July 23, 24
Southport, District Conference, July 28, 31
Carver's Creek, Waynan, August 6, 7
Magnolia, Trinity, August 12
Kenansville, Charity, August 13, 14
Elizabeth, Union, August 20, 21
Shallotte, New Hope, August 27, 28
Onslow, Swansboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Burgaw, September 10, 11
Grace, September 13

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Marriages

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PRIDGEN—PITTMAN.—At J. N. Foscues, where the bride lived, on June 2, 1904, Mr. Jarvis Pridgen to Miss Daisy Pittman, D. C. Geddie officiating.

SMITH—HAZELTON.—At Edward's Chapel, Grifton Circuit, May 22, 1904, Mr. N. E. Smith to Miss Mary E. Hazelton, of Lenoir County, N. C., P. Greening officiating.

FARABOW—POOL.—Near Virgilina, Va., May 15, 1904, at Mr. Jas. Pool's, the home of the bride, by Rev. Thos. W. Stroud, Mr. Wm. R. Farobow and Miss Bettie Haselteen Pool.

FORTNER—AVERY.—In Epworth Church, Craven County, N. C., on the 11th of May, 1904, Mr. D. S. Fortner to Miss Fannie Avery, of Cove, N. C., W. H. Townsend officiating.

SIMMONS—WOODBURN.—On May 22, 1904, at the residence of the bride's father, Ruskin, N. C., Miss Maud Woodburn, of Bladen County, to Mr. Lloyd Simmons, of Cumberland County, A. J. Groves officiating.

ATKINS—COFIELD.—At Gates, N. C., on the 25th of May, 1904, Mr. G. C. Atkins and Miss Eunice V. Cofield, both of Isle of Wight Court-House, Va., were united in marriage by Rev. W. H. Brown on the North Gates Circuit.

COX—CAMPBELLE.—In Sanford, N. C., on Thursday, May 26, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. A. Campbelle, Mr. E. B. Cox, of South Carolina, and Miss Bulah C. Campbelle, Rev. E. Pope, of Jonesboro, officiating.

Obituaries

Obituaries containing not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

BENNETT.—Franklin M. Bennett was born July 24, 1859, and died May 18, 1904.

At Riverdale, now on Carteret Circuit, he joined the M. E. Church, South, when about twenty-five years of age, and held his membership at Lees Chapel, Jones Circuit, when he died. He was industrious, a kind husband and father, and a good neighbor. He left a wife and four children. God's blessings on the sorrowing ones. D. C. GEDDIE.

WHEDBEE.—On the 25th of May, Sister Joshua S. Whedbee, her little four-year-old son and her mother-in-law, left home to visit a relative. While crossing the mill-dam at Williams' mill, the horse became frightened and backed into the pond, drowning himself and Sister Whedbee and child. The mother-in-law sank, but on coming up lodged on a snag, and, after an hour's time, was rescued.

Our unfortunate sister was, before marriage eighteen years ago, Miss Ada Nowell, of Chowan County. She found Christ early and connected herself with Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church.

She was a Christian, and therefore labored wherever opportunity presented itself. She was always on the Lord's side.

She was a patient, kind and loving mother, a clever neighbor, and a helpmeet indeed unto her husband. No tongue can picture the loss sustained by the husband and children.

Scores of friends were present to witness the services, which consisted of a solo, "The Haven of Rest," sung by Mrs. L. W. Parker, and a sermon by the writer, after which their bodies were laid side by side to await the resurrection morn.

To God and His keeping we commit the bereaved family.

W. H. BROWN.

CROWDER.—Little John Shaw, the two-year-old son of R. B. and Eliza Crowder, died of pneumonia May 3, 1904.

Little Shaw was an interesting little child, seemingly possessed of individuality peculiar to himself, which made him very attractive, a pleasure to the home, and a favorite with all during his short stay, but the good Lord had a better place for him.

The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

It was the privilege of the writer to dedicate him to God by baptism at three months of age. The bereft have our sympathy. W. A. F.

Buie's Creek, N. C., May, 1904.

THOMSON.—Margaret Cramer, born March 27, 1851, at Red Rock, New York State, married in Poughkeepsie in 1837 to the late John C. Thomson, died in Fayetteville, N. C., May 3, 1904.

The above is a brief chronicle of a strong, beautiful character.

Mrs. Thomson had seen the passing of two generations in Fayetteville, having lived her more than sixty years. What a multitude of hearts she comforted during that time!

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Much of sorrow had entered her sweet, pure life, yet, in the presence of the sorrows of others, her own seemed to be forgotten. Weeping with those that wept, rejoicing with those that were glad, she was a blessed comfort to all who knew her. Even the poorest and humblest felt the soothing effect of her goodness. She won the love of all, and, so far as this writer knows, had not an enemy. She died rich in precious friendships, priceless love, noble deeds, high ideals, and simple faith in God.

She was devoted to the church, and to the last week of her life was a faithful attendant upon its services. And the church loved her; she had been affectionately called the "grandmother of Hay Street Church." One last beautiful token of love of the Ladies' Aid Society, was the gift of a rocking-chair on her eighty-ninth birth-day. With radiant face, she received the congratulations of countless friends, and said it was the happiest birth-day of her life.

Though she is gone from us bodily, her influence can never pass away; such lives as hers do not die. The belief in immortality is mightily strengthened by having known such an one.

For the grief-stricken ones there are two thoughts of great consolation: she has entered into the place prepared for her, and for which she lived and strove; and, if they emulate her life in faith and godliness, they shall surely meet her in those realms of glory.

THOS. A. SMOOT.

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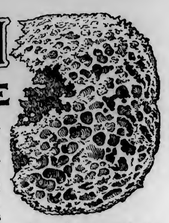

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He patiently endured his troubles, and about a week before his death, said to the writer: "I am not afraid of death, and I am willing to die." Almost his last breath was consumed in praying to God for friends and loved ones and for Parker's Church, of which he was a consistent member.

The funeral was held at the above church on Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the pastor.

Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved wife and child, and we, like him, pray that they may meet him in heaven.

W. H. BROWN.

ENNETT.—Mrs. Emma Hunter Ennett was born April 6, 1875, and died at the home of her childhood, in Huntersville, N. C., May 11, 1904.

At the age of fifteen years she was converted and joined the Presbyterian Church. Her surrender to her Lord at that early age was thorough and complete. There was no reconsideration or later readjustment. All had been placed permanently on the altar of her Lord. Ever afterward He was first in her plans. In young womanhood she graduated at the Normal and Industrial College of Greensboro, N. C.

The refined social surroundings of her childhood, the godly influences of her home and church associations, the refined Christian culture of a clear, strong intellect, all united to equip her well for the responsibility of living.

October 17, 1904, she was united in marriage to Mr. George N. Ennett, of New Bern, N. C. To the marriage altar she brought a well-rounded, strong Christian character and was truly a help to her husband, and with him she joined the M. E. Church, South, in New Bern, and was a valuable, useful member until disease laid its ruthless hand upon her and said, "stop." As her health began to fail, her anxious husband took her to the sanatarium near the scenes of her old home, howing for restoration of her health. But not so. All that husband and friends could do was in vain. She continued to grow weaker. When she knew her days were numbered, there was no fear. She had always been brave and strong in every emergency, and now when she saw the shadows gathering, there was no shrinking. She "knew the power of His resurrection," and her faith bridged all chasms. Her mind lingered around the 14th chapter of John, and shadows were kept from her path as the light from the mansions in the Father's house shone along the way.

Yes, she lived a true, noble life, and passed away in sublime victory. God bless and comfort the bereaved husband, the dear parents and stricken loved ones.

F. A. BISHOP.

CARTER.—Mrs. S. S. Carter was born December 1, 1842, and departed this life and went to join the heavenly hosts May 8, 1904. Her father was taken away from her when she was but a child, and she lived in the home of her grandfather, who was the Rev. Bridges Arendell, until her mother married Col. Wm. N. Dennis, and having these Christian influences around her, she grew up a true type of geniality and uprightness.

In the early beginning of the Civil War she married S. S. Carter, of Chatham County, who belonged to the 26th Regiment N. C. Troops. In early life she became a member of the M. E. Church, South, to which she remained a true and faithful member until God called her to rest from her labors. She was thirteen years younger than myself, and living in the home of my father, and her mother being my sister, I had the opportunity to study her life. About six or seven years ago she became afflicted with indigestion, and was a great sufferer for the last four summers. She would visit her aged mother in Morehead City, and I being an inmate of my sister's home, I could witness with what great patience she would endure her affliction. I often talked to her of purity of heart, and the blessed privilege we had of being kept day by day by the power of God unto salvation, and we could see glory beaming in her countenance. She was a saint of God, and to her bereaved old mother, who now is four score years old and upwards, I would say—your loss is her eternal gain; let the grace of God comfort you in knowing that she has dropped the anchor and furled the sail and is now safe within the vale; and to her grieved husband and dear ones, let me say, that while you are in affliction's valley and treading the road of care and bereavement, that Jesus will help you to carry your cross when heavy to bear, and that you can use the language of David and say: "She cannot come to me, but I can go to her." Let these truths comfort you in your distress. It does cheer my heart when I can join with the poet and say:

Sarah, thou was mild and lovely.
Gentle as the summer breeze,
Pleasant as the air of evening
When it floats among the trees.

Peaceful be thy silent slumbers,
Peaceful in the grave so low;
Thou no more will join our number,
Thou no more our songs shall know.

Dearest Sarah thou has left us,
Here our loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God that has bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled;
Then in heaven we'll joy to greet thee
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THOS. ARENDELL.
Morehead City, N. C., May 21, 1904.

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2. That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

3. That we extend to the bereaved family our love and sympathy and pray God to be their comfort in sorrow and salvation in the life to come.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family, one to the Raleigh Christian Advocate, one to the county paper, and that these resolutions be read before the Sunday-school.

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The World As We See It.

How many of our readers can name the members of President Roosevelt's Cabinet? We feel assured that in response to this question very few hands will be held up. For the purpose of helping to disperse the general ignorance on this subject, we state that the following appointments were made by the President on last Friday: Attorney-General, William H. Moody, of Massachusetts; Secretary of the Navy, Paul Morton, of Illinois; Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Victor H. Metcalf, of California.

Russia is busy talking about "the Yellow Peril" which menaces the civilized Christian world, but Russia has at her own doors a peril of which she may well take heed. Japanese success has encouraged Finland to believe that now is the time of the latter's redemption. The assassination of Bobrikaff is very significant. It was caused by Bobrikaff's attempt at the russification of Finland. The assassination could not have occurred one year ago. Russion disasters in the East have brought about the conditions which have made the assissination possible. Russian Poland is seething with excitement and outbreaks in that country may occur at any time.

For a long time our people have been mystified over the law that, in a capital ease, gives the defendant twenty-three peremptory challenges and the State only four. The mystified mind has seen light only in the darkness of its own ignorance of matters legal; for if there is a mute subservience to anything, it is the mental subservience to the mysteries of the law. But if the Code Commission carry out the recommendation adopted at the late North Carolina Bar Association, the legal labyrinth will be minus a bewildering cave. The recommendation is to the effect that the defendant and the State have an equal number of challenges—eight each. And the Association paid its devoirs to the preachers by recommending that they be the only class to be exempted from jury. Of course the preachers appreciate this remarkable manifestation of good judgment on the part of the lawyers.

The statement of the Newton Enterprise that President Roosevelt has sent G. A. Snyder, President of Catawba College, a check for $50 for the institution, has served as a red flag for the bull in at least one case. We do not now remember what newspaper it was, but the editor accused President Roosevelt of trying to make capital out of the alleged fact that the Populist element, which at one time had dominated Catawba County, had become Republican. This shows that here in North Carolina we lack considerably of being "out of the woods" in our political ramblings. Is it possible that the President of the United States cannot make a donation to a college of his own denomination without having his motives impugned? It seems so, and the thought saddens us.

The National Republican Convention held last week in Chicago did not excite the usual interest in the public mind for the reason that the public mind had figured out months ago just what the Convention would do. It was known that Mr. Roosevelt would be renominated for the Presidency and would likely keep up the popular interest as a burnt cork performer. It was known that Mr. Fairchild would meet the fate that "Uncle Joe" Cannon has been trying to escape—the nomination for Vice-President. It is easy to understand, therefore, why "Uncle Joe" was so lively on the last day, waving his flag on the platform and exciting the boys to all sorts of boisterous antics. It was foreseen also that the platform would contain a little more room for the colored brother. The proposition that those Southern States which have disfranchised the negro shall suffer in their Congressional representation, always came to grief in Congress, but it now occupies a snug place in (or on) the platform. It is there evidently to catch votes as past experience show, that it would receive but scant favor even in a Republican Congress. Mr. Cortelyou was made Chairman of the National Committee. Even his political enemies concede that, if the campaign be not conducted on a high plane, it will not be the fault of Mr. Cortelyou.

In speaking of the Iroquois Theatre disaster, which occurred last December, we stressed the thought that death often cheats itself in so overdoing its work as to force a degree of future precaution as to prevent similar and, perhaps, more appalling disasters. The Iroquois Theatre fire has quenched the flames of thousands of fires by bringing the public face to face with the necessity of overhauling the public buildings of the country with a view to making them comparatively safe in case of fires. These thoughts are sufficient to throw at least a few streaks of light into the darkness of the recent steamboat disaster in New York harbor in which over one thousand people, mostly women and children, lost their lives. We will soon know why it was that the hose and life-preservers, and even deck railings, of the General Slocumb were rotten while the public believed them safe. Then there will be such a close scrutiny of all public carriers by water and such a strict holding to an account of companies, officials, working forces, and equipments, as to make life very much safer in the future. All welfare is built on sacrifice. In the distant fatality of all things terrible, a blessing may be seen. We would not quote this doctrine to those unfortunate bereaved ones in New York City, but to those who stand at a distance and listen for the voice of God, we can find in the doctrine a substratum of comfort.

The State Convention which met last week in Greensboro was strictly North Carolinian. Our people believe in big crowds, intense partisanship, and in a loyalty demonstrative to the point of boisterousness. This belief was put into practice on last Thursday and Friday. The point of interest was in nominating a man for Governor. The nomination was early. No one expected a nomination on less than the twelfth ballot. It came on the fifth, and Mr. Glenn was the man. Every body appears to be satisfied. They have a justification for their satisfaction. Mr. Glenn is an able lawyer, an eloquent speaker, and above all a consistent Christian gentleman. The only fear we have heard expressed concerning him is that he has an unwise doctrine on the subject of the education of the negro. He believes that all appropriations for the education of the colored people should be in proportion to the taxes they pay. We do not believe that Mr. Glenn, as Governor, will attempt to carry out this policy. He knows too well that the State is against it.

The platform contains a strong endorsement of the Watts Act. From a political standpoint, this endorsement was consistent and necessary. The people of the State are politically, socially, and morally committed to temperance, and in this fact we read a joyful prophecy. The danger is that this very sense of security will lull the people into a repose, which the enemy will utilize in electing to the Legislature men who will annul all previously enacted temperance legislation. Talk about a lynx eye, and a careful conscientious vote. Both will be needed in the coming campaign.

The delegation to St. Louis was not instructed for any particular candidate. An instructed delegation to a National Convention is something almost unknown in North Carolina politics. Besides there is a lingering suspicion that there is going to be at St. Louis a bonleversement in which Judge Parker will not rise to the top or settle at the front.

On June 23, the Russian ships emerged through the channel and engaged the Japanese ships. The news comes from Tokio that in the engagement a Russian war vessel was sunk and three other Russian ships sunk. There is neither denial nor confirmation of this rumor. It is probable that both sides sustained great damage. The news of this engagement is interesting in that it disposes of the question as to an open or a closed channel. The channel is undoubtedly open, and Admiral Togo may expect at any time a dash through this channel into the open sea. The attempt will be hazardous, but it may succeed.

Oxford University has conferred the degree of Doctor of Letters upon William D. Howells. For forty years Mr. Howells has been before the literary world, and has been a true American in all his work.

Contributions

A Quarterly Meeting in the Mountains.

REV. F. L. TOWNSEND.

Our road lay along one of the most beautifully picturesque streams of water in Western North Carolina. We, the pastor of the circuit and myself, were on our way to a summer quarterly meeting which was to be held at a small church located at the foot of one of our largest mountains, and hard by the rushing waters of the aforesaid stream, fully fifteen miles from the railroad.

One road ascending this stream led in and out with bends of the river, leaning now close to the mountains, skirting this valley, and now to the river, mid waving corn-fields and hanging orchards, winding back and forth, crossing and recrossing the river, dodging here and there the rocky ledges till we arrived at the church nestling snugly at the edge of a clump of trees, and near to the hour for divine worship.

The people came to this meeting from up the river, from up the sides of the mountains, from around their circling coves, they came on foot, on horseback, in wagons; this country is far too rocky and steep for the use of buggies. Many of them brought large, well filled baskets of provisions, which were opened at the noon hour and spread on the green grass in the shade of the trees like a real pic-nic. One man brought a load of oats on a frame without wheels, sliding along the ground. These oats were to be fed to the horses of the official members who came, some as far as eighteen or twenty miles. Perched on top of this load of oats was another large basket—this brother's contribution to the dinner.

A quarterly meeting to this people meant much, as it occurred not oftener than once in half a dozen years. The regular appointments of the pastor were monthly, and if you deduct those missed on account of deep snow in winter and high waters at other seasons, you will scarcely have more than eight appointments filled during the year. So that the coming of the pastor meant a great deal to the community, and a quarterly meeting and a great occasion. A Presiding Elder was looked upon much as a Bishop, and his hearers listened with expectant ears, because forsooth an elder ought to have an important message to deliver.

But I began this letter to tell about a home in this far away community that is so nearly hedged in by the mountains. The occupants of this home were two ladies—old maids—will they please forgive me? We were invited to dine with them on a certain day. Their home is one mile from the church on the waters of a little creek emptying itself shortly into the river. On our arrival at their home we were told that, as there were no men folks there, we would have to stable and feed our own horses, and the stables being pointed out to us, we proceeded thither. I noticed the stable provided for my horse was as void of litter as a parlor floor. Indeed, the very floor was swept, if not garnished. I thought at first that it had been used by the children as a play-house, and that the children had done the sweeping. Then it occurred to me: These people are old maids and have no children, unless they borrow from their good neighbors. Just at this point of my cogitations, my traveling companion called to me to come see the stable prepared for his horse. And lo! it was swept also. I began to suggest as to the sweeping, but the pastor remarked: "No, when I visited these people once before this, they apologized for not having swept the stables!"

But if they swept the stables, their neatness did not end there. Their humble little home was as clean as could be, from prophet's chamber to dining-room. Not a suggestion of stain upon those carpetless floors, and the table-ware and food at the dinner were in keeping with the rest.

After dinner my friend repaired to the preacher's room for an hour's rest. The coverlets on the beds were white as the driven snow. The walls of the room, instead of exposing the rough timbers, were hung with white curtains as clean as any fuller could make them. What a place for rest, quiet and contemplation! Leaving him safely lodged in this delightful place, your correspondent strolled down the banks of the little creek to hear the roar of its surging waters, to behold the grandeur of the surrounding mountains and to meditate. The waters of this stream come leaping in cascades down the neighboring mountains, plunging over rocks, whirling around a curve here, forming a pool there, falling over a precipice, churning, dashing, foaming, breaking away from every obstruction and hastening on "to join the brimming river."

I could not resist the impulse, being exhausted from the heat and work of day so I sat down on a great stone, took off my shoes, rolled up my pantaloons just as I had done years ago when a school boy, waded into this crystal stream, bathed and bathed my weary feet into those refreshing waters, until I felt the stimulating effect from foot to head.

How it stirs me this June day to call up an experience like this, remembering how those sparkling waters, fresh and cool from the mountain springs, played hide and seek with my feet as I stood on those clean rocks! Such a memory will stick to one for a lifetime!

Such a home as that, kept by those good sisters, is a veritable Bethany, and the hospitality dispensed by them is as genuinely Christian as that exercised by Mary and Martha in the days of our Lord. Such homes, and those who make them, have contributed largely toward the spread of Christianity. Sometimes I think that when we come to the day of final accounts, we will find that in the redemption of the world as much credit will be gin to the Marys and Marthas and Lydias who have served in silence as to the Peters and Pauls who have proclaimed from pulpit and platform.

Preachers.

REV. J. H. M. GILES.

The man who is called of God, and employed in the Christian ministry, should cultivate his mind in the most liberal manner, for he can neither learn nor know too much truth. If one is called of God to be His messenger, and without such a call one great scholar has said that he had better be a galley slave, he should be able to bring all of his knowledge to the assistance and success of his ministerial work, but no human learning, no mode of ordination, whether it be Popish, Episcopal, Protestant, or Presbyterian, will ever supply the Divine anointing, without which he will never see conversions, and the church built up under his ministry. Why is it that some preachers never have revivals where they are assigned to labor? Others always have revivals wherever they go. The piety of the church will always faint and languish when it is not animated by the zeal of a spirit-baptized pastor; the church must be blind; and the faith of the church will always be wavering when the preacher can neither encourage nor defend it. Right here is our trouble today, our denominational fences are decayed and fallen down—hence every straggler can come into our Methodist Farm, organize our children into a Sunday-school, teach them Calvinism, and if the P. C. says anything, our people, some of them at least, will join in the cry: "You are narrow, or you are against Sunday-schools." Our denominational fences should be replaced. Our next General Conference should make a law along this line, so I think. Our liberality towards other churches is somewhat like American freedom—gone to seed—a license for all to do as they please: To mend our rules, keep them, or break them to suit their own whims. This, as I see it, is anarchy, straight and simple. Such things are militating against our preachers' success today in our beloved Zion. Some true men have been removed from charges of our Conference because of the above condition of affairs.

A Visit to Carteret.

W. H. RHODES.

After spending several very pleasant days at the Teachers' Assembly, the writer on his return to Kinston stopped over at Newport to see his friend, Rev. J. H. M. Giles, whom he found in poor plight to fill his Sunday appointments, being afflicted with boils.

The visitor was prevailed on to accompany the preacher to his appointments—Bethel, Harlowe and Oak Grove. The citizens in these localities are a thrifty and intelligent people, owning their farms and living upon them—the most hopeful condition of affairs to insure the permancy of our institutions.

It was a pleasure to meet again Dr. C. N. Mason, a friend of our college days, who, though a college graduate and prominent physician, finds it agreeable and lucrative to cast his lot among so prosperous and progressive a people.

Messrs. D. E. Langsdale and Jas. Bell gave us entertainment, and full well they knew how, and gave us that true Christian hospitality which never fails to awaken a responsive chord.

On Sunday evening we returned to Newport and again had the pleasure of renewing our acquaintance with those good people who gave such royal entertainment to the district a short while ago.

Brother Giles reports that he is serving his fourth year on the Carteret Circuit. This speaks well for both pastor and people. It was a real pleasure to visit the home of Brother Giles, and for the sake of his wife, his bright and intelligent children, as well as himself, we wish that his home for the next four years may be among as good, cultured and prosperous people as the four that will soon expire.

Prophecy.

REV. JOHNSON SORRELL.

The thoughts which only make the Jewish people worthy to be studied are their thoughts of the coming kingdom and coming King.

To these each of the prophetic books has its characteristic pointing. We here only mention the great land-marks of prophecy which point with increasing definiteness to the Christ:

1. They declare in the beginning of Revelation His coming as a man: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shall bruise his heel." (Gen. 3:15.)

2. In the time of Abraham the nation through which He was to come: "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because thou hast obeyed My voice." (Gen. 22:15.)

3. In the time of Jacob the tribe: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet, until Shiloh come, and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be." (Gen. 49:10.)

4. In the time of David the family: "And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the Lord telleth thee that He will make thee an house." (2 Sam 7:11.)

5. In the time of Micah the town: "And thou Bethelehem, Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from old, from everlasting." (Mic. 5:2.)

6. In the time Daniel the date: "Know therefore and understand that the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and three score and two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall in even in troublous times." (Dan 9:25.)

7. To Mary the person: "And the angel said unto her, fear not for thou hast found favor with God." (Luke 1:30.)

8. By the angel the day: "For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11.)

9. And by the star, the house: "When they had heard the king they departed; and lo, the star which they saw in the east went and stood over where the young child was." (Matt. 2:9.)

So we see that the Messiamic idea of an everlasting kingdom under the reign of a spiritual and supreme king is the fundamental idea in the Old Testament.

Way is the Granbery College?

BY REV. H. C. TUCKER, RIO DE JANIERO, BRAZIL.

A general answer to this inquiry has been given in the statement that the necessity for such an institution of learning was recognized and emphasized during the first years of Methodist mission work and Episcopal visits to this country. But a more satisfactory and explicit answer may be found in the appalling and increasing facts upon which the necessity is based.

Brazil has but a small number of schools, very limited educational facilities, and only about one-fifth of her seventeen or eighteen millions of inhabitants can read. During the greater part of the history of the Empire, Romish priestly ideas and influence dominated the entire school system; Jesuitical control did in a large measure all that was done in the line of education, and sought to keep the people in ignorance that they might the more readily obey the vioce and superstitious inventions of the church. One result has been that the masses have grown up unlettered and miserably priest-ridden. There can be no doubt that the Christian school is a much needed agency in the evangelization and elevation of these untaught multitudes.

The missionaries need to furnish to their young converts from among these uneducated masses, facilities for their intellectual development, moral and spiritual culture and preparation for the higher, nobler and more responsible positions of life. Readers of history and biography, know full well that often the men of greatest worth in church and state who have accomplished most for the honor and glory of God, and done most for the good of humanity, have sprung from the humbler classes of society. If we would see our young Brazilian converts bearing the responsibilities of the church, extending and sustaining the work of evangelization to the remotest parts of this vast Republic, occupying positions of trust, responsibility and honor in commerce, industries, professions, and civil government of the people, we must educate them after our own way, under truly Gospel and Christian influences. We cannot trust to government or private secular schools to do this work, because their number is too few, and their methods are unchristian and diametrically opposed to our purposes. As things are at present, we cannot afford to entrust our Christian boys to these institutions to obtain their education and preparation for life's work. To do so would be to defeat our desired ends. Positivism, skepticism, and all manner of immorality are prevalent among the professors and student body of most of the Government schools. We need this college not only for the boys of the church, but to be a distinctive and positive agency for the evangelizing of the wealthier and more enlightened classes who desire the intellectual and moral training we propose to give. Many boys are in this way brought under Christian influences, taught the Bible, and frequently converted to Christ, whom we probably would not have reached otherwise. The missionaries and Christians teachers, through the school, are brought into contact with families who have never been otherwise drawn to the church nor to hear the Gospel.

Through the influences of modern civilization, commerce, travel, diplomacy, and Protestant missions, the Brazilian nation is being greatly awakened, is seeking to throw off the old yoke and endeavoring to secure for herself the religious liberty characteristic of the most enlightened nations of the present day. Her entire educational and school system is being radically changed and she desires to model her course after the best institutions of Europe and America. This is a slow and very difficult process. The change furnishes a most magnificent opportunity for a Christian college, such as the Granberry proposes to be, and is a most powerful reason why the young and growing Methodist Church in this country should now have such an institution to serve as a model to Brazilian educators and authorities who are desiring better things than the country has yet enjoyed in this line. The nation has reached a crisis in her political, intellectual and religious life, and needs all the help possible to solve the problem of her salvation and destiny. The conditions furnish a most eloquent answer to the inquiry: "Why have a Chritsian college in Brazil?"

If the Methodist Church would fulfill her God-given mission and become a permanent factor in the life and character of the nation, she needs such institutions as her Granbery College.

WHAT MAY BE THE RESULTS FROM THE GRANBERY COLLEGE?

In answering this inquiry, we can only state what we reasonably hope the college and its work may do for the Brazilian nation and the cause of Christ. This we have already indicated in trying to give some of the reasons why this school should be founded and maintained by the church. Those who have been sent out to this country as missionaries, have come desiring to give to the people the gospel in all its fulness and blessing, wishing to see the same glorious, spiritual results in the lives of the people as are manifest in Protestant Europe and America.

If the necessary provisions are made and the proper men in charge are furnished with the contemplated facilities for carrying out the purposes of the college, one result will be an adequate number of well-prepared native preachers and teachers. The missionaries can do little more than introduce the gospel into the country; the great work of thoroughly evangelizing the entire nation must be done by the native ministry. The gospel is becoming widely disseminated in Brazil, and taking deep hold upon many hearts; the leaders, who are to gather together and shepherd the little flocks over the land, must come from this school of the prophets. If the church fails in preparing and training the men whom God would call to this noble work, the progress of the gospel would be greatly retarded; but if we do our duty in this respect now, there will be rapid and permanent development in the direction of a vigorous, aggressive, self-propagating and self-sustaining church.

"Nothing succeeds like success. No more satisfactory proof of what the college may do can be given, than to cite instances of what she has already accomplished. About one-half of the native preachers in the Brazil Mission Conference to-day have been taught in Granbery College. One occupies the important post of a wide field radiating from a growing railroad town in the center of the State of Rio Grande do Sul; another feeds the Methodist flock and is constantly adding to the fold in Sao Paulo, which is the most advanced and rapidly developing center of enlightment, education, industry and commerce in the Republic; two hold the forts in important centers of the west; one in these points, it is said, is becoming the Chicago of Brazil. It was at Ribeirao Preto that Bento Braga stood like a hero and laid down his life in the epidemic of yellow fever for the love of God and his brethren. He was first a Granbery boy, who showed at Randolph-Macon that he had been well taught. One travels a large and prosperous circuit; others who are doing good work might be mentioned, but let these suffice to justify our expectations. If the Granbery College, working in a rented building, with very limited provision, and a small number of over-worked teachers, has been instrumental in turning out these noble workers, what may we not reasonably hope of the results when the new building shall have been completed, fully equipped and furnished with a competent number of well qualified instructors?

But the Granbery has not only turned out a few young men for the ministry; her boys are to be found on the farm in charge of large and prosperous agricultural interests, where their homes are homes and preaching places for the Methodist itinerants; one is a successful pharmacist and a devoted steward in one of our most prosperous city churches; others are honoring the college and blessing humanity in various professions and occupations. They are building Christian homes that are centres of life and light. All this is awakening attention, starting inquiry and begetting confidence among the people. A church and a religion that can do such great things for the boys of the land demands the consideration and faith of all classes.

Already the college and its work have made a profound impression upon the educators of the land, and those who are seeking to institute a system of education adequate to the needs of the people. If fully equipped and wisely directed this institution is destined to exert a large influence in moulding the new educational system of Brazil.

The results thus far achieved inspire confidence, awaken large hopes and abundantly warrant the prophecy that this institution is entering upon a glorious career in shaping the future history and accomplishing the salvation of the Brazilian nation.

The call of God for the money and the men to finish, furnish, and direct this college must be heard and obeyed.

Meeting at Manteo.

The protracted meeting at the Methodist church in Manteo, N. C., began May 29, 1904, and closed June 8th. Rev. F. L. Church, of the Perquimans circuit did the preaching. His expositions of the Scriptures are especially strong. He took up the history of God's dealings with the Jews and the surrounding heathen nations, and showed what became of them because they sinned with a high hand and regarded not God. The law breaker must suffer whether it be an individual or nation. His denunciation of sin was fearful. He preaches a clear cut gospel without any varnish. On Sunday morning we had a baptismal service for infants. The meeting closed on Wednesday night with the communion service, which was the largest seen in Manteo for years. Possibly ever. Quite a number were converted and reclaimed. Sixteen joined the church. There are a few noticeable facts about this class. Two were heads of families, a large number are young men, and no two were from the same family. Thirteen of these sixteen families take the church paper, the Raleigh Christian Advocate, and the remaining three subscribed next morning—their first opportunity. Verily the church paper is a preacher of righteousness.

Come down Mr. Editor and take a breath of "Fresh Salt Air." It will do you good.

Fraternally,

A. J. PARKER.

Letter from Alaska.

I will send you a few lines with regard to mission work in Alaska. The mission work is carried on chiefly by the Methodist, Presbyterian and Catholic churches. A number of schools were founded for the benefit of the Indians. They have very bright Christian experiences. One very old lady said she was a very old lady; she could come to church only by the aid of her staff. So says she, I have learned to lean on Jesus just as I lean on this staff; another says the sun rises and melts the snow on the mountains. So Jesus came into my heart, melted it so now I can love God and man. J. K. HARTWICK.

Skagway, Alaska, June 4, 1904.

The Smitten Rock.

A blow direct from God's own hand
Oft cleaves the rock in twain,
As rocks are rent, by lightning stroke
Amid the wind and rain.

But in their clefts the wind, oft-times,
The seed of sweet flowers blows;
Bright shines the sun, soft falls the dew,
The rock in beauty glows.

So in the rifts within the heart,
Are planted seeds of grace,
Which take deep root, and blooming fair,
The healed wounds efface. —Anon.

The Field

Furnishing the New G. F. C.

I have agreed with the Trustees of Greensboro College to give some time this summer to the securing of furniture for the dormitories of the new building. My plan, in brief, is this: To secure those who will take a room, or rooms, which will be named in honor of the donor. A tablet placed upon the door will bear the name of the donor and other important facts.

Thirty-five dollars furnishes a room with two iron bedsteads, mattresses, table, chairs, chiffonier, etc. The estimate is for the heavy furniture of a room occupied by two young ladies. This money is due in August. In special cases, ninety days additional will be allowed.

This plan gives an opportunity to do a valuable deed, and also to perpetuate the name of dear ones. This work has just begun and, with the other work for the opening of the college, must be pressed to a finish. The following have taken a room:

Mrs. W. A. Rich, Graham, N. C., in memory of her sister, Miss Clara McCoy.

Mrs. Endora A. Headen, Pittsboro, N. C., in memory of her father, Dr. James E. Williamson.

W. T. Jones, Carthage, N. C.

Carthage Circuit, Rev. R. H. Broom, P. C.

Franklinton Circuit, Rev. J. H. Shore, P. C.

Z. W. Lyon, Oxford, N. C., for his daughter, Hettie.

W. T. Lyon, Oxford, N. C., in memory of his mother, Mary A. Lyon.

Others are waiting to take rooms. Any inquiries made of me at Chapel Hill, N. C., will be cheerfully answered.

Let every friend of G. F. C. give careful regard to this statement. M. T. PLYLER.

A Few Thoughts.

Dear Advocate:—I thought to express my sentiments by writing a letter to the Advocate, which I enjoy reading so much. My home is situated in a remote part of the county, not being convenient for me to attend divine worship, as I would like to do. I am interested in the Orphange, and would be glad to visit them. This scribe remembers the Superintendent, Rev. J. W. Jenkins, when he rode the Leasburg Circuit: heard him preach once a month at Lea's Chapel. This scribe was then a school girl, and took notice of his discourse on the Bible and other books. I am a great reader, and devote much time to study, and I also keep a list of the itinerant preachers and the number of years they served from Rev. Lemon Shell down to the present Rev. K. D. Holmes. I also remember some of Dr. Ivey's discourses which were interesting; his accounts of his travel and scenery which were beautiful.

If this letter escapes the wast-basket, I will write again some future day.

Sincerely,

ESTELLE M. BRADSHER.

Winstead, N. C.

Greensboro Female College.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Greensboro Female College held in Greensboro, N. C., on June 23, 1904, a report was rendered by the Secretary showing the financial status of the institution and the progress made in securing its bonded indebtedness, all of which were encouraging and gratifying, and the outlook for the enterprise is promising. After a full discussion of the Board, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved 1. That it is the sense of this Board that the movement to rebuild Greensboro Female College be pushed with renewed vigor; that the Building Committee be authorized and directed to place orders for material at once, and the work of construction begin as soon as the remaining $10,000 of the $30,000 to be raised is subscribed in order to insure the opening of the college at the fall term, 1904.

2. That the Board endorse the resolutions adopted at the recent meeting of the Alumnae Association of Greensboro Female College, and that we hereby pledge to the Alumnae our heartiest sympathy and co-operation in the laudable efforts to rebuild and re-establish this time-honored institution of learning; and that we earnestly appeal not only to the Alumnae, but also to all the friends of Greensboro Female College at once to make liberal contributions for the rebuilding of the college to insure the reopening at the fall session.

L. L. SMITH, President.

C. H. IRELAND, Secretary.

Pamlico Circuit.

Since our arrival here last December, the kind people of Stonewall have been sending us good things; but not satisfied with this, they gave us a general pounding, consisting of lard, flour, meal, etc.

Well, we feel greatly indebted to them. May the good Lord continue His blessings upon them.

Again, Bro. Chas. Flowers, of Barnes Chapel, has brought me in debt to him—he alone pounded me with sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, and thirty pounds of meat.

Again, we expect by August 1st to have a cistern at the parsonage with plenty of good water.

Excuse me for advertising this circuit, because some preachers may want it. Don't worry, brother, I'm on this "nest" for four years.

L. S. ETHERIDGE, P. C.

An Explanation.

The matter that found its way in the Epworth League columns week before last was not intended for it. It was all reprint and no credit was given. This explanation is due because the first article is somewhat puzzling, and the other article was of no special interest.

My wife had been quite sick and I failed to get matter to the Advocate office in time for last week's issue, and through an oversight of those at the office, these articles appeared.

H. B. ANDERSON.

[Those articles were sent with other Epworth League matter in the same envelope, and we presumed, of course, that they were intended for publication. There was no order to the contrary. —Editor.]

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

And the Church's Relation Thereto as Stated by the Ministers' Conference of Henderson.

The following paper prepared at the instance of the Ministers' Conference, of Henderson, explains itself:

There is no greater enemy to humanity, nor greater hindrance to the progress of the Gospel than the traffic in and use of ardent spirits. The solution of this evil is one of the most difficult problems that confront the church and the State. It is not a theory that confronts us, but a condition, and one that should be wisely handled. The duty of the church in relation to the individual is plain. She should teach, and insist on total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. While the abuse of any good thing is the objection, more than the use of it, so general is the abuse attending the use of ardent spirits, that the only safe course for the individual is to abstain from its use, except believe that total abtinence from strong drink, as a beverage is taught by the Scriptures, which is our only guide in the matter, and for this reason, we believe it to be our duty to insist that men everywhere abstain from its use. All that has been gained in legislation, restraining the traffic in spirituous liquors, is the result of the moral suasion and education that has been imparted by the church, and Christian workers, and teachers in the temperance cause. Our laws are made by the sentiment of the people, and no law, if placed upon the statute books, can be enforced without a moral sentiment behind it. So far are we from believing that temperance can be secured by law, that we are convinced that we cannot get temperance legislation without temperance sentiment behind it.

But when we get the sentiment, the law will be enacted, and so long as the sentiment behind the law is healthy and aggressive, the law will be enforced. Therefore, it is our duty to keep the temperance sentiment alive and active. This can only be done by constant work. We should keep up the agitation, and teach the evils of intemperance from the pulpit, in our Sunday-schools, and use our influence as far as possible to have temperance taught in our secular schools.

We owe it to the State, as citizens, to do our part to aid all legislation that has for its object the destruction of the traffic in liquor. The open saloon, and the license system, is the worst regulation of the evil if regulation it may be called, The open saloon is the drunkard factory, and the long tolerated evil of the saloon, has let a large number of drinkers of liquor who are hard to control, and whose determination to have liquor makes the enforcement of prohibitory legislation very difficult. For this reason, it is necessary to tolerate the dispensary in some communities. But when this is done, it should be under the strictest laws that can be enforced, and with the view to ultimately restrict the sale at the dispensary to medicinal or necessary purposes. Because of the determination to violate prohibitory laws, by druggists, and others, we believe the best solution of the question is to restrict the sales to dispensaries, and whenever it can be done, restrict the dispensaries to medicinal or necessary uses of liquor. We should guard with care the covetus sentiment that will be apt to grow up in communities where there are dispensaries, to make these dispensaries large revenue products, and thereby decrease the burdens of the taxpayer. It is a great gain when we have taken the profit out of the traffic to the individual, but if the sales at the dispensary become sources of profit to the tax-payer, and he becomes wedded to the dispensary system for indirect profit, then the tax-payers will become as much debanched by the evil as the whiskey-seller under the license system, and public morals will be corrupted, and our government will be run by blood money.

It behooves us to keep all these facts before us in dealing with this monstrous evil, and be on the alert to avoid every pit-fall that Satan may place in our way. We need to meet these issues with calm-logical solutions of the questions that may arise, and to avoid any fanatical action that may make us the allies of our foes. For those who are laboring to keep the whiskey curse fastened on our country are sometimes wiser in their genertion than the children of the light, and will make allies of us that they may betray us to the enemy.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

Who and Where are Our Missionaries?

"Go Forward" now gives their names every month. May God go with Bro. W. B. Lee and Miss Mary Pesend when they start back to Brazil. Those who do not read "Go Forward" cannot know where our missionaries are. A. D. BETTS.

Lillington, N. C., June 23, 1904.

Notice.

To the Pastors of Fayetteville District:

Please mail me a list of your delegates to the District Conference together with a list of local preachers. Let all who expect to come by private conveyance notify me in time to provide for their stock.

Will all connectional brethren who expect to come please notify me so that homes can be provided for them. E. POPE.

The Family

If I Can Live.

If I can live
To make some pale face brighter, and to give
A second lustre to some tear-dimmed eye,
Or e'en impart
One throb of comfort to an aching heart,
Or cheer some wayworn soul in passing by!

If I can lend
A strong hand to the fallen, or defend
The right against a single envious strain,
My life, though bare,
Perhaps, of much that semeth dear and fair
To us on earth, will not have been in vain.

The purest joy,
Most near to heaven, far from earth's alloy,
Is bidding clouds way to sun and shine,
And 'twill be well
If on that day of days the angels tell
Of me: "She did her best for one of thine."

Do Not Watch the Thermometer.

"I never watch the thermometer, and I never suffer from heat or cold as much as my neighbors appear to, who are constantly consulting it."

This remark reached my ears from the opposite side of an electric-car on which I happened to be riding, one cold winter day. The person to whom it was addressed was bundled in fur to her chin, while her companion wore a neat walking-suit, open at the throat, and evidently made to admit of a brisk walk without in any way inconveniencing its wearer.

When the car stopped to let them off, I noticed that the woman who never consulted the thermometer started up the street in a bright, alert manner, in keeping with her optismistic time of conversation; while her companion snuggled down into her furs, and semed to be making frantic efforts to keep pace with her friend's lively step.

The conversation awakened a train of thought which kept me busy during the remainder of my ride. Is there not a grain of truth in the assertion of the woman who had no use for a thermometer? Do we not often give our hands an extra rub and button our coat a bit tighter when a glance at that erratic little ball of quicksilver assures us that it is ten degrees colder than we had thought it was? And have we not felt the perspiration start to our forehead some warm summer day, as we have seen that same little exclamation mark climbing up among the eighties, when we had imagined the signal-station to have been seventy or thereabout?

One aphorism usually suggests another. "You are not looking well to-day," Mrs. Brown remarks to Mrs. Jones.

"No, I have a slight headache," Mrs. Jones replies, immediately feeling a sympathetic twinge in her left temple, in response to her friend's remark.

"How well you are looking!—ten per cent better than when I last say you!" Smith affirmed to his neighbor across the way, whom he had not met for several days.

Now Neighbor Blake had started out with a pain in his back, and a dissatisfaction with himself and the world in general. But Smith's assertion said to that pain, "Go!" and it went. Smith's cheery smile flashed its radiance into Neighbor Blake's receptive countenance, and he answered cheerily: "Yes, I'm feelin' pretty tol'r'ble well for an old man. Had the rheumatiz when I started out, but it's 'bout gone now;" and Neighbor Blake passed on, wondering what there was about Neighbor Smith that made him chirk a fellow up so.

How many times we have been brought to the verge of nervous prostration, or some equally depressing malady, simply from hearing the symptoms discussed by people whose ailments form the chief topic of their conversation, when our own nerves were unstrung and ready to respond with an answering twinge to whatever was brought to bear upon them.

I once heard of a woman who, during a cholera epidemic, suffered all the symptoms of that dire malady, even to taking to her bed, simply from a nervous dread of the disease. She was alone in a house a mile from any neighbor. She had been told that extreme cleanliness was necessary as a preventive against contagion, and forthwith she had taken up, cleaned, and put down again five carpets, on a hot summer day, unaided; and then, with every limb and nerve aching, she had gone to bed convinced that after all her painstaking she had not averted the dread calamity. Her aching head and limbs assured her that the grim monster had swooped down upon her, alone and unprepared.

When her husband returned, an hour later, and found her in a high fever, he speedily summoned a physician, who told the frightened woman that she had simply overdone, and was suffering from the effects of her indiscretion.

Thus imagination often makes cowards of would-be heroes. Knowledge, like the thermometer, only shows us our weakness, and thereby throws an obstacle in the way, which prevents us from reaching the goal for which we are striving. Any attempt to gauge our equipment for an undertaking by consulting the sign-board of another's experience, is a stumbling-block in our way. We are at our best when we go straight ahead, and keep our feelings and our inclinations subservient to the end in view.—Helen M. Richardson, in Zion's Herald.

A More Hopeful View.

The religious world is disturbed by the affirmation that the basis of faith is being undermined; that the Bible is no longer a book of authority; that the thinking world demands something more rational; that gifted, cultured and self-respecting men are avoiding the ministry; that man is left to reason out his own origin and destiny; that Christianity has been tried and found wanting; that educated men find ways of escape, but the masses will never find these ways open to them; that we may wisely substitute "spiritual classics for the Bible." We are told much of what people do not believe. We hear of the great iconoclasts; but we do not hear so much of the constructionists. We hear of Dr. Briggs, Dr. McConnell, Sir Oliver Lodge, and Canon Henson, we do not hear of the modest and conservative men who are examples of vital Christianity. The atmosphere grows murky, and the thoughts confused, while the heart sickens, as we read of one great teacher (?) who speaks of the "inhuman Christ!" Ordinary people smile when they hear one of the great lights say that the Bible is full of absurdities and eruditics, and almost in the same breath he tells us that the masses are for the most part untroubled by what are known as critical questions. We wonder how the Book can ever remain "the manual of fundamental morality, the best corrective of ecclesiastical corruption and the most effectual check upon the materialistic tendencies of modern life," when some find it but "a pack of lies too gross for toleration!" Are we to sit forever patiently and quietly while unbelief proudly flaunts its tattered rags of doubt in our faces? One broken car wheel will make more noise and cause more jar and bring about more disaster than ten thousand unbroken wheels upon a good track.—Selected.

We Are Best Where We Are.

Sometimes we look at the circumstances by which we are surrounded and think how impossible it is for us ever to be, in the midst of such daily experience, what we ought to be. We grumble over our lot instead of cheerfully accepting it at God's hands, believing that He knows what is best for us. We think regretfully that if the people we are called upon to meet from day to day were different, if they had the same earnest aims and hopes as ourselves, if the worries from our work were less frequent and irritating, if we had not this sickly or inherited weakness, we should be different from what we are. But it is not so. The Psalmist was accurately right when he said: "Thy judgments are true and righteous." The judgment of God never errs. It cannot fail. He does not plant the orchid on the Alpine height or the edelweiss in the tropics. He knows the nature of each plant in His universe, and places it under the conditions best suited for its development. So likewise the personal requirements of each one of us is known unto Him; we can, therefore, be certain that He has placed us just where our personal character can fully unfold itself.

Instead of bemoaning our difficulties, we ought to be thankful for them, for it is out of these trials is forged what we call character. We know men in whose faces we can read it, we know how it has been won. Whenever we see a face marked by an expression of strength and self-reliance, we conclude that it represents a history in which there has been something to fight against, something to overcome. The influences which have left their impress upon it have not been of the arm-chair and slipper kind. We know that many a victory has been gained in the midst of rough experiences, for we can read the scars of battle in the lines upon the face. Yes; hardship, trial, difficulty, make character; or, to change the figure, they are the stepping-stones upon which the soul rises.—C. A. Keightley.

The Secrets of Happiness.

Dr. Van Dyke, in his sermon before the General Assembly at Los Angeles, said: "If we come to Christ for happiness, he tells us four great secrets in regard to it:

"It is inward and not outward; and so it does not depend on what we have, but on what we are.

"It is not to be found by direct seeking, but by setting our faces towards the things from which it flows; and so we must climb the mount if we would see the vision; we must tune the instrument if we would hear the music.

"It is not solitary, but social; and so we can never have it without sharing it.

"It is the result of God's will for us, and not of our wills for ourselves; and so we can find it only by giving ourselves up in submission and obedience to the control of God."

"For this is peace—to lose the lonely note
Of self in love's celestial-ordered strain;
And this is joy—to find oneself again
In Him whose harmonies forever float
Through all the spheres of song, below, above—
For God is music, even as God is love."

In the millinery show-room of one of the large department stores in Philadelphia a customer inquired of a saleswoman what they charged to clean feathers.

"Ten cents a piece," was the answer.

"O, I could never pay that price!" gasped the lady.

"How many have you? If you have a sufficient number we might make a reduction in the price."

"Why, I couldn't count them, for I have two beds full."

Needless to say, she was in the wrong department.

A Philadelphia mother recently went calling, accompanied by her five-year-old boy. Being a pretty child, of the Fauntleroy type, more than one of the women she visited said complimentary things about him, all of which he took with due modesty. Before the afternoon ended, however, he revealed his ideas of maternal pride. One of the women said, jokingly, but with a serious face:

"My little man, I think I'll just keep you here with me. I have no little boy of my own. Do you think your mother will sell you to me?"

"No, mam," he replied, promptly.

"You don't?" she asked, in affected surprise. "Why, don't you think I have money enough to buy you?"

"It isn't that," he answered, politely, "but there are five of us, you see, and she would not care to break the set."

Our Boys and Girls

Ashworth, N. C., June 3, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—We are twin sisters, thirteen years of age. Our papa takes the Advocate. We enjoy reading the little girls' and boys' letters. Our school has closed. Our teacher's name is Miss Janie Howard. We will close with the best wishes to the Orphanage.

Your friends,
LELIA D. and IVY L. POWELL.

Aurora, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl. I am eight years old. I have one buddy. I go to school. My teacher's name is Miss Sallie Lowder. My papa takes the Advocate. We have been to New Bern. My sister has just gone to Morchead.

Now I must close. In inclose ten cents for the orphans.

Your friend,
REBECCA G. BONNER.

Aurora, N. C., June 17, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl 10 years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. I like to read the boys and girls letters. I have one brother and three sisters. My teacher is my mother, and our preacher is Mr. J. M. Lowder. I like him very well. We have two eats and three pigs.

Who was the man that had to sleep on an iron bed?

I inclose 10 cents for the orphans.

Your unknown friend,
MARY E. BONNER.

Conway, N. C., June 17, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years of age. My sister takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little peoples' letters very much. Mr. W. C. Merritt preaches at our school-house every second Sunday evening. He lives next to our house. We like him fine. This is his last year with us, and we are very sorry. If my letter don't find the way to the waste-basket, I will try to write again.

Your unknown friend,
IDA LOU FUTRELL.

Timberlake, N. C., June 3, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy twelve years old. My grandpa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the girls' and boys' letters. My school has closed now. My teacher was Mr. H. E. Pearce. We all like him very much. Our pastor is Rev. M. D. Giles. We like him.

I will ask a question: Who crucified Christ?

I will close with love and best wishes.

Your little friend,
T. E. NOELL.

High Falls, N. C., June 12, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As I have never written a letter to the Advocate, I thought I would write a short one for the first time. I go to Sunday-school almost every Sunday. I like to go fine. We have a large class of boys and girls. Our pastor is R. H. Broom. He preached a most powerful sermon on the fifth Sunday in May. We have prayer-meeting every Sunday night. I like to go. I will close with best wishes for the Advocate.

Your unknown friend,
EMMA RIDDLE.

Supply, N. C., May 30, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I enjoy reading the little folks' letters so well, I thought I would write one. I am a little girl ten years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Mr. Guilford Sellers is my Superintendent, and Mrs. Mary Sellers is my teacher. I like to go to Sunday-school. Rev. N. H. Guyton is our preacher. I will answer Cassie Bright's question: It was the money that Judas had betrayed Jesus for.—Matthew 27:3.

Now, I will ask a question: What was the first command of God?

I send ten cents to the orphans.

Your little friend,
ETHEL PIGOTT.

Williamston, N. C., June 5, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—We are two little girls and belong to the Junior League. Our League promised to pay $20 on our District Parsonage debt, so we had a basket party and ice cream supper, an dpaid the full amount.

We are going to have a picnic some time soon.

We will answer Ransom Middleton's question: Elijah was carried to heaven in a chariot of fire.

We will close with best wishes for the Advocate.

Your little friends,
DELIA LANIER, President.
MARY B. ELLISON, Vice-Pres.

Rocky Mount, N. C., June 18, 1904.

Dear Advocate—Will you accept a new member to join your band of correspondents?

I have read the letters from the little boys and girls, and I feel that I would know them better if you will let me write sometimes.

I am in school now. My teacher is Miss Bessie Chandler. You may know we like her if we go this late in June when the weather is so warm. I have recited fifty perfect lessons. If my letter escapes the waste-basket I'll write again. I hope I can send you a dollar for the orphans by Christmas.

Your little friend,
MAUD JOYNER.

Goldston, N. C., June 6. 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl seven years old. This is my second letter to the Advocate. My first one did not appear. Mr. Editor, why didn't you publish it? I looked and looked for it. I hope you wont let this one get lost. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. I did not go last Sunday, as my papa and sister were sick. My papa is Superintendent. Mrs. Carrie Pugh is my teacher. My grandma Moffitt died about three weeks ago. I miss her so much. My little sister is nine months old. I think she is so sweet.

Your little friend,
LUCY RIVES.

[Your letter must have been lost on the way.—Editor.]

Cary, N. C., June 11, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy eleven years old. I live in the country. My papa takes the Advocate. He is a farmer. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My teacher's name is Miss Lucy E. Revis. Our pastor is Mr. G. B. Starling. We all like him very well. I will answer Myrtle Ewing's question: The ten commandments are found in the tenth chapter of Exodus. Now I will ask one. How many books in the Bible?

If this does not reach the waste basket I will write again.

MILTON R. PLEASANTS.

Jonesboro, N. C., June 15, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little girls' and boys' letters very much. I go to Sunday-school almost every Sunday. My sister is my teacher.

Our pastor is Rev. E. Pope. We all like him very much. Our Superintendent is Mr. S. Worthy.

For fear of the waste-basket, I will ask a question and close.

Which disciple does tradition say was crucified with his head downward?

Find inclosed five cents for the orphans.

Your little friend,
VALLIE W. HILL.

Steed, N. C., June 11, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I have never written the Advocate before, and will write a line now.

I am ten years old. I love to read the letters of the girls and boys in the Advocate. I have a father and two brothers. My mother died two years ago. We all go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Our Superintendent is Dr. F. E. Asbury. Miss Lula Steed is my Sunday-school teacher.

Rev. G. A. Oglesby is our pastor, and we all love him very much. I was very much disappointed that last week's Advocate did not have any letters from the little boys and girls.

I will close,

Your friend,
INA K. STEED.

Burlington, N. C., June 13, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy nine years old. I go to Front Street M. E. Sunday-school. Bro. L. T. Barber is our Superintendent, and Bro. B. O. Guthrie is my teacher, and I like them both. I also go to the graded school. Miss Ella Robertson is my teacher, and I love her dearly. I got a certificate that promotes me to the fifth grade.

I will answer Lee J. Craven's question: "It is taken from Zachariah, 8:5."

Now, I will ask one: "Why do we always begin the names of the Deity with a capital letter?

I will close. Find 25 cents from brothers Rupert, Branson and myself.

Your friend,
VERNE STRUDWICK CAVINESS

High Falls, N. C., June 12, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As I have written once before, and my letter escaped the waste-basket, I thought I would write again. We take the Advocate, and like to read it very much, and like to read the little folks' letters very much. We have a good Sunday-school at High Falls, and I like to go. I see a good many letters in the Advocate. The children like to go to Sunday-school. It is a good place fo rchildren to go, and old folks, too. Fathers and mothers, send your children to Sunday-school. Our Superintendent is B. L. Osborn. We like him fine. My teacher is my brother, T. L. Riddle. Our pastor is R. H. Broom. We like to hear him fine. High Falls is a little village on Deep River. It is a very lovely place.

I will answer Mattie Stancy's question: The commandments are found in the first part of the Bible, in the 20th chapter of Exodus. I will close by asking one: What chapter are the Beantitudes found in?

I hope this will escape the waste-basket. With best wishes to the Advocate.

Your unknown friend,
MAUD ALICE RIDDLE.

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$18.20 Raleigh to Monteagle, Tenn., and return account Monteagle Sunday-school Institute. Tickets on sale August 5, 6, 7, and 8, final limit August 31, 1904. An extension until October 31, 1904, can be obtained by paying difference between rate which ticket was sold and summer tourist rate.

$17.75 Raleigh to Nashville, Tenn., and return, account Peabody Normal Summer School. Tickets on sale June 5, 6, 7, 18, 19, 20, July 3, 4, and 5, with final limit fifteen days from date of sale. An extension can be obtained until September 30th, on payment of a fee of 50 cents.

$21.10 Raleigh to Indianapolis, Ind., and return, account National Prohibition Convention. Tickets on sale June 26 and 27, final return limit leave Indianapolis not later than July 15, 1904.

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Womans Foreign Missionary Society

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Mrs. M. L. Hargrove.

As most of the readers of this column already know Mrs. M. L. Hargrove, Recording Secretary of the Woman's Board and Bible teacher at the Scarrett Bible and Training School, expects to visit some of the societies of the North Carolina Conference during July. For the benefit of some who may have failed to see the first notice of her addresses we again publish her appointments.

Rockingham, Sunday, July 10th.
Fayetteville, Monday, July 11th.
Wilmington, Tuesday, July 12th.
New Bern, Thursday, July 13th.
Raleigh, Friday, July 14th.
Durham, Saturday, July 15th.

Mrs. Hargrove has just returned from Palestine, where she attended the International Sunday-school Convention. Her trip has given her new material, and her magnetic presentation of her subject cannot fail to attract large audiences. Not only will her addresses be of interest to the members of the various auxiliaries, but to the congregations at large, as well as to the general public.

Those towns are fortunate who will have the opportunity of hearing Mrs. Hargrove. Indeed, those living within short distances of her appointments will find themselves repaid for a special trip on the day, when she is nearest them. Her visits will no doubt prove a source of inspiration, and give new impetus to all of the auxiliaries.

The Quarterly Report.

The report of the Treasurer for the first quarter should in itself be a call for increased activity on the part of some at least of our Auxiliaries. The report is as follows:

The total receipts are $1,055.18, which is $158.41 less than the corresponding quarter of last year. We have just $260.29 of our $2,000 Pledge. Our Conference Expense Fund is overdrawn $1.37. The long distance traveled by most of our officers to our recent delightful Annual Meeting is the cause of our depleted treasury in that Fund. We always have to pay for good things, also a number of Auxiliaries have not reported at all, and a few too late, the majority very late. Oh! that our Treasurers would remember that the quarter closes on the first of the month and not after the fifteenth.

MRS. B. B. ADAMS, Treasurer.

Mizpah.

The regular monthly meeting of the Young Woman's F. M. S., Raleigh, on the third Sunday in June, was an unusually interesting one. As it was the last meeting of the Society at which our own missionary, Miss Mary T. Pesead, would be present before sailing for Brazil, it partook somewhat of the nature of a farewell.

After the routine business had been transacted a special program took the place of the regular United Study. The program closed with the Society's Farewell by Mrs. C. V. Allbright, and a response by "Miss Mary." It was a joyful farewell, if such a thing be possible with those we love and the pain of the parting was all taken away. "Miss Mary" goes to her work with such a glad heart and so completely restored in body, that her friends can only rejoice with her that she is able to continue her work in the Master's cause. At our next meeting she will be beyond the equator, but we will always feel that she is one of us. Our special prayer at that meeting will be for a safe ending to her voyage, and God's blessing on her new work.

A Public Meeting.

The Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. of Edenton Street Church holds its anual public meeting on Sunday evening, June 19th. The service was well attended and it is hoped that reports of other public meetings will be sent in.

After special music by the choir, Scripture reading by the pastor and prayer, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. B. F. Dixon, president of the Society, who made a short talk on Woman's Work and What it had Accomplished. Mrs. R. O. Burton followed with a History of the W. F. M. S. since its Organization Twenty-six Years Ago. Mrs. Dixon then announced Miss Mary Pescud,who needed no introduction, as the speaker for the evening. While Miss Pescud's address was directed to the workers at home, and contained an earnest plea for consecration here, she interspersed her remarks with incidents from her Brazilian work showing the pressing need for those who have the light to be in active service.

After a collection taken by some of the members of the Missionary Societies, during which the Society's mite boxes were also collected, the meeting closed with, "Work for the Night is Coming," followed by the benediction by the patsor.

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Report for First Quarter.

Adult members, 832; Juvenile members, 127; meetings held during quarter, 62; average attendance, 243; number added to Baby Roll, 44; subscriptions to Our Home, 201; taking Mission Reading Course, 114; adult mite boxes in use, 21; baby mite boxes in use, 182; pledged to tithing, 18; boxes of supplies sent out—value $76.20—7; papers and leaflets distributed,$592; visits made to sick and strangers, 562; garments distributed, 206; needy assisted, 86; amount sent Conference Treasurer, $279.27; amount expended for local work, $636.92.

MRS. S. H. SCOTT.

Read Carefully.

I hope all members will carefully study this report sent by our faithful Corresponding Secretary, comparing the figures with those compiled for the quarter before this, and resolving to do their full share towards improvement in every department. Especially do I urge the eleven Auxiliaries that failed to report to be ready next time. Sisters, the co-operation and help and sympathy of you all are needed—do not withhold them, please. I am sure all rejoice in the increase in numbers and in interest. Three new Auxiliaries were organized during the quarter.

Leading Auxiliaries.

Sunbury reported best average attendance, the number of members being twenty, attendance fifteen. Hertford, largest number of subscribers to our Our Homes, viz: Nine of the twelve members. Wilmington distributed largest number of leaflets and papers, 228. New Bern made largest number of visits, 112. Also distributed most garments, 95. Weldon expended largest amount locally, $155.00. Windsor sent the best report as a whole, while Henderson, Winfall, Elizabeth City and others did well. Fremont sent report most punctually. Lake Landing also was very punctual, the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries enjoying much their twelve mile ride, to compare their reports with the Treasurer's. The consecrated energy of these faithful officers must prove an inspiration to others, and I earnestly trust it may be imitated. In writing of a recent meeting, the Corresponding Secretary closes with this beautiful truth: "There is always pleasure where God is. Let Him ever reign in our midst."

La Grange Auxiliary.

We gladly welcome this new Band recently organized by our industrious Conference Corresponding Secretary, and I take pleasure in presenting its officers:

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May the work of every member be blessed.

A Comparison.

In time I expect to give a summary of our 18th Annual Report, but to-day can only mention two items, viz.: The amount raised for connectional work, $59,414.99, and that for local, $122,164.32. You see the latter sum is more than twice as large as the former, notwithstanding the fact that the Local Aid Societies and Epworth Leagues both look after local needs. We especially rejoice in our home privileges and are glad to show our readers why we have cause to do so, believing that many will desire to join us who have not before understood.

Sympathy.

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Editorial

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE: REMINISCENTIAL AND HORTATORY.

The District Conference came to this scribe in the days of his early boyhood. It was a new thing to him. Great preparations were made. The little brick church on the hill was all a-bustle. The Chronic Sleeper would actually awake from his doze in his favorite place in the amen corner when the approaching Conference was mentioned. There were unusual and prophetic developments in the culinary department of the parsonage. The boys bent to their task in the garden or at the wood-pile with a confirmed resignation as visions of "company things" on the table floated before their minds.

Ah! what an occasion it was! What crowds came from far and near! What sermons were preached! We can still hear the stentorian tones of J. W. North as he preached as few men could preach. We can still hear the swish of W. M. Robey's rapier as it cut to shreds the argument of the other side in debate. The echoes of that Conference lingered for days around that little mountain town, and around us they linger still, though life's summit has been reached and our eyes look to the westering sun.

The next District Conference remembered by us was reached with some difficulty. The scribe and his brother, two callow ambitious youths, had a desire to attend the "Deestrict" over fifty miles distant. We were not on a line of railroad. The preacher's horse and buggy were gone. They went with the preacher himself the day before. There was no livery stable. But we were determined to go, and we went, starting out in the freshness of the morning, sitting in a buggy borrowed, and driving a horse secured from "Uncle Johnny Thompson." The harness itself was borrow from a third party. "Uncle Johnny's" horse dashed our hopes in the beginning by kicking off the dash-board of the buggy. We drove the whole distance without a dash-board. Were we not going to a District Conference? We reached it, enjoyed it, and became reconciled to our departure only with the thought that we would make "Uncle Johnny's" horse pay for his vicious joy manifested at the beginning of the journey. We started at 9 o'clock a. m., and reached home before sundown. The horse appeared to be in better condition than his drivers.

Then there was the Conference attended by this "scribe" as a preacher-in-charge. He was in a "calf pasture" at the time—now a large green meadow whose grazing privileges are coveted by not a few. Bishop Duncan was presiding. In breathless awe we watched that kindly soul decapitating the brethren with all the ease and sangfroid with which the vagrant boys snip off wheat-heads in June. The cold chills made divers trips over our body, as we thought of the time when the Bishop should call our name. Waiting was a weariness to the flesh. It made us sick. But the time came and we were surprised to find after the Bishop got through with us that our head was still nicely attached to the cervical vertebrae. We have loved Bishop Duncan ever since. We named a boy after him. It was a great District Conference, even if the mercury was at 98 and the atmosphere palpitated with suggestions of the days of Torquemada.

As editor of the Advocate, we have had a large experience with the District Conference. The Conference which we will be least likely to forget was held at Bethlehem of blessed memory. The Conference itself was not so sharply differentiated from other Conferences. But the getting there—that is what makes memory so wakeful. Sitting breakfastless in the rocking, lurching caboose of a frieght train, on a hot July day, from 9 o'clock a. m. to 4 o'clock p. m.; failing to find the man who was to carry us from the train to a point on the river, fourteen miles distant; discovering a good Samaritan who carried us to the river and housed us for the night; walking four miles the next morning on a sandy road which had no sign of a path on either side; lugging a heavy valise which burst open and wouldn't stay shut, while the perspiration started from every pore in our body; finding no sign of life and hearing no sound of wheels until we reached the church—these are some of the experiences which form the black and white of our checkerboard on that memorable journey. But we really enjoyed that Conference—the same from which John Hall, who laughed at us, started home on Friday, reaching there the following Monday afternoon. "There is retribution in history."

We have never felt disposed to depreciate the importance of the District Conference as a part of our church machinery. It may be used as a means for accomplishing a great deal of good. It can be made a thing as worthless as a last year's bird nest. The real District Conference has a legitimate place in our economy.

Some people call that a good District Conference which is well attended. Such success is determined by three factors: The Presiding Elder, the time, and the place.

Whether the Conference have few or many in attendance is determined by a personality and that is in the Presiding Elder. If he magnifies the Conference on each charge from the time when the delegates are elected until within a few days of the Conference, and relaxeth not in the work of urging the delegates to attend, he may feel sure that he will have a multitude. But if he lets the matter of attendance take care of itself, there will be a dull time. The well-attended Conferences have Presiding Elders who are well supplied with postal cards.

Of course, regard must be had to the time of holding the Conference, for reasons that must be evident to every one.

We fear that the place of holding the Conference does not receive the attention which the matter deserves. There are some places which as far as people, natural surroundings and other elements are concerned are as good as any in the world, but they are not good places for a District Conference. They are simply more or less inaccessible. People will not go to a Conference when they have to spend several days getting there and several days getting back.

But the factors, Presiding Elder, time, and places, may all be favorable, and yet the Conference may be a comparative failure. A Conference may be top-heavy, over-programmed. It may not have enough programme. It may be talked to death. It may not have talk enough. Too much time may be given to one interest; too little time to another. No Conference can be called successful which does not enlist the attention and activities of the laymen who form such a vital part of the Conference. No Conference can be called successful which fails to be surrounded by a spiritual atmosphere. Preaching should be earnest and evangelical. That Conference which is attended by the conversion of souls either during the sessions or afterward at revivals which are at least the indirect outcome of the Conference is the successful Conference.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ORPHANAGE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of the Methodist Orphanage met in the central building on Tuesday, June 21st. The following were present: Hon. R. N. Page, President; Mr. J. G. Brown, Secretary and Treasurer; Messrs. J. S. Wynne, B. B. Adams, R. T. Gray, W. E. Springer, J. A. Long, W. B. Boyd, and T. N. Ivey.

The report of the Superintendent was highly creditable to his management, and, of course, very satisfactory to the Trustees. Rev. J. W .Jenkins was re-elected Superintendent; Mrs. J. W. Jenkins, matron, and Miss Lucy M. Reeks, teacher.

The Central Building simply amazed those trustees who had not seen it before. They had no idea that we had such a building. Large, imposing, with a tower that looms up so as to be seen at a distance of ten miles in all directions, with a capacity for over two hundred orphans, it is a fine piece of architecture of which our Methodism many well feel proud.

As we inspected this building and thought of the two hundred orphans who are waiting for admission, and contemplated the possibility of those orphans being homeless for another year because of the unfinished condition of the building, and pondered the fact that a little hustling on the part of our preachers and laymen would bring in before September the comparatively small sum necessary for the completion of the building, we felt that it would be nothing short of a blunder, if not a crime, if this hustling should not be done—and that at once. Just think of it! Keeping a grand building closed to the exclusion of two hundred orphans for a another year when such a small amount is necessary for the completion of the building. Let every friend of the Orphanage do his best in the next two months. We have one of the biggest things in Methodism out there on Orphanage hill. Let every one who can go to see it. We hope to present to our readers at an early day a picture of the Central Building.

AFTERMATH, NO. 1.

This was the elegant and most enjoyable table spread for the Trustees just after the meeting. It was under the supervision of the matron, who in that one repast demonstrated her proficiency in the management of her household. About 10 o'clock p. m., the Trustees left, feeling that their experience since 5 o'clock that afternoon represented a perfect combination of business and pleasure.

AFTERMATH, NO. 2.

This was the graphophone entertainment given to the orphans on Thursday night following by Prof. Junius Turner, and under the supervision of Col. F. A. Olds, who has all the orphans in love with him. The entertainment was delightful to all, including this writer. An idea of Prof. Turner's proficiency as a graphophone artist may be gained from the unique introduction given by Col. Olds, who said that the Indians in far off Dakota lisp Turner's name with joy, and that when Kamschatkan mothers give their hungry children the choice of whale fat or Turner, they always cry out for "Turner."

SPRINGS IN THE DESERT.

June, July, and August, are very hard months on a religious newspaper in the South. They seem specially hard in North Carolina. It is the custom to borrow money to tide the paper over these months.

The "Old Raleigh" does not like to borrow money and she will not do so if our brethren will only give her a lift. They can do much for her now with very little trouble. She is passing through the desert and is hunting for springs. So we trust that every preacher who attends a District Conference will have some money for the Advocate. The editor expects to attend every Conference at some time during the sessions and he will confidently expect to receive many lifts for the Old Raleigh.

In the meantime, let every subscriber whose renewal is due send us if possible a remittance.

Methodist Mention

State.

We are glad to learn that Rev. L. S. Etheridge has about recovered from his recent sickness.

The Raleigh and New Bern District Conferences this week. The former at Cary, the latter at Beaufort.

Mr. J. M. Turner, one of our most intelligent Methodists in Wake County, was in the office on last Saturday. He speaks highly of the labors of Rev. G. W. Fisher.

Dr. L. L. Nash is President of the Preachers' Conference of Henderson, N. C. He prepared for the Conference the very able paper which is published on the fourth page of the Advocate.

Dr. Boswell, editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, is of the opinion that before the New Order of Worship be mandatory, it will have to be approved by the General Conference.

Rev. W. H. Willis had in the last issue of the North Carolina Christian Advocate an article in which he favors the re-districting of the W. N. C. Conference. He thinks that there should be only ten districts.

Dr. W. H. Moore held Quarterly Conference at Macedonia on last Saturday and preached at the same place on the following day. On Sunday night he preached at Central Church, Raleigh. He is holding up well under the summer heat.

Not only does the Lumberton Baptist Sunday-school leads all others in the State in contributions to the Baptist Orphanage, but the Methodist school now leads all other schools of its denomination in contributions to the Methodist Orphanage.—Lumberton Argus.

Dr. H. M. Hamill and wife of Nashville, Tenn., conducted a Sunday-school Institute in Edenton Street Church on last Monday and Tuesday. The exercises were very interesting and instructive, and will receive fuller notice in next week's Advocate.

Dr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Brooks spent last Saturday and Sunday in Raleigh, and on Monday left for Louisburg, where they expect to be during the summer. We regret that the health of Mrs. Brooks gets no better. Many prayers are going up for these two faithful Christian workers.

The following brethren were appreciated visitors to this office during last week: Messrs. G. W. Ward, of Echo; M. J. Best, of Fremont; B. B. Adams, of Four Oaks, and W. E. Springer. The two latter were attending the meeting of the Directors of the Methodist Orphanage.

The following ne wsubscribers have come in since last issue: Rev. L. H. Joyner, 1; Rev. L. M. Chaffin, 1; Rev. J. T. Draper, 2; Rev. W. A. Jenkins, 1; Rev. Z. Paris, 1; Rev. L. E. Sawyer, 1; Rev. J. H. Hall, 1; Rev. W. J. Crowson, 1; Mr. B. C. Glover, 1; direct, 1. Total number received since Conference, 1,334.

Bible class of Edenton Street Sunday-school has been organized into a class society and has adopted the name, "Normal Class," in memory of Rev. W. C. Norman, who was its teacher during his last pastorate of the church. There has recently been a considerable addition to the membership of the class and improvement in the attendance.

Dr. J. H. Weaver said in his remarks at the Methodist Church last Sunday night that the Trustees lacked only $1,500 of having enough money in sight to build the large addition to Davenport College. It is gratifying to learn that the committee appointed to raise the funds has been so successful. This of course assures the addition to be made. We believe there are 100 individuals in Caldwell County who love the College enough to give $15 each.—N. C. Christian Advocate.

The meeting at the Methodist Church closed on Sunday evening. Rev. E. C. Glenn, who assisted Rev. L. E. Thompson, is a fine preacher and revivalist. He did most excellent work here. As a result of the meeting, sixty have been added to the church. This makes seventy odd added this year. A purse of about $80.00 was made up for Mr. Glenn, who has gone to Belhaven to assist Rev. Mr. Jackson in a meeting. He is a consecrated man and earnest in his work.—Washington Progress.

Dr. J. F. Miller, the universally esteemed and everywhere popular superintendent of the State Hospital, near this city, gave an old-fashioned barbecue on the beautiful and picturesque lawn at State Hospital grounds yesterday. The occasion was a family reunion of his children and grand-children, all of whom were present, with the exception of Dr. Robert Miller, of Rocky Mount, who was unavoidably detained at the last moment. It was indeed a delightful occasion, one that will long be remembered, and was greatly enjoyed by all present, of whom there were nearly twenty. We are sure that it gave the good doctor inexpressible joy to again have his children and grand-children all assembled together in family reunion, and we join his many friends in wishing him many similar returns.—Goldsboro Cor. News and Observer.

Dr. R. H. Whitaker, who is writing such delightful articles, has this to say regarding Rev. C. O. DuRant: "Rev. C. O. DuRant was preaching a revival sermon, using for his text, 'In hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments; and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' About the time the preacher was making the sermon extremely awful, talking of the thirsty tongue that cried for just one drop of water to cool it, a brother who limped in walking, across from his seat, took a bucket of water that sat on a table in front of the pulpit, and with dipper in hand, went up and down the aisle watering the congregation, until he emptied the bucket and then started out to get another bucket full, when I stopped him. The congregation saw the humor in it and could not help smiling. It looked as if the brother thought he'd better water that crowd, lest they might be where there was no water very soon. I don't know what other idea could have possessed him."

Connectional

Southern Methodism is to have an institutional church in Kansas City.

Bishop Galloway will said from Vancouver July 20th for Japan. Mrs. Galloway will accompany him.

The choir of the First Methodist Church in Memphis went out on a strike last Sunday because of adverse criticism in the Epworth Messenger, the editor of which thinks that the singers should stand while rendering the "Gloria."

The Marion News of last week reported Rev. J. D. Carpenter, of the North Catawba Circuit, W. N. C. Conference, still in a very serious condition. He has been suffering with a carbuncle, and has been quite sick for several weeks.—N. C. Christian Advocate.

Dr. T. S. Wade, editor, and John A. Grose, publisher of the Methodist Episcopal Advocate, are forming a stock company for the purpose of enlarging the plant, and publishing the paper on a safer and more permanent plan, along with such other periodicals as may seem to them proper and profitable.—Exchange.

Wednesday, Commencement Day at Vanderbilt University, witnessed the graduation of eighty-six young men and women from the Academic, Engineering, Law, Biblical, and Pharmaceutical Departments. The theological class was small, consisting of only five graduates, three of whom were absent. The usual diplomas and prizes were awarded.

General Notes

New York Methodism gives $10,000 annually to deaconess work.

The General Conference created a new society known as the Church Temperance Society.

The Methodists of New England have put a man in the field to raise $250,000 as a relief fund for aged ministers.

Baptists, Methodists and Quakers are classified by the Chinese as follows: "Big Wash, Little Wash and No-Wash Christians.

The warrant under which John Bunyan was committed to Bedford jail recently sold at auction in London for over $1,500.

Dr. J. H. Vincent, recently retired from active service as bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church has been elected preacher at Harvard for next year.

The farthest north of all the Anglican mission dioceses is that of Mackenzie River, British America, 500,000 square miles in extent, to which the care of the diocese of Athabasca, 250,000 square miles more, is about to be added.

The Southern Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions recognizes the favor and blessing of God as having been manifest during its year's work. The whole number of additions in its fields has been 1,558, of which the largest number, 870, were in the African Mission.

The resignation of the Rev. Herbert Franklin Fisk, D. D., LL. D., as principal of the Northwestern University Academy, terminates a long and distinguished career in the field of education. For thirty-one consecutive years Dr. Fisk has been at the head of the institution with which he has just severed his connection.

The editor of the Living Church, published at Milwaukee, advises members of the Protestant Episcopal Church who are absent from their own churches on Sunday to attend no services whatever rather than those of other religious bodies. He says: "It is wholly impossible to overlook the grave reasons why one should not take part in the services of any of those bodies."

At the World's Sunday-school Convention at Jerusalem there were enrolled 1,536 attendants, of whom 764 came from the United States and Canada, 248 from Great Britain, and 377 from Jerusalem. The number from Jerusalem interested in Bible study is somewhat surprising, but it is in accordance with the spirit of modern times to find so large a per cent of the body from English-speaking people.

We regret to see that Fannie Crosby, the author of many of our modern, familiar hymns, such as, "Savior More Than Life to Me," "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine," etc., is really in need. It seems that she has received but small compensation for her hymns, the publishers getting the lion's share; and now, in her 84th year, she is lacking many of the comforts, if not necessaries, of life. We are glad to see that collections are being taken up in some of the Methodist churches North for her relief.

WANTED.

We would be glad to receive at least fifty copies of the Advocate of June 1, 1904, and fifty copies of June 22, 1904.

Notice.

All visitors to the Warrenton District Conference will please notify me so that I may provide homes for them. J. T. STANFORD.
Rich Square, N. C.

Atlanta's "open church" movement for people who do not go to church has built up in one year a Sunday-school with three hundred and forty scholars, nine officers, and eighteen teachers.

The Right Settlement of the Question of the Age.

There is no question of half the importance as the extension of the Master's kingdom. The Christ life is the only life worth living, and any effort as compared with the extention of the Master's kingdom is folly. A Christian life can be maintained only by seeking to project itself into a lifeless world. The question is no longer whether we shall give a few paltry dollars to the cause of missions (we now give only cents), but we must show cause why we should not go in person to carry the glad tidings to those who sit in darkness and shadow of death.

We are too ready to cry impossible; to say this or that is unreasonable; to claim that we are doing all that could be reasonably expected of us. Is this true? As against one denomination all other branches of the Christian church require 5,000 members to support a missionary, while for every ninety-two members of the Moravian Church they support a missionary in the foreign field. They have five missionaries for every pastor in the home church, while we have seventy-seven pastors for every missionary. Have the Moravians more wealth or greater liberality? We spend hundreds of dollars on what is of less importance to cents for that of greater importance.

Do you and I need Christ? Then the world needs Him. If we cannot live without Him no other one can live without Him. It was He that healed our wounds, comforted our hearts, broke off the shackles of our sin, and has given us the assurance of hope beyond this life. He only can do these things for others.

And what is a most awful fact, is that the Christians alone, among whom are we, have the knowledge of the only living and true God and of the only Savior from sin. And coordinate with this is that other fact that we are commissioned by High Heaven, yea, by the King of kings, to whom the nations are but a "drop in the bucket," and as the "small dust of the balances," to send this knowledge to those who have it not. How startling!

In the light of these things we are, as a church, to this day, playing at missions. The members of our Sunday-schools alone, by paying five cents a month, would more than pay the church's assessment for foreign and domestic missions. It is high time we were waking out of sleep.

Whatever your obligation is it too much, in view of the fact in the case and of the importance of the matter, to ask that the Leagues give the small sum of twenty-seven cents in three hundred and sixty-five days or less than seven one-hundredths of one cent a day? Ponder and act quickly. Men are dying.

Because we mistook the Texas cabinet and committee meeting that convened in Waco at the same time that the General Missionary meeting the General Epworth League Board, the College of Bishops, and other general Boards met, for a "State affair." Brother Thomasson is fearful that we will mistake their State League, that is to meet at Laporte, August 9-11, for an "international affair." No Brother Thomasson, as compared to numbers there is danger of our mistaking your "big session" for a cabinet and committee meeting unless you do as Dr. Steel advised us to do in Toronto: make up in noise what we lacked in numbers, the Yankees outnumbering us at Toronto as they did at Appomatox.

The General Epworth League Board at its recent session in Waco changed the constitution of the local chapter creating a fourth department to be known as the Department of Missions. A fourth Vice-President is to superintend this department in the same manner as the other Vice-Presidents manage their departments. I think this a wise arrangement. The supreme business of the church is the extension of the kingdom of God, as the League is of the church, so there is no greater or more important work of the League. Let every chapter, at earliest convenience, make provision for a fourth Vice-President to be known as Missionary Vice-President. Let the President of the Conference League also appoint a fourth Vice-President.

The supreme test of a Christian life is holy grief in view of God's offended majesty, sorrow on account of the sins of men because they are an offence to God. In its last analysis Christianity is neither of humanitarian, nor philanthronic concerns. "Whatsoever ye do do all to the glory of God." Christianity is philanthropic, but philanthropy is not Christianity.

The General Secretary of the League Board reported at its annual setting large prosperity in the work of the League, that every interest of the organization has gone forward. How much credit for such a report can the North Carolina Conference Leagues claim. If you are doing anything in your Chapter, brother Secretary, drop me a postal card notice.

Seven months from Conference, and Brother Crowder of the Centenary (New Bern) Chapter, enjoys the distinction of being the only Secretary who has sent us a line for these columns. Now Brother Secretary, before you lay this paper down and forget it, as you have heretofore, get a card and address it to me at Goldsboro, N. C., telling what you are doing in your chapter.

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Raleigh via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Hamlet via Richmond	37.60	31.90	26.25
Hamlet via Atlanta	37.60	31.90	26.25
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Fifteen-day excursion tickets, good returning fifteen (15) days in addition to date of sale, sold daily at rate of $24.80 from Raleigh.

Ten day special coach excursion tickets—see notices elsewhere.

Reduced rate tickets as above will be sold from other stations on the Southern Railway at proportionate rates.

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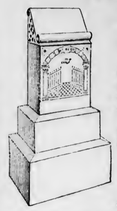
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7 20	4 15			Raleigh		9 45	6 35
7 35	4 25		S	Carsleigh Mills		9 35	6 20
7 45	4 30		F	*Sylvania		9 30	6 15
7 54	4 39		F	† Barnes		9 20	6 06
00	4 45		F	Hobby		9 14	6 00
8 15	4 52		M	†McCULLERS		9 10	5 55
8 25	4 56		F	Banks		8 58	5 40
8 30	4 59		F	Austins		8 55	5 36
8 50	5 07		S	† Willow Springs		8 40	5 20
9 05	5 15		M	† JOHNSON MILL		8 40	5 15
9 15	5 17		F	† Cardenas		8 38	5 05
9 20	5 22		S	C. F. & N. Junction		8 33	5 01
9 35	5 26		S	† Fuquay Springs		8 30	4 50
9 40	5 31		F	Buckhorn		8 20	4 35
9 45	5 36		F	Rawls		8 17	4 30
10 00	5 45		S	† Chalybeate		8 10	4 20
10 05	5 50		S	Bradley		8 00	4 06
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Secular News

STATE.

The Baptist Midsummer Meeting at Jackson Springs is being largely attended.

The Coleman cotton mills at Concord, a mill run by a negro by that name who died recently, was sold at auction under forceclosure of mortgage for $10,000. It was bid in by the Dukes.

The Fourth of July will be celebrated in Raleigh as never before in the State. There will be orations, fire works, etc. The J. O. U. A. M. are at the head of the patriotic demonstration.

Assistant Labor Commissioner W. E. Faison has tendered his resignation. Mr. Faison was recently elected head of the Junior Order United American Mechanics. His promotion, however, had nothing to do with his resignation as Assistant Commissioner, so he says.

Mr. Z. P. Smith, who has been with the Seaboard Air Line as Traveling Passenger Agent, has tendered his resignation. Mr. Smith was elected editor of the official paper of the J. O. U. A. M. at their recent session in St. Louis. The paper will be moved from Pemsylvania to Raleigh.

GENERAL NEWS.

Fire destroyed about $50,000 worth of property at the St. Louis Exposition.

The officers of the General Slocum have been indicted for manslaughter by the coroner's jury in New York.

Secretary Taft and the Panama Commission has concluded arrangements for a currency system for Panama.

The boll weevil killing ant has been put to work in this country. The ant was imported from South America, and is said to be death on the weevil.

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Prominent Prohibitionists claim that General Miles will be their candidate for President. Mr. Sam Jones was asked to run for the Vice-Presidency along with General Miles, but says he "does not ride behind anything that wears hair, and is mighty particular who rides behinds him."

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The Superintendent spent the third Sunday in the metropolis of North Carolina. A goodly congregation for summer time, gave audience to the Orphanage story at Grace Church at 11 a .m. A small one at Bladen Street at night. It was childrens' night at the Baptist Church, near by. He talked for the first time to the Sunday-school at Bladen Street at the 3.30 session, and at Grace at the 4.30. The former promised to take the matter of organization in hand soon. He asked the latter to furnish one of our dormatories, and they promised to consider the matter. Hope they will do so. It will cost $100. Webster is filling out his fourth year most efficiently and acceptably at Bladen Street.

Watson has made a fine impression at Grace. It was delightful to be domiciled at Grace parsonage.

Things that we Need.

We greatly need another cow. We do not make enough butter for our numerous family. The children like milk. But we cannot give them as much as they want. It is too expensive to buy it. Who will send us a cow?

We need guano. Our land is very poor. We sowed some oats and put no fertilizer on them and they did not get high enough to cut. So we had to graze them. Who will send us some fertilizer?

We need a big, striking clock—a calendar preferred. Tell the time of day, strike the hours and point to the day of the month. Wouldn't our boys and girls dance to the music?

Some blooded chickens would improve our poultry yard. Send along almost anything except puppies and English sparrows.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees met in the parlor of our Administration building in annual session on Tuesday, 21st inst. Several of them were absent. We greatly missed Bro. J. N. Cole, Mr. Luther Bynum, Hon. L. L. Smith, Hon. Fred A. Woodard, and his honor, Judge W. R. Allen. But Hon. Robt. N. Page, president; Mr. Jos. G. Brown,, secretary and treasurer; Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D., Mr. J. S. Wynne, R. T. Gray, Esq., Mr. Walter B. Boyd, Mayor W. E. Springer, Mr. B. B. Adams and Hon. J. A. Long, constituted a quorum quite sufficient to transact the business of the baby institution, and they did it well. It was a most harmonious meeting. They were delighted with our "sky-scraper," and did not seem to think that the orphan children would be ruined by sleeping so far above the ground. Chickens that roost high scratch well. Dr. Ivey will write up the meeting.

Passing Events.

Work is still going on here. Who will help to keep it going on? Send cheek to J. W. Jenkins, Superintendent.

Had cucumbers for dinner today.

What preacher will take his Orphanage collection within the next thirty days.

Had cymblings for dinner today.

What Sunday-school will take a collection within the next three weeks?

Had roasting ears for dinner today.

What Superintendent of Sunday-school will organize his school the Sunday after he reads this? But he may not take the Old Raleigh.

Had a big mess of big headed onions yesterday.

What pastor will see to it that his Sunday-school is organized, or all his schools?

Our black berries are getting ripe. Black tongues are the fashion here now.

What preacher, brother, friend, will help us now?

Receipts up to June 25.

Juvenile Home Mission Society, Smithfield, N. C., to furnish office, $22.00; Murfreesboro, on subs., 9.75; Wilmington, Grace, $33.00; Wilmington, Bladen Street, $4.10; a friend at Fuquay Springs, 50 cents; Edenton Street, Raleigh, $23.50; Concord Sunday-school, $5.00; Concord S. S., Jonesboro Circuit, $2.55; Concord Church, Sampson Circuit, $2.14; Smithfield S. S., $5.00; Phillips Chapel S. S., Alamance Circuit, $1.00; Rowland Circuit, $9.00; Ebenezer Church, Tar River Circuit, on subs., $6.45; Joseph Green, on window, $4.00; Carthage S. S., $19.79; Weldon S. S., $8.75; John L. Sawyer, on subs., $1.00; Pittsboro S. S., $2.55; C. C. Covington, on subs., $25.00; Grifton S. S., next to Lumberton, $7.02; Parker's S. S., for June, $5.00; Serepta S. S., ($4 for window), $10.00; Grace S. S., in full for 1904, $60.00; Mrs. Viola Underwood, $1.00.

Quarterly Meetings.

WARRENTON DISTRICT.
G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.

Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, June 19, 20
Warrenton, Hebron, June 25, 26
Littleton, Bethel, July 2, 3
Northampton, Pleasant Grove, July 5
Conway, Sharon, July 6
Murfreesboro, July 7
Bertie, White Oak, July 9, 10
Harrellsville, Colraine, July 10, 11
Hobgood, Epworth, July 15
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, July 16, 17
Scotland Neck, July 18
Roanoke Circuit, New Hope, 23, 24
Roanoke Rapids, July 23, 24
Rich Square, Woodland July 31
Rattleboro and Whitakers, Central Cross, July 20
Garysburg, Concord, Aug. 6, 7
Weldon, Aug. 7, 8
Warren, Serepta, Aug. 11
Ridgeway, Middleburg, Aug. 13, 14
Henderson, Aug. 14, 15

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.

Mt. Olive, at Faison, June 18, 19
Goldsboro Circuit, Pine Forest, June 25, 26
St. Paul, 26
District Conference, Beaufort, June 30 July 3
Jones Circuit, Shady Grove, July 9, 10
Kinston, July 10
Craven Circuit, Beech Grove, July 16, 17
Centenary, New Bern, July 17
Snow Hill Circuit, Tabernacle, July 23-24
Pamlico Circuit, Broad Creek, July 29
Oriental Circuit Arapahoe, July 30-31
Grifton Circuit, Epworth, Aug. 6-7
Atlantic Circuit, Atlantic, Aug. 10-11
Morehead City, Aug. 13-14
Hookerton Circuit, Hookerton, Aug. 13-14
Straits Circuit, Aug. 16-17
Carteret Circuit, Adam's Creek, Aug. 20-21
LaGrange Circuit, Beston, Aug. 27-28
Dover Circuit, Webb's, Sept. 3-4
St. John, Sept. 7
Mt. Olive Circuit, Bethel, 10-11

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.

Richmond Circuit, St Paul, June 25, 26
Laurenburg Station, July 2, 3
Rowland Circuit, Oak Grove, July 9, 10
Robeson Circuit, Olivet, July 15, 17
St. John and Gibson, Gibson, July 23, 24
Mt Gilead, Philadelphia, July 30, 31
Montgomery, Beulah, Aug. 6, 7
Aberdeen, Johnson's Grove, Aug. 13, 14
Red Springs, Centenary, Aug. 20, 21
Pekin, Centenary, Aug. 27, 28

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.
J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N C.
THIRD ROUND.

Kennekeet, (C. M.) June 21, 26
Hatteras, June 27
Roanoke Island, July 3, 4
Perquimans, Bethany, July 9, 10
Gates, Philadelphia, (D. C.) July 13, 17
North Gates, Parker's, July 17, 18
Camden, Newlands, July 23, 24
Elizabeth City (First Church), night, July 24
Moyock, Concord, July 30, 31
Currituck, Mt. Zion, Aug 6, 7
Kitty Hawk, Aug 7, 8
Columbia, Aug 13, 14
Dare, Aug 14, 15
Pantego and Belhaven, Aug 20, 21
Roper, Pleasant Grove, Aug 27, 28
Plymouth, Aug 28, 29

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.

Brooklyn and Macedonia, Macedonia, June 25, 26
Central, June 26
Youngsville, Rock Springs, July 2, 3
Clayton, July 9, 10
Oxford Ct., Bethel, July 16, 17
Millbrook, July 23
Epworth, July 24
Granville, July 30, 31
Oxford Station, July 31
Kenly, August 6, 7
Wakefield, August 8
Tar River, Trinity, August 13, 14
Louisburg, August 14, 15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.

Fremont, Yelverton, June 25, 26
South Rocky Mount, night, June 29
Bath, Bethany, July 2, 3
Washington, night, July 4
Robersonville, Jamesville, July 9, 10
Rocky Mount, night, July 13
Swan Quarter, Statesville, July 16, 17
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, July 19
Matamuskeet, Mt. Pleasant, July 21
Fairfield, July 23, 24
Farmville, Long, July 30, 31
Nashville, Bethford, August 6, 7
Springhope, Gold Valley, August 8
Bethel, Conetoe, August 13, 14
Tarboro, night, August 14
Grimesland & Vanceboro, Providence, Aug 20, 21
Greenville, night, Aug 22
Aurora, Campbell's Creek, Aug 27, 28

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.

Milton, Providence, June 25, 26
Hillsboro, Walnut Grove, July 2, 3
Leasburg, Union, July 9, 10
Chapel Hill, July 16, 17
Yanceyville, Prospect, July 23, 24
Alamance, Clover Garden, August 6, 7
Burlington, Prospect, August 13, 14
Burlington Station, August 21, 22
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.

Dunn Station, June 25, 26
Haw River, Ebenezer, July 2, 3
Carthage, Ingram Branch, July 8, 10
Elise, Mt. Carmel, July 9, 10
Siler City, Mt. Vernon, July 16, 17
Jonesboro, (District Conference), July 23, 24
Pittsboro, Chatham, July 30, 31
Lillington, Cool Springs, August 6, 7
Buckhorn, Harnett Chapel, August 13, 14
Sanford, Lemon Springs, August 20, 21
Goldstone, Maroneys, August 27, 28
Newton Grove, September 3, 4
Duke, September 10, 11
Sampson, September 17, 18
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 24, 25

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.

Bladen Circuit, Doema, June 25, 26
Jacks and Richlands, Haw Branch, July 2, 3
Town Creek, Summerville, July 9, 10
Bladen Street, July 10
Clinton, Goshen, July 16, 17
Whiteville, Evergreen, July 23, 24
Southport, District Conference, July 28, 31
Carver's Creek, Wayman, August 6, 7
Magnolia, Trinity, August 12
Kenansville, Charity, August 13, 14
Elizabeth, Union, August 20, 21
Shallotte, New Hope, August 27, 28
Onslow, Swanboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Burgaw, September 10, 11
Grace, September 13

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Marriages

WOOD—HICKS.—On June 1st, at residence of J. A. Williams, Hilliardston, N. C., by Rev. J. M. Benson, Wiley R. Wood, of Wilson, to Miss Ophelia Hicks, of Hilliardston.

STRICKLAND — BATCHELOR. —At the Methodist Church in Nashville, May 11, 1904, N. L. Strickland, of Spring Hope, to Miss Cleora Batchelor, Rev. J. M. Benson officiating.

PEARSON—FARMER.—May 11, 1904, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Rocky Mount, N. C., by Rev. W. S. Bone, Mr. J. M. Pearson, of Spring Hope, N. C., to Miss Florine M. Farmer, of Rocky Mount, N. C.

TAYLOR — BARKER. — At the residence of the bride's mother in Stella, Carteret County, N. C., on the 25th of May, 1904, Mr. J. P. Taylor, of Chattanooga, Tenn., to Miss Ola M. Barker, Rev. W. A. Jenkins officiating.

Obituaries

Obituaries containing not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

SNEAD.—Mrs. Lucy Ellen Snead died suddenly at her home on the 4th of September, 1903. Aged about 50 years. She was a valued member of Sneads Grove Church. Her house was the preachers' home. She was always thoughtful and kind. If there were any sick in the community she seemed to be on of the first to know it. If any who needed a special visit from the pastor she knew them, and would always inform her pastor. She was always interested in her church and pastor, and will be sadly missed in her church and community. She left a host of friends to mourn their loss, bu tour loss is her gain. To the son and daughter who survive her, we would say: Follow in her footsteps, follow her as she followed Christ. May a kind Providence guide you to the haven of eternal rest.

CHAS. O. DURANT, P. C.

POWELL.—Miss Anna Lee Powell, born September 4, 1883, died at Wilmington, N. C., May 26, 1904, after a long struggle with typhoid fever.

Her life seems short, but it was one that was unusually full of devotion, faithfulness, and helpfulness. She joined the Methodist Church at the age of thirteen, henceforth her Christianity was not a mere profession but a Christ-like life of devotion to duty. "Faithful unto death" might truthfully be written on her tombstone, for it was her devoted watching and constant service at the bedside of a little sufferer with typhoid fever that so weakened her own body that she could not longer resist the ravages of disease. She often talked of little Evelyn, and was almost glad, it seemed, to go and sleep by her side in beautiful Oakdale cemetery. The flowers bloom around their graves, the birds sing in trees, but Evelyn and Anna clothed in celestial bodies are together living with the risen Christ.

HENDERSON.—Hezekiah Henderson was born October 10, 1844, and died March 16, 1904. He was married to Miss Sallie J. Durham, December 23, 1873. There were seven children born to them, three of whom preceded him to the spirit world. A faithful wife and four children survive him. Brother Henderson was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Brown's Chapel, when quite a young man. He was a faithful and true Christian. For many years an official in the church. Meeting well and faithfully the duties of whatever office he was called to fill.

As a citizen and neighbor he had the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. The cry of the poor touched him, and his hand was always open to them.

He was a friend of education. He gave his children the best our church schools could give them. His donations to our educational institutions was liberal for his means.

His death was sudden but he was ready. We laid his remains to rest in the yard of the church he loved so well. We shall miss him here, but when we get "over yonder," we shall see him again.

May God comfort the bereaved ones. JAS. H. FRIZELLE. P. C.

DuRANT.—Winnie A. DuRant was born in Brunswick County, November 13, 1822, and died Friday morning April 29, 1904, at half past 4 o'clock. She was married to Thomas A. DuRant, November 6, 1844. To this union were born five children, all of whom are devout men and women, and one is now a member of the North Carolian Conference, Rev. C. O. DuRant. She joined the M. E. Church, South, when she was of the age of eleven. Though she began the Christian life so young, yet she never fell from her steadfastness; but amid all the storms of life she leaned upon the "everlasting arms." She was always loyal to her church, and she worshipped at the altars of the M. E. Church for nearly seventy years. Her character was spotless, and is worthy of imitation. She was a model woman. She is one of God's children who has played her part well in the world, and her work is finished, and God has taken his tired child in his own loving arms, and she has fallen on sleep, and is at rest.

Sister DuRant was a good mother. She loved her children; she so loved them that she always set them a good example in her daily walk in life. And the children so loved their mother that they accepted the example she gave them, and adopted as their model life. And today her children are all loved and honored for their piety. The deceased was not only loved by her children, but by all who knew her, and in her death the community has lost one of its best women, the church one of its most loyal members, and the children their best friend—a true Christian mother.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep.
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes."

W. R. ROYALL.

WILSON.—Mary O., wife of Jas. R. Wilson, and daughter of R. S. Vaughan, was born in Warren County, North Carolina, about fifty-five years ago, and died in Durham, N. C., May 27, 1904. She and her husband grew up together in the same neighborhood, attended the same schools, married early in life, and were truly devoted each to the other. Of this union were born nine children, all of whom, with their father, still live. The wife and mother was of such as Solomon wrote: "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

Sister Wilson was for many years a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, and a faithful Christian. As a mother she trained her children well, and as she became conscious that she must soon leave them she expressed desire to be buried near where they lived, gave them parting

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This writer in his boyhood was a neighbor and a schoolmate of the deceased and her husband, and was always their friend; and now after the lapse of years and years, during which he saw them only at long intervals of time, it has come to pass that he was resident in the same city, held the funeral service and buried her. He gladly bears testimony to her worth, unaffected by circumstances. J. T. GIBBS.

Resolutions of Respect.

As members of the Sunday-school Missionary Society of Cedar Grove, we desire to express our love for the memory of our departed brother, Matthew Atwater, and to record our estimate of his virtues; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Atwater the community loses a citizen of inestimable worth; our church and missionary society loses a loyal consistent and valuable member.

2. That we deeply sympathise with the bereaved family, and commend them to God, who doeth all things well.

3. That, though conscious of our loss, we bow to the sovereign will of God.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of our society, and sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

ROBERT I. MEACHAM,
FLETCHER E. STROUD,
F. MARVIN MANN,
Committee.

Resolutions of respect adopted by Zion W. F. Missionary Society, on the death of Mrs. Sophia J. Taylor.

Resolved 1. That in the death of Mrs. Taylor, we have lost a faithful member of our Society. We the members of the Society do sadly mourn our great loss, realizing that one of our most consecrated and faithful members has been taken from among us.

2. That this, our tribute of love to our sister gone home to heaven, be recorded in the transactions of our Society, and finally, that we mourn her because of our loss, knowing and believing that in the bosom of her God, safe from the sadness and toils of this world, she lives and is glorified for her work for her Father's kingdom here below. We rejoice in her pure life, that she fought the good fight, that she kept the faith, that she chose the better part which cannot be taken from her. We thank God for the faith that Job of old had, that makes us know that her immortal spirit has returned to the God she loved.

MRS. G. H. CANNON,
MRS. E. G. GOODMAN,
MRS. O. A. DuRANT.

Whereas, God, in His all-wise providence, has called one of our members from labor to rest; therefore be it

Resolved by Cedar Grove Sunday-school Missionary Society, That in the death of Miss Callie Neville, the Society has lost a faithful member, the Sunday-school a true pupil, the church one of its brightest young ladies. She was converted while quite young, and gave her hand to the church.

In her sickness she suffered much but was submissive, and left a bright testimony. We feel assured she has gone to that better land where there is no suffering.

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy, and pray them look to Him who makes no mistakes. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Society record, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and one to the Advocate for publication.

(Signed)
J. M. DURHAM.
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HISTORY OF THE DEPARTURE.

REV. J. M. CULBRETH.

The cut on this page represents the result of three years of toil and struggle by a small congregation in the outskirts of Raleigh. Four years ago this little band numbered some fifty-five members. Their cause was considered by many a forlorn hope. The location of the church was represented by some to be the explanation of its weakness. Acting on this suggestion, the only available corner lot in the northern end of the city proper was secured, and in a year's time the purchase price, $600.00, was raised. Not exceeding $150.00 of this amount was contributed by outsiders. A better lot being placed on the market just at this time, the first one was sold at an advantage of $75.00, and the second one secured. Here the enterprise halted. It began to be apparent that a change of location was not the solution to our difficulty. A number of the church membership lost interest in the church, because they saw that situation of the building was going to be changed. During the summer of 1903 a plan was submitted to the Board of Trustees, which proposed to sell the lot recently purchased in the city and invest the proceeds of the sale in improvements upon the old church building. Without an objection, the plan was adopted. In the latter part of October work was begun, with a fund of $735.00 on hand. The building, as shown in the cut, with interior improvements, has cost a little more than $2,000.00. Of the part of this amount not on hand at the beginning, the Epworth congregation had, up to June 26th, subscribed and paid considerably more than $400.00. The membership of Edenton Street Church had helped to the extent of $261.00.

THE CUNINGGIM MEMORIAL SERVICE.

During the month of March, a handsome art glass memorial window was placed in the south end of the auditorium in memory of "Uncle Jess." Cuninggim. A veil was drawn over the window with a view to making the taking away of the veil the occasion of a great rally in behalf of the church. After some difficulties had been overcome, Bishop W. W. Duncan graciously promised to preach a memorial sermon in the church on the 21st of June. On the eve of the date mentioned, he was imperatively summoned to Nashville, Tenn., on official business, and was compelled to disappoint us. The special service was postponed till Sunday morning, June 26th, and Dr. T. N. Ivey was secured to preach the sermon. That morning will long be remembered by those who crowded the new building on that occasion. The altar and pulpit of the auditorium were beautified with palms and other potted plants. The music was inspiring. And Dr. Ivey was at his best. He closed with a reference to "Uncle Jesse," whose life of loyalty and sacrifice had suggested the lofty thoughts of the truly eloquent discourse.

Immediately after the sermon a collection was taken, and $340.00 in cash and gold bond subscriptions was raised without difficulty. At the same hour at Edenton Street Church an offering was made which brought the total contribution of that congregation to within the neighborhood of $300.00. It remains to provide for only $125.00, and the entire cost of the improvements made will have been paid.

PRESENT CONDITION OF THE CHURCH.

During the latter part of April a revival started at Epworth which lasted twenty days. There were nearly forty conversions and renewals together and thirty-five accessions. The membership now numbers 110.

The Sunday-school has made a net gain in membership since January 1st of eighty-five, and has a total enrolment of one hundred and forty-two, with an average attendance of nearly one hundred. The Sunday-school library consists of more than two hundred and thirty select volumes, which have recently been catalogued and placed in a new case. The primary department numbers thirty-five scholars enrolled, and is furnished with other necessary equipment.

The only Junior Epworth League in the Raleigh District is at Epworth Church. A Senior Chapter also has been active a long time, and is accomplishing most excellent results.

With all the burden of rebuilding and reorganization resting upon its shoulders, Epworth has contributed $27.50 to the Orphanage this year and $4.00 to the Sunday-school Board for needy Sunday-schools. The prospects for a full financial report at Conference are good.

In all the work, the burden of our song is: "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

STREAKS IN THE EAST.

As an evidence of the fact that the church paper is considered a necessary part of a church official's equipment, the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church made the following suggestion in their pastoral address to the General Conference at Los Angeles:

"The Quarterly Conference shall not be at liberty to elect or approve for membership therein any steward, class leader, trustee, Sunday-school superintendent, or Epworth League president who is a subscriber to some one of our weekly church papers."

It is safe to say that while no such recommendation has come officially from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the principle on which the recommendation was based at Los Angeles is just as strong and vital among us.

That question in the Discipline relating to the circulation of the church paper, and asked at each Quarterly Conference was the result of the memorial which came from the Raleigh Christian Advocate through the Annual Conference. There were only a few editors at Dallas who seemed to give it any attention. They knew not the "day of their merciful visitation." But the question became a part of the Discipline and there is not a church paper in the Connection which has not been benefitted by it.

The church paper is at last coming into its own. When it shall be considered a vital agency of the church, its day of grief will have passed.

Contributions

On Uniformity of Worship.

REV. E. A. WRIGHT.

Not long since, I saw published in at least two of the religious papers of the South, viz: "The Alabama" and "The Raleigh Christian Advocates," the Order of Worship, adopted by the joint committee appointed by the General Conferences of the Northern and Southern branches of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and approved by some of the Bishops of the two churches, to be used, hereafter, in all public worship of these two great churches, throughout their entire borders. This form of worship is given to the churches, if I am rightly informed, as a substitute for that which was adopted years ago—perhaps one hundred years ago, as a much desired improvement of the present form of worship, as laid down in the Discipline, on page 95, chapter 6, "The means of grace," setcion 1 of "Public Worship," which reads as follows: Question 1. What directions are given for uniformity of worship?

217 answer 1: The morning service shall be conducted in the following order:

(1) Singing—the congregation standing.
(2) Prayer—the congregation kneeling.
(3) Reading a lesson out of the Old Testament, and another out of the New.
(4) Singing—the congregation sitting.
(5) Preaching.
(6) Singing—the congregation standing.
(7) Prayer—the congregation kneeling.
(8) Benediction.

218 Answer 2.

The afternoon and evening service shall be the same as the morning, except that one of the lessons, or both, may be omitted, at the discretion of the minister.

Now, the above uniformity of worship, simple and plain, was adopted by our fathers in the church away back in the dim past, and has been observed for years on years, by the people known as Methodists, in all their churches—in crowded cities and out in the rural districts, and has become familiar to all our people, old and young, male and female, and, not only this, but has, also, been delighted in by our Zion all along through these multiplied years—has proved a "means of grace" to the saints of God, and, under its Divine unction, so carried out by Holy Ghost preachers, many a soul has been converted, brought out of nature's darkness into the light and liberty of new born sons of light, and I, for one, see no necessity in making a change. Besides the "new Uniformity of Worship" is far more ornate and sublime perhaps than the old, yet we have been often told by holy men of God that the more we cultivate them, the more we unify the spirituality of the worshippers. Under the "New Uniformity," the congregation is required to repeat, after the pastor, the Apostle's Creed, sing with the choir, the "Te Deum," and read, at the morning service, a Psalm, alternately, with pastor; that is to say, the pastor reads one verse, and the congregation unitedly the next verse, and thus on through a whole, or a part of a Psalm. All these things, I suspect, will have a tendency to kill out the spirituality of the worship. And, in addition to all this, the "New Uniformity" throws our church too near back to the Ritualism of the Church of England, or the Protestant Episcopal Church of America. The further we can steer our bark from the "Mother Church," from which we separated, under the Reformation of the Wesley's and the Whitefield's the better it will be for our beloved Methodism. Let's try to keep the form of worship as pure and simple as possible. The time has not come, and I trust never will, when we, as Methodists, must imitate the Protestant Episcopal Church in form of worship. The "old Uniformity" of worship, if carried out rigorously by our pastors, is good enough for me. Under the unctious preaching of our old-time preachers—and their prayers, indited by the Holy Ghost, and the soul-inspiring songs of God's redeemed ones, in the good old times of the past, as carried on under the old and present form of worship, many a soul has been woed from sin to the path of righteousness, and many a saint has been made to raise a shout of victory in the camp of Israel.

One thing required by the "New Order," I like very much, and that is, it requires all members when they have entered the church, and taken their seats, to kneel, and send up a silent prayer to the Throne, and also requires all to kneel during public prayers, "facing the preacher." This is requiring the members to come back to the customs of our fathers and mothers, to a time within the memory of your scribe—during his short sojourn in this "vale of tears"—not extending further back than fifty years, into the dim vista of the past. In those days, all the people kneeled, but time is now they kneel no more, (except a few "faithful ones")—the people, as we know, just merely bend forward and recline their heads upon the back of the benches in front. They are either too stiff-kneed to bend the joints thereof, or else their pride is so great as to forbid their getting down upon their knees. These things should not be so—they should show forth their reverence for God, by humbly kneeling before His Holy presence when in the sanctuary they meet to send up their worship to His Holiness. This formal way of just bending the neck in prayer, can be corrected by the preacher in a very short time, if he will only take the pains to politely request the people to kneel, when called to prayer. This is my custom out in the country, when I preach, and generally the people comply with my request, and devoutly kneel. Let's try to make the "Old Uniformity" more uniform all over our land, and all will work well; and let's stand by the old form of worship and enforce it, at all times, and thus keep as far away from the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Northern Methodist Church, as possible, bearing in mind that an ornate, etheeal, grand and beautiful form or worship, mixed with too much ritualism, will kill out spirituality. Let us "stand and see, and enquire for the good old paths, and walk therein." Like good old time religion, the "Old Order," as "a means of grace," is good enough for me.

Birmingham, Ala., June 25, 1904.

A Plea for the Pulpit.

JULIAN L. RUMLEY.

This is a moving age. The terms "strenuous life," "bring things to pass," are being emphasized in all walks and in all departments of life as never before. The life and work of the preacher are being touched at all points by this spirit of the age and he is called on to display in his make-up a combination of elements equal to those possessed by many in other walks of life. But, just as a railroad train is required to have brakes to check it in its rapid speed in cases of emergency, even so, this "strenuous" spirit may need to put on brakes lest it carry us too fast if not too far.

The preacher of the gospel is called on to be exercised by this "strenuous" spirit in all departments of his work; but, it may be well to enquire upon what should he put the most emphasis?

While the labors of the preacher are multiform and he is called on to be a man of affairs, he at the same time is not to forget the first duty he owes is to his pulpit; there he is to be a prince of power and his other labors should not cause him to desist from his rule of preparing himself for his ministrations to the people.

In this rapid age is there not danger of the preacher forgetting that the most important aim of his life is to unfold the Scriptures in their power and beauty to the people, so that he may win them to a better life? Is not the spirit that is dominating this materialistic age invading the sacred precincts of the pulpit making the preaching of the Word secondary to other things?

The time and thought of the preacher in many places are largely taken up in the building of new churches or in the improvement of those already built, and in securing funds for the many benevolent enterprises of the church; then, he is also to show a wonderful tact in the organization of various societies for church work, the efforts of many of these being directed towards success along financial lines. Surely, all work of this kind is important; but, is it fair that he be rated according to his ability to do these things alone, while his ability to honestly, fearlessly and forcefully expound the Word of God is seldom given equal prominence along with these other things?

If the preaching of the Word be not the most important part of the preacher's work, why not establish departments in connection with our theological schools to train the student in the most practical plans of erecting church buildings and in the use of clever schemes of ecclesiastical financiering? Why allow him to give his best thought in obtaining a knowledge of the Scriptures so that he may adapt its teachings to the needs of the people and then go forth to his work to discover later on that he is to be judged as to his fitness for his calling more by his ability to do other things than by his ability to do that which he thought to be the most important part of his life's work?

It seems that the world's present standard of judging men in the social, political and financial walks of life, is the ability to set up a claim in these several spheres of life, and to maintain that claim at all hazards. Men go forth into the world flaunting their claim before the eyes of people and without challenge it is accepted. The rightful foundation of that claim is not looked into since the "strenuous" spirit of the age does not allow the time to enquire carefully into such. The spirit of the "hustler" is the thing of the day; modesty and conservatism are put down at a discount, while intelligence, piety and conscientious impulses in man are worth little, if anything, at all, in the eyes of the world. The slogan is, "by any means and by all means bring things to pass, for on account of your ability to do this the superficial judgment of the world will admit your claim, and pass upon your worth accordingly!" Is there not danger of this false standard of the world being set up in the church, and of its affecting the preacher in his plans and the thoughts for the future? The Apostle John delivers the following exhortation, which may be well heeded in our day: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

Robersonville, N. C.

Rowland Charge.

Our new church at Rowland is complete outside, including paint. We think it is a right pretty church. Hope to worship in it this year. We are paaying as we go. The house will cost about two thousand dollars.

At Centenary we have built a vestibule this year, and the house is now being painted. Good for that class.

Our Children's Day exercises at each of our schools were good. The aggregate collection was $18.00.

Rev. Jesse R. Graddy, al ocal Elder, died at his home, June 5, 1904. He was a good man.

The delegates from this circuit—Bros. J. R. Burns, H. M. John, W. F. Adams, and J. W. Crawford—are urged to attend the District Conference at Gibson July 20 and 24, 1904.

In His service,

J. W. BRADLEY, P. C.

June 17, 1904.

"Thou loving God, send unto me
Thy Holy Spirit, watch to keep
Upon the threshold of my heart,
That naught impure within may creep;
And grant unto my tired mind
The peace of holiness, that strife
And worldliness and sin may find
No door unguarded all my life. Amen."
—Annette Schuyler Harrison.

Some Thoughts on Education.

J. C. HORNER.

North Carolina is making rapid progress in education and wealth. In many sections every child will receive a liberal education. Those who are less fortunate will find themselves in a missionary plight when they find themselves at the bottom of our civilization.

It is also true that those who receive the highest education willb e at the top of the ladder. Many of our successful and wealthy citizens are making terrible blunders in the education of their children. The law of nature is action and reaction. As communities change from temperance to license and from license back to temperance, so extremes in other matters change back and forth. The wealthy citizen of to-day laid his treasures by toil and self-denial. It was a hard life, but the grinding developed him into a man. With love for his children, he brings them up in ease and self-indulgence. He sends them to the finely equipped school, where all the modern improvements are found and every facility for learning is pretended. The old adage, there is no royal road to learning, is forgotten. Each boy is allowed to select his own course of study, and without experience he selects the one that requires the least labor. Everything must be done that will enable him to learn with least labor to himself. Is it a wonder that such a boy, when he enters college or the struggle of life, is undeveloped and soft? Yes, the boys from the most wealthy families do not generally take the front in the busy world. It is true that blood will tell, and in spite of the difficulties of a misguided education, many get down to work and dig their way to success. Thus the man of toil succeeds, and raises children of ease and extravagance who are failures.

Our successful men as a rule come from those families where the children secure an education under difficulties. The boy that overcomes obstacles and forges his way by personal effort is an overmatch for the soft fellow reared in luxury, or the fellow who in false pride spends his father's hard-earned dollars in trying to live like the boy of wealth. Extravagance is found everywhere. If the demand was only for better teachers and for better and more nutritious food, no objection could be raised. But the demands is for more luxury, more ease, more latitude, and less work. If a boy has some poorly developed faculty, and consequently has difficulty in learning certain branches, the trouble must be met not by grinding but by shirking, and the difficult studies must be discontinued. The school, that says no, generally loses the boy. As the twig is bent, so grows the tree. Every careful planter prunes and corrects a one-sided tree. But when it comes to his boy, the indulgent parent lets his boy follow his bent and leave off what he has difficulty with, and does not see that his child is growing up lop-sided in his mental development. Our schools must yield and supply what is demanded. Examine the catalogues of our most largely patronized institutions, and you will find the few taking the curriculum which made scholars in the past, and the many taking the new courses and the so-called special course, provided for the fellows who want only to go to college and nothing more. They remind me of the farm negro who said that he had been to college—he blacked shoes there. Yes, today, multitudes are going to college, but not many are becoming scholars. They are learning ease and extravagance. They are attending banquets, they are smoking and drinking.

Your boy must have money to keep pace with the other fellows. You don't want your boy to be stingy. He must join the fraternity that has the best social class in it. In theory this sounds well. But your boy is learning to gratify every want and wants more. The mortal has never lived who gratified every want and did not want more. Read Rasselas if you have forgotten that story and its sequel. Again the law of nature must assert itself and reaction follow. Your boy spends the money you accumulated and his children in turn must toil and labor and rise to the top in their old age. And so the mill grinds on. Only a few well-balanced families escape such vicissitudes.

Our legislators demand of our State institutions numbers in proportion to the dollars appropriated, and by the law of political economy the demands creates the supply—the institutions are filled with pupils whether prepared or unprepared to enter; and overloaded with material that cannot be digested, the whole body suffers. When the demand comes for better scholarship our institutions will supply it. But the question of the hour is, how are we going to create this demand. The masses are now being educated, indeed they are about to skip high schools and colleges and go to the university. To be a leader in your community, you must then secure a better scholarship than the masses. You must put aside ease and extravagance and grind and grub, if you attain learning. It is harder to-day to do this than ever before in our history, because it is hard to find a place where one can grind and grub, free from the allurements of ease and extravagance. Then, too, endowed institutions and gifts of the wealthy are making paupers of the masses. Education is now in reach of all at a small cost. Free tuition and cheap board is offered to nearly everyone, rich and poor. The dollars of the boys are spent in learning extravagance. When tuition costs the boy nothing, the opportunities offered by it have no value to him.

The amount of improvement a boy gets is directly in proportion to the amount of mental work he does. Every facility provided to relieve him from work does its part in lessening his improvement. Every dollar spent in extravagance is more than wasted. It develops new wants, it furnishes diversion, it preverts the tastes. This evil of extravagance is a difficult one to overcome. I once heard a talented and very devout preacher say that he sent three-fourths of his salary to his son at college, and supported his family on the other fourth. That college son turned out a failure and the other son never went to college, but has been more successful than his brother. Both went to school to me and the college boy was far more talented.

What is the lesson to be learned? Give your son a chance for an education, but restrain his extravagance. Let him know that it costs you something, and that he must not waste his opportunities; that he must meet and overcome difficulties, not shirk them; that he should seek scholarship and not simply to go to college; that the difficult curriculum develops the mind, and the course which requires little work gives but little improvement; that his weak facilities should not lie idle and waste away. Urge your son to study and apply himself with zeal. If he fails to do this, support the teacher in his efforts to require it. With boys the most popular courses of study and as for the most popular schools are those that require little study, and make poor scholars. Systematic study, systematic exercise and a nutritious diet are as essential for your son as a well-balanced ration is for your cow. You experiment and consult scientific authorities for the development of your cow; why not use the same care in selecting the best curriculum for the development of your son's mind? The average parent leaves the choice to his darling boy who is without experience, foresight, or wisdom, or conscientious concern.

Statement of Rev. A. B. Crumpler Corrected.

The following statement published by Rev. A. B. Crumpler in his Preface to the Discipline of the Holiness Church, does very great injustice to the Methodist Church.

He says: "In October, 1899, I was tried under the charge of immorality, for preaching the glorious doctrines of Methodism, when asked not to do so by a Methodist preacher."

This statement charges the Methodist Church with doing the singular thing of regarding the preaching of her doctrines as an immorality, and of endeavoring to punish one of her members for preaching them. No church would stultify itself by such a procedure. The statement of Mr. Crumpler is wholly incorrect as to the cause of his trial.

The facts show that he was not asked not to preach the doctrines of Methodism, and that he was tried for a wilful violation of the discipline of his church, after repeated and legal efforts were made to induce him not to violate it.

The facts are these: Mr. Crumpler proposed to hold a series of services in the bounds of the pastoral charge of Rev. G. W. Starling, who was then on Cokesberry Circuit. Mr. Starling did not think it wise, or proper, to hold the meetings at the time and place indicated, and wrote Mr. Crumpler a letter courteously requesting him not to hold the meetings, and referred him to paragraph 301 of our Discipline, which forbids any preacher or layman holding a meeting in the bounds of a charge, when requested by the pastor of the charge not to do so.

Mr. Crumpler held the services, in the face of this request of Mr. Starling, and despite of the efforts of his own pastor, and three of his brethren who waited on him according to the order of our Discipline, and endeavored to persuade him to conform to the law of his church.

It was for this offense against the Discipline that he was tried, and for that alone.

The Discipline provides (par. 295), that in the case of "improper tempers, words, or actions, private reproof shall be given by preacher or leader, and if there be no acknowledgment of the fault or promise of amendment, the preacher must take with him two or three faithful friends who shall labor with him, and if he will not hear them or give sign of amendment, he must be dealt with as in case of immorality."

These steps were taken with Mr. Crumpler. He paid no proper heed to them, and he was tried for immorality according to the law of the church.

The specifications was the violation of the Discipline (par. 301). Mr. Crumpler had solemnly vowed at the altar of the Methodist Church to "be subject to the Discipline of the church," and this vow he deliberately and wilfully violated, in opposition to the efforts of his pastor and brethren to induce him to keep his vow.

This constituted the immorality of his actions, and for this, and for this alone, he was tried.

There is not a word in Mr. Starling's letter to him about what doctrines he should preach, nor is there any mention of the doctrines preached, in the "bill of charges and specifications."

I wrote him a private, personal letter, calling his attention to the inaccuracy of his statement, and the serious wrong done the Church by it, with a request that he correct it. I did this because I thought it fair to him to give him a chance to put himself right, and save himself from the embarrassment of a public correction of it by myself. I cannot afford to let my church rest under such a charge, knowing it to be incorrect.

He published my private letter in his paper, the "Holiness Advocate," gave some facts relating to the trial, and concludes by saying: "The statement in the Holiness Discipline does accord with the facts," thus reiterating the statement that he had made. I have no recourse left me but to thus publicly vindicate our church from the misrepresentation involved in Mr. Crumpler's statement.

I regret that he allowed himself to print so erroneous a charge against the Methodist Church, and I regret much more that he continues to hold to his statement when his attention has been called to it, and when there is nothing in all the case that justifies it.

F. D. SWINDELL.

Goldsboro, N. C.

"Peace Upon Earth."

The peace of God which passeth thought,
The peace of Christ, which changeth not.

Peace flowing on without decrease,
From Him, who is our joy and peace,
Who by His reconciling blood,
Hath made the sinner's peace with God.

Peace through the night, and through the day;
Peace through the windings of our way;
In pain and toil, and weariness;
To deep and everlasting peace.

Oh! King of Peace, this peace bestow,
Upon thy creature here below;
Oh! God of Peace, Thy peace impart;
To mine, and every trombled heart.

The Field

Roper.

Dear Advocate:—The first Sunday in June was a red-letter day with our people in Roper. We had Children's Day services. It was an occasion of deep interest to young and old. Our loyal layman, L. G. Roper, Treasurer of the Sunday-school Board of our Conference, is also superintendent of two Sunday-schools, each of which is worthy of special mention. He is indeed a Sunday-school worker, a great lover of children. Supported by his wife, a most cheerful and efficient helper and a valuable leader among the young people, every one felt that a very profitable and enjoyable hour awaited us. The house was filled to overflowing. The select songs and other exercises were beautiful and impressive. It was well done! The contribution was $9.50.

The pastor and his family are now housed in a neat and comfortably furnished parsonage. Every room from front to rear is bright and attractive. This is the work mainly of the ladies of our Woman's Home Mission Society. It is their judgment, energy, and good taste to which we are indebted. They were aided in a liberal and substantial way by our Junior League, Senior League and individuals. The Trustees had made some valuable improvements on the building.

This is a goodly heritage. Embracing the third Sunday in July, we expect to hold a revival meeting. Brother Glenn is to be with us. We are looking for a time of refreshing. Pray for us.

W. F. CRAVEN.

Kennekeet Camp-Meeting.

Seeing in the Advocate that a camp-meeting was to be at held Kennekeet from June 21 to 28, I determined to take a ride on the water team.

I left Beaufort June 21st, and arrived at Ocracoke before night the same day. All the country between Beaufort and Ocracoke is on the up-grade. Oysters, clams and fish abound, and the fishermen now sell everything at their door the day the catch is made. The steam launches from Morehead City call daily with the cash. It looks like another country.

At Ocracoke I was met by the pastor, Rev. R. R. Grant, who took me at once to the parsonage to show me his new baby. She is a fine girl three months old just like the sort that Hyde County produces. Sister Grant, who was a Miss Carter from Hyde County, was well and happy. She makes an ideal Methodist preacher's wife. Religion, with her, is first of all. Her people have been devout, praying Methodists for more than a hundred years and will always remain so.

Presiding Elder Underwood was in charge of the camp-meeting. He knows how to run a meeting, and is quite a revivalist. Sometimes we hear it said: 'He's a lovely pastor and good preacher, but he is not a revivalist." This ought not to be said of any Methodist preacher, and would not if we all would make soul-saving the first concern. Underwood seems to be in love with his preachers and they in love with him.

Rev. Andrew Price, in charge of Kennekeet Circuit, is a local preacher who can preach.

Kennekeet is his old home. He is one of them and has enough horse sense to run the whole inland."

Other denominations seeking members on Price's work soon realize that they have struck a regular Hatteras gale and retreat.

On Tuesday afternoon, shortly after my arrival, the Manteo mail boat came in and brought Revs. Parker, Church, and Towe, and then the battle began. Parker is a strong preacher. Church is like a hundred horse saw mill, with a new saw just filed, and Towe is as gentle and sweet as my first girl was forty years ago. For two or three days it looked defeat, but on Friday night, we had a large company at the altar for prayers and thirty-three professed and gave their names for membership.

I left Saturday morning, but feel sure that Saturday and Sunday were days of many conversions.

This letter is getting too long but I don't want to close without saying something. A few of the good sisters engaged in shouting on Friday night. There was a day when the propriety of shouting was not questioned among Methodist preachers, but now we hear of no little objection, especially from our so-called leaders. They say that "they want things done decently and in order." So does the devil. "Opposed to demonstrations." So is the devil. But "some people who shout are—not good." Yes, and some who preach are not good. Shall we therefore stop preaching?

A country mother works hard to educate her boy to preach and after he gets back from the cemetary, as Sam Jones calls it, her heart is pained to hear him ridicule his ancestors for shouting forjoy. Brother, I would not do that; I'd be decent if I had back-slidden.

Young preachers of to-day shout at the base-ball, but condemn shouting at a Methodist meeting. Let us preach and practice the whole Bible.

Shouting is as much enjoined as praying.

St. John said that he heard an hundred and forty-four thousand shouting the praises of God in heaven.

If we all get to heaven we will need the people of the banks to teach us how to shout. "Shout for joy all ye who are upright in heart."

J. V. WILLIAMS.

Beaufort, N. C., June 1904.

Hope Mills.

Dear Brethren:—"Best of all is, God is with us." I report an increase this year to date of one hundred—eighty-two on profession, eighteen by certificate. Have held three revivals. I mean revivals—I mean revivals, not simply meetings. Have three more to hold and expect great results at all of them. Hope Mills charge is on the move. I have had great help from Bros. Jones and Mercer and young Bro. Pattishall, an exhorter, and many laymen. The church has held up our hands. This charge contains many of the savory salt kind.

I expect to go to District Conference at Jonesboro with all collections secured. We will soon erect a nice new parsonage of six rooms and two new churches. To God be all the glory. Pray for us.

Sincerely for Christ,

E. R. WELCH.

An Appeal.

Bro. Z. T. Harrison, a good man and a faithful minister of Christ, died leaving a wife and six small children. They have no home. A lot has been given them in a desirable community where there is a good school. We can build them a home with about five hundred dollars. This will practically insure the education of these children of the dead minister. I ask a hundred brethren who are well and strong, and are reasonably prosperous, and are spared to their families, to send me five dollars each to build a home for this mother and her children.

JOHN N. COLE.

Rockingham, N. C.

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A. D. BETTS.

Lillington, N. C., June 23, 1904.

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Dues—		
Auxilaries	$482.89	
Bright Jewels	134.97	
Total		$617.86
Pledge—		
Auxiliary	142.46	
Buds and Blossoms	6.50	
Mite Boxes	7.68	
Thank Offering	71.94	
Life Member	20.00	
Bright Jewels	11.71	
Total		260.29
Scholarships		23.10
Remitted Mrs. McTyeire		901.25
Missionary Candidate Fund—		
Balance forward	$23.21	
Silver Jubilee	40.34	
Current quarter	22.91	
Total		$86.46
Conference Expense Fund—		
Balance forward	120.84	
Current quarter	75.35	
Annual collection	15.33	
Total	211.52	
Expense account	212.89	
Balance overdrawn		1.37
Balance in bank		85.09

MRS. B. B. ADAMS, Treas.

Four Oaks, N. C., June 20, 1904.

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"What is it thou hast in thine hand, Moses?"

"Nothing but a staff, O God, with which I tend my flock."

"Take it and use it for Me."

And he did; and with it he wrought more wondrous things than Egypt and her proud king had seen before.

"Mary, what is it that thou hast in thine hand?"

"Nothing but a pot of sweet-smelling ointment, O God, wherewith I would anoint thine only One called Jesus."

And so she did; and not only did the perfume fill all the house in which they were, but the Bible reading world has been fragrant with the memory of this blessed act of love, which has ever since been spoken of "for a memorial of her."

"Poor woman, what is it that thou hast in thine hand?"

"Only two mites, Lord. It is very little; but then it is all I have, and I would put it into thy treasury."

And so she did; and the story of her generous giving ever since wrought like a charm, prompting others to give to the Lord.

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"Only a needle, Lord."

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Winstead ville, N. C., June 16, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks letters. This is my first letter to the Advocate, and I wish to surprise papa and mama, if it escapes the waste-basket. From

Your little friend,
FLORENCE HUDNELL.

Elm City, N. C., June 22, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will be one to raise one dollar for the orphans by Christmas, as suggested by Lillian Burrus. I am going to place my bank on mama's mantle and cut the head lines from Uncle Jenkins column to paste on it as a gentle hint to others. Who will join the Christmas band?

Yours,
MARIE BAILEY.

Conway, N. C., June 18, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a boy seventeen years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little boys' and girls' letters. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My Sunday-school teacher is Mr. J. W. Lassiter, and our pastor is Rev. W. C. Merritt, and we like him very much, and this is his last year with us, and we hate to see him leave. I will close by answering Lucy Cunninggim Herring's question: Daniel was put in the lions den.

Find inclosed 5 cents for the orphans.

H. B. LASSITER.

Purvis, N. C., June 20, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the Ocracoke before eight this same day. All the boys' and girls' letters very much. I go to school every Sunday I can. Miss Jennie Thompson is my teacher, and we all love her, because she is so kind and good. Rev. J. W. Bradley is our pastor. This is his second year with us. We like him fine. I have one brother eight years old, and one little sister dead. I will close by asking a question. How old was Jesus when He was baptized?

Your unknown friend,
FANNY PAUL.

Rowland, N. C., June 20, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy eight years old. I have a little farm all my own. I have a pet hen and calf. I went to school at Rowland to Mr. Swain and Miss Ethel Buchan. I like them very much.

My little pet sister is four years old to-day. We have a little pony, and I can drive him. I also plow him on my farm.

Our new Methodist Church at Rowland will soon be finished, I hope.

Enclosed find ten cents for the little orphans.

Your little friend,
BURTON GRAHAM.

Goldston, N. C., March 3, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am just a little tot only seven years old, and can't write much, but I can read all of the little boys' and girls' letters in the paper. They are the first thing I look for when the Advocate gets here. I am going to school at Goldston. Miss Annie Green is my teacher, and I love her.

I have two sisters named Lottie and Nellie.

I will close for this time. Enclosed find five cents for the Orphanage.

Your little friend,
LUCY RIVES.

Tysors Mill, N. C., June 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the boys and girls' letters.

I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Our Superintendent is Mr. H. C. Clegg. We all like him very much. My teacher is mama. I have three brothers and one sister living, and two brothers dead. My papa and mama are both living.

I will ask a question: Who was the strongest man?

I will close with best wishes to the Advocate.

Your friend,
NELLIE KNIGHT.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old, and I go to every-day school. I am in speller and reader. My teacher's name is Mrs. Bell Andrews, and I like her very much. I go to Sunday-school. My teacher's name is Miss Sue Daniels. Our pastor is Brother Holton, and he lives next door to us.

I will close by asking a question: How old was Methuselah's father when he died?

I will close, good by.

Yours truly,
VIVIAN C. WILLIAMS.

Wilson, N. C., June 17, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will just write a short letter to the boys' and girls' page.

My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading it. My school has just closed. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Our superintendent is Mr. G. V. Naron; our teacher is Miss Myrtie Ferrell.

I will ask a question: Who was the wisest man?

I will enclose ten cents for the orphans.

Your friend,
EVA PEARSON.

Neuse, N. C., June 20, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will write you a few lines. I am a little girl thirteen years of age. Father takes the paper, and I certainly do enjoy reading the girls' and boys' columns. This is my first letter to the Advocate. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. I will answer Lee J. Craven's question: There is something said about boys and girls in Zachariah, the eighth chapter and fifth verse. Now I will ask one: Who was Ezekiel?

Now, I will close with best wishes to the Advocate.

Yours truly,
SUSIE RICHARDSON.

Neuse, N. C., June 19, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As I never have written, I thought I would try to write. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little girls' and boys' letters very much. My father and mother are both living. I have one sister and five brothers. Our pastor is Rev. J. W. Rood. We all like him very much. This is his first year.

I will answer Alice McFarland's question: Esther is the book which does not mention God's name, if I am not mistaken. I will ask one: When a man does "that which is right in his own eyes" what is he sure to do?

As this is my first letter, I will close, hoping to see my letter in print. I am

Your friend,
IDA RICHARDSON.

Vass, N. C., May 30, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—We are two little sisters, aged eight and ten years. We go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Our superintendent is Mr. C. Cameron. He is a good man, and all the children love him. Our secretary is Mr. Bruce Cameron, and our teachers are Miss Mary Patterson and Miss Rachel Cameran. We like them both.

Our father and mother are both living. They belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. G. A. Ogdeshy is our pastor. We love him very much.

We will answer Kate Watkins' quethion: Jesus was buried by his disciples.

Whose rod budded and bloomed, and what kind of fruit did it bear?

We hope that this will escape the waste-basket. Love to the orphans and Dr. Ivey.

Your friends,
MABEL and OSSIE EDWARDS.

Rowland, N. C., June 20, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—Here I come for the first time to let you hear from me, and if I escape the waste-basket, I may come again. I am twelve years old. I help my mamma milk the cows. I have a pet calf; also the sweetest little sister in the world. She is four years old to-day. I have a little pony to drive, so I can take her and my brother to Sunday-school. My teacher is Miss Minnie Townsend, and our superintendent is Uncle William Thompson. Our pastor is Rev. J. W. Bradley, and we all like him very much.

We are building our new church at Rowland, and we will be glad when it is finished.

I will answer Lucy Herring's question: It was Daniel who was cast in the lion's den.

Now, I will close by asking one: Where and what is the shortest verse in the Bible?

With best wishes to the orphans, I am,

Your little friend,
HAYWOOD GRAHAM.

Neuse, N. C., June 19, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl fourteen years of age. We do not take the Advocate, but I read our nearest neighbor's paper, Mr. Albert Richardson.

I am a little Baptist girl. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. Our pastor is Dr. W. R. Cullom. We like him very much. This makes his sixth year with us. My Sunday-school teacher is Miss Nellie Hunter. We all love her; she is a good teacher.

I go to every-day school also. We have a school here at home. Our last teacher was Miss Lillie Smith, from Maxton. She was a good teacher.

I will answer Etha Lupton's question: King Darius had Daniel put in the lion's den.

I will ask some questions: What was the name of the son that God gave Adam in the place of Abel whom Cain slew?

How many fathers and sons—one after another—came between Adam and Noah?

I will close, with best wishes for the orphans.

Your little unknown friend,
MARY ESTELLE EDWARDS.

P. S.—Please put this in print, because it my first one.

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Eureka Springs, Ark.,
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Important.

The Corresponding Secretaries of the various Auxiliaries, and the Lady Managers of the Bright Jewel Bands and of the Golden Links, are urged to let us hear from their organizations. This interchange of ideas will be helpful to all of us. Especially are we anxious to publish reports from new organizations, yet would not hear less from those already established. Will not the officers in charge send in these reports?

A Timely Suggestion.

I see in the Advocate that Mrs. Hargrove will be in Raleigh July 14. I hope many of the ladies on this District will take advantage of the opportunity and hear her while she is here. I am sorry to announce that some of the Auxiliaries and also Bright Jewel Bands did not send in reports this quarter. I hope it will not occur again.

Yours truly,
MRS. R. H. WHITAKER,
District Secretary.

Mrs. Whitaker's suggestion in regard to Mrs. Hargrove is a good one. It is hoped that all the Districts which she visits will come out in force to hear her. She will speak at Rockingham, July 10th; Fayetteville, July 11th; Wilmington, July 12th; New Bern, July 13th; Raleigh, July 14th; Durham, July 15th.

Additional Notes from the Board.

We print from Mrs. Swindell's recent circular letter the following notes in addition to those already published in this column:

The Juvenile Leaflets were abolished by the Board—since their cost would supply 20,000 copies of the Little Worker gratuitously.

Any one wishing back numbers of the Little Worker for free distribution, can have them by sending postage for the same.

The Missionary Map of the World will be loaned to any Society which will pay postage or express charges on it. Apply to Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Nashville, Tenn., for the map.

The Life and Letters of Miss Laura Haygood can be bought for $1.50.

Total increase in membership this year is 3,000. A form of installation for Auxiliary officers is to be prepared.

Present specials may be continued as long as desired without exacting correspondence from those in charge of them.

The General Secretary of the Woman's Board reported: The force now employed in the foreign field is as follows: Missionaries, 64; foreign and native assistant teachers, 133; boarding schools, 23; day schools, 52; pupils and women under instruction about 5,000. There are six kindergartens, 2 hospitals, 3 Bible schools, 121 Bible women; 308 scholarships.

The Woman's Mission Advocate, including the salary of its editor and all the expenses of the office is self-supporting. It has a circulation of 15,000 with 12,912 paying subscribers. The organ of the Young People and Juveniles, the Little Worker, is not yet paying for itself, but has a circulation of 9,000.

Our Missionaries Set Sail.

On July 5th Rev. W. B. Lee, Miss Mary Pescud, with several other returning missionaries and one new missionary, Miss Parker, from New Orleans, set sail from New York for Brazil on the steamship Byron.

Brother Lee to Juiz de Fora, where he will continue the work at Granberry, of which he so graphically told us while here.

Miss Pescud goes to Piracicaba, where she will no doubt do much to continue the Christian influence which is a part of that school.

Piracicaba.

Perhaps the most satisfactory mission of our Board is the oldest. The Christian influence which has gone from this school cannot be estimated. Numbers who have been trained within the walls of the institution and felt the life of a Christian home, where the worship of the Virgin Mary has no place have gone out better equipped for God's service among their fellows. Twenty-sixth Annual Report.

Miss Stradley, the principal, writes of Piracicaba: "The spiritual condition of the school is excellent. Not only is a great force at work building character, but several have had the courage to step out boldly on the Lord's side. One of the greatest recommendations to the evangelical work here is the girls who have gone out from us and are letting their light shine in the different places where they are engaged in teaching. We are sure that thousands of hearts daily intercede at a throne of mercy in our behalf, and we believe our Father will respond to those petitions."

A VERY CLOSE CALL.

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My Experience in a Chinese Mission.

EARLY IMPRESSIONS.

In childhood I was taught by my parents and other missionary workers the duty of sending the gospel to the heathen. As I grew older and could myself read of the teeming millions groping in darkness, with so few to tell them of our Savior, I became more interested. But never did I really see the great need of sending, and long to help send, the Bread of Life, as I have since teaching for two years in the Chinese Mission of Jacksonville, Fla.

DIFFICULTIES.

When given a youth eighteen years old, who had been in America only four months, and did not know a letter in our language, I realized my inability. I started with the alphabet, not putting any trust in self, but remembering that sweet promise, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." As the days went by and he could understand English a little, I began, as all the teachers do, to tell him of our Jesus, who for us gave His life on the cross—and not only for us of America, but for all the human race. The inquiring look on his face, his desire to know more of the Jesus who is no respecter of persons, his questions in broken English—"Does Jesus love Chinamen? Does Jesus love me?"—made my heart melt, for I did not know the Chinese language sufficiently, nor he the English, to fully comprehend each other. We went on trying our best to teach God's Word and our language, praying continually that the Holy Spirit might interpret, and knowing that Christ Himself promised that His Word should not return unto Him void.

INTELLIGENT AND APPRECIATIVE.

The Chinese are very apt, the younger ones much interested in their studies, and I know of no people more appreciative. On Sunday afternoon Sunday-school was held at the Mission rooms; several of the men would lead in prayer, and nearly all could join us in the Lord's Prayer, while the hymns in Chinese and English delighted them. The youth I taught could recite the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, and twenty verses of Scripture, and, also, write well, in eighteen months. His rapid progress was a real pleasure, but I rejoiced most when he told me he "believed in Jesus the Son of God and loved Him." Letters from him since contain these words: "I thank you for telling me about Jesus in Heaven. I love Him and will try the best I know to serve Him; I not worship other Gods and will try to read His Book. Pray for me and my cousin."

MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

The boys show the real missionary spirit in their efforts to get others to come to the Mission. One young man returned home with the determination to teach his people about the Savior he had learned to love in America. Another is in school studying to become a preacher, the Mission helping to pay his expenses.

LIBERALITY.

The Chinese were very liberal, several never putting less than fifty cents into the Sunday-school collection, and sometimes I saw dollar bills go in. Shang Hong asked "What American send money to China for?" Upon being told, he handed two dollars, saying: "Use this to send gospel of your Jesus to my people; our gods no see, no hear, no love us."

IDOL WORSHIPPERS.

Some of the older men in Jacksonville brought their idols with them; these we worked with faithfully and prayerfully, but could not get them to come to our Mission.

AMERICAN EXAMPLE.

These poor Chinese are led into much sin by people of our so-called Christian nation. They call us "Jesus people," and look on us all as His followers. They see our men and boys go into bar-rooms and gambling places, and engaged in all sorts of wickedness, and often follow, ignorant of God's law.

In many cities these lonely people are neglected by us, God's children; they are at our very doors, yet we fail to point them to the true God.

OUR OPPORTUNITY.

They are timid among strangers, but when they find we are their friends, they become trustful and appreciative. We should use these opportunities that God has given us. There is no call for separation from loved ones, but just a willingness to work for our precious Savior at home.

MRS. F. L. CHURCH.
Winfall, N. C.

I am glad to give Mrs. Church's experience with our brothers from the Orient—for it is full of good cheer and glad promise. This interesting paper was read at our Annual Meeting by Mrs. James Fearing, of Elizabeth City.

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Editorial

BEAUFORT AND THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

(Editorial Correspondence.)

Beaufort is one of the choice towns of Eastern North Carolina. It has been a town ever since the beginning of century before last. It got its name from His Excellency the Most Noble Henry, Duke of Beaufort. For a long decade Beaufort has lived on the hope of some day actualizing the glorious possibilities wrapped up in her natural advantages. Her citizens cannot understand why, with her inlet and strategic position, she has not become a great seaport. It is the same old story. Towns further inland got the start. The people of Beaufort are still feeding on her century-old hope. The projected line of railway touching the Pamlico River at Adams' Creek and the Inland Waterway which Congressman Small is working for, give Beaufort reason to believe that at some early day she may come into her own.

The population of Beaufort is about 2,500. It embraces a fine type of citizenship. The commercial pulse as not marked by any lusty strength. cial pulse is not marked by any lusty strength. There is so far but little manufacturing done. A large oyster canning establishment is in operation. Beaufort inspires in the public mind the dolce far niente idea rather than the classic or the commercial. The visitor carries away with him the picture of a quiet old town with wide white streets shaded by trees which are continually whipped into music by the wind which comes from away over yonder where the "white-caps" tumble and toss. The houses lining the waterfront have broad two- story porches where the luxurious hammocks and rocking chairs invite the tired one to yield himself to the embrace of the breeze and watch the lazy sails that whiten the sound in front and listen to the hoarse boom of the surf as it washes the feet of those great white sand dunes to the east and south.

And those Beaufort homes are preverbial for their comfort and warmth of hospitality. I speak from experience. For two days I was a guest in the elegant home of that enterprising Methodist merchant, D. S. Sanders, who has been blessed with a most interesting family and a business record which any man might envy. For the many kindnesses received at the hands of that family, embracing the son-in-law, Mr. W. A. Smith, whose invalid wife exhibits a most beautiful type of cour age and resignation, we become a great debtor.

The Methodism of Beaufort is historic. It runs away back into last century. Many faithful ministers have labored here. The names of at least four of them are chiselled in marble in the old cemetery behind the church. In the vestibule of the nice and spacious church, we noticed a marble tablet erected to the memory of fourteen Sunday-school teachers and scholars who, in 1864, fell victims to yellow fever. Some of them died so young! and since they died in the ranks of the Sunday-school, let us believe that they have put on the white garments of eternal health in the city above.

That old cemetery is an interesting spot. The old live oaks seem to brood over the sleeping dust, and the dappled shadows seem to hint of many a tale which has been swallowed up in the shadow of death. Here were laid to rest men and women who died before the firing of the minute men was heard at Lexington. Here are buried people of almost every nationality.

Rev. H. M. Eure is pastor of the Methodist Church at Beaufort. Already he has gained a great hold on his people and many expressions commendatory of him came to our ears. It seems to us that one of the greatest needs of our Methodism in Beaufort is a strong amply equipped school. The Episcopal Church, from a practical standpoint at least, has been almost pre-empted. Yet the Methodist Church in Beaufort numerically and financially largely predominates.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

In writing of the District Conference, I can give only some general points. The Secretary by all means should furnish our readers with a full report of the sessions. I will write nothing that to any degree can be accepted as a substitute.

The Conference was fortunate in having Bishop Smith to preside. Not that Dr. Swindell, who is noted as a popular and efficient presiding officer, was in any way inadequate, but because it is good that our people have an opportunity to come in contact occasionally with a Bishop—especially such a Bishop as A. Coke Smith. He won all hearts from the first. By his numerous short talks and his sermons he highly edified all who were present. Common-sense and spirituality are marked characteristics of Bishop Smith. His missionary sermon on Friday was marked by true spiritual and intellectual eloquence. The New Bern District Conference of 1904 will always stand out in our mind as the one in which the question of the church organ was duly magnified. Bishop Smith certainly got at the facts concerning the circulation of the "Old Raleigh" in the bounds of the New Bern District. His exhortations will bear fruit. We must say that what Bishop Smith discovered in connection with the circulation of the paper was in nowise discreditable to the District. The Presiding Elder and the preachers are active in extending the circulation of the paper, and are among the best friends the paper has.

Very few of the preachers have yet held their meetings. The preachers made reports, which, in the main, were encouraging. The spirit of liberality is undoubtedly increasing among the people of New Bern District. By every token the preachers of the District will make good reports at Conference. The District is fortunate in having as its Missionary Secretary, Rev. R. H. Willis. He is alert, aggressive, progressive. The maps showing the condition of the District were excellent.

On Thursday night Rev. J. W. Potter preached a most earnest, thoughtful sermon on "Christian Service." He came to us from Georgia, and we were glad to hear him.

The attendance of preachers and delegates was average. Several of the preachers were providentially detained at home. They were greatly missed.

On Friday, after dining most pleasantly with Bro. J. V. Williams and family, and bidding adieu to my friendly host, I left Beaufort. The proceedings of the whole Conference will be given to the Advocate, we take it, by the Secretary, Rev. E. H. Davis.

BEAUTIFYING THE PARSONAGE.

A number of ambitious wives of preachers have notified us that they have entered the contest for the prize for the most artistic parsonage front. We trust that we may have many more contestants. Suppose you fail to win any of the three prizes, you will have given the parsonage a beauty to serve as an inspiration to you and your children and the neighborhood. You will also have a picture of the parsonage which will be beautifully electrotyped and placed in convenient and enduring form.

We repeat: It is not necessary to have the best parsonage building in order to win the prize. The little cottage without a porch has as good chance for winning the prize as the handsome brick structure. Artistic taste with the minimum simplicity is what we want.

It is not too late now to prepare. Much can be done between now and October 1, when we will call for the photographs. Be sure to let us know by the 15th of July if you have concluded to enter the contest. Speak of it to the lady members of the charge. They will help you in many ways. Write for literature. The Twentieth Century Home, published by the Cosmopolitan Company, Irvington-on-the-Hudson, New York, will give you many valuable ideas. We want to have many contestants for the prize.

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On June 27 and 28, Dr. Hamill and wife held a Teachers' Institute in Edenton Street Church, Raleigh. The attendance was not large, but there was present quite a number of representative Sunday-school teachers.

Dr. Hamill is intensely practical, very much in earnest, and delightfully forcible. Those who hear him never get tired, and what he says is easily remembered. A constant play of humor takes away the rough edge of the purely didactic.

Mrs. Hamill has an exceedingly pleasant manner, and her talks showed not only a complete sympathy with, but an expert knowledge of, Sunday-school matters. She helped to make the Institute very interesting and helpful.

Rev. L. S. Massey, Rev. J. H. Shore, and Rev. G. T. Adams, were among those who attended the Institute.

NEARING THE GOAL.

Every friend of Greensboro Female College has great reason for expecting an early glad day for this cherished institution which has been passing lately through such dark shadows.

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The institution will be opened in the late fall.

There is nothing that we can now see to prevent Greensboro Female College from having a more glorious career than ever before.

Let every Methodist in the State rally to the help of Greensboro Female College.

The editor intended taking in last week both the New Bern and the Raleigh District Conference. He went to Beaufort first, and found, to his regret, that the distance between Beaufort and Cary was so great that he could not reach the latter and have time enough to do good or get good. We again express our hope that the Presiding Elders will in time arrange the Conferences so as not to make them conflict. There is no District Conference this week. The Raleigh District Conference at Cary was a great success, and the proceedings will be published next week.

We congratulate the Biblical Recorder on having completed its 70th year. This week's issue is a souvenir number. The cover page contains the portraits of all past editors. Although the Recorder is a septuagenarian it has the fire of youth and its face is ever to the sunrise. May it continue to flourish and be able to celebrate a great many other birthdays.

Methodist Mention

State.

The preachers of the Fayetteville District will please note the changes made in the Quarterly Meeting appointments.

Rev. R. F. Bumpas preached in West Market Street Church, Greensboro, on last Sunday morning. He filled the pulpit for Dr. Turrentine, who preached in Raleigh on the same day.

Rev. J. A. Hornaday writes that work on the new church will begin September 1st. He and his people are luxuriating for the first time in their freedom from the bar-rooms in Greenville.

Rev. M. T. Plyler has made a fine start in inducing friends to furnish rooms in Greensboro Female College. He has no doubt of his ultimate success. It is a cause which deserves to succeed.

We learn that Rev. A. W. Price is doing fine work on the Kennekeet Circuit. He has almost his entire Conference collections in hand. He was reared in that section, and the confidence reposed in him by his life-long acquaintances is a great compliment to him.

Rev. J. D. Carpenter, of the North Carolina Conference, died after a long and painful illness of carbuncle on the back of his neck. Brother Carpenter was about sixty-eight years old, and had been preaching about forty years, riding a circuit at the time of his death.

Dr. H. F. Chreitzberg, pastor of the Centenary M. E. Church, Winston, N. C., has been granted a patent on a portable railway window screen, something which has been sorely needed for years, and in its present shape promises to come into almost universal use by the traveling public.

The Methodist Church has resounded with the noise of the hammer and other implements, wielded by the artisans, and now improvements are noted in the pulpit and chancel; but the most marked and attractive revolution is the organ loft —in the rear and elevated almost as much as the gallery—with its brass rods.—Murfreesboro Cor. Roanoke and Chowan Times.

Rev. W. W. Rose, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at this place, and Rev. J. G. Johnson, pastor of the church at Garysburg, exchanged pulpits Sunday. Mr. Johnson preached two strong sermons, morning and evening, and made a good impression upon those who heard him. Large congregations attended each service. Rev. Mr. Rose reports a cordial reception at Garysburg and a large and attentive congregation.—Weldon News.

Dr. S. B. Turrentine, pastor of West Market Street Church, Greensboro, N. C., preached in Edenton Street Church on last Sunday morning, and in Central at night. His sermons were marked by great breadth and vigor of thought, and he succeeded in impressing most favorably all who heard him. At the close of each sermon he presented the status of Greensboro Female College. This enterprise is in a healthy condition, and there is no doubt that the college will be ready for occupancy in a few months. Dr. Turrentine will represent the cause at various places in the North Carolina Conference.

What Advocate men A. J. Parker and A. W. Price are! The former writes as follows: "I have just returned from the campmeeting at Kennekeet. While there I suggested to Rev. A. W. Price, the pastor, that it would be a good time to make a little canvas for the Advocate, and offered to help him. We were so pressed with other duties until Sunday that we could not make it, but Sunday we devoted a few hours to the work, with the result as enclosed. The work which Brother Price and I did at the camp-meeting could easily be repeated by the pastors at almost any of their protracted meetings." The result as inclosed was a check and 35 new subscribers.

One of the graduates at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., on last Wednesday, was Rev. J. T. Erwin, of Greenville. In one year Mr. Erwin completed the work required in the senior year for the A. B. degree, and also the work for the A. M. degree. In addition to the two degrees, he received the honor of the fellowship in mathematics at Vanderbilt for next year. Mr. Erwin is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference.—Charlotte Observer.

Religiously, our town is making great strides. A plan is on foot for the erection of a new Methodist Church. The building is to be of brick, latest design, and modern conveniences. The new building will occupy the same site as that of the old one, and cost from $3,000 to $5,000. We understand that the greater part of the money has already been subscribed, and that the ground will be broken for this elegant structure in the early fall. —Hamlet Cor. Richmond Headlight.

Pine Forest's new church, Goldsboro Circuit, was dedicated last Sunday. Rev. W. D. Sasser, of Kenansville, preached in the morning and Rev. Dr. F. D. Swindell, of Goldsboro, in the afternoon. The new church is a beautiful building and will stand as a monument to the untiring efforts of those good people and will shed its influence over and cast its arms of love and protection around them and their children long after many of us have gone to our reward.—News and Observer.

Connectional.

Rev. L. L. Johnson is building a good church at Afton. It is to be a veneered brick, and will cost, exclusive of the lot, $5,000.

Dr. Lovett, editor of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, is writing for his paper some interesting letters from the Exposition.

Another superannuate home has been donated to the North Alabama Conference. Dr. S. C. Tatum, of Center, gives the home.

The eldest son of Bishop A. Coke Smith has determined to enter the ministry. He has been teaching in Randolph-Macon Academy.

The corner-stone of the Eleventh Avenue Church, Birmingham, was laid with impressive ceremonies Sunday afternoon, June 19th.

The $15,000 subscribed by the good friends of Mansfield College who live there is about available, and Rev. H. W. Rickey has been appointed by the Board of Trustees as agent to go out and get $30,000 more for the present needs of the college.

Cablegrams to papers of the Methodist Episcopal Church mention Bishop Hoss as among those who participated in an enthusiastic reception given Bishop Burt upon his arrival in Rome on une 18th.

Dr. J. W. Lee, the pastor of St. John's Church, St. Louis, will soon publish a book that he has been working on for the past five years, entitled "The Religion of Experience, Considered from a Scientific Standpoint."

Rev. E. H. Rawlings, of Main Street Church, Danville, Va., is planning with some of his liberal people to raise a special sum for our work at some point in Japan. The Main Street people are abundantly able to do large things for the church.

Rev. Robert E. Tyler, of the North Alabama Conference, has been appointed pastor of our American congregation in Durango, Mex., in place of Rev. F. H. Gardner, who comes home on account of failing health.

The Board of Trustees of the Parker Memorial Church in New Orleans have completed their plans for their new church. The building is to cost about $20,000, and will stand on the corner of Nashville Avenue and Perrier Street. It will be constructed of gray stone.

Rumors that the presidency of the University of Tennessee, and perhaps that of Tulane University at New Orleans, would be tendered Dr. J. H. Kirkland, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, have caused much uneasiness among his friends about Nashville.

General Notes

An elegant building for the use of the Y. M. C. A. will be erected this summer at the University of North Carolina.

The Board of Trustees of Furman University, S. C., have ruled foot-ball out of the college course and have sanctioned base-ball under certain restrictions.

Hon. Mr. Fairbanks, Republican nominee for Vice-President, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Mr. James R. Joy, editorial assistant to Dr. Neely in the department of Sunday-school periodicals, has been chosen assistant editor of the (New York) Christian Advocate.

The Sutan of Turkey has signed an "irade" providing that restitution shall be made to the Armenians who have suffered such indignities and barbarities at the hands of the Turks.

"Congregational Day" at the St. Louis Exposition will be observed October 21st. Among the speakers will be Dr. Lyman Abbott, Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, Justice Brewer, and Gen. O. O. Howard.

Governor Terrell, of Georgia, in his message to the Legislature, reaffirmed his utterance in his former message favoring the exemption from taxation of the endowments of the denominational colleges of the State.

The Young Men's Christian Association of England has lately celebrated its "diamond" anniversary, with the founder, Sir George Williams, in the chair. Sir George Williams delivered an address, and was given an enthusiastic welcome.

The Louisiana Exposition has stirred up again the controversy as to who really discovered the great Northwest. According to Miss Laut, in Leslie's Monthly Magazine, it was Pierre Esprit Radisson, and she is the best authority on the subject.

According to statistics which appeared recently in "The British Weekly," the number of "twicers," that is of persons who attend church somewhere in London twice on Sunday, is 38 per cent of the whole number of worshippers in Inner London is estimated at 832,051.

At the Congregational Union meeting in London Mr. Silvester Horn declared against the deadly respectability of so many churches. Another speaker pointed out, that many people of the respectable class conceive of the church as a religious club to which only certain elect people are to be welcomed.

Out West there is a religious sect called the "Holly Rollers." Their propensity to roll over the floor in their meetings is responsible for the name. From what we can learn of their doings, the famous "Lynchites" of Virginia and North Carolina are tame in comparison. Gross immorality is one of the manifestations of these over-holy families.

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Such an experience will bring a great calm to souls tossed by the unrest of the age, at the same time that it furnishes incentive and direction to absorbing religious zeal. It will set things in proportion. Act and motive, creed and conduct, self and society will fall into place. It will give perspective to the theoretical problems that centre about the person of Christ. We shall gaze at them without timidity; we shall put no false emphasis upon tradition, or upon our own reasonings, for we shall occupy the standpoint of Realization. We shall conquer sin, too, and win the world to Christ because the Presence goes with us.—Prof. Geo. A. Coe, in "The Religion of a Mature Mind."

Missionary Nuggets.

The native Church of Fiji contributed $25,000 to Foreign Missions in 1902. Sixty-eight years ago a missionary was not allowed to remain, and many were killed by the natives.

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A noble sentiment is attributed to Jacob A. Riis. He said he once "growled" against Foreign Missions, but he has learned that "for every dollar you give away to convert the heathen abroad, God gives you ten dollars' worth of purpose to deal with your heathen at home."

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Dr. George F. Pentecost, after extensive travels in the East, declares that China is the most important mission field. His reasons are that the Chinaman is the strongest Oriental man, and that the Chinese question is the most significant political problem now before the world. Christianity can solve it—nothing else can.

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I have long since ceased to pray, "Lord Jesus, have compassion upon a lost world." I remember the day and the hour when I seemed to hear the Lord rebuking me for making such a prayer. He seemed to say to me: "I have had compassion on a lost world, and now it is time for you to have compassion."—A. J. Gordon.

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John G. Paton, the apostle of the New Hebrides, reports: "The converts at the mission stations in Malekula have built a Christian village, in which they live. All are clothed. They begin and close every day with praise and prayer, and are very happy with each other, giving a daily object-lesson to the heathen of the joy and peace of Christianity."

When Stanley passed through the African territory from east to west and came out by the Congo to the Atlantic Ocean, he said that the natives of the Congo basin were more like demons than like human beings. To-day there is a church of two thousand members at Banza Manteka, and every member of the church is pledged to total abstinence from intoxicants.

Aseptic Christians.

The story is told of Dr. Malthie Babcock that on one occasion, being invited by some friends to smoke with them, he declined, explaining that he was often called to visit the sick and dying, and that any odor of tobacco about his clothing would unfit him for that delicate work. At another time, when a wealthy attendant at his church offered him the use of his box at the theater whenever he chose to occupy it, he declined it on the ground that he must keep himself "spiritually aseptic." It would be well if not only ministers, but Christians generally, had the high and true ideal of life and conduct which Dr Babcock displayed. It is a very serious thing to be a member of a church, to be called by the holy name of Christ. It behooves men and women, who are looked up to as examples by other men and women, to be "spiritually aseptic." What care the surgeon takes that no poison shall come to his patient from his touch or from his instruments! Should not every one of us, who sensibly and insensibly are touching and influencing other men and women every day we live, be equally careful to be aseptic? Surely to keep one's self "unspotted from the world" is no small part of a genuinely religious life. "Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing," is thoroughly scientific in its stringent demand for aseptic conditions in Christian life. For our own sakes, for others' sakes, for Christ's sake, the small self-denials involved in being "spiritually aseptic" ought to be gladly and spontaneously and scrupulously accented.—Guardian.

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Henderson via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Maxton via Atlanta	38.65	32.25	26.25
Raleigh via Richmond	35.60	29.90	24.80
Raleigh via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Hamlet via Richmond	37.60	31.90	26.25
Hamlet via Atlanta	37.60	31.90	26.25
Wilmington via Richmond	38.65	32.25	26.25
Wilmington via Atlanta	38.65	32.25	26.25

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Sunday School

Lesson for July 10, 1904.

Jeroboam's Idolatry.

(1 Kings 12:25-33.)

Golden Text: Keep yourselves from idols. (1 John 15:21.)

Jeroboam has hitherto appeared in a favorable light. We are now to see how, under the stress of new circumstances, his moral character weakened, and he fell into grievous sin.

A Needless Fear.—That which lay at the bottom of Jeroboam's sin was a latent fear that the northern kingdom, of which he was the founder and king, should return to its former allegiance to the house of David.

This fear on Jeroboam's part was needless, for even though the people of the northern tribes had continued to go to worship at Jerusalem, he had the divine assurance of the permanency of his rule, provided only that he should walk in God's ways, keeping the divine statutes and commandments, and doing right in the sight of the Almighty.

The best way to have provided against the danger which Jeroboam needlessly imagined, would have been to rule so faithfully and well that the people would not dream of desiring a change.

Bad Excuses.—Men have ever found excuses, wherewith they have sought to palliate their commission of great sins. Indeed the more heinous the offense, the more plausible has been the pretext for doing wrong. In other words, the greater the sin, the greater the hypocrisy which seeks to conceal the real motive, and which presents as the ostensible reason for a certain course of action that which is a falsehood and a lie.

So with Jeroboam. The real reason for his leading the people into idolatry was the fear that their hearts would become alienated from him. The reason which he offered to the people was, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem," or, as it is rendered in the margin of the Revised Version, "Ye have gone up long enough."

Jeroboam probably excused the course which he was pursuing on the grounds of necessity, of expediency, of policy and of other considerations such as these. But not one of these pleas was sufficient to justify his departure from the prescribed worship of the true God. They were bad excuses, every one of them.

A Fatal Sin.—Every course of sin, if persisted in, is fatal to life and character. The sin of Jeroboam was deliberate and persistent, and it produced its baleful effect upon his life and character.

His sin was manifold. Not only did he make the two calves of gold and set them up, the one in Bethel and the other in Dan, but he made "houses of high places," which were an abomination to God. In addition to this, he set aside the divinely established order of priests, the Levites, and "made priests of the lowest of the people."

In these and in other ways, Jeroboam became a traitor to his God, and his name is stigmatized in the pages of Holy Scripture as the man who made Israel to sin.

Twentieth Century Idolatry.—It is easy to condemn Jeroboam for his sinful idolatry. But there is a practical question for every student of this lesson. It is this: "Am I making an idol of anything?" We need not set up calves of gold in order to commit idolatry. If there is anything which we allow to usurp the supreme place in our hearts and lives which belongs to God, then we are as guilty as was Jeroboam of old. Like him, too, we may be making others to sin, by our indulgence in forbidden pleasures, or by our devotion to unworthy objects. Let us pray that we may be given divine strength to follow the injunction of our Golden Text, and, to keep ourselves from idols of every kind.

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7 20	4 15	.....Raleigh.....	9 45	6 25
7 38	4 25	S.....†Caraleigh Mills...	9 25	6 20
7 45	4 30	F.....*Sylvania.....	9 20	6 15
7 54	4 39	F.....†Barnes.....	9 29	6 06
00	4 45	F.....Hobby.....	9 14	6 00
8 16	4 52	F.....†McCULLERS....	9 10	5 55
8 25	4 56	F.....Banks.....	8 58	5 49
8 30	5 00	F.....Austin.....	8 53	5 45
8 50	5 07	S...†Willow Springs...	8 40	5 30
9 05	5 16	M...† JOHNSON MILL	8 40	5 15
9 15	5 17	F.....† Cardenas.....	8 38	5 05
9 20	5 22	S...C. F. & N. Junction	8 33	5 01
9 35	5 26	S...† Fuquay Springs..	8 30	4 50
9 40	5 31	F.....Buckhorn.....	8 20	4 35
9 45	5 36	F.....Rawls.....	8 17	4 30
10 00	5 45	S.....† Chalybeate.....	8 10	4 20
10 06	5 50	S.....Bradley.....	8 00	4 06
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The Raleigh District Conference.

A short drive along a beautiful macadamized road on Thursday, June 30th, brought me to Cary, where the Raleigh District Conference was to be held. It had already opened. Dr. W. H. Moore, P. E., was in the chair, and held the reins. Things moved steadily. Moore never hurries, but he always gets there. Our J. M. Culbreth held the quill. Of course things were written right. The reports on Sunday-schools were fine. On Epworth Leagues, not so fine. Why is this? Shamberger came to time in the pulpit on Samuel. Culbreth, Puckett and Massey came to time on the platform. I don't know when I have enjoyed four consecutive deliverances more. I got a chance to make a statement. I never saw a better, first day at a District Conference. If all the days of the Conference are to be like that, it will be a great success. It was hard to tear myself away to attend the New Bern District Conference. But duty before pleasure. One day in the home of Buck Adams, with his noble wife and bright, cultured girls and little Henry, with President M. S. Davis as a chum was a rare pleasure. How I did want to linger among these, dearest of friends, for a few days!

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SIKES—COOPER.—On June 1, 1904, at the home of the bride, Columbia, N. C., Samuel W. Sikes to Annie L. Cooper, Rev. Wm. P. Constable officiating.

WILLIS—WILLIS.—In the M. E. Church, South, Morehead City, N. C., June 6, 1904, Mr. Ira T. Willis to Miss Rosebud T. Willis, Rev. R. H. Willis officiating.

HODGES—HILL.—At the residence of Mrs. Caroline Edwards, in Kinston, N. C., June 8, 1904, by Rev. E. H. Davis, Mr. Horace H. Hodges and Miss J. Verna Hill.

HODGES—WOOD.—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Falling Creek, N. C., April 28, 1904, by Rev. E. H. Davis, Mr. P. A. Hodges and Miss Eunice Wood.

MIDDLETON — SMITH.—On Wednesday evening, June 1, 1904, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Anna Smith, by the Rev. N. M. Watson, Mr. Joel L. Middleton to Miss Rebecca Celeste Smith, all of Wilmington, N. C.

BONNER—MIXON.—At Cove Point, Beaufort County, N. C., June 8, 1904, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mixon, Mr. Thurston W. Bonner and Miss Mollie B. Mixon, Rev. J. M. Lowder officiating.

PARKS—TEMPLE.—Mr. J. L. Parks, of Greensboro, N. C., and Miss Luella Temple, of Warren County, N. C., were married at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. A. Temple, June 8, 1904, Rev. B. C. Allred officiating.

McEACHERN — MERRITT.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Merritt, on Walnut Street, Wilmington, N. C., Mr. John S. McEachern to Miss Amy Bradley Merritt, Wednesday afternoon, June 1, 1904, N. M. Watson officiating.

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HALES.—Miss Dorah E. Hales died at the home of her mother, in Grimesland, N. C., June 6, 1904, in the thirty-second year of her age. For more than five years she had been almost an invalid, being confined to her bed nearly all of the time.

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The World As We See It.

There is still going the rounds an item to the effect that Bishop Asbury held the first Methodist Conference in the State of Kentucky in 1790. It is evident that some of the brethren limp badly in travelling the road of Methodist History.

The heat of summer always brings an increase of crime, and no one knows this better than the police of our large cities. The newspapers are turning out a daily grist of crime that sickens the heart. It is well to remember these days that a cool mind, and cool body, make a happy combination.

These are vacation days when weary men and women flee to the seashore or mountains to escape the "heavens of brass." As the conflict of life grows fiercer and demands on brain and muscle increase, vacations are becoming more and more a necessity. We hope that no one will forget the obligations which bind them at home, and that all will return refreshed in mind, body and soul.

Occasionally there is a contention, especially in the columns of the secular press, that the secular newspaper can very easily take the place of the religious paper. In support of this contention, attention is called to the fact that a large amount of religious matter is contained in the columns of the secular press. Now we are very friendly to the secular press, and regard it as one of the great vital institutions of civilization. But we must express our emphatic belief that the secular newspaper can no more be an adequate medium for the dissemination of religious news than a religious paper can be for the dissemination of political views. The religious news in a secular newspaper does not generally reach the public in correct form. For example, there are just five mistakes in the following six lines taken from the New York Tribune: "Bishop Henry Frazier McDowell delivered his first sermon since he was ordained a Bishop at Grace Methodist Episcopal Church in East 104th Street, yesterday. Bishop McDowell had once been the pastor there, and a large congregation welcomed him." There is a call both for the religious and the secular press. The religious press was never more flourishing than it is today. The demand is growing with the century.

One of the most lovable traits of an American is his sympathy for the "under dog." In our own war for Independence, Kosciuszko, the Polish patriot, grateful for our sympathy for his oppressed country, gave his services to the sorely oppressed colonies. In 1851, the eloquent Kossuth fired American hearts by a recital of the wrongs of unhappy Hungary. Later we have listened to and sympathized with Ireland in her woe. A cry came from Cuba, and she is free. Now Japan claims our sympathy and gets it in full measure. May America always hearken to the cry of the down-trodden, nationally or individually.

Thousands of Christian men and women in North Carolina are rejoicing that Charlotte and New Bern, in the elections last week, so overwhelmingly routed the saloons, and after January 1st, 1905, these cities will be swept clear of these foes to civilization. In Charlotte the dispensary was an issue, but it received only fifty-six votes, the majority against saloons being 485 out of a total vote of less than 1,600. In New Bern the majority was 392. These elections were hotly contested and were characterized by the most effective works by the good women who worked early and late in the cause nearest their hearts. The temperance movement has only begun, and as the Charlotte Observer puts it: "The thing is in the air."

"Cost." This is the title of a book of fiction by David Graham Phillips, just published. It tells the story of a boy and girl raised together as neighbors in a quiet country community. Both go to college and return to their homes to live. She, thinking that the man has not changed and is the same as in childhood days, marries him despite warning by friends, and pays the cost in disappointed hopes and ruined life. Every business man very carefully estimates the cost before risking his capital. Many large enterprises these days prosper with a profit of a single penny on articles of large sale. Many persons, however, do not count the cost where actual money is not at stake. We see young and old women and men prodigally sacrificing good names for the merest baubles that soon perish, but the cost leaves them moral bankrupts. A good name is the most valuable asset that a human being possesses. It will endure long after the struggle and triumph of mart and forum is over. To sacrifice a good name for money, fame and petty material success, is paying such an awful cost that shall be disclosed only by the great ledger at the last reckoning.

The Democratic National Convention which last week nominated Judge Alton B. Parker for President and Senator Henry G. Davis for Vice-President, was marked by peculiar interest. For months there had been in the public mind two questions which could not be satisfactorily answered until the meeting of the Convention. These questions touched (1) the ability of Mr. Bryan to control over one-third of the delegates and defeat the nomination of Judge Parker; (2) the real attitude of the party to the financial question. Mr. Bryan showed that he was unable to carry out his purpose. Mr. Parker received on the first ballot many more than enough votes to nominate him. Yet after the passing away of all the smoke of battle it can be clearly seen by the unprejudiced eye that Mr. Bryan, in spite of the numerous autopsies held, emerged from the smoke as one of the biggest men in American politics and the idol of the American people. Unless we are mistaken, he is to play in coming years a conspicuous part in the great politieal drama. The real attitude of the party to the financial question was proclaimed in a most sensational way. The Convention on Friday adopted a platform in which there was no pronouncement on the financial question. On Saturday night a telegram was received from Judge Parker, stating in effect that he could not accept the nomination unless a gold plank should be inserted in the platform. The confusion resulting from this telegram was very great. The problem was solved, however, by the Convention in sending word to Judge Parker, that, although the financial question could not be an issue in the campaign, yet the nominee's views on the financial question could not debar him from accepting the nomination on the platform that had already been adopted. Judge Parker's telegram proved his firmness, but rather discounted his former wisdom. The question will surely arise in many a mind, "Why did not Judge Parker let his views be known before?" His position will weaken him in the West, but strengthen him in the East. It maks no difference in the South, as the South will vote for any nominee irrespective of his financial doctrine. Judge Parker will undoubtedly have in a very large measure the confidence of the people. He is a manly, robust candidate, and will make a great run. The nominee for Vice-President is eighty-two years old, and has had a creditable political record. It is evident that in the coming campaign the party will rely much on the "sinews of war."

It would take a rash and ignorant man to deny in these days the wonderful power of song. We have heard of audiences being melted to tears and aroused to decisive action through the power of song, but who ever heard before of the place of the next annual meeting being selected on account of a song? Yet this is what was done on last Thursday in Nashville, Tenn., when in the midst of the business looking to the selection of a place for the next meeting of the United Confederate Veterans, Miss Mary E. Ewell sang "My Old Kentucky Home," and the audience went wild and shouted "Louisville! Louisville!" Of course Louisville was chosen without any seconding speeches. General Stephen D. Lee, of Mississippi, was chosen Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans.

A cablegram to the Secretaries of the Board of Missions announces the death at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Park, Soochow, China, of Mrs. M. I. Lambuth, mother of Dr. W. R. Lambuth, and the most venerable member of our mission force in Japan.

Contributions

Abounding Goodness.

MRS. E. M. ANDERSON.

I see it in the starry sky,
And in the moonlight gleaming by,
I see it e'er in deep or high,
God is good.

I see it in the flowing river,
And where the shining sunbeams quiver,
I see it ever, ever, ever,
God is good.

I hear it in the gentle breeze,
And in the whispering of the trees,
'Mid grass as soft as beds of ease,
God is good.

'Tis borne aloft upon the air,
'Tis shown where all is bright and fair,
Where clouds like snowy fleeces are,
God is good.

I hear it in the pattering rain,
That taps upon the window pane,
And leaps and flashes out again,
God is good.

I hear it in the ocean's roar,
I see it in the glittering ore,
In boundless nature's wondrous store,
God is good.

I hear it in the song birds' lay,
That carol forth at dawn of day,
And in the laugh of children's play,
God is good.

In child or bird, in tree or flower,
In summer sun, or sparkling shower,
I hear and feel it every hour,
God is good.

In tree or shrub, or grass so green,
In fleecy cloud, or starry sheen,
His goodness everywhere is seen,
God is good.

Durham, N. C.

The Woman's Home Mission Society and Church Extension.

MRS. J. E. UNDERWOOD.

The question has been asked: "Could Paul have planted the Church at Philippi without the aid of Lydia?" Be that as it may, there are many places in Southern Methodism where the Church could not have been established without the aid of the Woman's Home Mission Society. This organization owes its existence to the needs of the Church. A few years after the organization of the department of Church Extension Bishop Hargrove while in charge of the Conferences in the West reported to the Board that he had been compelled to abandon several important stations because there was not a house to be found fit to accommodate a preacher and his family. He then asked the question: "Why could not the good women of the Church be induced to go into the work of building parsonages"?

Miss Helm, who was already interested in the Church Extension movement, took hold of the idea and through her zeal and her prayers, and the co-operation of the Bishops and the Board of Church Extension, in a few years the women were organized into the "Woman's Department of Church Extension." A home for every preacher has been the watchword of this society through all the years of its existence. And while the society has changed its name and enlarged its sphere of activity, the building of parsonages is still emphasized. As an evidence of this fact our reports show that during the past year more parsonages have been aided and a larger amount has been granted them than in any one year in the history of the society.

Since the organization of the society $141,610.36 has been contributed to 1,527 parsonages, and nearly $80,000 has been distributed through the Supply Department. When we are told that more than half the parsonages throughout all Southern Methodism have been built or aided by this society we realize that it has indeed been an important factor in the Extension of the Church.

Under the blessings of God and the leadership of consecrated womanhood the society has magnified its opportunities until now we find it the means of extending the Church in other ways. The department of City Missions is now aiding very materially in the establishment of the Church. Deaconesses and City Missionaries who are under the control of the Board are developing work in many neglected sections of our cities, Sunday-schools and other features of church work have been organized, and plans are being developed for building churches. Does not this mean "Church Extension?"

It certainly means the extension of the work and influences of the Church by the agencies which it has established.

I cannot close this article without reminding the Board of Church Extension in our Conference of the unity of purpose and design that has always existed between these two institutions of our Church. Brethren we have a right to expect your co-operation. We would also be glad to have the support and sympathy of all North Carolina Methodism. This interest of the Church deserves more than it has received at our hands. There is still a wide field for our activity. There are more than a thousand charges in Southern Methodism that are without parsonages. There are more than a thousand pastors who are living on salaries of less than three hundred dollars per year. These are the ones who are paying rent for homes for their families out of their meagre salaries.

Church Extension.

BISHOP W. A. CANDLER.

The work of Church Extension is a form of mission work, and that, too, a most important form. It houses and preserves the fruits of the missionaries' toil, which otherwise would suffer much loss. The housing partakes of the importance of the harvest which it shelters. In the month of April, 1739, Mr. Wesley began field preaching, and in the month of May of the same year he bought the first Methodist house of worship. That was the beginning of Church Extension with the "people called Methodists," and in one form or another it has been going on ever since. May it never cease until every congregation of Methodists in the world has a proper place of worship and every place in the earth has a Methodist congregation! Then the tabernacle of God will descend out of heaven, and we shall need no more the earthly temples wherein we now worship the Builder of the temple not made with hands. Until then we shall need to push the work of church building in all lands.

The Very Foundation

BISHOP C. B. GALLOWAY.

The cause of Church Extension has had to be content with the crumbs that fall from the table. In cases where pastors take omnibus collections, it has been discriminated against in the final distribution. And yet it is vital to our cause at home and abroad. It is possible not extravagant to say that upon these material structures spiritual religion largely depends. There is no question as to their vital relation to our denominational interests. The family life of the church cannot be developed in a school-house or union church. Men will fight for their homes and firesides, but you never heard of a man dying for his boarding-house. You have my cordial sympathy in your good work.

Justifies the Wisdom of Its Organization.

BISHOP W. W. DUNCAN.

The record of the Church Extension of our church justifies the wisdom of its organization, and vindicates its right to a generous support from all our people. Many houses of worship and home for preachers' families have been made possible, which otherwise would not have blessed the church.

Church Extension.

BISHOP GRANBERY.

The purpose and result of our Church Extension System. 1. Pioneer work; in new territory, thinly populated sections, and cities of rapid growth. It is true that each Annual Conference raises funds for domestic missions; but these are absorbed in the support of the ministry. The cost of building houses of worship is an extra which must be met promptly, and is in many cases too great for the resources of the communities. Church Extension helps at the pinch. This is extending the kingdom of heaven in our own land. Valuable aid has gone also to a few points in foreign fields; and much more should be done, and will be done. 2. Neat and commodious churches are built instead of comfortless and unsightly houses. 3. Our people are not discouraged and embarrassed by unmanageable debts. Donations of the Boards enable them to meet the necessary expense of building without going into debt, or loans at moderate interest provide an opportunity to pay off the debt within a few years.

Our Showing.

DR. P. H. WHISNER, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

I rely much on the facts to influence the people to work for Church Extension.

We now own 14,872 churches. Five thousand two hundred and sixty of these have been aided by Church Extension. The total value of these churches is $25,203,303. Church Extension has supplied to these churches $1,515,139 in the 21 years of its history. How many of our present churches would not now exist but for Church Extension no man can tell. How many of them would be very inferior to what they are but for Church Extension no man can tell. How many of them would be more embarrassed with debt than they are no man can tell.

We have now 17,897 societies. This shows that we have 3,025 societies without houses of worship. These cannot properly prosper till they are housed. This shows the present need, and as this need is met there will be other societies forming—and so the need will continue.

Louisville, Ky., February 4, 1904.

The Building of Chapels

DR. G. B. WINTON.

The building of chapels is an integral and very fruitful element in Foreign Mission work. The ground conquered must be fortified or it cannot be held. A house gives a promise of permanency which impresses both friends and enemies. It checks the disintegrating forces which are always so active in congregations of poor and ignorant people. Moreover it is a form of benevolence which less than almost any other tends to pauperize the native church. They see in it proof of the benevolent intentions of the missionary and his people. "He loveth our nation and hath built us a synagogue." Such were the credentials of the Roman Captain stationed in Galilee. The spirit that points skyward in heathen lands tells alike of God's love and the love of Christian men who amid sacrifices have gathered the money to build these monuments of love.

The Work of Missions.

BISHOP A. COKE SMITH.

The work of Missions is one form of Church Extension, for it seeks to push the gospel into "the regions beyond." The Church Extension Society proposes to entrench the army of invasion and make the occupation of the countries entered permanent. Nor is its work at home less important. Here it looks after the weak points in the line and strengthens them. Or, to change the figure, it is the expression of fellowship in the church family where the strong help the weak and the older lend to the younger till they are able to help themselves.

Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man.—Bacon.

Church Extension.

BISHOP E. E. HOSS.

I have always regarded the work of Church Extension as a right arm of power in our Methodism. But I must confess that I never knew until recently the full measure of its usefulness. In the Western fields particularly it has helped us to hold many places which otherwise we should have been compelled to abandon. If our people could only be waked up to see how great is the work which it is actually accomplishing, they would surely rally to its support. The time ought speedily to come when the full amount of assessments for this cause will be reported in every Conference. The deficits are a reproach to us. Let us wipe them out, and go ahead with fresh energy.

Love and Law.

C. F. SHERRILL.

The altar does not consecrate the gift. The spirit of the giver does. Love is greater than Law.

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When Jesus died on the Cross, He had no people in which to embody His religion. He has since gotten to Himself a vast sacramental host. This He has done by teaching men to become like Himself. Wherever one imbibes the Spirit of Christ and becomes like His Lord, one is added to that ever-growing number that constitute His people.

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The pride of race is a hard thing to give up. The racial characteristic is well nigh unconquerable. How beautiful is it, though, that in Christ, is neither Jew nor Greek, barbarian nor Scythian, bond nor free. In Him it is a household of saints. The family of God.

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The Mosaic institution fills the Old Testament. For a thousand years it was uppermost in the mind of the Jew. Very little reference does Christ make to it. Never once does He mention circumcision. The Beatitudes are in another clime from that of ritualism. If the Jews had been inventing Jesus, why this silence? Why is there no mention of these things most sacred to them? As Nicodemus said, Christ was a "Teacher come from God." The blossom of Judaism dropped when the fruit of Christianity appeared. The shadow gave way to the substance. The type was fulfilled by the anti-type.

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The smallest in the kingdom of God is greater than John the Baptist. John was strong in condemnation; he was weak in sympathy. His denunciation was as the lightning flash; he failed in pity and patience for the erring. The austere man of the wilderness was wanting in the gentler virtues. His zeal overshadowed his love. John was not a full man. He lacked the gentler yet greater Christian graces. The humblest who know the Christ may be greater than he. In this sense the least in the kingdom of God may excel John. The true measure of life is the love of Christ. It is in the reach of hovels and palaces, nor does God withhold it from the great or small.

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The keynote of John the Baptist's ministry was reformation. Regeneration was that of Christ. One came with judgment. The other with mercy. One came for condemnation. The other for salvation. Law was uppermost with John. Love with Christ.

Raleigh District Conference.

[Taken from the reports of the News and Observer.]

Cary, N. C., June 30.—Promptly at 9 o'clock this morning the Raleigh District Conference convened in its thirty-eighth annual session. Dr. W. H. Moore, the Presiding Elder, conducted the opening devotional exercises and presided over the meeting.

At roll-call ten of the eighteen ministers in the District responded to their names; but only eighteen out of the seventy-two lay representatives were present. The heavy rains of recent days will, it is thought, bring about an almost full attendance of delegates, as the land will be too wet to plow for several days and the country members will be able to leave their farms.

Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth was re-elected secretary of the Conference. The standing committees necessary to complete the organization of the Conference were duly appointed.

Reports were heard from the several charges on the Sunday-schools, Epworth Leagues, and educational interests of the church. The Sunday-school reports made showed an enrollment of 3,390. It was stated that competent teachers are very much in demand, that many of the Sunday-schools had been organized into missionary societies and that all of the schools, with two or three exceptions, used Methodist literature exclusively.

Only five league charters were reported, four from Raleigh and one from Smithfield. A very great and substantial interest in educational affairs was reported.

The sermons by Rev. F. M. Shamberger, of Oxford station, and by Rev. J. D. Pegram, of Granville Circuit, were very warmly received. The addresses on the Epworth League work, by Rev. J. M. Culbreth, and on Sunday-school matters, by Rev. W. H. Puckett, evoked considerable interest.

Cary, N. C., July 2.—The afternoon session of the second day was opened with prayer by Rev. N. S. Seabolt.

The Presiding Elder called the Conference to order and the business of hearing reports on missions was taken up and finished.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Stephens, the matter of determining where the next Conference should be held was taken up. Smithfield and Oxford were put in nomination. On Oxford's withdrawing, Smithfield was unanimously chosen by a rising vote.

Addresses on missions were listened to from Revs. N. E. Coletrain and F. A. Bishop, after which the Conference balloted for delegates to the annual Conference with the following result.

Delegates: Messrs. J. R. How, M. P. Davis, H. B. Jordan and Millard Mial; alternates, Messrs. B. B. Adams and J. H. Bullock.

An adjournment was taken till 8.15, when Rev. J. H. Shore preached to a full house.

The second day's session of the Raleigh District Conference began most auspiciously. With bright sunshine and a steady, cool breeze from the west, the muddy streets soon became conveniently passable at any point.

A large number of the members of the Conference assembled at the church at 9 o'clock for the opening service of prayer and song. Rev. G. T. Simmons, of the Youngsville Circuit, offered the prayer, and immediately thereafter Dr. Moore called the body to order. The roll-call showed that every pastor in the District was present, except three; and two of these are reported to be detained at their homes on account of sickness in their families. Selma Circuit and Wakefield Circuit are the only charges not represented by one or more lay delegates. There are present today thirty-four lay representatives.

After the calling of the roll, Dr. Moore called for reports from the preachers in regard to the missionary activity of the several charges. These reports answered the following questions: 1. What interest is taken in the cause? 2. What has been done to create an interest among our people? 3. Have the missionary collections been taken? 4. What steps have been taken to insure full collections this year? These questions brought out the information that there are eight Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in the District and four Woman's Home Missionary Societies. The latter societies represent a total membership of 140, which has, during the last year and a quarter contributed $595.36 to the missionary enterprises of the Home Board. Three Young Woman's Missionary Societies are organized, six juvenile societies, and two Sunday-schools are organized into societies to promote the missionary spirit. Four charges reported their missionary collections already paid in full; eight have paid in part; leaving six that have not yet taken a collection.

The third and last day's session of the Conference was opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. Puckett, of the Oxford Circuit.

The body being called to order by the Presiding Elder, the committee on recommendations to the annual Conference for admission reported. Revs. R. F. Bumpas, F. A. Bishop, J. D. Pegram, reported that Mr. A. Jones had passed the required examination, and favored his recommendation. By a unanimous vote the Conference adopted the committee's report.

The committee on quarterly conference records made such an excellent report that Dr. Moore commended their work in open conference.

A resolution was offered by Rev. G. T. Simmons that the Conference ought to meet at such a time that the members and delegates could get home before Sunday, was adopted; also a resolution of thanks by the same to the people of Cary for their entertainment of the Conference.

A third resolution was offered by Rev. Simmons, to the effect that the preachers ought to put themselves on record as opposing Sunday trains and other forms of desecrating the Sabbath, were adopted with only one vote in the negative.

Rev. W. E. Coletrane introduced a strong resolution pledging the support of the Conference to the interests of Greensboro Female College, which was adopted.

The following local preachers passed the examination of character: Americus Jones, Johnson Sorrell, B. F. Dixon, I. A. White, W. S. Hester and Dr. R. H. Whitaker.

Rev. Livingston Johnson, Secretary of the Baptist Board of Missions, was introduced to the Conference.

The spiritual condition of the church, as described in the reports of the several pastors, was especially good.

After the reading and the adoption of the minutes, the Conference adjourned sine die.

Dr. Kilgo, having been unexpectedly called away to South Carolina with a sick friend, did not attend the Conference.

At 11 o'clock Dr. W. H. Moore preached a very able and beautiful sermon on Christian Education.

It is very significant that every pastor expressed himself as confident that all the collections would be paid in full this year.

Greensboro Female College was represented by Rev. Dr. S. B. Turrentine, of West Market Street Church, Greensboro. Dr. Turrentine spoke only twenty minutes, but his message was full of encouragement to the friends of the glorious old institution so sorely afflicted yet so full of strength. The speaker stated that since the College was burned $60,000 had been raised in gold bond subscriptions to rebuild the institution; that Greensboro Female College would not antagonize the proposed Woman's Annex at Trinity, as its province would be separate and distinct, viz.: to furnish popular, as opposed to higher, education for our young women. He said that it was utterly impracticable to talk of selling the property at Greensboro and building elsewhere; for all the subscriptions secured had been given on condition that the college should be rebuilt at Greensboro. If the Methodist Church fails to rebuild, and at Greensboro, it will lose $100,000. In closing, Dr. Turrentine declared that if the present crisis can be tided over in ten days, a handsome endowment fund will be forthcoming on easy terms. His speech made a good impression on the Conference.

At 11.30 Rev. R. F. Bumpas preached to a full house on the subject of Missions, fully sustaining the record made by his predecessors in the pulpit at the services yesterday.

The next time we are tempted to be discouraged, let us simply say, "I will not yield. You are an old story. You have decided me before. And even if you seem real now, I know you are not. Behind the clouds God is still shining. I shall yet see Him, and I shall see Him sooner if I reject you. I will rejoice in hope and fear nothing."

The Field

A Protest.

My Dear Brother:—I am so much pained at your allusion to Walt Whitman in such an unkind manner in this week's issue that I must beg leave to enter a foundly protest. I am leaning to admire him as one of America's greatest productions.

John Burroughs says of him: "Call his work poetry or prose, or what you will, that it is an inspired utterance of some sort any competent person ought to be able to see. And what else do we demand of any work than that it be inspired? How all questions of form and art and all other questions sink into insignificance beside that. . . . . It is the best lesson in nationalism and universal charity that this century has seen."

Whitman's preface to "Leaves of Grass," is classed among the world's greatest essays.

Burroughs again says of him: "I look upon Whitman as the one mountain thus far in our literary landscape."

Joel Chandler Harris says of his work: "It is the inevitable, unaccountable, irresistible forward movement of man in the making of this Republic." It is true, he says, that "those who are merely literary will find little substance in the great drama of Democracy outlined in his writing." "But," he says, "those who know nature at first hand will find therein the thrill and glow of poetry and the essence of melody.'

Excuse me for this interruption. The name of Whitman ought not to be placed by the side of the false prophet.

Very truly, O. H. ALLEN.

Kinston, N. C., June 24. 1904.

Some Observations.

As I have gone through the Washington District, I have learned some things not very gratifying to a true, loyal Methodist. Some of them, however, are not peculiar to this district.

One of my observations is, that as a church, we are not more than holding our own; we are simply staying. Really in some localities signs seem to indicate that we will not do that much longer. Our people largely do not have their children baptized, and quite a large percentage of those joining the church insist on being immersed to be satisfied, and sometimes entirely of Methodist parentage, too. Of what is this disbelief in our doctrines the result: I answer—of the cowardice which has kept our preachers from preaching doctrinal sermons on the subjects and mode of baptism. Other preachers have boldly disputed our teachings and gone unchallenged so long that our own people are discrediting them. It is, therefore, time that we throw away such sickly sentiment; be like other preachers, have some backbone, and preach what we believe for the instruction of our people, let others think what they may. Unless we do this and get a catechism of Methodist doctrine in our Sunday-schools, we needn't be surprised at land-slides of our people from us. If we must continue to regard the sensitiveness of good neighbor A or B, who let their preachers lambast us and our doctrines without a protest from them, and go on in silent submission, when shall this leaving us cease? I verily believe other folks begin to think we are afraid to preach our doctrines or don't believe them ourselves, so long have we been generally silent on them. I favor a change, and am advising my preachers to preach more doctrinal sermons, being always careful to abuse no other. Hasn't a Methodist preacher as much right in his pulpit as others in theirs? So, if anyone pouts about what he says to inform his people, just let that one pout it out.

Another one of my observations is, that in several, mostly Methodist communities, the principals and teachers of high schools and academies are mostly other than Methodists. They are principally Missionary Baptists. It doesn't take a prophet to correctly forecast the result of this state of affairs, for on the surface appears the fact that these Baptist principals and teachers will incidently drop Baptist teachings in the minds of our Methodist children. Then a Baptist preacher will be invited to hold a series of services in the school building, resulting in the organization of a Baptist church out of Methodist folks. What do our Methodist folks mean anyway? And what are our Methodist preachers doing that they don't demand a recognition of Methodist rights by others?

In Weldon, Bethel, Belhaven, Swan Quarter, Ocracoke and other places where the Methodists are in the ascendency this demand should be made and pressed at once. But some one will say, "let's have peace." Away with such an idea, when peace continues to mean our loss. Have our rights peaceably, if we can. Get them by war, if we can't.

On inquiry, however, I learned that it was so in one community, because no Methodist teacher would teach for the price they could pay. Can't we have our schools give us some lower-priced teachers? Wouldn't it be better to look a little more to the preservation of our Methodism in this respect and arrange to increase our supply of teachers for these demands?

J. D. BUNDY.

Programme of the Fayetteville District Conference to be Held at Jonesboro July, 20-24.

TUESDAY 19.

8.30.—Opening sermon by Rev. E. R. Welch.

WEDNESDAY MORNING 20.

9. a. m.—Devotional services and organization.
9.30 a. m.—Reports from pastors.
10.00 a. m.—Functions of the Pastor in Building the Sunday-school, by C. E. Peck.
10.20 a. m.—Essentials to a Successful Superintendent, by Rev. S. T. Moyle.
10.40 a. m.—Superintendent—(1) In the Sunday-school, by Rev. W. A. Forbes; (2) Out of the Sunday-school, by Rev. C. A. Jones.
11.00 a. m.—Sermon; Childhood and the Atonement, by Rev. J. H. Frizzelle.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.00 p. m.—Devotional Services, by Rev. J. W. Hoyle.
3.15 p. m.—Reports from pastors continued.
3.40 p. m.—Influence of the Teacher on Spiritual Life of the Scholar, by Rev. T. A. Sikes.
4.00 p. m.—How to Make the Sunday-school Go, by Rev. G. W. Starling.
4.20 p. m.—Report of Committee. Discussion.
8.30.—Sermon by Rev. R. W. Bailey.

THURSDAY MORNING 21.

9.00 a. m.—Devotional Services, by Rev. L. H. Joyner.
9.30 a. m.—Reports from Pastors on Spiritual State of the Church.
10.30 a. m.—Report of Committee. Discussions.
11.00 a. m.—Sermon—Spiritual Life, by Rev. R. H. Broom.
Communion service conducted by Rev. A. D. Betts.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.00 p. m.—Reports from Pastors on Missions.
3.30 p. m.—Value of Women in the World's Evangelization, by Rev. J. C. Humble.
3.45 p. m.—The Woman's Home Missionary and Parsonage Work, by Rev. E. R. Welch.
4.00 p. m.—Report of Committee on Missions. Discussion.
8.30.—Sermon by Rev. S. T. Moyle.

FRIDAY MORNING 22.

9.00 a. m.—Reports from Pastors on Epworth Leagues and Education.
9.30 a. m.—The Epworth League a Necessity to the Young Life of the Church, by Rev. R. W. Bailey.
10.00 a. m.—How to Make the Epworth League Go, by Rev. J. H. Frizelle.
10.20 a. m.—Our Educational Institutions, by Rev. E. Pope.
10.40 a. m.—Report of Committee on Epworth Leagues and Education. Discussions.
11.00 a. m.—Sermon—Education and the Higher Life, by Rev. T. A. Smoot.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3.00 p. m.—Devotional Services, by Rev. B. B. Holder.
3.15 p. m.—Report from Pastors on Financial Systems and Church Property.
3.40 p. m.—Our Financial Obligations, by J. M. Lamb.
4.00 p. m.—Report of Committee on Financial Conditon of the District.
8.30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. G. W. Starling.
9.00 a. m.—Devotional Services, by Rev. R. A. Bruton
9.15 a. m.—Report of Committees.
10.00 a. m.—Election of Delegates to Annual Conference.
10.30 a. m.—Our Orphanage, by Rev. J. W. Jenkins.
11.00 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. W. A. Forbes.
8.30.—Sermon by Rev. C. A. Jones.

SATURDAY MORNING 23.

11.00 a. m.—Sermon.
8.30.—Sermon by Rev. T. A. Sikes.
Committee on Examination for License to Preach: Revs. T. A. Smoot, J. H. Frizelle, and G. W. Starling.
Committee on Orders and Recommendation to Annual Conference: Revs. R. H. Broom, R. W. Bailey and S. T. Moyle.

J. B. HURLEY.

Honor, to Whom Honor is Due.

In the Advocate of June 22, Bro. D. H. Dixon published an article in which he goes way back to find an inspiration which led to building the new Methodist Church at Hookerton.

Like Brother Dixon, I greatly appreciate the valuable help given by Dr. Jordan, who not only contributed liberally in means, but being secretary and treasurer of the building committee, gave a large portion of his valuable time and services in supervising the work and having it done properly and according to contract.

Dr. Jordan is a special friend of mine and one for whom I have the highest regard, and I do not desire to detract one iota of credit from him or anyone else.

But to the good ladies of Hookerton and vicinity (God bless them) are we indebted for the beautiful little church now located in that quiet little town.

Feeling the need of a suitable building in which to worship, they suggested that a new church be built. The question was diseussed by the male members, and indefinitely postponed. But the ladies said: "We must have a new church, and if you men will raise what money you can, we will raise the balance." A subscription list was then started, and the ladies organized a Church Aid Society, and went to work with that zeal and energy that know no failure. Meeting day after day, and night after night, they worked faithfully, and when the building was completed and paid for, it was found that they had raised two-fifths of the money required.

Some of those good ladies have since moved away to other sections, and some have "crossed over the river." But when all have gone to receive their reward, that little church will still be a living monument to their memory.

Respectfully, J. J. EDWARDS.

Ayden, N. C., July 5, 1904.

Fayetteville District Conference.

The Fayetteville District Conference will meet in Jonesboro, N. C., July 20-24. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. E. R. Welch.

On Tuesday night, the 19th, we hope every member of the Conference can be present at this service.

Delegates and visitors can reach Jonesboro from any direction in the afternoon over the Southern, Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line. The preachers will please see that their Quarterly Conference records are on hand for examination.

J. B. HURLEY.

The Family

The Little White Hearse.

Somebody's baby was buried to-day—
The empty white hearse from a grave rumbled back,
And the morning somehow seemed less smiling and gray,
As I paused on the walk while it crossed on its way,
And a shadow seemed drawn o'er the sun's golden track.

Somebody's baby was laid out to rest,
White as a snow-drop, and fair to behold,
And the soft little hands were crossed over the breast,
And those hands and the lips and the eyelids were pressed
With kisses as hot as the eyelids were cold.

Somebody saw it go out of her sight,
Under the coffin lid—out through the door;
Somebody finds only darkness and blight
All through the glory of summer sunlight;
Somebody's baby will waken no more.

Somebody's sorrow is making me weep—
I know not her name, but I echo her cry,
For the dearly bought baby she longed so to keep,
The baby that rode to its long-lasting sleep
In the little white hearse that went rumbling by.

I know not her name, but her sorrow I know;
While I paused on the crossing I lived it once more,
And back to my heart surged that river of woe
That but in the breast of a mother can flow,
For the little white hearse has been, too, at my door.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

The Old Quilting Bee.

Softly down the winding years
From some sweet other time
And echo comes as musical
And mellow as the rhyme
The poet makes while dreaming
In his mood of old women at
The old-time quilting bee.

They talk of knitting needles, of spnning wheels and such,
Of how the old-time method gave the cloth a finer touch;
Of husbands, too, they gossip (old angels without wings!)
Of crops and cows, of whooping cough, and several things—
But never once of politics, except perhaps to say
The youngster in the cradle was the big man of the day.

Softly down the winding years
From some sweet other time
An echo comes as musical
And mellow as the rhyme
The poet makes while dreaming
In his mood of ecstasy—
The voices of old women at
The old-time quilting bee.

They never spoke of fashions then, the low neck and train;
The styles were very simple, and everything was plain.
The pictures were the grass-knit lawn, the waving wood-skirt field;
The music, of bright-throated birds, and of the orchard's yield—
They never spoke of politics, except perhaps to say
The youngster in the cradle would be President some day.

—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Why in the Morning?

Dr. Joseph Parker once gave his reasons for his choice of the morning hour as the time for communing with God, in these words: "The morning is the time fixed for meeting the Lord. This very word 'morning' is as a cluster of rich grapes. Let me crush them, and drink the sacred wine. In the morning! Then God means me to be at my best in strength and hope. I have not to climb in my weakness. In the night I have buried yesterday's fatigue, and in the morning I take a new lease of energy. Sweet morning! There is hope in its music. Blessed is the day whose morning is sanctified! Successful is the day whose first victory was won in prayer! Holy is the day whose dawn finds thee on the top of the mount! Health is established in the morning. Wealth is won in the morning. The light is brightest in the morning. 'Wake, psaltery and harp; I myself will awake early.'"

Hungry for Love.

The world is hungry for love. It is not hungry for great poets, great soldiers, great inventors, but is longing for great lovers. A great lover is simply a soul set free enough from selfishness to live in other lives, and free enough from reserve and cowardice to tell others how he loves them.

For it is not enough to love and not tell it. As Miss Woolson has written:

"They love us, and we know it; this suffices
For reason's share.
Why should they pause to give that love expression
With gentle care?
Why should they pause? But still our hearts are aching
With all the gnawing pain
Of hungry love that longs to hear the music,
And longs and longs in vain."

Love is the true home of the soul. Sometimes we speak of heaven as the "home of the soul," but, as Scott sung:

"Love is heaven and heaven is love."

One of the most beautiful stories we have ever read is told of Wendell Phillips, the great orator. He was passionately devoted to his invalid wife, and one day, after he had lectured, his friends urged him not to return to Boston that night. "The last train has left," they said, "and you will be obliged to take a carriage. It means twelve miles of cold riding through the sleet." "Ah, yes," he replied, "but at the end of them I shall find Annie Phillips."

No journey is too long with love at the end of it, no task is too hard with love for its reward. Love is the great incentive to labor, the mighty provocative to ambition. Live for some one else, love and be loved, and the development of the best that is in you will come as a matter of course. Henry Van Dyke has put the thought into verse:

"Self is the only prison that can ever bind the soul,
Love is the only angel who can bid the gates unroll;
And, when he comes to call thee, arise and follow fast.
His way may lead through darkness, but it leads to light at last."

The most successful men, not only as God counts success, but even according to men's poor measure of success, are those that care for others. They live in others' successes as well as their own. They add the happiness of others to their own joy. The world lies at the feet of the man who loves enough.

That is, all the world worth having. Not the world of greed and gold, not the world of war and murder, not the world of pride and envy. God is the chief lover, the one pattern of love. Every one that loveth is born of God, and whatever his Father has is his.—The Christian Work.

Ministers' Boys.

Are you the son of a minister, or are some of your boy friends ministers' sons?

It is a common saying that ministers' sons turn out badly. Well, don't you believe it. There is a noted French scientist who has studied into this subject, and he has a long list of names to prove that the sons of ministers make up the largest number of the world's great men. Here, for instance, are some of the names: Agassiz, Hallam, Jonathan Edwards, Whateley, Parkham, Bancroft, the Wesley's Beechers and Surgeons, Cowper, Coleridge, Tennyson, Lowell, Holmes, Emerson, Charles Kingsley, Matthew Arnold, Dean Stanley, Macauley, Thackeray, Sir Christopher Wren, Sir Joshua Reynolds, Swift Sterne, Hazlitt, Presidents Cleveland and Aruthur, Peter Stuyvesant, Adoniram Judson, Timothy Dwight, Henry Clay, Fritz Greene Halleck, Morse the inventor, Justices Field and Brewer, United States Senator Dolliver, and many others in the Senate.—American Boy.

The Devil May Have Brought It.

I will tell an olden story; though 't is olden, it is true
(It is very, very olden; 't is so olden it is new),
About an olden woman in an olden, mean abode
In a gloomy, olden forest on a lonely, olden road.

'T is night—she sits in darkness, she is hungry, she is weak,
And a tear of supplication courses down her withered cheek,
While she trustfully prays unto the Lord to send her bread;
"Please, Lord," she cries, "just drop it down the chimney of my shed.'

A pair of noisy hoodlums riding down that dreary way,
Rein in their steeds beside the hut and hear the woman pray.
They gallop to the nearest down and buy some loaves of bread,
Then gallop back again and halt beside the humble shed.

The woman still is praying for the Lord to send her bread,
Still crying, "Lord, just drop it down the chimney of my shed."
When suddenly her prayerful cries are changed to cries of fear,
While vulgar oaths and ribald songs grate harshly on her ear.

The rowdies climb upon the roof, approach the chimney-top;
Aloft they hold the provender then gently let it drop;
Down, down into the fire-place the erumb of comfort crashes,
The thankful creature plucks it from the embers and the ashes.

"Say, tell us, grannie," cries a voice, "now tell us on the dead,
Do you believe it was for sure, the Lord who sent the bread?"
"Ah, yes!" the grateful crone replies; "O, thank the Lord I got it!
Aye, it was the Lord who sent it, but the devil he has brought it."

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There was once a able preacher by the name, I think, of Brown,
Who held revival-meetings and converted all the town,
But one who knew his record let Cat Thomas from the bag,
And Brown was shown beyond a doubt to be a scalawag.

And yet there's much improvement; men who once were in the gutter
Are sober, keep their children well supplied with bread and butter.
The town received a benefit—no matter how it got it—
The Lord was plaesed to send it, though the devil may have brought it.

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My friend, while passing downward through this vale of joy and woe,
Why need those threatful troubles make you worry as you go?
The foes you view with fearfulness and evils that you dread
Are turned and often twisted till they're blessings on your head.

The enemy who vexes you, aye even plans your fall,
May help to forge a chain of circumstances, after all,
By which you gain advantages; you scarcely may have sought it,
But the Lord has sent a blessing, though the devil may have brought it.

—T. C. McConnell.

Bishop Morris.

I regard the Board of Church Extension as second in importance only to the Missionary Society, if, indeed, second to that; and I regard the Loan Fund as the best strike that has yet been made for the cause.

Bishop Scott.

My estimate of this Church Extension movement is very high. I place it side by side with the Missionary movement. It is a missionary movement. You can't conceive of the great objects being accomplished at which the Missionary movement aims, without a movement like this.

Bishop Simpson.

What means all this? The Missionary idea I can comprehend, but the Church has taken into its bosom this other great idea of Church Extension. God seems to be saying to the Church: Intrench yourselves, build forts, garrison them well; a struggle is coming. We must have our places of defence and concentration.

Bishop Warren.

The Board of Church Extension is the Big Brother to thousands of younger brothers all over our country. It is Joseph in Egypt preparing homes for the rest of the family. With all due reverence it may be called an Elder Brother preparing a mansion for those who would otherwise have none.

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The Loan Fund.

I can think of nothing that impresses me more favorably or as favorably as putting money into this Loan Fund, to go on repeating itself, and reproducing its blessings from age to age. It doesn't stop simply with the first blessing, it helps build one church and comes back again with the glad tidings of what it has done, and goes again and builds, or help to build, another church, and coming back again says, "Here am I, send me," and goes again and again.

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3. Because the highest promptings of patriotism demand the multiplication of Methodist Episcopal churches which everywhere symbolize civil and religious liberty.

Bishop Morrison.

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2. Every member of an individual church should contribute something to build other churches than his own.

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Womans Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Miss Daisy Bailey Waltt, Raleigh, N. C.

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A New Worker in Brazil.

Among those whom we mentioned last week as having sailed recently for Brazil was Miss Ada Parker, of New Orleans. We copy the following in regard to her from the daily papers of her city. Miss Parker is a New Orleans girl; she was born and raised here, and after gaining a primary education in private and public schools, she became a pupil at the Home Institute, where she became imbued with many of the high ideals taught by Miss Sophie Wright, the noble principal of the Academy. Miss Parker, always of a religious turn of mind, joined the Epworth League, and worked in the local field of the Felicity Street Methodist Church, of which Dr. Drake is pastor. Miss Parker was sent to the Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, by the Louisiana W. F. M. S. of the M. E. Church, South, after finishing at the Home Institute; and on the 10th of last May she graduated and returned home, but left to attend the Conference of the Mission Board held in Jacksonville, Fla., on May 18. At Jacksonville Miss Parker received the appointment to the Brazilian field; and feeling herself called to the work, accepted and came home to make preparation for the trip.

The young lady's brother, Rev. Geo. D. Parker, who was formerly pastor of the Carrollton Avenue Methodist Church, but resigned to enter the mission field, is now stationed at Rio Janiero. Although she will be in the same country, she will be thrown in contact with her brother only at intervals.

Miss Parker did not seem disposed to talk freely on her call, and the work that she has taken up, saying that she did not care for too much publicity. She said, however, in reply to the reporter's questions, that although she hated to leave her family and friends, she felt that the Lord wanted her for His work, and when He summoned her she would go. * * * Miss Parker is a bright, cheerful young woman, of charming manners and developed mind, and her attainments natural and acquired as well fit her for the labor that is before her.

Scotch Woman's Mission Money.

"If I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned but have not love, it profiteth me nothing." (I. Cor. xiii. 3.)

Some one tells the story of a Scotch woman who lived on oatmeal that she might give to missions. A friend gave her a six pence to buy a chop. She said: "I have been without chops nine years; I can do without the chop." The friend, some time after, being at dinner where a number of wealthy people were present, told the story of that chop. Many were deeply impressed, and one lady among them spoke up and said: "I never went without a chop for Christ yet. I will give a thousand pounds for missions." Another and another spoke, until, around that dinner table, the old Scotch woman's six pence worth of mutton chop had grown into twelve thousand dollars to send the gospel to the heathen. He who fed the thousands of people with the few loaves and fishes long ago had blessed that chop, and made it large enough to feed the multitude again. O if there be love with it a chop foregone for Christ's sake is worth more than a million dollars given without love.—Selected.

Bible Women.

A view of the course of study arranged for the Bible women in Shanghai gives us an insight to the kind of work these women are prepared to do in the far east.

First Year.—The Sans-Ts-Kyung; the Four Gospels; the "Two Friend," in colloqy; catechism on "The True Doctrine," by C. F. Reid; "Gospel Stories;" "Talks About the True Doctrine," by Miss Safford.

Second Year.—New Testament (Acts, the Epistles, Revelation); "Pilgrims Progress," in colloquy; "Manual for Workers;" "Helps to Bible Study," Miss Haygood; "Ladder of Learning," vol. 1., Mr. Yen: physiology.

Third Year.—Old Testament (Genesis, Exodus, Psalms), in colloquy; "Ladder of Learning," vol. 2: Science Trainer; the "Gate of Learning."

Fourth Year.—Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Daniel, in the colloquy; "Ladder of Learning," vol. 3; geography: Old Testament History; "Evidences of Christianity," Dr. Martin.

While this is the prescribed course the order in which the studies of any one year shall be taken is left to the discretion of the lady in charge of the Bible School.

Our Guest.

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Treasurer's Report for First Quarter.

Raleigh District: Amount dues collected in adult Auxiliaries, $37.75; Juvenile, $1.10; Conference Expense Fund, $4.07; amount from Baby Mite Boxes, $5.52; number of names on Baby Roll, 50; amount from Florine McEachern Brigade, $14.89; amount in full, $63.33.

Durham District: Dues in adult Auxiliaries $14.35; Juvenile, $1.00; Conference Expense Fund, $1.00; contributed for Brevard School, $2; amount in full, $18.35.

Warrenton District: Dues in adult Auxiliaries, $28.70; Conference Expense Fund, 45; for Brevard, $33.00; from Baby Mite Boxes, $3.49; number on roll, 50; F. McE. Brigade $10.20; amount in full, $75.84.

New Bern District: Dues in adult Auxiliaries, $35.60; Conference Expense Fund, $20.25; for Brevard, $2.25; from Baby Mite Boxes, $1.49; number on roll, 75; amount in full, $59.59.

Wilmington District: Dues in adult Auxiliaries, $13.12; Conference Expense Fund, $3.85; for Brevard, $22.80; Baby Mite Boxes, 47; number on roll, 150; F. McE. Brigade, $5.37; amount in full, $75.61.

Washington District: Dues in adult Auxiliaries, $9.70; Conference Expense Fund, $1.15; F. McE. Brigade, $16.32; amount in full, $27.17.

Elizabeth City District: Dues in adult Auxiliaries, $31.60; Juvenile, $1.70; Conference Expense Fund, $2.55; for Brevard, $6.00; Education Endowment Fund, $5.00; Baby Mite Boxes, $3.61; number on roll 336; F. McE. Brigade, $1.39; amount in full, $57.25.

Total amount from all Districts, $377.14.

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REMARKS

The members of every Auxiliary will read these figures with much interest, and with me will thank Mrs. Prince for sending. Two Auxiliaries did not give any report of Baby Mite Boxes, and two failed to send any of the Florine McEachern Brigade. I earnestly hope the Third Vice-Presidents will not allow this to occur again. These departments should be reported directly to Mrs. J. A. Spiers, Selma, by the officers in charge. Please cheer her eager, faithful spirit hereafter by sending full, regular and punctual reports.

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Are Any Willing to Help the Mountain Boys?

I feel that the hearts of many parents with boys in Heaven and on earth, too, perhaps, will answer this question with a glad affirmative, and I trust ways will be found to carry the thought into execution. It may necessitate careful planning and self-denial, but let us remember the weary years of self-sacrifice practiced by many of these Mountain Mothers, and with them realize the sweetness of it. "In the early dawn of the Christian era King David uttered these splendid words: 'Neither will I offer unto the Lord sacrifices of that which doth cost me nothing.' Surely we who live in the noontide of gospel privilege should heartily echo this sentiment."

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Editorial

AN IMPORTANT FORM OF MISSIONARY EFFORT.

It is very strange that some of the most sacred and vital enterprises of the Church should receive such scant favor at the hands of men and women who believe in the Living God and His Church.

For instance, the propagation of Bible truth in all lands is not only commanded by Christ, and inheres necessarily in the very nature of religion, but is the one condition of natural growth and ultimate triumph. This propagation is not to be limited to certain places at certain times. That is, we are not to Christianize our home land before we Christianize the land which is called "foreign." Distance from the propagating centre does not alter in the least the obligation. The Himalayan valley calls as insistently for our ministrations as does our own quiet country neighborhood. The love of God knows no metes and bounds, and when this love "is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given to us," we have within us that which cannot but close its eyes to all shades and limitations of obligation to project itself outward. In a certain sense, it is unfortunate that we have such words as "home," "domestic," and "foreign," in our missionary nomenclature. There are no "foreigners" in God's sight. All are his children in a general sense; too few in a special sense.

The enterprise, known as Church Extension, was inaugurated years ago by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The enterprise has succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations. It has built thousands of churches in the "waste places. It has aided thousands of struggling churches, which, by themselves, were too weak to build better structures.

Yet we fear that Church Extension furnishes a dry theme for many of our people. They do not regard it with that enthusiasm which it demands.

And here comes in one of the mysteries. Church Extension represents simply an important form of missionary activity.

It is one of the unchangeable laws of our spiritual nature that we must worship God not only as individuals, but as units of a social system. We must worship socially. In order to do this we must have a special public worshipping place. The sanctuary is necessary to the church of God. The sanctuary must represent our soul's best feelings, and our souls highest loyalty. No true child of God is willing to worship in a sanctuary which in a material way does not correspond with our ideas of what God's abiding place should be. No true child of God can be willing to dwell in "an house of cedar," while the ark of the covenant of the Lord dwelleth under curtains."

The sanctuary is an integral vital part of God's great scheme for evangelizing the world. Our obligation to build comfortable churches inheres in our obligation to carry out the command of Christ, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," which command was based upon the eternal law of Divine Love.

So we feel that we are in the highest and best sense utilizing our space this week in emphasizing the subject of Church Extension. It lies very near to the heart of Christ. We trust that the various articles will be carefully and prayerfully read, and that such reading may cause all our people to take a deeper and more practical interest in Church Extension.

The sure cure for discouragement is faith. Discouragement is simply the turning of one's eyes away from God in upon self. Such a turning is sure to bring misery and dissatisfaction. But to lift one's eyes and fix them upon God is to see how weak and impotent and transitory are all our fears and limitations, and how infinite and eternal are our hopes and confidences.

"SHORT-CUTTERS."

Long years ago a famous teacher told his pupil that "there is no royal road to geometry." In these latter days, however, that dictum has lost its force—seemingly. Advertisements in magazines and papers iterate and reiterate the fact that we can "learn it at home by mail." No profession is too learned and no trade too difficult to be taught at home whenever Uncle Sam's postman rings, or rural mail deliverer jogs his way. No doubt many persons are helped in this way in certain particular lines, but we are harassed by doubts when we are informed that a finished nurse, newspaper man, chemist, musician, lawyer, railroad man and others are turned out after a few months' study of books at home. An advertising cut shows us a lonesome country home, and we can almost hear the hoot of the owl and the melancholy croak of bull-frogs as evening shadows gather. But inside the house is disclosed an uncommonly small room, poorly furnished. At a small table is seated a young man in rough looking clothes with one leg resting gracefully on the table, in his hands a book, on the table a brightly burning lamp while the other rooms are shrouded in gloom—'tis midnight's holy hour. Six months later our student is shown in an immense railway power-house, as superintendent, while men hurry hither and thither at his command! We admire the pluck of the solitary toiler in his room, but intense disappointment awaits him. Better a good man in a lowly place than a fifth-rate man at anything.

There are no short cuts to anything worth while; never have been and never will be. The men who do things are terribly hard workers and not "short-cutters." Book knowledge is good, but it must be mixed with practice, experience and hard unremitting toil and drudgery at the beginning. The world needs trained men, and to them the rewards are given—none other need apply. We sympathize with the "at home" student; his pluck will work wonders, but let him not be deceived by plausible arguments or promise of sudden distinction, for the hill to success is a long, steep one, and no elevators are running.

MR. SPASMODIC.

We once had a friend who took it into his head to construct a steam engine which could travel over any dirt road. He was a machinist. He dreamed of wheels. He had wheels in his head. This last statement is not written with any purpose to disparage the much be-wheeled brother.

With deep interest we watched the process. Our friend himself made every part of the engine. It was intricate and massive. Our friend's eyes at our every visit would light up with enthusiasm as he told us of the ease with which that engine would fly up hill and down, with all the light gracefulness of a bird.

The auspicious day came. The engine started off and ran one hundred yards. It then stopped. After an hour's tinkering on certain parts, it ran perhaps fifty yards, and did not run again until next day, when it run across a field. It stopped then and could not be induced to run again for several days, when it ran again and could not be stopped until it ran into a ditch. The last time we saw it, it was in that ditch. Our esteem for that engine maker as a friend remained virile, but our admiration for him as an engine maker dropped a considerable number of points.

During our pastoral and our editorial experience we have thought much of that old engine. We have seen it in human form hundreds of times. Every time we see a spasmodic Christian, we see that old engine. Brother Spasmodic starts out under a full head of steam. He runs till the summer season or election times, and then stops. At the next revival he starts again and runs over into the meadow of worldiness where he stops. We see him starting again only to run into the ditch of open sin. And thus it goes.

What a picture of instability and discouragement Mr. Spasmodic or Miss Spasmodic makes!

If we would travel the road of duty with all the beautiful constancy of the water which glides onward to the sea, or the flowers which bloom on earth, or the stars which bloom in the sky, we must have within us that power which came down on Pentecost and which enables us to say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthenth me.

WALT WHITMAN AGAIN.

We call attention to Judge Allen's article on the fourth page. It is well written in a very friendly spirit, and deserves a careful reading.

We must enter, however, several disclaimers:

(1) We were not alluding to Walt Whitman in an unkind manner, simply because we were not referring to Walt Whitman at all, but to Walt Whiteman's so-called poetry. We have never been able to consider it anything else than the most nonsensical prose. Of course, we will have to except that "poetry" which is written in metrical form. "My Captain" is really creditable. We had read the estimates of Walt Whitman as published by Judge Allen, and this only deepened the mystery. We would be willing to accept Walt Whitman's "poetry" as poetry if by so doing we could leave out some pages which contain some of the most realistic obscenity that can be found on any printed page.

(2) We were not classing Walt Whitman with Dowie. We could not be so unkind as to do this.

We were simply expressing our views on Walt Whitman's "poetry." We are no judge, however, of poetry, and our editorial experience with various "poems" that have been received at this office has not, we fear, improved our critical taste.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Rockingham District Conference will convene in the Methodist Church in Gibson at 9.30 a. m., Thursday, July 21st. All members of the Conference are requested to arrive on the evening of the 20th. The pastors will please make written reports. JOHN N. COLE.

Rockingham, N. C., July 8, 1904.

An Appeal.

Bro. Z. T. Harrison, a good man and a faithful minister of Christ, died leaving a wife and six small children. They have no home. A lot has been given them in a desirable commu[nity] where there is a good school. We can build them a home with about five hundred dollars. This will practically insure the education of these children of the dead minister. I ask a hundred brethren who are well and strong, and are reasonably prosperous, and are spared to their families, to send me five dollars each to build a home for this mother and children.

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The next meeting of the Joint Commission on Common Catechism, etc., will be held at Ocean Grove, N. J., July 20th, next. The commissioners from our church are Bishops W. W. Duncan and A. Coke Smith, and Drs. J. E. Godbey, R. E. Blackwell, J. O. Willson, O. E. Brown, and J. J. Tigert.

Methodist Mention

State.

We congratulate New Bern and Charlotte on their glorious victory over the saloon last week.

Mr. L. S. Grant, one of our Methodist brethren at New Bern, made us a pleasant visit on Monday.

Elizabeth City District Conference at Sunbury this week. We are glad that it is the only one this week.

Rev. A. J. Parker is in the midst of a successful meeting at Manteo. His people have granted him a month's vacation.

Since our last report we have received forty-five new subscribers, which brings the total received since Conference up to 1,379.

Rev. T. Hinohara, the Japanese student at Trinity College, is attending the District Conferences in Western North Carolina.

Mr. Bryan Tyson, one of our Advocate friends at Pittsboro, N. C., has in the last Christian Herald, a well written article on "War and Arbitration."

Dr. E. A. Yates, whose health for some time has not been so good, has gone to Beaufort for the summer. We trust that he may return with improved health.

Rev. "Reb" Leak, who has done in the last few years a great amount of evangelistic work, has been filling the appointments of Roberdel Circuit since the death of Rev. Z. T. Harrison.

Rev. Walter Holcomb recently closed a great meeting at Covington, Tenn. As a result of this meeting, more than one hundred have joined the different Churches. His next meeting will be held at Ripley, Tenn.

Rev. G. F. Smith, P. E. Warrenton District, announces that Bishop A. Coke Smith will preside at the District Conference at Sunbury and will dedicate the church at Rich Square on Sunday, July 31.

We are requested by Rev. J. B. Hurley, P. E. of Fayetteville District, to announce that Rev. T. A. Sikes, of Charlotte N. C., has been appointed P. E., of Siler City Circuit, made vacant by the death of Dr. Jonathan Sanford.

Rev. J. A. Hornaday, pastor of Greenville Station, issues for the benefit of his congregation a most helpful sheet called "The Methodist Quarterly." The Greenville Methodists should appreciate practically this stroke of enterprise. The subscription price is 25 cents a year.

Rev. G. W. Starling was in the office for a few minutes on last Saturday afternoon. He has not yet begun to hold his meetings, but he is looking forward to fine spiritual harvests. He was on the train that was wrecked on Saturday morning, when eleven persons were badly injured. Brother Starling had a narrow escape, for which he and all of us are thankful.

Dr. B. F. Dixon has been invited to address the G. A. R. in Boston Aug. 1. In a speech nominating him for a second term as State Auditor, Senator Overman used the following words, which are true, every one of them: "He is a patriot, a statesman a soldier, true in war, true in peace, true in the dark days of reconstruction, always true to every trust, a Christian gentleman. Everybody is for him; nobody is against him." Of course his renomination was by acclamation.

The third Quarterly Conference for Milton Circuit was held at Providence on last Saturday and Sunday. Dr. Gibbs, the Presiding Elder, being present and presiding. The Doctor preached two very fine discourses, especially the one on Sunday which was very superior, showing deep thought and careful preparation. Also at Cuningham Chapel on some day at 3 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Mellichambe preached, although he was suffering from wounds and bruises from a recent runaway horse.—Roxboro Courier.

We take the following from "The Methodist Quarterly": "The second Quarterly Conference for Greenville Station for the current year was held May 29th. Rev. J. D. Bundy, our justly popular Presiding Elder, was present and presided in the Quarterly Conference with becoming ease and dignity. He preached two excellent sermons to our people. The question of building a new church came up, and the Conference appointed the following building committee: T. J. Jarvis, J. E. Harris, C. F. Munford, L. H. Pender, and J. A. Hornaday. Work on the new church will begin not later than September."

Connectional

Bishop Duncan has appointed Rev. M. J. Cofer Presiding Elder of the Rome District, North Georgia Conference.

The Board of Trustees of the North Alabama College at a recent meeting decided to raise $100,000 for that institution.

The Methodists of Alabama are in the midst of a campaign for the equipment and endowment of the North Alabama College.

It is said that Bishops Wilson and Candler will both be at Wesley Grove, the popular camp meeting near Baltimore, this year.

The Furman will case involving $165,000, as a gift to Vanderbilt University, has been compromised. Vanderbilt gets $100,000.

Bishop Wilson had conferred on him by Dickinson College—his Alma Mater—at its recent commencement, the degree of LL.D.

Bishop Keener, who has been suffering from the effects of a fall, is reported by the New Orleans Advocate to be very much improved.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth, Senior Missionary Secretary, sailed for Brazil about the first of June, in the interest of our mission work in that growing field.

The last issue of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate which was a "Sermon" issue, contained a strong sermon from Dr. James H. Carlisle, of Wafford College.

Messrs. Smith & Lamar, Agents for the Methodist Publishing House, have filed a bill in chancery to enjoin the collection of taxes on the Church property by the city of Nashville.

The Conference of the South Carolina Leagues met at Chester, S. C. It was a pleasant meeting and one of great inspiration. Dr. Lambuth and Dr. J. W. Wolling, of the Brazil Mission, were present.

"A most unusual circumstance in the family of Rev. George T. Tyler, of the Baltimore Conference, is that his five children graduate simultaneously and complete a higher education in several of the leading institutions of the country.

The last issue of the Woman's Missionary Advocate shows, through the treasurer's report, that the women of South Georgia raised during the last quarter $7,659.38, being $1,334.42 more than any other Conference. These women are alive and at work for the Master.

Dr. J. M. Lander and family will sail, this week, for Brazil. The health of Dr. Lander has greatly improved during his stay at home. Let us remember him and his family at the throne of grace—praying that God will give them a safe voyage. —Southern Christian Advocate.

A missionary training school to be conducted under the auspices of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be opened at Nashville on the first of January, 1905. The first session will be devoted to the study of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, City Missions and Church methods. Dr. Lambuth will be at the head of the school.

Hon. John F. House, one of Tennessee's most honored sons, a devout Methodist of Clarksville, Tenn., died of heart failure on June 28, 1904. Colonel House represented the old Hermitage (Nashville) district in Congress from 1874-83. He was the author of "Can It Be False," a strong work on the evidences of Christianity from the standpoint of a lawyer. He was 77 years old.

General Notes

Scotland will celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Knox, next year.

Miss Helen Gould gives $1,000 to the fund for the protection of girls visiting the St. Louis Exposition.

After January 1, women will not be allowed to sing in Catholic Churches. The Pope has so ordered it.

The American Church Missionary Society has perfected plans for the erection of a new church at Havana, Cuba.

The Baptists are proposing to hold a great Pan-Baptist Conference in London, England, some time next year.

Bishop Ellison Capers has been elected Chancellor of the University of the South, which is situated at Sewanee, Tennessee.

The Japanese Government has sent six missionaries and six pastors as chaplains in their army, during the war with Russia.

Indiana now claims to be the stronghold of the Quakers. They are slowly gaining in membership, their increase last year being 198 in a total of 92,998.

Miss Helen Keller last week graduated with honor from Rateliffe College. Following her reception of the diploma the audience enthusiastically applauded.

The expenses of the General Conference were about $140,000. Of this amount Los Angeles contributed $35,000, the Conferences $91,000, and the Book Concern advanced the deficit.

The whisky manufacturing town of Williams, in Yadkin County, N. C., is without a postoffice, the Postoffice Department alleging that the town is a private affair run in the interest of a whiskey company.

Calvary Baptist Church, of New York, owns property valued at one million dollars, and is free from debt. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur has just completed the thirty-fourth year of his pastorate of this Church.

Dr. Mary Pierson Eddy is the only woman ever licensed to practice medicine in the Turkish dominions. She gives her attention entirely to women, as Mohammedan women are not allowed to see male doctors.

The Methodist Chinese Mission of New York City is twenty years old. The anniversary was celebrated June 19 at the mission-room on Mott Street. The first convert of the mission, Mr. Chu Soule Bok, is now its superintendent.

There are more saloons in the State of New York than in all the States south of the Ohio River and Pennsylvania, including Arkansas and Louisiana. The last figures show 27,000 saloons in those States, as against 34,000 in New York.

Rev. Dr. Silas C. Swallow, of Harrisburg, Pa., who was nominated last week by the Prohibitionists as their candidate for the Presidency, has been an itinerant preacher since 1864, when he 1868, when the Central Pennsylvania Conference joined the East Baltimore Conference.

The trustees of the University of Tennessee have elected Dr. C. Alfonso Smith, Professor of English Literature at the University of North Carolina, President of the University, to succeed Dr. Charles W. Dabney, who resigned some time since to become President of the University of Cincinnati.

The Seaboard Air Line Railroad, with its accustomed enterprise and desire to please the public, has inaugurated a new train between Wilmington, Lumberton, and Hamlet, connecting both ways with Sanford, Raleigh, Richmond, and the North. Passengers from Wilmington can leave there in the morning, spend the day in Raleigh, and reach home the same day. This is true of those who leave Raleigh for Wilmington.

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Raleigh via Richmond	35.60	29.90	24.80
Raleigh via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Hamlet via Richmond	37.60	31.90	26.25
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Lesson for July 17, 1904.

Asa's Good Reign.

(2 Chronicles 14:1-12.)

Golden Text: Help us, O Lord our God for we rest on thee. (2 Chron. 14:11.)

Rehoboam reigned seventeen years over Judah. He was succeeded by his son Abijah, who reigned three years. Asa was the son of Abijah and came to the throne of Judah while Jeroboam was still the sovereign over the northern kingdom of Israel.

A Good King.—Asa is remembered as a good king, in contrast with Abijah and Rehoboam, who both led their people into idolatry. Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of the Lord we are told. He was bent upon breaking up the idolatous practices of his people, and in pursuance of this object he took away the altars of the strange gods, removed the high places, broke down the groves.

The character of Asa was not indeed without flaw, for we read that in his later years he made a foolish alliance with Ben-hadad, the king of Syria, and when rebuked by the prophet Hanani, he shut up the prophet in prison. Yet on the whole we must regard Asa as worthy of praise for the general tenor of his life, though we must ever regret the shadow that falls upon his closing years, due to his unfortunate and uncalled for alliance with the heathen Syrian king Ben-hadad.

A Powerful Enemy.—Our lesson records the greatest military event in the reign of King Asa, who appears in the narrative not only as a pious sovereign, but as a wise and prudent general.

The foe that threatened Judah was an immense army from Egypt, led by Zerah the Ethiopian. The purpose of the coming of this host is not stated, but it may have been to secure spoil, or perhaps to check the growing power of Judah, whose army, as organized by Asa, bid fair to rival the Egyptian dominion.

A Great Victory.—The battle between the hosts of Egypt and of Judah was fought at Mareshah, a city on the borders of the hill country, twenty-five miles southwest of Jerusalem.

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Secular News

STATE.

About 700 teachers are in attendance upon the Summer School at the A. & M. College.

The Raleigh school committee has added cooking and sewing features to the public schools of this city.

The first Parker club of the State was organized at Wadesboro, at 10 o'clock Monday morning, July 11.

The American, the organ of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, is to appear in Raleigh on August 1st.

During a severe electric storm which passed over Raleigh last week, two little colored children were struck and killed by lightning.

In a wreck on the Mills Railroad, which occurred just outside of Raleigh, eleven persons were injured. None fatally.

A charter has been granted to the Bank of Robeson, at Lumberton, commercial and savings, authorized capital stock $25,000.

The Rural Mail Carriers organized a State association at Greensboro, July 4th. The Progressive Farmer of Raleigh, was made the official journal.

The celebration of the Fourth of July in Raleigh, was the largest of the kind ever held in North Carolina. Great credit is due the management for their untiring efforts.

The citizens of Mecklenburg County who are opposed to the present policies of the city and county administration will call a mas meeting to organize an opposition to the present administration.

Mr. W. E. Faison, of Raleigh, was elected Grand Councellor of the Junior Order United American Mechanics at their recent session in St. Louis. This is a very high compliment to Mr. Faison.

The hail insurance companies agents state that the number of hail storms so far this season is far greater than ever before. They say the loss by hail in Robeson County alone is over $100,000.

The Merchants' Journal, the new official organ of the Retail Merchants' Association of this State, will make its appearance in Raleigh July 15th. Mr. Norman H. Johnson, editor, and Mr. W. H. Bagley publisher. The printing will be done by the Mutual Publishing Company.

State Auditor Dixon has received a letter from George H. Graves, commander of Edward W. Kingsley Post, Grand Army of the Republic, inviting him to go to Boston during the National Encampment beginning August 15th, and to speak in old Faneuil Hall that evening.

The Secretary of State finds that since 1900, when the present administration came in, more charters have been granted than during all the time previous to that date. Up to 1900 the total number was only 1,157. The number now is 2,825. The secretary is very much gratified at this fine showing.

At the Caraleigh Cotton Mills, a mile south of Raleigh, about one o'clock a. m. Tuesday, the 5th inst., Mr. and Mrs. John G. Cole found their house in flames. The mother seized her baby, and led by her husband, got out. Then he made a desperate but unsuccessful effort to return and save the other four children. Three children, aged thirteen, ten and four, were cremated in the house.

GENERAL NEWS.

Serious floods are reported from Topeka and Wichita, Kan.

Masked men kidnapped five miners who were ordered deported from Colorado.

The rainy season has set in in Southern Manchuria, and the rain is falling in torrents.

Eight colonies of Guatemala ants intended to kill the cotton bill weevil have arrived in this country.

The Tobacco Association of the United States met in second annual convention at Old Point Comfort.

In a fight July 4th two battalions of Russians were repulsed by Japanese at Mao Tein Pass with heavy loss.

Dr. E. A. Alderman, of Tulane University, has formally accepted the presidency of the University of Virginia.

The Baptist Young People's Union, in session at Detroit, is considering a proposition to hold biennial international meetings.

John Alexander Dowie announces that he will take his restoration hosts to London some of these days in a fleet of gospel ships.

The Interstate Commerce Commission decides that there is no reason why cow-peas should be classed as a fertilizer in railroad freight rates.

A great demonstration in honor of ex-President Cleveland was the feature of the Democratic National Convention's opening session in St. Louis. Mr. Bryan also received a great ovation.

The Socialist Labor Party's National Convention in New York nominated Charles H. Corregan, of New York, for President, and William W. Cox, for Vice-President.

The Populist National Convention, at Springfield, Ill. nominated Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, for President, and Thomas H. Tribbles, of Nebraska, for Vice-President.

The Department of Agriculture has referred to the Department of Justice the matter of the right of the Government to conduct experiments in Texas with a Guatemala ant in destroying the cotton boll weevil.

President Roosevelt is at work at Oyster Bay on his speech of acceptance, which is expected to be an important campaign document. A number of prominent Republicans are there in consultation with the President over the political situation.

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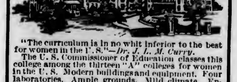

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Receipts up to July 9.

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Donations in kind as well as receipts, will be reported weekly hereafter.

Beaufort—Morehead City.

Beaufort is a dear old town. Three of the most eventful years of our ministry were spent here. It was delightful to worship Sunday with that devout congregation again, and hear a most uplifting sermon by Bishop Smith. It was joyful to meet with old and tried friends. It was an honor to occupy the room at Brother Sanders' that Editor Ivey had just vacated. It was sweet to lodge awhile with these friends of former years and talk over old times.

The Bishop gave us another of his best at Morehead City Sunday night. There were good congregations in both churches, and we were glad to see that both Beaufort and Morehead are growing, and prospering.

It was delightful to get a sniff of old ocean. The District Conference was a success.

Subscriptions.

Subscriptions are coming in nicely. Will not our brethren in the ministry collect the subscriptions due us. They promised to do so. If you will not, brother, will you not turn the list over to some live girl? Some of the brethren are taking the collections. Will not all? Brethren, you can save us from going in debt if you will. You promised to do so. Stand by your promise brother, if you expect your people to keep theirs. Don't wait for a better time. Now is the best time. These better times have never done much for us. Soon your other collections will be on hand. You will have no chance then. You may be at Conference on Thanksgiving day. There will not be much of a collection in your charge, if you do not take it up.

Attention, Friends.

We expect to open the next session of the Methodist Orphanage on the first day of September, next.

All ladies who wish a situation here, will please send in their applications. Send photo and age. They must belong to the Methodist Church, South. Send recommendations and references also. We will need one. It may be two. Election early in August.

Persons wishing to put orphans in the Institution, will send to me for blanks. The children must be over six years of age and under fourteen. Sound in body, mind and soul.

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WARRENTON DISTRICT.
G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Conway, Sharon, July 6
Murfreesboro, July 7
Bertie, White Oak, July 9, 10
Harrellsville, Colrane, July 10, 11
Hobgood, Epworth, July 15
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, July 16, 17
Scot and Neck, July 18
Roanoke Circuit, New Hope, 23, 24
Roanoke Rapids, July 23, 24
Rich Square, Woodland July 31
Bastleboro and Whitakers, Central Cross, July 20
Garysburg Concord, Aug. 6, 7
Weldon, Aug. 7, 8
Warren, Sarepta, Aug. 11
Ridgeway, Middleburg, Aug. 13, 14
Henderson, Aug. 14, 15

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Mt. Olive, at Faison, June 18, 19
Goldsboro Circuit, Pine Forest, June 25, 26
St. Paul, 26
District Conference, Beaufort, June 30 July 3
Jones Circuit, Shady Grove, July 9, 10
Kinston, July 10
Craven Circuit, Beech Grove, July 16, 17
Centenary, New Bern, July 17
Snow Hill Circuit, Tabernacle, July 23-24
Pamlico Circuit, Broad Creek, July 29
Oriental Circuit Arapahoe, July 30-31
Grifton Circuit, Epworth, Aug. 6-7
Atlantic Circuit, Atlantic, Aug. 10-11
Morehead City, Aug 3-14
Hookerton Circuit, Hookerton, Aug. 13-14
Straits Circuit, Aug. 16-17
Carteret Circuit, Adam's Creek, Aug. 20-21
Ladiance Circuit Reston, Aug. 27-28
Dover Circuit, Webb's, Sept. 3-4
St. John, Sept. 7
Mt. Olive Circuit, Bethel, 10-11

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Richmond Circuit, St Paul, June 25, 26
Laurenburg Station, July 3, 4
Rowland Circuit, Oak Grove, July 9, 10
Robeson Circuit, Olivet, July 16, 17
St John and Gibson, Gibson, July 23, 24
Mt Gilead, Philadelphia, July 30, 31
Montgomery, Beulah, Aug. 6, 7
Aberdeen, Johnson's Grove, Aug. 13, 14
Red Springs, Centenary, Aug. 20, 21
Pekin, Centenary, Aug. 27, 28

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.
J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N C.
THIRD ROUND.
Kennekeet, (C. M.) June 21, 26
Hatteras, June 27
Roanoke Island, July 3, 4
Perquimans, Bethany, July 9, 10
Gates Philadelphia (D. C.) July 15, 17
North Gates, Parker's July 17, 18
Camden, Newlands, July 23 24
Elizabeth City (First Church), night, July 24
Moyock, Concord, July 30, 31
Currituck, Mt. Zion, Aug 6, 7
Kilby Hawk, Aug 7, 8
Colum ia, Aug 14, 14
Dare, Aug 14, 15
Pantego and Belhaven, Aug 20, 21
Roper, Pleasant Grove, Aug 27, 28
Plymouth, Aug 28, 29

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Brooklyn and Macedonia, Macedonia, June 25, 26
Central June 26
Youngsville, Rock Springs, July 2, 3
Clayton, July 9 10
Oxford Ct., Bethel, July 16, 17
Millbrook, July 23
Epworth, July 24
Granville, July 30, 31
Oxford station, July 31
Kenly, August 6, 7
Wakefield, August 8
Tar River, Trinity, August 13, 14
Louisburg, August 14, 15

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Fremont, Yelverton, June 25, 26
South Rocky Mount, night, June 29
Bath, Bethany, July 2, 3
Washington, night, July 4
Robersonville, Jamesville, July 9, 10
Rocky Mount, night, July 13
Swan Quarter, Stateeville, July 16, 17
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, July 19
Mattamuskeet, Mt. Pleasant, July 21
Fairfield, July 23, 24
Farmville, Long, July 30, 31
Nashville, Belford, August 6, 7
Springhope, Gold Valley, August 8
Bethel, Conetoe, August 13, 14
Tarboro, night, August 14
Grimesland & Vanceboro, Providence, Aug 20, 21
Greenville, night, Aug 22
Aurora, Campbell's Creek, Aug 27, 28

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Milton, Providence, June 25, 26
Hillsboro, Walnutt Grove, July 2, 3
Leasburg, Union, July 9, 10
Chapel Hill, July 16, 17
Yanceyville Prospect, July 23, 24
Alamance, Clover Garden, August 6, 7
Burlington, Prospect, August 15, 14
Burlington Station, August 21, 22
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Dunn Station, June 25, 26
Haw River, Ebenezer, July 2, 3
Carthage, Ingram Branch, July 8, 10
Elise, Mt. Carmel, July 9 10
Siler City, Mt. Vernon, July 16, 17
Jonesboro, (District Conference), July 23, 24
Pittsboro, Pleasant Hill, July 30, 31
Lillington, Cool Springs, August 6
Sanford, Lemon Springs, August 6, 7
Duke, Pleasant Plains Aug. 12
Buckhorn, Harnett Chapel, August 13, 14
Newton Grove, Hopewell, Aug. 20, 21
Goldstone Mareneye, August 27, 28
Sampson, Bethel, September 3, 4
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 10, 11

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Bladen Circuit, Doems, June 25, 26
Hacks and Richlands, Haw Branch, July 2, 3
Town Creek, Summerville, July 9, 10
Bladen Street, July 10
Clinton, Goshen, July 16, 17
Whiteville, Evergreen, July 23, 24
Southport, District Conference, July 28, 31
Carver's Creek, Wayman, August 6, 7
Magnolia, Trinity, August 12
Kenansville, Charity, August 13, 14
Elizabeth, Union, August 20, 21
Shallotte, New Hope, August 27, 28
Onslow, Swanboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Bargaw, September 10, 11
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Marriages

BAZEMORE—MOORE.—By Rev. R. L. Davis, at the home of the bride, Mr. J. L. Bazemore and Miss Mamie W. Moore, of Bertie County, on June 22, 1904.

TURNER—BLEDSOE.—Married, June 1, 1904, in Central Methodist Church, Raleigh, N. C. by Rev. F. A. Bishop, Mr. William M. Turner to Miss Metta L. Bledsoe.

SHARP—BROCK.—On May 16, in the Associate Reform Church, Due West, S. C., Mr. Albert M. Sharp to Miss Zula A. Brock, Rev. O. Y. Bonner officiating.

CAPEHART—WHITE.—At the residence of W. S. Bell, Jr., June 22, 1904, Hon. W. A. Capehart, of Bertie County, N. C., to Miss Victoria E. White, J. H. M. Giles officiating.

SORRELL—MARROW.—In Marrow's Chapel, June 7th, 1904, Mr. W. B. Sorrell, of Chapel Hill, N. C., to Miss Elizabeth Marrow, of Vance County, N. C., Rev. W. H. Puckett officiating.

SMITH—OVERMAN.—At Yelverton's Church on the 8th instant, Mr. Charley G. Smith and Miss Ludora Overman, both of Wayne County, N. C., Rev. D. L. Earnhardt officiating.

TURNER—CRAVEN.—At the home of P. H. Turner, in Granville County, N. C., June 15, 1904, Miss Margaret E. Turner to Rev. Wesley F. Craven of the North Carolina Conference, Rev. Jno. H. Shore officiating.

Obituaries

Obituaries containng not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

DIXON.—Charles H. Dixon, son of J. H. and M. A. Dixon, was born in Snow Hill, Greene County N. C., April 3, 1860, and died at his home in Craven County, N. C., March 12, 1904.

He was married to Miss C. V. Smith, February 4, 1890, and to them were born six children. They are left to mourn the loss of a dear husband and a kind and affectionate father. Brother Dixon was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, when about sixteen years of age, under the ministry of Rev. W. R. Wine. He loved the church, and filled the office of class leader and Sunday-school superintendent. At his death he was the Bible teacher at Epworth Church, and his class loved him, for he was a faithful teacher. It was a very affecting sight on the following Sabbath when the class met to select another teacher; it was there seen and felt how much they loved him. Scarcely any one could speak, for the most of them were melted into tears. He was buried at Epworth Church, surrounded with a large congregation of sorrowing friends and relations, among them being an aged mother, his only sister and four brothers.

May the God whom he served deal tenderly with all his loved ones and bring them to a happy reunion in the beautiful home of the good.

P. GREENING.

RICE.—The death angel entered the home of Eddie and Janie Rice, August 21, 1903, and took from us our only darling, Roscoe Marvin. He was two years, six months and twelve days old. He suffered only five days. His suffering was great, but he bore it with patience. He was an obedient and affectionate child, and loved by all who knew him. He was too pure for this sinful world, and Jesus called him home to make heaven more sweet. As our hearts were torn and bleeding as we laid the precious one to rest, we could only say:

O mother earth we bring to thee
a priceless boon to-day,
And softly on thy quiet breast our
blighted bud we lay.
Room in the softest, greenest spot,
Room mid the summer flowers,
Dust only to thy care we give,
He blooms in brighter bowers.

Lone are the paths, and sad the
bowers,
Whence thy meek smile is gone
But oh a brighter home than ours
In heaven is thine own.

Now in humble submission to Him
who doeth all things well.

HIS MAMMA.

DIXON.—On the night of May 13, 1904, the brittle thread was snapped and the soul of J. W. Dixon returned unto the God who gave it. He was born April 22, 1823, age eighty-one years and twenty-one days.

Brother Dixon professed faith in Christ in early manhood, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Leasburg, N. C., and remained a faithful member until his death.

He was a quiet, unoffensive man, attended stritely to his own business, a prominent and successful farmer, an honest and accommodating neighbor, a kind and thoughtful husband, and an affectionate father.

Brother Dixon's health had been failing for several years, but was confined to his bed only two weeks. During his sickness he was submissive and uncomplaining, and was resigned to his Father's will.

We shall never again hear his words of counsel and cheer. We shall miss him, but our loss is his eternal gain. As a ripe sheaf, he has been gathered into heaven's eternal garner, to await the coming of his loved ones left behind. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

In the presence of many friends and loved ones his mortal remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground, there to await the resurrection morn.

Brother Dixon was twice married. His second wife and six children survive him.

May God's richest blessings and sweetest comforts be given to the bereaved family.

RUFUS BRADLEY.

BRYAN.—Mary Elizabeth Bryan, relict of the late Wm. C. Bryan, departed this life at the home of her son, Rev. John W. Bryan, the 26th day of May, 1904, aged seventy-nine years, one month and twenty days.

Mrs. Bryan was a devoted member of the M. E. Church, South, at Goldsboro, for sixty years, having been among the first members at that place, and during all these years, amid sunshine and shadows, she illustrated in every relation the beauty and power of a heart and life consecrated to the service of God. For several years previous to her last illness she was an invalid, and a constant sufferer, but for the week preceding her death she was free from pain, for which she praised God and so great was her joy that the state of her feelings was at times ecstatic. It was the writer's privilege to visit Mrs. Bryan frequently during her

SUMMER RHEUMATISM

The idea that Rheumatism is strictly a winter disease, that comes from exposure or cold, is wrong; a spell of indigestion, torpidity of the liver, inactive state of the kidneys, or sudden cooling of the body when over-heated, being frequent causes of an attack. Rheumatism is due to an over-acid condition of the blood and bad circulation. As it flows through the body the blood deposits an acrid corrosive sediment in the joints and muscles, and the circulation grows sluggish because of the constant accumulation of acid impurities, and when the system is in such condition Rheumatism is liable to come out at any time, winter or summer. It is hastened and provoked by exposure to cold, damp air, sudden cooling of the body when overheated, a bad spell of indigestion, or anything that is calculated to further derange and depress the system; but these are only exciting and not the real cause of Rheumatism. It is in the blood, and when this vital fluid becomes overcharged with the acid impurities and is running riot in the veins, an attack is sure to come, whether in summer time or the cold, bleak days of winter. You are a slave to pain as long as the blood is tainted with acid. Liniments and plasters are helpful and useful, but it takes something more than rubbing and blistering to drive away this demon of pain.

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This little one was a grandchild of the late Rev. Peter L. Herman, who was for many years an honored member of the North Carolina Conference. Brother Leggett having married Miss Jesse Herman.

How rich in heavenly possessions do we become as one after another of our hearts' treasures is taken to swell the store of our treasure in heaven!

May God comfort the hearts of these bereaved young parents, and keep them in the faith that inspired John Henry Newman when he sang:

"So long thy power hath blessed me,
sure it still
Will lead me on
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Let us, as a church, pray more, study more, search the Scriptures more, and God will reward us abundantly. Ask and it shall be given you, seek and you shall find, etc.

Church Improvements and Preachers Salaries.

BY X. IN WARRENTON RECORD.

The improvements in the last ten or fifteen years, in church buildings, equipments, etc., in our town and county, of all denominations, have been marvelous, and now our houses of worship compare favorably in beauty with any town of like size in the State, all due to the liberality of all communions and of non-communicants. Possibly the contrast in the old unsightly, delapidated, and in some cases, badly located church houses, which were an eye-sore a few years back to the handsome well-located ones we now have, is not marked by our people as it is by those who lived here before this change. Quite frequently we hear allusions to this by some visitor who once lived here and to our praise, as but few persons ever left us who were not attached to the good old town and felt a pride in every thing pertaining to our growth and prosperity.

We now hear steps are being taken to put handsome pipe organs in the Methodist and Baptist churches in the near future. This will be done, for while we may be slow to undertake improvements on a large scale, be it said to our credit, we never fail when ready and see the necessity. This is all right, for it is proof-positive that when interest is manifested in church improvements, that there is a corresponding interest in the work of the church, missions, Christian education and benevolence.

There is, however, a matter which we may possibly have overlooked and that is the salaries paid our preachers. The preacher is to the church what the steam is to the engine—which may be well built, a thing of beauty and admiration, but of little value minus the propelling power. For years we have been honored and blessed by the very best all-round preachers, efficient pastors, men of thought, influence and power, interested and active in the support of everything pertaining to our spiritual, moral, social and financial good, even ready to lead in work and contributions in every good cause. It is no secret that the cost of living has been over 25 per cent higher for the last year or two, yet so far as I can learn, the salaries of our preachers of all communions in town and county have not been increased; in fact, in some instances I learn it is less than it was years ago. This is a mistake.

We appreciate and love our preachers, and are proud of them; they are men thoroughly equipped and can easily command larger salaries than they are now receiving, and it becomes us to see to it that their salaries are commensurate with advance in living expenses and not have them so embarrassed financially as to force them to accept other work to supplement their salaries, thus impairing their active efficient usefulness in their special high calling. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and yet, as a rule, the preacher who is in the lead in every fight for moral reform, and foremost in liberality in contributions to benevolence and charity, as well as secular things, is the poorest paid of any of the professions, especially in small towns and country charges.

As stated, we have unintentionally overlooked this important matter, and it is only necessary to call attention, in a modest way, to have the same corrected.

Dr. Whisner on Church Extension.

My Dear Brother:—The following items I write you for publication in your excellent paper, the Raleigh Christian Advocate, in regard to the work of Church Extension. First let me state the need of the work of Church Extension in the whole M. E. Church, South. There are now, according to the report of 1903, as many as 3,471 organized congregations in our Church without a house of worship. These are in the mission fields as well as in the home Church.

In Brazil, we have fifty-six congregations and sixteen churches.

In China, we have sixty congregations and twenty-three churches.

In Japan, we have fifteen congregations and ten churches.

In the Mexican border, we have seventy-two congregations and twenty-three churches.

In the Northwest Mexican, we have thirty-six congregations and seventeen churches.

In Central Mexico, we have sixty-four congregations and twenty-five churches.

The General Board of Church Extension was applied to last spring for donations amounting to over $136,000 and loans amounting to over $110,000. These applications represented enterprises amounting to over a million dollars Notwithstanding the very gratifying fact that the collections for this cause last year amounted to over $14,000 more than any preceding year, the Board was able to grant only about $46,000 in donations and $62,000 in loans, and was compelled to leave a large number of the applicants unprovided for, and many of those for whom grants were made were granted far less than they asked. In the second place, let me state for the benefit especially of our people in the North Carolina Conference for which your paper is the organ, the following facts: In your Conference you have thirty congregations that have no house of worship, and of the 674 churches, you now own 205, or nearly one-third have received aid from the Church Extension organization in the twenty-two years of its history. Your people have contributed to the Church Extension cause $51,905.64, and have received in donations $33,073 and in loans $7,750. Those figures show the amount your people have gotten back for their own benefit of the contributions they have made for the cause.

The assessment for Church Extension on the North Carolina Conference last year was $5.0 and they paid $3,897. I am writing these items in the hope that with your aid, Mr. Editor, every pastor in your Conference this year may be able to report the payment of the assessment for Church Extension in full. The interests of your own Conference demand it, and the interests of the Church at large demand it and the interests of our Foreign Mission fields especially demand it.

Wishing your pastors and people the largest possible success in this and in every department of their work, and praying that every needed blessing may be theirs always, I am,

Yours truly, P. H. WHISNER.
Corresponding Secretary.

Louisville, Ky., July 8, 1904.

Bishop Morrison on Church Extension.

The "mission" aim is to "go over and possess the land." The "Church Extension" aim is to hold it.

Men are impressed by multitudes. There are seasons of special susceptibility when numbers yield and volunteer for a better life. But without organization the impulse passes and they go back, "one to his farm, and another to his merchandise."

Evangelistic agencies are moving agencies. The motto is, "Onward!"

I have seen a painting of Cæsar at the head of his column when he had just crossed the Rubicon. Mounted, sword drawn and pointing forward, enthusiasm in the eye, determination in the attitude; while the fire of his spirit seemed to clothe his steed, inspire his men, and give a glow to everything about him; and even the tiger-skin flung over his saddle seemed fiercely alive—this is evangelism.

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But Church Extension follows to establish the conquest. It builds the house and makes each conquered province permanent and a centre of moral and spiritual power. It transforms the volunteer into the veteran and makes the place, where religious life would otherwise be momentary, to become the "dwelling place of the most high."

God dwells where we build for Him. Where we rear the temple there His glory descends and His voice is heard saying: "I have chosen and sanctified this house. And here shall mine honor dwell."

New Orleans, La., March 1, 1904.

The Incarnate Christ

C. F. SHERRILL.

Were Christ no more than our example, and did He send no grace to the heart to enable us to follow Him, we could as easily found a kingdom like that of the Ceasar's or write an "immortal dream" like that of Pilgrim's Progress, as we could be like Christ. But Jesus comes into fellowship and partnership with every believing soul. He is a "quickening Spirit."

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The mother stands behind the daughter and says, with prophetic faith: "She will soon be like me." Christ stands behind the Christian and says: "He will soon be like Me."

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Nineteen centuries of the Christian faith have come and gone; and it is safe to say that Christ is better known and studied now than in any other age. He is seen through the light of these Christian centuries that He Himself has created. When the human tongue shall have spoken the final word, we can say of His matchless character what the Queen of Sheba said of Solomon: "The half has not been told."

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The wisdom of God is seen in His varied gifts to the church. If all minds had been of the mould of Paul, we would not now have the biographies of Jesus. If all the writers had been as John, we would have lost Paul's doctrinal interpretation of the Man Christ Jesus. If all had looked at Christ as did Matthew, Mark, and Luke, much that is of inestimable value in the Epistles and Revelation would not be ours. God has given us many men to see the Master. The result is, we have the history, doctrine, vision and spiritual discernment of the Christ. God needs every measure of mind and every condition of character for His kingdom. No place is humble when God assigns it to us. Foundation is as important as finial.

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When God would find men to write of the coming and life of His Son, He did not go to the Athens of Plato and Pericles or to the Rome of Cicero and Augustus. He took men with the shepherd's crook and fishing tackle. His inspiration was worth more for the work in hand than the learning of all the schools. God-inspired men they were who wrote of the Christ. These sixty-six different books, by about forty different authors, covering a period of fifteen hundred years, are made one Book by One Name. They have come together as miraculously as the animals came to the ark.

General Review of the Field.

Our collections show an increase over any former year of our history:

Collected on assessments	$310,934.37
Increase over 1902-1903	9,448.20
Receipts from all sources for the work under the direction of this Board	589,056.29
Increase over collection from similar sources for 1902-1903	22,875.66

Eight annual Conferences have paid assessments in full for the Foreign Missions while about seventy-five districts and two thousand seven hundred and fifty charges have paid the amounts assessed for missions, both Foreign and Domestic. The number of Conferences reported as paying in full is not so large as last year, but there is a marked advance in the number of districts and pastoral charges that have made this commendable record. In this connection special mention should be made of the South Georgia which paid more than $4,000 in excess of its assessment for Foreign Missions. The importance of increased payments on our regular assessments cannot be too strongly urged. From that source our chief support must come. More than one-half our pastoral charges now pay in full for missions. The number should be increased until the weakest mission as well as the strongest church in our connection meets at least its minimum of obligation to an unsaved world.

CHINA.

Nothing brings out more clearly the changes referred to than the presentation of diplomas to the medical class in our Soochow University by his Excellency, En shou, Governor of the Kiangsu Province. This was in official costume and accompanied by his staff and a large retinue of attendants, and followed an address by Bishop Galloway. Such an act in the early days of our China missions would have cost the Governor his place, and possibly his head, and might have been followed by a riot and destruction of mission property. To-day in every walled city and prefectural town we have had the recognition of the highest officials unsolicited and the friendship and confidence of the literati. A late foreign mail brings the news from Dr. D. L. Anderson of the occupation of the main building of the Soochow University, which, in its structure and equipment, is thoroughly modern and well adapted to its purpose. This building, made possible by the $50,000 subscription at the New Orleans Conference, stands in the centre of a campus of over eight acres, is substantial, commodious, and free from debt. So generous has the Church been in this matter that we have been able in addition to erect five flats on property owned by the Boards of Missions in Shanghai, which, by an outlay of $20,000, should yield a net return of 8 per cent, to be devoted to the further endowment and equipment of our educational work. The adoption of such a policy in connection with each of our leading educational institutions on our six foreign fields would guarantee the permanence of our work and enable us to train a native agency, without which the complete evangelization of these fields is impossible.

The progress of the work is full of encouragement in every department. The membership has gone well over the thousand line, being 1,309 at the last report, 274 of these being received during the year. If we add the 823 probationers, the total will be well over 2,000.

There should be neither hesitation nor delay in furnishing all that is required for a field which is so wide open and where conditions are so favorable now, but which are in danger of crystallization. New and changed conditions may seriously retard evangelistic effort. The influence of Japan is day by day becoming more powerful. China has invited her Judiciary to codify her laws, her military to organize her army, her educators to man and equip her schools, and her statesmen and reformers to hold an advisory relation in matters pertaining to economic interest and national policy at home and abroad. The yellow peril is not so much a military menace to the outside world as it is a recrystallization of ideas around commercial centers or those which are rationalistic and blighting in their influence upon thought and life. If the polytheism of the Budhist and the agnosticism of the Confucionist, as full of error and of emptiness as they are, should so supersede by the rationalistic and utilitarion philosophy of modern Japan, the consequence would be an attitude upon the part of China's millions which might get back the work of religious instruction and enlightenment for centuries. The atheism of force and the devitalizing power of a commercial spirit are much more to be feared than battle ships or legions of soldiers.

JAPAN.

The entire Orient is in a state of unrest. Not a little of this can be attributed to the aggression of Western nations and the influx of commercial tides which are pushing into every bay and harbor and even penetrating the rivers into the remote interior, but the larger part is undoubtedly due to the fermentation of the wine of a new civilization, with its school of philosophy, of ethics, and of religion. Mr. Kate, President of the Imperial University, expresses the situation in the following words: "Our old system of thought is completely undermined." So sweeping has been the revolution that, with the student class, the ethical system of Confucius has practically been laid aside, and Shintoism has been reduced from a national religion to a mere cult. Budhism is largely despised. Some one has styled the Japanese a nation in quest of a religion. One of our missionaries, Thomas H. Haden, quotes Marquis Ito as saying: "We got our civilization from the West, and we must get the foundation from the West also." This is the more significant since it was the Marquis himself who declared a few years ago that religion was not necessary to a national life, and he was largely given the credit of eliminating religious instruction from the school and of reducing ethics to a few bare outlines which no electric current, however powerful, could galvanize it to religious life or moral significance.

Every close student of Japan is agreed that a decided reaction has set in, accompanied by a revival of interest in Christianity. This is largely manifested by increased atendance upon religious services and upon our mission schools. With creditable enthusiasm and earnestness the various churches in Japan determined last year to hold evangelistic services in a building provided for the purpose immediately across the street from the main entrance of the great Exposition at Osaka. Out of the four million people who attended the Exposition, one-sixteenth of the entire number, or two hundred and fifty thousand, heard the Gospel preached and carried away with them religious literature specially prepared for the occasion, while sixteen thousand of the number gave their names and addresses as being desirous of further inquiry and correspondence.

In the light of these and other recent events, we must agree with Dr. Haden that Christianity is "creating the ideals of Japan," and it is a matter of supreme importance that adequate provision should be made for reaching the brain and heart of an empire which is largely shaping the political and commercial policy of Korea and Siam and effecting to a considerable degree the sentiment which is now dominating the great body Confucian scholars and officials in the Chinese Empire.

The war has not effected the progress of our work thus far. With nearly double the attendance upon the schools as compared with three years ago, we record the baptism of one hundred and ninety-three adults, bringing the membership up to a round thousand. This, with a determination to press evangelistic effort at home and among the thousands of Japanese who are going to Korea as colonists, indicates the opening of a new era.

KOREA.

Korea is passing through the old process which makes her the grist ground between the upper and nether millstones, and with the opening of hostilities, between Japan and Russia, with the storm centre near the mouth of the Yalu River, it is not a matter of surprise that there should have been some uneasiness during the year.

On the other hand, it is a cause for profound gratitude, that Rev. J. R. Moose reports for the mission a gain of thirty-seven members and ninety-five probationers, making a total of 511 communicants, to which can be added 472 who are on the probation. There can be no doubt as to the thoroughness of the awakening in the Monson church, which has been passing through a revival when sins are publicly confessed and restitution made. Inc one case, a letter was received by the missionary inclosing $7.00, with the statement that the money had been stolen from him three years before while acting as colporteur. Another confessed to having wronged the government to the amount of $2.00, and said it must be returned even if it should cost his poor body to be cast into prison. With such searching of heart must come a sound conversion and a quickening of life which makes the future of the church bright with hope.

Seeds of sin must be judged by their sheaves of sorrow.

The human race is not quite the same as the heavenly race.

The Field

Roanoke Circuit.

Dear Advocate:—We had a fine day last Sunday. The day was perfect, and long before the hour for services to begin, people were at Old Ebenezer Church where they expected Children's Day. The services began at 11 a. m. The singing was good and recitations fine; and at 11.45 a. m., Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer was called to the rostrum for an address. He gave us a good address, and one that was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and which will do great good. After one and a half hours, we reassembled for the evening service. We had one hour of recitations, which were all good, and for the orator of the evening, Rev. P. H. Stainback, of Weldon, was called to the rostrum and gave us about fifteen minutes of wit and humor, mostly at the Doctor's expense, after which he gave us a good address that will tell in many lives, we believe.

We have had three very successful Children's Days on the Roanoke Circuit this year;first one at Tabor, the fifth Sunday in May, with a good service and very large congregation, and a good address in the morning by Rev. P. H. Stainback and in the evening by Dr. Zollicoffer, and a very successful service at Smith's the second Sunday in June, as has been announced before.

The Lord is with us on this work.

W. B. HUMBLE, P. C.

Greensboro Female College.

Editor Raleigh Christian Advocate, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—For information of those friends who are deeply interested in the welfare and success, prosperity and perpetuity of the Methodist College for Women in Greensboro, otherwise known as Greensboro Female College, I am pleased to report that the outlook is promising and the work is moving forward. We have a force of workmen engaged in getting out the material and putting up the walls. In a short time we hope to show you the results of our active labor.

My purpose in writing you at this time is to submit a proposition which comes from a gentleman very much interested in the institution, and who makes the following offer:

In order to create an endowment fund for Greensboro Female College at the least possible present cost, and in the surest and safest kind of way, I propose that one hundred or more friends of the college shall buy $1,000 or larger policies of insurance in the New York Life Insurance Company, kind of policy to be left to the option of the insured, whether old line, ten, fifteen or twenty year endowment. These policies can be bought on the basis of ordinary life, limited five, ten fifteen or twenty years, as the party may prefer. Parties so desiring can purchase paid-up policies payable at death for one lump sum, policies payable to trustees of the college or any other direction they may prefer. Parties desiring to take more than $1000 can do so. In the event of the men being found willing to do this, then the following proposition is made—the agent whose business it is to direct this will give all of the first premium up to $1000 to the college as memorial to his father, the Rev. Bennett F. Blake, one of the founders of the institution. He also agrees, in the event the full $100,000 is not placed to contribute any amount prorated, or if over $100,000, to give the proportionate part thereof.

This is done simply to try to endow this institution, and it is hoped that many of those friends who would like to see an endowment fund, but who haven't the money for the endowment can do it by carrying this, and the rates can be procured from Henry D. Blake, State Agent, New York Life Insurance Company, Greensboro, N. C.

It is needless for me to say that this is one of the best and safest companies in the United States, and I hope to find our people ready to enter into this arrangement.

I will agree to take $1,000 of this; where are the other ninety-nine men?

Yours very truly,

C. H. IRELAND.

Pittsboro Circuit Sunday-School and Epworth League Conference.

The Pittsboro Circuit Sunday-school and Epworth League Conference held at Moncure July 9 and 10, was a fine success in every sense. The papers read were thoughtful and of a high order. The sermons were preached by Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth, of Epworth Church, Raleigh, N. C. Brother Culbreth brought us under obligation to him for these timely and chaste discourses, and our people were more than pleased with him. Brother Culbreth will be heard from in the near future.

The following statistics show the condition of Sunday-school and Epworth League work on the Pittsboro Circuit:

Total church members, 652; total Sunday-school enrolment, 447; average atendance since January 1, 71 per cent.

The grade of work being done is as follows:

Number studying senior quarterlies, 140; number studying intermediate quarterlies, 116; number studying lesson papers, 123; number studying catechisms, 82; number of parents attending Sunday-school, 82; number of Sunday-school visitors taken, 42; number of books in libaries, 520; total number of schools, 7; number coming all the year. 6; number organized into Missionary Societies. 6; all schools well supplied with our own literature and song books; Epworth Leagues, 2; Junior Epworth Leagues, 1; total number of Epworth League members, 118.

The above healthy condition of the work is largely due to work done through these circuit conferences.

The next Conference is to be held at Brown's Chapel.

These Conferences mean work to the pastor and officers of the Conference, but if our Sunday-schools and Epworth League work on our circuit is to mean anything, they demand our time and thought, and the marked improvement in attendance and the character of the work done have amply justified the outlay of time and thought given to it on this charge.

JAS. H. FRIZELLE.

Furnishing the New G. F. C. Report 2.

The work of furnishing rooms in the new building goes steadily on. The plan, as previously stated, is to have rooms taken, which will be named in honor of the donor. A tablet placed upon the door will bear the name of the donor and other important facts.

Thirty-five dollars furnish a room with two iron bedsteads, mattresses, table, chairs, chiffonier, etc. The estimate is for the heavy furniture of a room occupied by two young ladies. This money is due the last of August. In special cases, ninety days additional will be allowed.

The following rooms have been taken:

Previously reported, seven rooms.

B. B. Adams, Four Oaks, N. C., in memory of his father, William Gatson Adams.

Young ladies' Guild of Cary in honor of Mrs. J. C. Angier.

Local Alumnae of Greenville, N. C.

Local Alumnae of Washington, N. C.

The Norman room, by E. B. Norman, M. W. Norman, and C. J. Norman, of Plymouth, N. C.

Local Alumnae of Plymouth.

Miss Elizabeth Carver, Raleigh N. C.

Mrs. C. W. Cobb, Greensboro, N. C.

The Alumnae of Person County.

Mrs. Mattie Cross Brown and Miss Lillian Lee Cross, in memory of their mother, Mrs. Hattie N. Cross, Sunbury, N. C.

What an opportunity to do a good work and also to perpetuate the names of dear ones! What a privilege for old students to lend a hand to aid their dear old Alma Mater!

Any enquiries made of me at Chapel Hill, N. C., will be cheerfully answered.

M. T. PLYER.

Carthage Circuit.

Rev. J. B. Hurley, our faithful Presiding Elder, has recently met his third round with us, having encountered, respectively, snow, rain, and heat. He preached well to large congregations.

Our Sunday-schools have observed Children's Day. Enthusiastic interest was shown, and the collections exceeded those for the past year. Otherwise, the schools are manifesting increased life and activity.

During my rounds on Christian Education, Missions, Sunday-schools, and the General Rules, the congregations were unusual for size and attention; peace prevails throughout our borders, and we are expecting soon to experience gracious revivals.

It was my pleasure to unite in marriage, June 22, Mr. W. P. Benner and Miss Bettie F. Seawell; June 26, Mr. T. J. Crutchfield and Miss Effie A. Muse; June 28, Dr. D. F. Watson and Miss Alice Belle Tarkin, all of Moore County. With the last of these ceremonies I was assisted by Rev. J. K. Roberts, of the Presbyterian Church.

R. H. BROOM, P. C.

July 15th, 1904.

Campmeeting at Kennekeet.

The camp-meeting at Kennekeet, N. C., began June 19, 1904, and closed June 29th.

Our Presiding Elder, Rev. J. E. Underwood, was in charge of the meeting. Brother Underwood is a great power in revival work. I have never seen a man work more faithfully than did Brother Underwood.

The following preachers were also with us: Rev. F. L. Church, A. J. Parker, Wm. Towe, and J. V. Williams. Brother Church had very important appointments to fill, so he left us on Friday before the meeting closed Sunday night, and Brother Williams also left on Saturday. The other brethren remained till the end and saw the final result. The preaching was all very good, and I am sure that much good was accomplished. Brothers Parker and Church brought their families with them, and both of their wives assisted in the meeting and did very good work. They are both very good workers.

We cannot tell just how many conversions there were, but quite a goodly number. Thirty-five joined the church on profession of faith, and others will join. The church was greatly revived, and will never be able to estimate the good that was done. On the last day of the meeting, Brother Underwood took a collection for the Conference collections and raised $64, and on Sunday Brother Parker and myself did some work for the Advocate, and soon obtained thirty-five new subscribers, and others have subscribed since. There were about 1,500 people in attendance on Sunday, and considering the large number, we had very good order.

On Sunday evening we had a communion service, which was the largest seen in Avon for many years;also a baptismal service for infants, and fourteen infants and adults were baptized.

We are now holding a meeting at Clarks and the Lord is with us. We are expecting and praying for great results.

Fraternally, A. W. PRICE.

There Is Blessing In Our Brotherhood.

In a letter received a few days since from Sister Harrison, the widow of Rev. Z. T. Harrison, who recently died, occurs this sentence: "I would be glad to get my brotherhood money as soon as possible, for I will have to move soon, and will need it, as I will have to buy nearly everything to furnish my house, and have six little children that are dependent on me." Delinquent brethren of the brotherhood, please send in your assessments that speedy relief may be sent. This is the same case for which Bro. John N. Cole asked special aid in last week's Advocate. I pray that both his call and our Brotherhood's may be heeded, as both are needed to provide a home for the fatherless and the widow.

D. H. TUTTLE.

The Family

WISE WORDS OF SPIRITUAL COUNSELLORS.

Bottled Expressly for Family Use.

A great many products are put up "bottled expressly for family use"—only to mention ketchup, pickles, milk, and cream. But there are other things that are also bottled for use in the family, that are not material; but they are kept in store and drawn out upon occasion. Every housekeeper has a supply. What are they? Well, let us variously designate them as temper, impatience, irritability, unreasonableness—these are kept most carefully bottled up for family use and it is not infrequently that the stopper is drawn. Bottled up as they are, they often begin to ferment and press for a wider range during business hours and when strangers are by. But the stopper at such times is only pressed down the tighter. It would hurt the business to show irritability and give way to temper. A man would lose his client or his patient or his customer or his place if he should give way to it. So down it stays till he comes—where? Why, to his dear, peaceful, quiet home, the place he loves, and whose dear inmates he loves. But then they know by his looks that the day's business has been trying, and soon the bottled-up temper which would have injured the business begins to show how it has been kept expressly for family use. Strange—isn't it?

"We have welcome words for the stranger
And smiles for the sometimes guest:
But we vex our own with the bitter tone,
Though we love our own the best.
O lips with the word impatient,
O brow with the look of scorn,
'Twere a bitter fate were the night too late
To undo the work of the morn!"

And how does it all come about? Why are the testiness and the impatient reply all saved up for the home and the ones we really and devotedly love and care for there? Why, it is all there—the cowardliness and meanness of spirit that lead to this outburst. We dare to do it because we knew we can do it and still be tolerated. Men in business and strangers in society would not tolerate it; so we keep it in. But in the family we let it out. In many a character this quality of ill temper stands out as the one glaring defect. Its ferment will permeate a household like an evil leaven; its shadow will brood over an otherwise happy circle like a storm-cloud.

For the man who habitually gives way to temper and testiness there is only one course open, and that it to go apart by oneself and think it out—think what wrong you have done and how you have injured others. Bitter words are like knives: they have cruel wounds—wounds that often pierce the most loving hearts.

"Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds;;
You can't do that way when you're flying words.
Thoughts that we think may sometimes fall back dead,
But God himself can't kill them when they're said."

Let the man who is afflicted with this malady sit apart with the Master and tell it to Him, and get the touch of His healing robe, which will make even crooked tempers straight. There is no other way. And no other way is needed, because this is a sufficient way. Let him pray with David, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

The waspish temper is bad enough when men only are concerned; but when its stinging virus is seen to destroy the peace of the home, making every member suffer, the evil goes deep. Do not give way to it, Christian! Keep the bad spirit down! See to it that you are not the one meant when some shall ask—"What are these wounds in thy hands?" and he shall answer—"These are the wounds wherewith I was wounded in the house of my friends."—Exchange.

What Must We Do?

The "limited" thunders on through the blackness of the night. Faster and faster it goes, until the wheels seem fairly to fly over the rails. Within the coaches hundreds of human beings sleep peacefully. With his hand on the throttle, and his every faculty strained to a terrible tension, the engineer watches the quivering monster that plunges ahead with fearful pace. Without warning, there is a terrific crash. Then come the shrieks of the wounded, the groans of the dying. A hundred men and women are hurled to their death. An investigation follows the disaster. The papers report that the tracks had spread!

A little blaze starts on the stage of a crowded theatre. With the rapidity of lightning it leaps to the inflammable material around. Someone calls for the asbestos curtain, but it falls only half way, and then shrivels and burns like paper. Eight hundred imprisoned human beings are suffocated by smoke and poisonous gases, or trampled to death in the mad fight for life. Almost every home in a great city is transformed into a house of mourning. Children are deprived of parents, and husbands go mad at the loss of wives and sons and daughters. Why was no provision made against such a disaster? There was provision made, but the fire-proof curtain was a fraud!

An excursion steamer is crowded with happy women and merry children. Some one smells smoke. A life-preserver is on fire. Surely it can easily be extinguished. But the sparks drop among a pile of greased rags and inflammable rubbish. They spread; passengers become alarmed; they grow panic-stricken as the fire sweeps the crowded decks. By hundreds people perish in the flames, leap into the water only to drown, for the life-preservers are rotten! A thousand lives are lost! Five hundred homes are utterly desolated! Was there no one whose duty it was to know that the excursion boat was free from dangerous rubbish, and provided with adequate fire-extinguishers and life-preservers? Yes. There was a steamer inspector, but he did his work after the terrible accident. He didn't think it necessary to comply with the letter of the law—nothing would happen.

We must enact more stringent laws to protect human life? Yes. We can enact laws directing that every rod of railway be subjected to careful inspection as often as may be necessary, to insure that no train freighted with human lives shall dash onto a defective track. We can enact, and have enacted, that every theatre and other public building be provided with fire-proof curtains and smoke flues. We may insist men be appointed to inspect vessels, which are entrusted with the lives of our dear ones. But a law, however plainly printed upon a statute book, affords small comfort to crushed hearts. No. There are things that cannot be done by legislation. I may be in authority over my servant, and my word should be to him a law. But whether he carries out my instructions or not will depend on the kind of a man he is. If he be trustworthy, he will obey. If he be faithless, my command will not insure the performance of his duty.

In spite of ourselves we are thrown back on the old truth that has stood since man was created a free moral agent. It is a question of character, of the principles that govern a man's life. Before wholesale slaughter of human beings will cease we must have men who will not leave a bit of uninsulated wire because it is hidden and will not be discovered; men whose word will be a sufficient guarantee when they pronounce a curtain fire-proof; men who will diligently inspect 999 vessels that need no inspection, rather than run the risk of missing one that might be at fault.

At it then, teachers, preachers, mothers! Teach it; preach it; instill it into the lives of the boys and girls, the coming men and women. The method may seem painfully slow but it is the only one that can save our people. When we have learned not only to say it, but to live it in the work of every day, then, and then only, shall we be safe. Here is its law:

"All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."—Epworth Herald.

"Clap the Lid On," Orders Burdette.

Rev. Robert J. Burdette is trapping for unwary Methodist Bishops who may attend services in the Temple Baptist Church.

While the great Dr. G. Campbell Morgan was preaching at the Temple Baptist Church. Dr. McIntyre went one afternoon to hear him; but he found the church so crowded that he could not get in the front door. He craftily circled around and entered the place by a flank movement, going in a back door. He fumbled around in darkness back of the pulpit. Back of the rostrum, was a curtain he could see dimly, and it occurred to him as a great scheme to go across behind the scenes and peep through the curtain at the speaker.

In the dimness, suddenly he stepped out gracefully into space and fell in a sprawling heap at the bottom of the baptistry, crawling out with barked shins and a new understanding of Baptist architecture.

He was rather sore, as he confessed to Mr. Burdette, afterward.

"But," he said, triumphantly, "It was dry. There was no water in your old baptistry, and I am a Methodist yet."

Burdette is not the man to be caught napping twice. The Methodists are now holding their pentecostal meetings in his church.

Yesterday afternoon, Burdette hunted up the sexton and laid these instructions heavily upon him:

"I want you to fill that baptistry to the brim."

"Yess'r," said the sexton, eagerly.

"Wait," said "Bob" sternly, "And if a Methodist Bishop falls in ——"

"Yes'r," gasped the excited sexton.

"Clap the lid on!"—Los Angeles Times.

Morning Prayer.

The morning is the gate of the day, and should be well guarded with prayer. It is one of the threads on which the day's actions are strung, and should be well knotted with devotion. If we felt more the majesty of life, we should be more careful of its mornings. He who rushes from his bed to his business, and waiteth not to worship, is foolish, as though he had not put on his clothes or cleansed his face, and as unwise as though he dashed into battle without arms or armor. Be it ours to bathe in the softly flowing river of communion with God before the heat of the wilderness and the burden of the day begin to oppress us.—Spurgeon.

"Seated one day at the organ, I was weary and ill at ease,
And my fingers wandered idly over the noisy keys.
I know not what I was playing, or what I was dreaming then,
But I struck one chord of music like the sound of a great Amen!
It flooded the crimson twilight, like the close of an angel's psalm,
And it lay on my fevered spirit with the touch of infinite calm.
It quieted pain and sorrow, like love overcoming strife,
It seemed a harmonious echo from our discordant life.
It linked all perplexed meanings into one perfect peace,
And trembled away into silence as if it were loth to cease,
I have sought, but I seek it vainly, that one lost chord divine,
Which came from the soul or the organ, and entered into mine.
It may be that death's bright angel may sing that song again,
Or it may be that only in heaven I shall hear that grand Amen!"

The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,
Whose deeds, both great and small,
Are close-knit strands of an unbroken thread,
Where love ennobles all.
The world may sound no trumpets, ring no bells:
The book of life the shining record tells.
Thy love shall chant its own beatitudes
After its own life working. A child's kiss
Set on thy sighing lips shall make thee glad,
A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong.
Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense
Of service which thou renderest.

Our Boys and Girls

Hemp, N. C., June 29, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—We send five cents each to the Orphanage. We have three little orphan cousins. They live with grandpa Hayle. We love to read the little children's letters and all the stories in the Advocate.

Your friends,
JNO. and MARY HAYLE.

Gibson, N. C., June 26, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy ten years old. I go to Sunday-school. Our pastor is Rev. G. B. Perry. My teacher is Mrs. D. C. Lytch. Now I will ask a question: What verse in the Bible has "thereof" in it nine times.

Your little friend,
LESTER FLETCHER.

Lumberdale, N. C., June 29, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I thought I would write to you for my first time. I am a little boy 10 years old. Papa takes the Advocate, and I like to read the children's letters. I will answer Lelia J. Thrower's question: Sampson was the strongest man. And now I will ask one: How did the ten spies cross the river Jordan?

I will close for this time.

Your unknown friend,
MARSHALL THOMPSON.

West Raleigh, June 25, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading it very much. Our every-day school has closed now. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday that I can. I will close by asking a question: How old was Jesus when He was crucified?

I hope to see this in print.

Your friend,
ETHEL AVENT.

Atlantic, N. C., June 27, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a girl 12 years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My teacher is Miss Myrtle Morris. My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the girls' and boys' letters. My papa is the pastor—T. W. Mansfield. Mr. James Morris is the Superintendent. I have one sister and two brothers.

Your friend,
ANNIE L. MANSFIELD.

Fayetteville, N. C., June 24, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl seven years old. We live in a city, and we go to Sunday-school when we can. Our Superintendent is Mr. Gorham. My teacher is Mrs. Gorham. Our every-day school is out, and we had a real nice commencement. I will answer Maud Westbrook's question: Methuselah was the oldest man. Now I will ask a question: How long did the flood last? I will close in fear of the waste basket. I am

Your unknown friend,
MYRA COTTON.

Red Springs, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I never like to write to the Advocate unless I have some money to send the orphans. I have twenty-five cents to send you, which I earned myself. But I don't think I will tell you how I earned it.

I have a little dog which is crippled, and he goes to church on three legs. He looks so funny running along on three legs, and kicking the fourth. This is the only pet I have. I have such a good time in vacation. I have lots of little friends, and we play together all day. Our yard is big and shady, and so I always have some one to play with. I miss one of my little friends who has gone to Washington City. I study hard in winter because mama says so; and I have to practice an hour a day. I go to the Southern Presbyterian College, and I hope some day to graduate there.

I must stop because I don't want my letter to be too long.

My love to the Advocate and to the orphans.

Your friend,
ALLIE PEARSALL.

Vanceboro, N. C., June 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. Mama takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the letters from the little boys and girls.

Our pastor is Rev. B. E. Stanfield. I like him very much. I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. I like to go. Our Superintendent is Mr. Henry Powell.

I will answer Cecil Kelley's question: Rebekah was Jacob's mother.

Now I will ask one: How old was Jesus when he began preaching?

I will close with best wishes to the Advocate. I am

Your friend,
JULIA E. SMITH.

Cary, N. C., June 30, 1904.
R. F. D. 1.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. My mother and father are both dead, and I live with my aunt and uncle, and I love them very good. My uncle takes the Advocate, and I like to read the little boys and girls' letters very much. I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. My Superintendent is Mr. G. M. Jackson, and my teacher is Mrs. Fannie Thompson, and our pastor is Rev. Rood. We all like him very much. I have six brothers.

Love to the orphans.

Your little friend,
BERTIE KING.

Scotland Neck, N. C., June 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As my other letter was in print, I will write again. My school has stopped, and I was so sorry. But we children have a nice time. I have just finished reading the Advocate, and I like it fine. We all like our preacher fine. He is good to us; and I like his wife also.

I have a sweet little brother and a little sister.

Mrs. Hassell is one of brother's Sunday-school teachers. I will answer Cecil Kelly's question: Jacob's mother's name was Rebecca.

Now I ask one: How many years did Jesus live upon the earth before He was crucified?

Good by.

Your little friend,
MOLLIE HARRISON.

P. S.—I hope to have my letter in print.

Whitakers, N. C., June 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I'm a little girl four years old, but I enjoy hearing mama read the letters from the children in the Advocate.

Inclosed you will find fifteen cents for the Orphanage, that I earned myself. Daddy gave it to me for learning a piece to recite on Childrens' Day. Now perhaps some other little girl can earn some money in this way.

We were glad to see Monroe Piland's letter last week, as his father used to preach for us.

I will be one to try to raise a dollar by Christmas for the orphans.

I will answer Lucy C. Herring's question. Daniel was put in the lions' den.

With best wishes for the Advocate and love for the orphans, I am,

Your little friend,
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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

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Mrs. Hargrove's Message.

Mrs. Hargrove has come and gone, and what a blessing her visit has been to us all. While she was received with open arms wherever she went, our chief regret is that every woman in the Southern Methodist Church could not have heard her. We need just such talks, just such soul stirring.

Mrs. Hargrove opened her address by saying that since she represented our own Board, and Scarritt Bible Training School she came to us not as to strangers but as to her own, for we all had a common interest in Woman's Work for Woman. Even in the same cause, however, our minds needed stirring and she would emphasize the magnitude of our work, which she believed especially ordered of God.

Not only, said Mrs. Hargrove, is woman's work for woman ordained of God, but also the work of the W. F. M. Society. Its existence is not a mere accident. God brought together the holy women, one of whom has recently died in the foreign field, to whom we owe its inception. In answering the question why she thought woman permitted to carry on so great work, Mrs. Hargrove said that she thought it a recognition of woman's service through the ages, and of her personal consecration. A consecration, by the way, which should be "purse-and-all consecration."

In recounting the benefits of woman's work it is hard to say whether the society has done more good at home or in foreign lands. Of the good at home we know. In foreign lands, however, the benefits stand out in proportion to the great need, for there is woman's condition most degraded. The keynote of her life is fear. She fears everything, her husband, her son, her god. As accounts are frequent from China, Japan, India, Mexico and Brazil, Mrs. Hargrove wished to emphasize the needs of women in the Mohammedan lands, which in her recent trip to Palestine she had the opportunity of seeing. A land where God is worshipped as god, but where the Koran has supplanted the Bible. Her reports from these countries were heart-rending. It has only been ten years since in this land woman was thought to possess a soul. Only since mission schools have shown that woman was capable of learning, has even a place of worship been allowed her. In this Land of Promise where woman's work began the sons of Ishmael have overcome the sons of Isaac.

By relating vivid instances of the degration of women, which she had seen, Mrs. Hargrove showed how woman is the common carrier in the East, no better than the donkey. Every grain of wheat ground in Palestine is ground by women. On the great turn-pike road built by the Turkish government from Mt. Carmel to Jerusalem the rock and gravel has all been carried by women, and one may see them laboring on it even now. Such degradation of body and mind means degradation of soul and woman's hope there is small.

From this country of our Lord's teaching where our blessed religion saw its birth a great cry comes to us from the darkness—a cry to which we who have the light of its power must hearken for the possession of privilege—entails obligation.

In the social world a man who takes in everything and gives out nothing is called a "sponge." Can we afford to be religious sponges? Yet that is the attitude of many of us toward our religion. We absorb all that we can, but what do we give? He who raised our brother from the dead has need of our alabaster box.

Mrs. Hargrove then spoke of the report of the Board for last year, and of what a source of thankfulness it was to her that we had done better than any previous year. Yet the $132,000 raised has been raised by 80,000 members of the societies while in the church there are 900,000 making more than 800,000 unemployed.

Hoping that many present would come under the first class, Mrs. Hargrave gave them some advice as to the needs of the work. First, a deeper sense of obligation to Christ; second, more enthusiasm; third, more prayer and more definite prayer; fourth, more work and less counting of the steps taken for the Lord; fifth, more self-denial. Self-denial is a woman's forte; and just here came the suggestion that perhaps a woman's self-denial might come in the way of dues—not so many flounces and furbelows.

In closing, Mrs. Hargrave quoted some lines, which she had copied from the walls of the girls' school at Beirut, Syria, words which we may all apply:

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The greatest reason for the need of an auxiliary in every church is that it should have the benefit gained from connectional privileges and information given in a systematic way, while our Society should have more auxiliaries and more members. Our church is organic in its basic principles, and it is a tenet of our faith that the strong should help the weak. The Home Mission Society is one of its organizations and has a place in the polity.

Pride.

We who are interested in the church are anxious that our Conference should stand shoulder to shoulder with other Conferences in every branch of Christian work; we have some pardonable pride in this matter and are willing to "spend and be spent" to reach this end. We do not antagonize any other organization, but only claim our place in the family and work with the other members for the welfare of the house hold.

Growth and Recognition.

Our Woman's work has grown to be a factor in the advancement of the Master's Kingdom, and we rejoice in the success with which He has crowned our efforts. Naturally we wish, and are cordially given, in its proper place, by our brethren of the ministry, due recognition of all work done through both the Woman's Foreign and Home Mission Societies.

Every Local Aid Society Should Become Connectional.

In our Conference Journal both the Foreign and Home Societies have a place, while the work of the Local Aid comes under no separate head, but is counted in the general fund. It would be much better to pay the amount required to become connectional, and report all that is done at home as "local work."

The very best help a preacher can have is an active, live Home Mission Society. The broadening influences of the general work enlarges the hearts and consciences of the women and prepares them for better efforts in every field. Surely there are none of us who do so well we might not do better?

To the Brethern.

While some are strong and are looking for grand developments in the near future, many of God's little ones" are not so fortunate. While you are planning and working at "Jerusalem" will you not with us "enter the gates of Samaria"? Will you not join us in building parsonages where there are none? In caring for the needy who, though not in our very midst, are no less in need? In establishing Doors of Hope, Rescue Homes and Missions in our cities, where so many are sinking beneath the vortex of sin and shame? In conducting schools, where both the heart and hand are trained to usefulness, and from which the Gospel is carried to the heathen at our doors?

"Stir up the Gift."

I feel that there must be some who are willing and ready, and I pray you to "stir up the gift that is within them" and at an early day organize a Home Mission Auxiliary in every church. Let us no longer feel that we alone are out of the family circle.

I know our readers will enjoy these extracts from Mrs. Wilkins' letter to Rev. J. A. Hornaday; he kindly sent me the issue of his excellent paper, "The Methodist Quarterly" (which I trust many of you take) containing it, and will value this expression of appreciation, for he with us rejoices in the strong and valuable pen of our sister.

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Editorial

Say not, "It matters not what men may think,
But 'tis the deed avails." As flower to seed,
Is deed to thought; and as the seed foretells
Hemlock or rose, thought tells the coming deed.
—Thomas Curtis Clark.

The ability of the Bible to exhibit and reveal the Christ is the sure test of its infallibility. All questions of history and science in connection with the Bible need not give one any concern as long as the plan of salvation through a living Savior stands out clear, intelligible and practicable.

We are not unaccustomed to hearing that Mammon has an alarmingly large number of votaries, but the bold stroke of President Hadley rather startles us when he says that there are two religions: one of Mammon and the other of God. Yet Christ in His teachings was constantly placing God and Mammon in juxtaposition. President Hadley is only repeating one of Christ's statements.

Some very recent occurrences have led us to believe that the habit which many Southern educational men have of making blunt, unpleasant and often untrue statements with reference to to things at home is waxing instead of waning. Of course the statements are not intended ultimately for the home audience, but for that audience across the line which only has to take snuff in order to make its eager patrons sneeze.

If a congregation desires to use the New Order of Worship, the optional parts and all, that desire should be granted without criticism. We see no danger of excessive ritualism in such a course. But why should such stress be laid by some on the Gloria which is optional, and nothing be said about the general failure to observe that general positive and unconditional rule which calls on every member to reverently kneel on entering church? Will some one enlighten us?

Methodism is remaining true to her functions as a leader. She is not afraid to blaze out paths, and she shows her catholicity by not objecting to another's travelling in that path. While Methodism is not strictly the pioneer in the deaconess work, yet from a practical standpoint she is. We are glad that her example is being followed by the Congregationalists. On Sunday, June 25, a Deaconess Home was dedicated in Illinois by the Congregationalists. A Methodist deaconess was secured to start the enterprise.

Godlessness is the most inconsistent thing in the world. President Richard M. Venable is reported to have based his refusal to allow religious services in the parks of Baltimore on the fact that he is an agnostic and does not believe in the Christian religion. How he can favor the vaudeville shows in the parks and frown on religious services which, from his standpoint, are negative and inane, we can not see. There is a way of believing in such a strange way as to create a malicious prejudice against the object of faith. President Venable must have found this way.

"Work," a monthly paper published by Dr. Sam Steel, of Lumberton, Mississippi, is one of the snappiest, brightest visitors that come to this office. What a wonderful writer Dr. Steel is! And we may add, what a pity that the last issue contained some writing which was of such a personal bilious nature that we feel sure that the brilliant and warm-hearted writer will wish to recall it before another moon. Time manages to bring all needed vindications—and that too without the aid of the weapons of warfare which are carnal! Dr. Steel had simply lost sight of this fact for the time being.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

(Editorial Correspondence.)

Sunbury has the advantage of a liquid euphonious name, and the name fits the place. It is a "sweet Auburn" kind of village. The houses are not many, but they have an inviting look as they nestle in the shadow of great oaks. One can sit on the piazza and look on the inviting reaches of corn and cotton fields.

One of the most pleasant homes in Sunbury is that of our friend and brother, Mr. J. F. Cross. The house fronts a sheet of water from which the graceful cypress rises. The mill is only a few yards away, and it is very evident to one who has the privilege of being a guest in this home that there is no use of going to the mountains or seashore as long as he has the opportunity of resting here and enjoying the kindness of Brother Cross and his household, presided over by his accomplished daughter. This was our home during the Conference.

The District Conference (Elizabeth City) met on Wednesday, July 13, at 2.30 p. m. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. H. M. Jackson. He evidently struck the right chord in his congregation, for the echoes were still heard when we reached Sunbury about nightfall on Wednesday. The church is still called Philadelphia. It is a handsome country church, with carpeted aisles and papered walls. It is one of the oldest churches in this section. When we think of such churches and such people we do not wonder that the Virginia Conference made such strenuous efforts to retain this favored Chowan section.

We found about all the preachers present on Thursday morning. The delegation was by no means full. A little after 9 o'clock we took our place in a congregation listening to a good sermon by Rev. W. P. Constable. Just think of it! preaching right after breakfast. But the wonder ceases when it is remembered that John E. Underwood was in command. He believes in "redeeming the time." He believes in work and in making others work.

With one exception we had never seen before such crowds of people at a District Conference. They came from far and near, walking, in road carts, buggies, and phaetons. We found horses hitched a quarter of a mile from the church because there was no nearer hitching place on account of the multitude of horses that had preempted the ground.

We sometimes wonder why it is that our District Conferences are not oftener held in the country where they can do so much good. The people come out, and hundreds of them are benefited. The idea of reaching the people should be paramount when any meeting of the church is being considered.

The hospitality of the people in this section was manifested in the liberal preparation made for supplying the wants of the inner man. Not one half of the people could get into the church so great was the crowd, yet every one was amply fed, and many baskets of fragments were taken up. Bro. F. L. Church in his sermon on Thursday night rather discountenanced the plan of having such dinners on the ground. We take issue with him, and freely forgive him, for we suspect that he had partaken too largely that day of the dinner, and was suffering from indigestion.

On Thursday afternoon special attention was given to an enterprise which means much to Methodism in the Elizabeth City District—the Albemarle High School in Elizabeth City. A company is being formed for the erection of a large building. The capitalization is $15,000. The shares are sold at $12.50. Many of them have been taken, and quite a number were subscribed for Thursday afternoon. It is probable that a special agent will be sent out during August to canvass for this enterprise. It is evident that Elizabeth City District is alive on the subjects of education and temperance.

We had the pleasure of hearing the following brethren preach: Rev. R. L. Davis, W. P. Constable, Dr. J. C. Kilgo, and Rev. F. L. Church. We noticed that all the sermons which we heard were of the evangelical type and were preached with earnestness and spiritual power. We are glad to see that the fact is being recognized that a District Conference is no place for the "getting off" of a "big sermon." The opportunities for doing good at a District Conference are too many for a selfish exploitation of the occasion.

The following were visitors at the Conference: Dr. J. C. Kilgo, Rev. J. M. Rhodes, Rev. R. L. Davis, President M. S. Davis, Rev. M. T. Plyler, Prof. J. F. Hornaday, and this writer

The preachers while not reporting many revivals this year are looking forward to fine spiritual results. Rev. W. E. Hocutt has just closed a very successful meeting in which there 58 accessions to the Methodist and quite a number to the Baptist Church.

The report on the collections was very encouraging. Quite a number of the charges reported collections in full.

Rev. J. E. Underwood, the Presiding Elder, is managing his District in a way to reflect great credit on his head and heart. He has the loyal love of all his preachers.

Rev. T. J. Dailey is P. C. of North Gates Circuit. He has a fine people to serve, and in his experience with them he is sustaining his name as a strong preacher and faithful pastor.

SEND HIM.

The editor remembers with tenderest feelings the mark of appreciation shown him by his congregation at Wilson in giving him a trip to the Chicago Exposition in 1903. He thoroughly enjoyed that trip, made possible only through the practical kindness of his people. He feels that he made the trip pay in more ways than one. Ever since he has been editor he has urged the various congregations throughout the Conference to show their appreciation of the pastor by not only granting him the needed vacation, but by giving him the wherewithal to utilize that vacation without being harassed by fears of financial shortage. We are glad that some of our preachers have seen the great West because the pure winds of their congregations have been touched into remembrance through our exhortations.

Bishop Hendrix thinks that every preacher should visit, if possible, the St. Louis Exposition. He places an exceedingly high value on such an experience. And he is right. The preacher who wisely takes in such an occasion as the St. Louis Fair re-enforces wonderfully his mental and moral forces, and his congregation will get the benefit of the re-enforcement.

So we wonder how many charges in the North Carolina Conference will enable their pastor to visit the St. Louis Exposition. He will appreciate it. Try it.

THAT CONTEST.

It is not too late to enter the contest for the prize of $25.00 to be awarded to the "mistress of the manse" sending by October 15, 1904, a photograph of the most artistic florally decorated parsonage front. An electrotype picture of every parsonage whose photgraph is sent in will be published. Even if you do not enter the contest have a photograph of the parsonage taken and send it to us. Let us know at once if you decide to enter the contest.

"The coming revival" is an expression often used these days in evangelical circles. It requires but comparatively little faith for the Christian world to believe in the near and certain approach of the foreseen blessing. It should bring with it the practiced doctrine that a more practical salvation is not so much the preparation for the larger life beyond, as that freedom from sin which ushers us into the larger, Spirit-filled life here. We cannot but feel that eschatology receives more than its shar eof attention when it is applied to the human part in the grand work of soul-winning.

Methodist Mention

State.

Note the changes made in the Quarterly Conferences of the New Bern District.

The camp-meeting at the famous Rock Spring camp ground, in Lincoln County, will open on Friday, August 12th.

Rev. M. T. Plyler is succeeding finely in his work of securing equipment for the new rooms in Greensboro Female College.

Dr. Edwin Mims delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture on Sidney Lanier before the Raleigh Summer School on last Monday night.

Rev. J. F. Triplett, formerly of the W. N. C. Conference, has been compelled to resign his work at Arcadia for the rest of the year, and goes to Colorado to recruit. He is one of our best men and best preachers, to be fully trusted for any post.

Rev. G. R. Rood, of Millbrook Circuit, is visiting relatives North. The editor filled his appointment at Mount Pleasant on last Sunday. He preached to a large congregation, and spent a short time very pleasantly in the home of Bro. H. W. House.

The indication at present is that there will be a large class for admission on trial in the Western North Carolina Conference this year. There are already fourteen candidates from the five districts which have had their conferences. This should be the occasion of special thanksgiving. Many of these are young men of exceptional promise. There will be a place for all who are qualified.—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Our Children's Day at Union Chapel the first Sunday was a success in every respect. The exercises were very good; the crowd very good and attentive. We then protracted the meeting until Thursday. Had several conversions and five united with the church and the old members were much revived. Our pastor, Rev. L. M. Chaffin, did some faithful preaching. He hews to the line all the time; his chips will hit us very often, but they do us good. We had a good many visitors from a distance too numerous to mention.—Newman Cor. Warrenton Record.

Connectional

Dr. John Matthews celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday in the home of his son in St. Louis.

Dr. Andrew Sledd, son-in-law of Bishop W. A. Candler, has been chosen President of the Florida State University.

Rev. Thomas B. Reynolds, of the South Carolina Conference, died at his home at Williamston on Thursday, July 8.

The Baltimore-Richmond Christian Advocate is making a strong effort for 5,000 new subscribers before September 1st.

Dr. Tigert's son, John J., Jr., passed the Cecil Rhodes scholarship examination recently, which entitles him to spend four years in Oxford University, in England.

Four members of the Baltimore Conference (M. E. Church) have received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, so says the Baltimore Methodist.

The work being done in Virginia by Rev. T. H. Haden in behalf of Japan as a missionary field is of the highest order. His statements are strong and clear, and his grasp on the situation in Japan is very statesmanlike.

Among the attractive features at Emory Grove (Northern Methodist Camp, about twenty miles from Baltimore), this season will be the Sunday-school Convention, beginning August 4th, and continuing four days. Among the prominent speakers secured for this occasion is Dr. Gross Alexander.

The alumni of Randolph-Macon College are undertaking to raise $35,000 to endow a chair of Modern Languages. Prof. D. B. Easter, an alumnus of the college, and a Ph. D. of Johns Hopkins, has been elected to this new chair, and will take charge September, 1905.

Rev. W. P. Turner, one of our most efficient workers as missionary in Japan, returns on furlough for a year. He, with his good wife and children, arrived the 26th instant. They will remain a few months in California before they go to their home in Georgia.

Rev. J. F. Thompson, who is engaged in writing the history of the Indian Mission Conference, has his manuscript nearly ready for the printer. It will be one among the most interesting books that has been published in a great while. It should be circulated throughout our Church.

We are glad to see fro mthe New Orleans Advocate that Bishop Keener's health is very much improved. He has arranged to go to his summer home, at Ocean Springs. Dr. Boswell says that he spent a half hour with the Bishop one morning recently, and that he—the Bishop—was as "genial and pleasant as a May morning." We shall not look upon his like again.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

Our Mississippi Methodist Orphans' Home at Water Valley was burned to the ground on the morning of July 11th. The fire occurred about 7 o'clock. Over one hundred children were in the home, but all were up and at breakfast when the fire was discovered, and were marched out of the burning building without trouble. The loss is reported as amounting to $18,000, with $7,500 insurance.—New Orleans Christian Advocate.

Rev. Abe Mulkey, the well-known Texas evangelist, and Rev. W. H. Vaughan, who for several years has had charge of the Methodist Orphanage at Waco, have agreed to put up a twenty-five thousand dollar dormitory at Southwestern University. The university has been the recipient of several very liberal gifts this year, and now bids fair to enter upon a period of greatly increased usefulness and blessing to the Methodism of our State.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

To Reach Wilmington District Conference.

Let the brethren of the district and visitors and all concerned, take notice. The Conference meets Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. To prevent delegates from having to spend a night on the way, the steamer Compton will leave Wilmington on Wednesday afternoon, July 27th, at 5 o'clock. On Thursday and Friday boats leave Wilmington on regular schedule, 9.15 a. m.

I hope all will endeavor to reach Wilmington in time to go on the Compton, as it makes a special trip to carry delegates, and we expect to return on it. The regular fare between Wilmington and Southport is fifty cents each way. A sufficient number of attendants upon Conference will reduce this small amount. We hope for reduced rates on railroads, but delegates may have to buy straight tickets to Wilmington and get reduction returning. Enquire of your local agent.

I hope for a large attendance. Let no preacher or lay delegates be absent unless unavoidably hindered.

Sincerely, R. B. JOHN.

Warrenton District Conference Notice.

Connection with the Atlanta Special northbound over S. A. L. at Boykins, Va. Train leaves Boykins 11 a. m. for Rich Square. Connection made with north-bound morning train, reaching Kelford 10.20 over A. C. L.; leaving Kelford 1.30 p. m. over S. A. L. for Rich Square.

We are trying to arrange for special connections. Delegates who live west of the Roanoke will see their respective pastors before buying their tickets. Reduced rates over S. A. L. and A. C. L. J. T. STANFORD.

General Notes

Bishop Cranston recently dedicated three churches in one day.

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church will meet in Boston in October.

The City Temple congregation, London, is to build a memorial church in honor of its great pastor, Joseph Parker.

Texas is to have a great Presbyterian University. Presbyterians of the Southwest have given the site and a liberal endowment.

The mission budget of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North, is now $1,800,000, and the cry "two millions for missions" has become imperative.

Mr. D. K. Pearson, the public-spirited citizen and philanthropist, has given $50,000 to Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., to assist the children of Cuba to secure a higher education.

General Ballington Booth, the head of the Volunteers of America, with Mrs. Booth, sailed for England July 8th, on the Celtic. This is the first vacation General Booth has had in seventeen years. He will be abroad about seven weeks.

Pope Pius has sent his formal thanks to the Mikado of Japan for showing so much tolerance to the Catholic religion. The Catholic Bishop of Tokio reports that there are 90,000 Catholics now in Japan and that the upper classes are better disposed than ever toward Christianity.

There are within three million of as many persons enrolled in the Sunday-schools of this country as in the public schools, there being thirteen million in the former and sixteen million in the later. The total Sunday-school membership throughout the world is twenty-five million.

President Hyde is authority for the statement that of the graduates from Bowdoin College, who have been out of school more than ten years, 493 are earning an average salary of $3,365. The physicians average $4,687; the lawyers, $4,577; the educators, $2,258, and the ministers of the Gospel, $1,559.

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church will meet in Boston in October. This body is composed of two houses, the House of Bishops and the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies. The bishops are all members of the first House by virtue of their office, and the Deputies are elected by the dioceses.

The corner-stone of the Winston Avenue Christian Church was laid Wednesday morning by the Masonic Fraternity. About all the manufacturing enterprises of the town had suspended operations and a large number of people were present. The Eastern North Carolina Christian Conference is in session here now and this added to the interest of the occasion.

The new connectional buildings in London, to be erected by the Wesleyan Methodists near Westminster Abbey, are to cost $600,000 above the price of land. There will be a great hall for public gatherings and Sunday services, and rooms for conferences, synods, committees, etc. The large hall will seat 2,500 persons, while the small hall will accommodate 500, and a lecture hall and library will seat about 500. In the basement will be a tea room with 1,000 seats.

The tenth annual National Bible Conference, under the direction of Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, will conduct the summer program at Winona Lake, Ind., August 20-31. Among the teachers will be Rev. Dr. Odell, Birmingham, England; Rev. John Robertson, Glasgow, Scotland; Rev. Dr. Johnston Ross, Cambridge, England; Rev. Dr. Francis L. Patton, Princeton; Rev. Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, Chicago; Rev. Charles Gordon (Ralph Connor), Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, Philadelphia; Rev. Dr. R. A. Torrey, and John Willis Baer.

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Remove the Disgrace.

A few days ago it was reported in Virginia that the Virginia Building at St. Louis Fair, was standing unfinished: a disgrace to the State. Immediately those who were jealous of the honor of that commonwealth interested themselves in the completion of the building.

As Methodists of North Carolina we rest under the stigma of a half completed task. Our Epworth League interest drags. Let all who are jealous for the honor of Methodism in the bounds of the North Carolina Conference arise and build.

There is no Conference in the connection so neglectful, and, may I say, disloyal to the mandates of the church, as ours. Our sister Conference, the Western North Carolina Conference, reports seventy-six chapters, while we have only fifty-two. "Let us go up and possess the land for we are able."

What the Preachers Decide to do: Soon an Accomplished Fact

Whatever the preachers say ought to be done is soon an accomplished fact. This has been demonstrated in two instances recently. They resolved that the Advocate ought to have an increase of circulation, and soon the editor's heart was gladdened by one thousand four hundred new subscribers. These same men have said we must have full collections for missions, and more than a month ago there was such an increase in the collections as to warrant the prediction that there will be full collections in every district.

There is one other interest of the church within the bounds of our Conference which calls for the attention and interest of these men of God. Let the preachers become awakened to the importance and place of the Epworth League, and in less than six months our chapters will number one hundred and fifty with a membership of at least 10,000.

Repeatedly we hear the statement that the Methodist Church loses more members that she has a right to expect to fill up her ranks than all other churches combined. I do not vouch for this statement; but, if true, I warrant that it would not be true if our preachers would organize Leagues in their congregations. A successful League would attach our young people to the church as nothing else would—and, I might say, could.

The League is an assured success in the bounds of our Conference whenever our preachers decide it must be so. Our young people are only awaiting intelligent leadership. When will we of the North Carolina Conference organize the hosts of our young people and turn their wasted energies into channels of usefulness for God and the church?

Be Careful Whom You Put in Office.

Shut your door and window blinds and except a flood of sun light, expect to set an engine in motion without fire, rather than put at the head of one of your League departments individuals who do not think anything can be done.

The reason the League does not succeed in your work, brother, is because you do not think there is any room for it, or because you do not think anything can be done. Give your young people a chance. You are supposed to be their leader. They have a right to expect intelligent leadership. Fill yourself with the League idea. Select your leaders and fill them full of League enthusiasm, and success is sure. It may not be a "howling" success; but it will be success.

The pastor of City Roads Church (Elizabeth City), whose name is becoming synonymous with success, has notified us that his chapter, numbering forty-three members, has contributed the amount asked of each League for the support of a League missionary.

Let the good work go rapidly on. Who will be the next to respond to the call. Remember it is only twenty-seven cents, and may be paid in small monthly payments of only two cents.

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Lesson for July 24, 1904.

Johoshaphat's Reform

2 Chronicles 19:1-11.

Golden Text: Deal courageously, and the Lord shall be with the good. 2 Chron. 19:11.

Jehoshaphat was the son of good King Asa. He reigned for twenty-five years, and proved himself a worthy successor to his noble father. The events described in the lesson assigned for our study occurred after Jehoshaphat had been reigning about twenty years.

A Poor Alliance.—The greatest mistake which Jehoshaphat made was his alliance with Ahab, king of Israel. Ahab wished to take Ramoth-Gilead from the Syrians, and induced Jehoshaphat to join forces with him. A lying spirit in the mouths of four hundred prophets encouraged Ahab to proceed with this expedition, and when Micaiah, a true prophet of Jehovah, raised his voice in protest, his words were disregarded, and the prophet himself was sent to prison for his fidelity to the truth.

The fight at Ramoth-Gilead ended in a miserable defeat for the allied forces of Israel and of Judah. Ahab was killed and Jehoshaphat narrowly escaped with his life.

It was on his return from the rout at Ramoth-Gilead that the king of Judah was met by the prophet Jehu, who uttered the well-merited words of rebuke with which the lesson opens.

An Ancient Revival.—Jehoshaphat showed his excellent spirit in the way in which he received the prophet's rebuke. He returned to Jerusalem and forthwith began an effort for the moral and spiritual uplift of his people, which may well be described as an ancient revival. On a pervious occasion he had sent commissioners throughout the land, but now he goes in person that he may teach the people the way of the Lord, and bring them back to the worship of Jehovah, the God of their fathers.

A Judicial Reform.—Jehoshaphat's reform was a sweeping one. It extended to all departments of the life of the people. One effort which is especially mentioned was the provision made for a reform of the judicial system of the land. This was done by the appointment of judges "throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city," and also by the creation of a supreme tribunal at Jerusalem.

A Worthy Charge.—The address of Jehoshaphat to the judges whom he appointed to sit at Jerusalem was one that was worthy of an enlightened sovereign. It was such a charge as might well be given to all judges at all times and in all places. Its closing admonition has been chosen for the Golden Text of our lesson, and it suggests a watchword which we might all well adopt—"Deal courageously, and the Lord shall be with the good."

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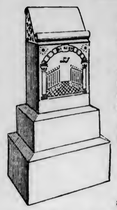
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The Forward Movement

In view of the opening of our Main building on the first day of next September, there must be a forward movement all along the line. The pastors must wake up. They are expected to lead. The Superintendent of our Sunday-schools must wake up. They are expected to lead in the Sunday-schools. Our men and women of means must wake up. The rank and file must wake up. Larger liberality by all classes must be shown. Plans must be formed. Churches and Sunday-schools must be organized to support the children and pay the salaries of the officers and teachers. Great things must be done between now and the opening, September 1st. The rooms are to be furnished. Dormitories with seven beds in them will cost $100. A bed alone, $15. School rooms will cost $60. Teacher's room $50. Matron's room, $50. Matron's parlor, $50. Large parlor, $150. Offices, $40 a piece. One already taken by the children of Smithfield—$22 of it already in hand. Study, $100. The library is taken all round by Mrs. F. A. Woodard, and will be named for her father, Rev. J. H. Robbins—the whole at a cost of $1,000. The girls industrial room, $150—one Singer sewing machine already given through Mr. Vaughan of the Singer Company of Raleigh. The book room $150, laundry $100, dining room $250.

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WARRENTON DISTRICT.
G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Conway, Sharon, July 6
Murfreesboro, July 7
Bertie, White Oak, July 9, 10
Harrellsville, Colrane, July 10, 11
Hobgood, Epworth, July 13
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, July 16, 17
Scot and Neck, July 18
Roanoke Circuit, New Hope, 23, 24
Roanoke Rapids, July 23, 24
Rich Square, Woodland July 31
Bartleboro and Whitaker, Central Cross, July 20
Garysburg Concord, Aug. 6, 7
Weldon, Aug. 7, 8
Warren, Sharpin, Aug. 11
Ridgeway, Middleburg, Aug. 13, 14
Henderson, Aug. 14, 15

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Mt. Olive, Bethel, Sept. 3, 4
Goldsboro Circuit, Pine Forest, June 25, 26
St. Paul, 26
District Conference, Beaufort, June 30 July 3
Jones Circuit, Shady Grove, July 5, 10
Kinston, July 10
Craven Circuit, Beech Grove, July 16, 17
Centenary, New Bern, July 17
Snow Hill Circuit, Tabernacle, July 23-24
Pamlico Circuit, Broad Creek, July 29
Oriental Circuit Arapahoe, July 30-31
Grifton Circuit, Epworth, Aug. 6-7
Atlantic Circuit, Atlantic, Aug. 10-11
Morehead City, Aug. 13-14
Hookerton Circuit, Hookerton, Aug. 13-14
Pamlico Circuit, Aug. 16-17
Carteret Circuit, Adam's Creek, Aug. 20-21
Havelock Circuit, Benton, Aug. 27-28
Dover Circuit, Webb's, Sept. 10, 11
St. John, Sept. 7
Mt. Olive Circuit, Bethel, 10-11

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
J. S. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Dunn Station, June 25, 26
Haw River, Ebenezer, July 2, 3
Carthage, Ingram Branch, July 8, 10
Elise, Mt. Carmel, July 9 10
Siler City, Mt. Vernon, July 16, 17
Jonesboro, (District Conference), July 23, 24
Pittsboro, Pleasant Hill, July 30, 31
Lillington, Cool Springs, August 5
Sanford, Lemon Springs, August 6, 7
Duke, Pleasant Plains Aug. 12
Buckhorn, Harnett Chapel, August 13, 14
Newton Grove, Hopewell, Aug. 20, 21
Goldstone Marconeys, August 27, 28
Sampson, Bethel, September 3, 4
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 10, 11

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.
J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Kenuckeet, (C. M.) June 21, 26
Hatteras, June 27
Roanoke Island, July 3
Perquimans, Bethany, July 9, 10
Gates Philadelphia (D. C.) July 13, 17
North Gates, Parker's July 17, 18
Camden, Newlands, July 23, 24
Elizabeth City (First Church), night, July 24
Moyock, Concord, July 30, 31
Currituck, Mt. Zion, Aug 6, 7
Kitty Hawk, Aug 7, 8
Columbia, Aug 13, 14
Dare, Aug 14, 15
Pantego and Belhaven, Aug 20, 21
Roper, Pleasant Grove, Aug 27, 28
Plymouth, Aug 28, 29

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Brooklyn and Macedonia, Macedonia, June 25, 26
Neuse, June 26
Youngsville, Rock Springs, July 2, 3
Clayton, July 9 10
Oxford Ch., Bethel, July 16, 17
Millbrook, July 23
Epworth, July 24
Granville, July 30, 31
Oxford station, July 31
Kenly, August 6, 7
Wakefield, August 8
Tar River, Trinity, August 13, 14
Louisburg, August 14, 15
FOURTH ROUND.
Smithfield, August 27, 28
Selma, Selma, August 28, 29
Edenton St., September 3, 4
Franklinton, Grove Hill, September 10, 11
Chapel Hill, Elizabeth, September 17, 18
Oxford Circuit, September 24, 25
Central, October 1, 2
Brooklyn, October 2, 3
Millbrook, October 8, 9
Granville, October 15, 16
Wakefield, October 20
Kenley October 22, 23
Cary, October 29, 30
Epworth, October 30
Oxford Station, November 5, 6
Youngsville, November 12, 13
Louisburg, November 19, 20
Tar River, Plank Chapel, November 26, 27

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Fremont, Yelverton, June 25, 26
South Rocky Mount, night, June 29
Bath, Pantego, July 2, 3
Washington, night, July 4
Robersonville, Jamesville, July 9, 10
Rocky Mount, night, July 13
Swan Quarter, Statesville, July 16, 17
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, July 19
Mattamuskeet, Mt. Pleasant, July 21
Fairfield, July 23, 24
Parmville, Long, July 30, 31
Nashville, Bellord, August 6, 7
Springhope, Gold Valley, August 8
Bethel, Conetoe, August 13, 14
Tarboro, night, August 14
Grimesland & Vanceboro, Providence, Aug 20, 21
Greenville, night, Aug 22
Aurora, Campbell's Creek, Aug 27, 28

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Milton, Providence, June 25, 26
Hillsboro, Walnut Grove, July 2, 3
Leasburg, Union, July 9, 10
Chapel Hill, July 16, 17
Yanceyville, Prospect, July 23, 24
Alamance, Clover Garden, August 6, 7
Burlington, Prospect, August 13, 14
Burlington Station, August 21, 22
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Richmond Circuit, St Paul, June 25, 26
Laurenburg Station, July 3, 4
Rowland Circuit, Oak Grove, July 9, 10
Robeson Circuit, Olivet, July 16, 17
St John and Gibson, Gibson, July 23, 24
Mt Gilead, Philadelphia, July 30, 31
Montgomery, Beulah, Aug 6, 7
Aberdeen, Johnson's Grove, Aug. 13, 14
Red Springs, Centenary, Aug. 20, 21
Pekin, Centenary, Aug. 27, 28

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Bladen Circuit, Doems, June 25, 26
Hicks and Richlands, Haw Branch, July 2, 3
Town Creek, Summerville, July 9, 10
Bladen Street, July 10
Clinton, Goshen July 16, 17
Whiteville, Evergreen, July 23, 24
Southport, District Conference, July 28, 31
Carver's Creek, Waynes, August 6, 7
Magnolia, Trinity August 12
Kenansville, Charity, August 13, 14
Elizabeth, Union, August 20 21
Shallotte, New Hope, August 27, 28
Onslow, Swansboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Burgaw, September 10, 11
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KERR.—Annie B. Kerr, daughter of Jas. A. Kerr, died May 16, 1904. She was born in New Hanover County in the year 1872. A consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, for about fifteen years. A good woman is gone, the happy home circle is broken, there is a vacant chair, and a familiar voice is silenced, but her name has been transcribed from the church militant to the church triumphant. Her last days were full of severe, but patient and submissive suffering. She was laid to rest at Acorn Branch Church, which she loved so well. May the Lord be with the sorrowing ones, and may they prepare to meet her in the happy beyond.

Y. E. WRIGHT.
Her Pastor.

PICKARD.—Mrs. Selma Pickard was born March 8, 1881, and died June 14, 1903.

She was a bright, cheerful, lovable wife and companion.

She had just started well in her life's work when God called her. She leaves a husband, father and mother, also brothers and sister, to mourn their loss.

As I held the young heartbroken husband by the hand, he said: "I am determined to meet Selma in the courts of Heaven and be with her forever." While she was not a member of the church those that knew her said she was a good woman.

Those that knew her best loved her most, and are satisfied that she is at rest.

May God's rich blessings rest upon the bereaved ones, and may they have strength to scale the heights and enter the glory land.

B. C. THOMPSON.

LATHAM.—Capt. Geo. B. Latham was born April 23, 1873, and died April 8, 1904. Captain Latham was thrown from the hand-car on the morning of the 8th and was so seriously injured that he died that evening. In his death both church and Sunday-school at Riverdale suffer irreparable loss. Truly a good and useful man has gone from us. He leaves a brother, sisters, mother, father, wife and one child to mourn over his early departure. This old earth is poorer by his going, but heaven is richer. As a husband and father he was a model of love and tenderness. He loved the M. E. Church, South, and was a devoted member at Riverdale. The community feels very much bereaved. Let me beg all who feel near to Captain Latham to live the life of the righteous so we may all meet to part no more.

J. H. M. GILES.
Newport, N. C.

DAWSON.—Willie Carson Dawson, was born June 19, 1888, and died January 29, 1904, leaving a father, mother and one sister to mourn their loss. It was my privilege to be his pastor for four years, and during that time I learned to love Willie, finding him always ready to do what he could for those around him. He was a faithful Sunday-school pupil, always in place, was glad to know he was appreciated in his class, won different prizes, always knew the lessons, and his example is worthy of emulation. He was thoughtful and kind, and told his father just before he died that he was going to heaven and wanted him to meet him. The day of his funeral, his Sunday-school teacher and a large class of boys gathered and marched to the church and occupied their place in Sunday-school; but the band was broken, one had dropped out.

Willie was a good boy, everybody loved him.

May a gracious Father comfort the hearts of the bereaved, and enable them to say, "we will go to him."

B. C. THOMPSON.

DIXON.—Mrs. Laura Alice Dixon departed this life June 11th after seven months illness. She was born and reared in Nash County, N. C., where she lived at the time of her death. She professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church at Sandy Cross at the age of fifteen. She was a good Christian and strict to her church duties, always willing to work for the Master's cause. She was married to R. C. Dixon, January 9, 1878, and was the mother of eight children—two girls and six boys.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, J. H. Buffaloe, assisted by J. D. Bundy, P. C., after which she was buried in the old family burying ground in the presence of a large number of weeping friends.

Sister Dixon was truly a good woman. As a companion, mother and neighbor, she will be greatly missed.

Her church will greatly miss her. Her home was always open to her pastor.

We have no doubt but she is among the blessed of our Father. May we all meet her beyond this veil of tears.

Sister Dixon bore her illness as a true soldier, without murmur or complaint.

Her mind and heart seemed to be set upon things above, even before her illness.

She doubtless had treasures in heaven. It was a sad farewell to her family, but God had spoken and called His child home. And when He said: "Come up higher," she left earth with a peaceful smile upon her face.

J. H. BUFFALO.

HENDRICKS.—Sister Adelaide Victoria Hendricks, wife of Thos. W. Hendricks, who died less than a year ago, was born October 15, 1840, and died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Ferguson, at North Rocky Mount, May 20, 1904.

It was not my privilege to know Sister Hendricks very long. She came to Rocky Mount about three weeks before her death, and was taken sick on the day of her arrival. I visited her several times during her sickness, and was impressed with the sincerity of her professions. She realized from the first that death was near, but death had no terrors. She prayed that she might be spared to raise an orphaned grandchild, but that prayer was always supplemented with, "Not my will, but thine be done."

Sister Hendricks gave her heart to God early in life and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which, to take the testimony of those who knew her, she lived, always a most consistent member. She was loyal to her church and to her God, and was never happier than when doing something to advance the Master's cause. In fact, it is said of her, "She spent her life in helping others."

Her greatest work was done among the young people, especially in the Sunday-school where she was an untiring worker as long as her strength permitted. The children bear testimony to her faithfulness. Surely she has heard the "Inasmuch" from the Savior's lips.

She was the mother of eleven children, five of whom survive. They will miss her, but may the comforting grace of God be with them.

The interment was at Rocky Mount. Rev. W. S. Rone officiating in the absence of her pastor.

ROBT. C. HUNT, P. C.

GORHAM.—Bro. Richard H. Gorham was born in Beaufort County, N. C., May 19, 1826. He died at his son's at South Rocky Mount, June 3, 1904.

Brother Gorham was a great sufferer, but he bore it all patiently. It was the writer's privilege to visit him quite frequently, but he never heard a word of complaint fall from the lips of the sufferer.

It was late in life when he gave his heart to God. It was at Battleboro in 1878, at what is there known as the "big revival," conducted by Rev. Jno. N. Andrews. At that meeting eighty persons joined the Methodist Church at one time, among the number being Brother Gorham, his wife and six of his children. While it was late when he took up the cross for his Master, yet he did not find it burdensome. He bore it cheerfully until his Lord said, "Enough, lay thy burden down, come up higher." Then the old saint as calmly lay aside the garments of toil as if he were retiring for the night, and went to sleep. He awoke to find himself clothed in garments made white in the blood of the Lamb.

It was an inspiration to visit Brother Gorham. His mind dwelt on spiritual things. He seemed anxious that all should know his Lord, and a visitor rarely ever went away without having been asked about his relation to God.

He loved his Bible, and a well worn Testament was always in reach of his chair. He loved his church and was a faithful attendant so long as able.

He leaves three sons and four daughters, all Christians, to mourn their loss. These sons and daughters will make no mistake in following him. He followed Christ.

We buried him by the side of his wife at Battleboro Church, where he gave his heart to God. When the trump sounds he will stand forth, with the other sons of God, with a perfect body.

God comfort his loved ones and help them so to live that the whole family may be reunited around the great white throne.

ROBT. E. HUNT, P. C.

CONSUMED BY A FIRE THAT WATER WILL NOT QUENCH

Eczema drives its victim almost to the verge of distraction by its intolerable itching, stinging and burning. It seems to set the skin on fire, and the tormented sufferer rubs and scratches till the flesh is raw and the skin is torn and bleeds. Nothing applied externally does much good, for the disease is internal; the blood is aflame with acid poisons, that are forcing their way through the glands and pores of the skin, causing it to redden and swell and break out in splotches, pustules and pimples, from which a clear, yellow, watery matter exudes, hardens and dries, and then peels off in scales or fine particles like bran. Eczema kindles a fire that water will not quench, and that lotions, salves, powders and soap cannot smother. As warm weather comes on and the system is reacting and the blood making extra efforts to throw off the accumulated poisons, Eczema attacks with redoubled violence, and the sufferer is almost distracted by the fearful itching and burning. It is the most uncomfortable and aggravating of all skin eruptions and a terror in warm weather.

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At the age of 24 he married Miss Sarah C. Moore. God gave them 13 children—two sons and eleven daughters. His wife and three daughters preceded him to the other shore; leaving nine children to mourn their loss. The sons and one daughter are married. Seven daughters at home, both fatherless and motherless. We sympathize deeply with them and commend them to Him who doeth all things well.

Brother Gaddy was buried with Masonic honors in the family cemetery at 5 p. m. Monday, June 6, 1904, amid a throng of friends and kindred. May we build a monument to his memory by perpetuating his teachings in our every life.

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A Message for To-Day.

IT IS the part of wisdom to pause sometimes and seek to discover the controlling motives of our lives. There is no sin in ambition; but there is danger of moral and spiritual degeneration in the domination of an evil ambition.

To subjugate the best impulses; to stifle conscience; to ignore opportunities for doing good; to disregard the clear call of duty; to fix the heart upon things earthy; to destroy the springs of sympathy for burdened, sorrowing, disheartened humanity; to defy the commands of God, and the example of Jesus Christ, in order to obtain some empty bauble, some evidence of popular favor, some temporary place of power, some influence due solely to the possession of money, some advantage in social life, some release from the higher obligations of human brotherhood, is to dishonor God; to degrade manhood; to disparage worthy effort; to discourage noble-hearted men and women; and to put the stamp of dismal failure upon one's own life. Be ambitious; but let your ambition unfold itself in harmony with God's purposes, and run in the channel of every day's opportunities for the betterment of the convictions that beset the sons of men. Be ambitions: but let it be known that "there is a loftier ambition than merely to stand high in the world; it is to stoop down and lift mankind a little higher," for this was one of the holy purposes that held sway in the heart of the Saviour of men."

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The day was done and its cares were o'er,
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Grandfather sat with his head bowed low,
At the cheerful fireside.

And on a low stool at his feet,
A curly-headed boy
Watched the flames, and his eager face
Lit up with childish joy.

Grandfather's face wore a peaceful smile,
Calm and serene he seemed,
As the flickering fire light danced on the wall,
While he sat by the fire and dreamed.

"Of what are you thinking, grandpa?" said I
"In the firelight what have you seen?"
"Of the days that are past and gone," he replied,
"Of the happy days that have been."

And a tear-drop stood in his mild, soft eye,
And he turned his head away,
Then in gentle voice he said again,
"I was thinking of yesterday."

"And of what are you thinking?" I asked of the boy,
Whose young life had known no sorrow;
Said he, with rosy face upturned,
"I was thinking of to-morrow."

"When the sunlight shines on hills again,
And gladdens all with its light,
What happy times I'll have," said he,
And his bright eye flashed with light.

With a strange new thought I walked away,
And asked myself, "Is it true
That the aged e'er muse on the days that are gone,
While the youthful think of the new?"

The future e'er tempts the young and the gay,
And life before them is bright,
And there's joy for the old in looking back,
If the life they have spent be aright.

An Ideal Steward.

W. J. WOODLEY.

He should consider it his first obligation to attend to the affairs of his own church; should make an earnest effort to attend all regular and called meetings of the body to which he belonged; he should be prompt and always on time; inconvenience no one by being just a little late; punctuality should be his pass-word; he should be ready and willing to perform any duty that is laid upon him by his pastor or brethren feeling that it would prove a blessing instead of a task; he should be a man of solid piety, who both know and love the Methodist doctrine and discipline; he should be a man of good natural and acquired abilities, fully qualified to transact the business of his church or conference; he should be in love and charity with his neighbors, and more especially love and pray for his pastor; he should be ready and willing to enter into and help every good work of his church along so far as is possible, giving some of his time as well as his money. An Ideal Steward will be found in the Wednesday evening prayer-meeting; he will be at the Sunday-school on Sunday morning taking an active part; you will see him at the eleven o'clock service on Sunday; he is always on hand at the Sunday evening services; if the weather is not favorable, the Ideal Steward knows and does his duty. Whenever the Ideal Steward can attend to his temporal, financial or personal business he can attend to his church duties, it matters not what the conditions may be.

An Ideal Steward must be a Christian; an Ideal Steward must have family worship in his home; an Ideal Steward will live such a life that it will be above reproach, dealing justly with all men in all things; an Ideal Steward will live in this world to make it better and in the world to come because he lived right here among men. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Parsonage.

H. M. NORTH.

It is not of the city parsonages that I speak today, but of those in the smaller towns and country places. These houses are as distinctive in their make-up and as peculiar in their history as the families of the ministers who occupy them from year to year. Some very curious designs and architecture are seen in the constructions of many of these buildings. Every member of the congregation, having contributed a little money and much talk to the common fund, thinks he must be allowed to suggest his plan for the structure. Often a compromise is made and the preacher, who has done most of the collecting and talking, is chosen master architect. He may not have enough of building knowledge to frame a sermon so it will hang together until delivered, but somehow the work goes on. Members of the congregation are employed as carpenters because they are interested in the matter and will work cheaper. They are frequently farmers, merchants or even school boys who may be had at odd times. So they are all allowed to batter on the parsonage. No wonder the walls are not plumb and that the floor sags. The people are to be commended for their zeal in trying to provide even a plain house for their minister. The fault lies not in their good will, nor in a lack of money, but in allowing unskilled workmen to mar the building.

Making a rather free division, parsonages will fall under two heads—the cottage and the two-story dwelling. As to quality, they are passable, indifferent and bad. There is not enough available money to build a large house, so a small one is erected with the understanding that various rooms are to be added as it grows older. Thus they undergo a kind of process of development, taking anywhere from ten to twenty-five years to reach a state of completion. In fact, some have worn out before they were finished. But the one at which we are looking is completed, and stands forth in all the glory of its newness, the pride and talk of the community. It is easy enough to see that many minds were needed in the planning and many hands in the executing of the work. For it would be hard to see how any one man could erect a structure which would be at once so costly and so inconvenient. One of the stewards remarks as he surveys it: "That's a splendid house. It's better nor the one I live in." This may all be true, but why does he not live in a better? Living in a State whose forests are found the world over, he contents himself and forces his children to live in a dwelling but little better than a barn.

What is there about the average parsonage to make it attractive and home-like? Tumbled-down fences, shattered glasses, sunken hearths, decayed door-steps, abused furniture. These things do not inspire the preacher's children with very high aspirations. The house is unpainted, or with but a single coat. What parsonage has a well-kept flower-bed? There is usually scarcely a violet or chrysanthemum to break the monotony of the weedy yard. As we go inside we find the ceiling low-pitched, the fire place smokes and the door must be left open to make it draw. It is unpleasant to have the face scorched and the back chilled at once. The windows are high and small; the doors many and creaky and one opening by the fire-place. The chairs are few in number but represent several different sets. Some time since I heard one of our most consecrated ministers tell his congregation that the parsonage was almost destitute of chairs, and that when visitors came they must take their seats on inverted nail kegs. "If we are to have furniture for the parsonage," he said, "I must supply it myself and that out of an empty purse." This was in a town and among people who lived in comfortable homes. The dining room is built two steps below the main body of the house. Many times did I take a header down these while descending rapidly to the kitchen, and stumped my boyish toes on them while coming up.

Frequently where the house is ceiled, the planks are green when put on and shrink later on, leaving cracks through which the wind whistles mournfully. If plastered, it is often the hasty work of unskilled hands, and in a few months the walls are seamed from side to side, while here and there the grinning lathes are exposed to view.

This sketch would be incomplete without making mention of the parsonage bed-stead which is a proverbial piece of furniture. It has a high head-board, is stained the color of oak and all together it makes a fine appearance, so the aid society willingly gives three dollars for it. The rollers are soon broken and the sides come to pieces. Many times have I been awakened by feeling myself suddenly drop a foot or two toward the floor. I knew by experience that the disturbance was nothing less than the falling of about half the slats in the bed.

When the new preacher is expected soon, the ladies meet together to renovate and repair. It is sad, but very true, that many of our ministers' families abuse the parsonage and its furniture and leave it almost up to the sills in filth. "Overdrawn," you say? Not a word of it. I helped to clean up after one family and we had to scrape the dining room floor with a hoe to cleanse it. These things ought not to be. Why should it not be the care of each one to leave the house in better condition than he found it. But any way the parsonage is tidied up for the new-comers. The steps are nailed together, the window lights are stopped up, a piece of matting is placed in front of the hearth to hide the rotten boards, new brick are brought in to serve for andirons for all of the rooms except the parlor, and there you find a large brass one and a smaller one of iron. So the new preacher's wife comes and greets the people with a smile. But after the friends have gone and she makes a thorough investigation of the place, she realizes that everything is based on cheapness just as it was in the case of the house which she recently vacated.

The old style was to have the cemetery in the church yard, and the new plan is to have the parsonage on the same plot of ground. Some times these two plans conflict. I remember well that it was my duty to lock the stable doors after dark. Right behind me were four tomb-stones which preserved the memory of some ancient inhabitants of that region. How my feet would fly when the task was done! This was literally dwelling among the tombs. Why have the parsonage next to the church? A greater nuisance can hardly be perpetrated. Put it to a vote of the ministers who have to occupy them and see if they do not say to have them at some little distance away. I have seen eight or ten children come in just before the preaching hour to watch the pastor's wife finish her toilet.

These lines have not been written in a critical spirit. The point that I would impress is this: that when the people have sacrificed and secured enough funds to build a house, let them go about erecting it in a business-like way. Put no material in it, use no design for it that you would not gladly use for your own house. Few things will be of greater value to the preacher than a comfortable house to call his home for a few years. He is almost entirely dependent upon the people. By investing properly in a house of this kind they will receive rich returns from the pulpit.

Keeping Ahead.

Our Board of Missions is abreast of the times in its work. First to hold a great Missionary Convention after the order of the Ecumenical Conference, it was followed by the M. E. Church in the Conferences at Columbus and Philadelphia. A Conference is now planned for the North Carolina, Western North Carolina, Holston and South Carolina Conferences, to be held next spring at some convenient place. The officers of the Conference Boards meet with a committee of the General Board this week at Asheville, to make preliminary arrangements for this meeting. The President of our Conference Board, Rev. R. F. Bumpas, left on Monday to attend this meeting.

Wakefield.

To Our Methodist People:—I wish to say Wakefield is in a Baptist neighborhood. They are good people but they know nothing of our Methodism, only what they have heard. The new railroad is expected to be there in a little while. The Baptists have been preaching there about fifteen years, but have not built a church yet. They are divided among themselves and cannot get together. We have had preaching there only since Conference. They are looking to see what the Methodists are going to do. It is said by some, "We have been raised under the Baptist faith, but our people are so badly divided, if the Methodists will go forward and build we can be a Methodist." Now these good people expect us to do something. Will the good people who read this paper put in their mite and let these people see we are not a dead people to the interest in a new field. We ought to have a good nice church here, and if you will come to our rescue, it will be crowned with success. This may be the chance of our life.

Now, brethren and sisters, will you help us? Who will make the first start? Don't let this chance be lost to our church. You will not miss such a small amount and it will mean a great deal here at present. Please don't overlook this call.

F. F. EURE.

Springhope, N. C.

About the Lord's Business.

The following story was told for the first time many years ago, but it is worthy of repetition, for it illustrates the single-hearted perseverance with which Dwight L. Moody worked for souls:

"I was in Chicago yesterday, and when I started to come home, a young man asked if he might share my seat. As soon as the train started, the conversation, started by him, ran something like this:

"'Pleasant day.'

"'Yes.'

"'Good crops this year?'

"'Yes, pretty good.'

"'We ought to be thankful to the Lord for sending good crops.'

"'Yes, I suppose we should.'

"'My friend, are a Christian?'

"'Well, I have a high regard for religion. I think churches are a good thing in a community.'

"'Are you a Christian?'

"'Well, I cannot say that I am, now that you ask the direct question.'

"'Do you think it wise for a thoughtful man to go on for years without giving thought to this subject?'

"'No, honestly, I do not think it wise.'

"'My friend, may I pray with you?'

"'Why, if we are ever where there is a good opportunity, I do not think I should object.'

"'There will never be a better opportunity than the present. Let us bow our heads here behind this car seat.'

"And with the train speeding through the suburbs of Chicago, this man prayed for my salvation. I never saw a man so much in earnest; I knew that he cared whether I was saved or lost. Just as he finished his prayer, the brakeman called out the name of a station, and my newly made friend was off. He had reached the door, when it occurred to me that I did not even know who he was. I rushed after him and asked his name, and he replied, 'D. L. Moody.' I am going back to Chicago to find him and have him show me the way of life."

An Exhortation to Young Preachers.

The late Horace L. Hastings on his death-bed wrote an exhortation to young preachers, of which the following is a short extract: "Make no apologies. If you have the Lord's message, declare it; if not, hold your peace. Have short prefaces and introductions. Say your best things first, and stop before you get prosy. Leave self out of the pulpit, and take Jesus in. Defend the Gospel, and let the Lord defend you and your character. If you are lied about, thank the devil for putting you on your guard, and take care that the story shall never come true. Do not grumble about your pay. If you want more money, go to work and earn it. Throw away your cravat. If you don't want to break down, make your shirt collar an inch larger, and give your blood a chance to flow back to your heart. Do not get excited too soon. Do not run away from your hearers. Engine drive-wheels whirl fast on icy tracks, but when they draw anything they go slower. It takes a cold hammer to bend hot iron. Heat the people, but keep your hammer wet and cool. Do not bawl and scream. Too much water stops mill wheels, and too much noise drowns sense. Powder is not shot. Thunder is harmless; lightning kills. If you have lightning, you can afford to thunder."

Resolutions on Sabbath Observance.

Whereas, the Sabbath day, as instituted by our Lord, is one of the world's greatest blessings; and,

Whereas, the day is extensively desecrated by both the world and many of the church; therefore be it

Resolved, that we, as preachers and laymen, will try to enforce Sabbath observance among our people and will ourselves set the example by refusing to ride on railroad cars and in every other way possible, and especially by discouraging the running of excursion trains on Sunday.

Free Scholarships for Young Preachers at Vanderbilt.

Free scholarships, covering the cost of board in Wesley Hall, are offered to college graduates desiring to pursue a Biblical and Theological course of study. These scholarships have been shared the past year by the graduates of over twenty different Southern colleges and universities. Tuition and room rent are free to all theological students. Loan funds are available for aiding all worthy and needy candidates for the ministry who are prepared to enter the University. The eighty-two young preachers enrolled the past year in the catalogue come from twenty-six different Annual Conferences. Two members of the graduating class are North Carolina boys: R. S. Satterfield and E. E. Williamson. Others from this State are C. S. Kirkpatrick, J. T. Erwin, and F. B. Nobbitt. The Correspondence School has enrolled four hundred and twenty-five the past year, of which number thirty-three are members of the two Conferences in this State. Counting both correspondence and resident students, it appears that more than five hundred young ministers of the church have been aided and guided in their studies the past year by the theological faculty of Vanderbilt University, which is composed of nine professors. Those desiring further information concerning the course of Biblical and theological study at Vanderbilt should write to Dr. W. F. Tillett, Nashville, Tenn.

Let us rest while we work. All the worry and fret which addle our brains have their origin in unfaith or forgetfulness of God. As a familiar story teaches, he managed the world before we came into it; he will be here to take care of it after we leave it. It is even possible that he can get along with it while we are in it.—Charles Gordon Ames.

"Pain's furnace-heat within me quivers,
God's breath upon the flame doth blow;
And all my heart in anguish shivers,
And trembles at the fiery glow,
And yet I whisper, 'As God will,'
And in his hottest fire hold still.

"He comes, and lays my heart, all heated,
On the hard anvil, minded so
Into His own fair shape to beat it
With his great hammer, blow on blow!
And yet I whisper, 'As God will,'
And at his heaviest blows hold still."

Soul Food

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass so fresh and sweet;
For song of bird and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear and see,
Father in heaven, we thank thee!
For blue of stream and blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank thee!
—Emerson.

For one thing only, Lord, dear Lord, I plead,
Lead me aright,
Though strength should falter and though heart should bleed,
Through peace to light.

I do not ask, O Lord, that thou shouldst shed
Full radiance here,
Give but a ray of peace, that I may tread
Without a fear.

I do not ask my cross to understand,
My way to see;
Better in darkness just to feel thy hand
Without a fear.

Joy is like restless day; but peace divine
Like quiet night;
Lead me, O Lord, till perfect day shall shine
Through peace to light.
—A. A. Procter.

Most people measure their happiness in terms of physical pleasure and material possession. Could they win some invisible goal which they have set on the horizon, how happy they would be! Lacking this gift or that circumstance, they would be miserable. If happiness is to be so measured, I who cannot hear or see have every reason to sit in a corner with folded hands and weep. If I am happy in spite of my deprivations, if my happiness is so deep that it is a faith, so thoughtful that it becomes a philosophy of life; if, in short, I am an optimist, my testimony to the creed of optimism is worth hearing. Once I knew the depth where no hope was, and darkness lay on the face of all things. Then love came, and set my soul free. Once I knew only darkness and stillness. Now I know hope and joy. Once I fretted and beat myself against the wall that shut me in. Now I rejoice in the consciousness that I can think, act, and attain heaven. My life was without past or future; death, the pessimist would say, "a consummation devoutly to be wished." But a little word from the fingers of another fell into my hand that clutched at emptiness, and my heart leaped to the rapture of living. Night fled before the day of thought, and love and joy and hope came up in a passion of obedience to knowledge. Can anyone who has escaped such captivity, who has felt the thrill and glory of freedom, be a pessimist?—Helen Keller's Testimony.

The petition for the coming of the kingdom implies a faith as well as a desire. Our Lord's disciples do not know all that they want, but they know what they want. They long for the presence and the reign of their heavenly father. What that kingdom may be in all its details they do not profess to know; but what it is in essential aspects they devoutly realize. It may be quite true that a multitude of surprises await the immigrant who, from Scandinavia or Sicily, hastes to our shores; but he knows some things beyond controversy. He knows that he is journeying to a land where toil is not despised, where industry is rewarded and where man is the sovereign. Far beyond our keenest ken there may be some "far-off divine event to which the whole creation moves." We do not ask that it be revealed to us. But he who prays for God's kingdom to come here and now upon the earth, prays for something very real to his faith. He believes in the future and final and perfect reign of righteousness among men. He believes that there is a time most surely coming in which the last prodigal will have returned to his Father's house; in which the last spear will have been beaten into a pruning-hook and from the eye of the repentant Magdalene the last tear will have been wiped away. Without such a lively hope the richest of earth is poor, and we may for such a one breathe the sigh of Whittier:

"Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through his cypress trees!"
—The Interior.

The Field

Work for G. F. College.

Dear Bro. Ivey:—Many of our women are very anxious to work for Greensboro Female College, but they say they do not know how. The following letters, which are self-explanatory, show how successful work may be done:

Halifax, N. C., May 16, 1904.

My Dear Miss Smith:—Ever since the awful calamity which befell our beloved alma mater some months ago, it has been my ardent desire to see a more beautiful building loom up on the same magnificent site. For weeks afterwards, I repeatedly reproached myself for my inactivity in the matter, and when the "G. F. C." issue of the Raleigh Chritsian Advocate came out, I devoured it from beginning to end, admiring very much the cut of the proposed new college. Having read it through, I immediately found paper and pencil and started out to make a tour of our little village, soliciting contributions towards the rebuilding fund with a result that amounted to $90.00. I expect to make it $100.00 and send it in the first of June.

Very respectfully,
MRS. JENNIE GRADY TRAVIS.

July 11, 1904.

My Dear Miss Smith:—I enclose check for $102.50, a contribution towards the rebuilding of Greensboro Female College, from friends and members of our congregation, whose names I herewith append.

Very respectfuly,
MRS. JENNIE GRADY TRAVIS.

Gentle reader, go thou and do likewise.

Cordially, NANNIE LEE SMITH.

Durham Circuit Sunday-School Convention.

The annual Sunday-school Convention for Durham Circuit was held at Mt. Bethel Church Saturday, July 16th, J. D. Fletcher, president, in the chair.

This occasion will long be remembered by the good people of Durham Circuit as one of the best days in the history of the Sunday-school work on this charge; it was truly a great day. After the devotional exercises conducted by the President, J. D. Fletcher, Mt. Bethel Sunday-school delighted the large congregation with a well-prepared program consisting of recitations and music by the children and young people.

After an intermission of an hour, during which the good ladies showed their interest in the occasion by the refreshing dinner which they served on the grounds, which was enjoyed by all, we were again called into the church and well entertained by an address from our pastor, Rev. J. B. Thompson, in which he set before us very clearly and forcibly the duties and responsibilities of the Sunday-school teacher.

This address was followed by a well-prepared, well-rendered program from Duke's Chapel Sunday-school. Everyone enjoyed thoroughly the recitations and songs. Then the Conference went into the election of its officers for the ensuing year: J. D. Fletcher, President; S. A. Thompson, Vice-President; W. D. Turrentine, Secretary.

The next Convention to be held at Duke's Chapel Saturday before the first Sunday in August.

The following Committee on Program were appointed: J. D. Fletcher, chairman; A. G. Cox, Jno. Cole, J. E. Garrard, J. W. Patterson, Rev. P. H. Massey, Augustus Neal, L. Y. Lockhart, Quadrus Hogan, and J. D. C. Turner.

The exercises closed with an essay from Massey's Chapel, which was full of thought and very impressive. The Convention, we hope, will do great good in inspiring more enthusiastic Sunday-school work.

J. D. FLETCHER, Pres.
W. D. TURRENTINE, Sec.

You are not likely to hear heaven's orchestra while you are watching the devil's play.

Revival at Portsmouth, N. C.

BY J. V. WILLIAMS.

Am just back from Portsmouth, N. C., where I preached about a week for Brother Grant, and had a regular old-time, before-the-war, hallelujah revival. Glory!

I was spending my vacation at Beaufort, but Bishop A. Coke Smith came down and preached at our Distriet Conference, and I wanted to shout while the fire burned. I wonder sometime if we commit sin in restraining this shouting spirit. If we do, may the Lord help us, for a great number of people are guilty.

Brother Grant, the P. C. of Ocracoke and Portsmouth, was urging me to go to Portsmouth to help him, and while Bishop Smith was giving us some spiritual truths, the Macedonian cry came loud and strong, and I, like Paul, "reckoned" that the Lord had called me.

How many converts we had, I do not know. A few joined the church, with more to follow, and the church began to act like saved men and women. It was dead enough before the meeting, the Lord knows.

Some preacher will ask, "Will these shouting folks do anything?" "I've seen so many shouters that did nothing."

Did you not set them a bad example, brother? Some of our preachers act like they had been three months in cold-storage. They can't sweat in the summer time.

In New York they put Western eggs in cold-storage for months, and when they take them out for use, you find that while they are not rotten, they taste mighty flat—leave a bad taste in your mouth. That's the way it is with some cold-storage preachers—what they say is awful flat.

When I left, Miss Daisy Daily said I'd been giving them a lot of "fish and tater talk." That's a new one on me; but it simply means plain talk. What we would call in Hyde—"corn and collard talk."

Of course I've got a few jaw-eraekers, after forty years of hearing sky scraping, but that "hiferlutin" business don't tend to the glory of God.

We called for subscribers to the "Old Raleigh" and received quite a list. Brother Grant will send them in.

Am at Oeracoke this week. Hope for more shouting and more Advocate subscribers.

J. V. WILLIAMS.

Beaufort, N. C., July 18, 1904.

From Conway Circuit.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—For a long time I have thought I would be one to write a "few lines" to the Advocate occasionally. I think we ought to, and, therefore, I ought to. But I begin with the expectation of being brief.

We are getting on very well with our work on the charge. We have much to be thankful for, and very little to complain of. We are planning and praying for good results in our protracted meetings. Our finances are in fairly good shape. We hope to report all claims paid in full at Henderson. Our Presiding Elder, Brother Smith, has made his third visit to our work, and has demonstrated his fitness for the place more fully each succeeding time. I have yet to hear the first word to the contrary.

The charge has not given the pastor a formal "pounding" for nearly a year, but they are adepts at "pounding" informally. They give substantials all along through the year. Sometimes the pastor is ignorant of his buggy's contents until he gets home. That we are pleased with the work goes without saying, for we have made no effort to dispossess ourselves of this heritage for nearly four years.

POUNDED WITH A BUGGY.

For nearly ten months we have been riding in a nice, new, sixty-five dollar top buggy. All the writer had to do was to receive the money, select the buggy and use it as it semed to him best. We appreciate this gift more than any (classed with the materials) that we have ever received. All manner of thanks, to all people, to whom thanks are due!

We are trying to leave the charge in good condition for our successor, and he may come cheerfully, whoever he may be.

W. C. MERRITT.

Conway, . C., July 20, 1904.

THE DIVORCE EVIL.

Resolutions Adopted by the Ministers' Conference of Henderson, N. C., June 13, 1904.

Resolutions adopted by the Ministers' Conference of Henderson, N. C., June 13, 1904:

Whereas, the divorce evil is rapidly growing in the country, and especially in our own beloved State, in which 1,400 divorces were granted last year; and,

Whereas, the problem is receiving the attention of the various Church Councils at this time and will probably be brought before the next General Assembly of the State; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That the ministers of Henderson would hereby put themselves on record as earnestly deploring and condemning the laxity with which the marriage tie is too often regarded, as indicated by the frequency of divorces.

2. That it is our earnest hope that all laws permitting divorces (with the privilege of remarriage) for other causes than that on Scriptural ground be repealed (Matthew 5: 32), and that our representatives in legislative assemblies be encouraged to work to that end.

3. That we do hereby agree that we will decline to perform the sacred rites of matrimony in cases where one or both parties have been previously divorced, exeepting only the innocent party to a divorce granted for the Scriptual cause indicated in the foregoing resolution No. 2.

(Signed) L. L. NASH, D. D.,
President.
J. D. LARKINS,
Secretary.
JULIAN INGLE,
A. G. DIXON,
I. N. LOFTIN,
J. H. HENDERLITE,
R. D. DANIEL,
Committee.

Resolutions of Respect from Central M. E. Church, Raleigh, N. C.

As our beloved friend and brother, L. M. Johnson, will leave us in a few days to make his home in another State, we esteem it a great pleasure to draft some resolutions of respect in regard to his Christian life and character since he has been with us. We find in Brother Johnson the spirit of true Christianity, always ready to do something for his Master and to build up his church and to advance the cause of Christ amongst his people.

As an official member of his church, he is always present to fill his place amongst us, to advise and to be advised as to the very best interest of his church. As a worker in the Epworth League, he was always at his post of duty and took an active part in the League and tried to draw the young people into the League work.

As superintendent of the Sunday-school, he was present every Sunday morning and ready to grasp the hand of every teacher and scholar so far as he could, and did all in his power to build up the school of which he was superintendent. Now as a church and Epworth League and Sunday-school, we have learned to love Brother Johnson, and it is with the deepest regret that we have to give him up, but we assure him that our prayers will follow him in his new field of labor and we gladly recommend him to the people that he may worship with. All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. A. PIERCE,
S. W. WALKER,
R. E. PRINCE,
Committee.

My Little Book.

My friends will find it in the hands of our Presiding Elders and pastors and in mine.

A. D. BETTS.

Lillington, N. C.

The Family

Difficult Questions in Christian Warfare.

ANSWERED BY REV. F. B. MEYER.

Can a prayer of faith fall short, or even altogether fail of the end for which God gave it, as in Rom. 10:1?

No. In the nature of the case it is impossible to fail, because faith is the gift of God, and God only gives faith for that which He is prepared eventually to grant. But it is quite likely that a thing which is grasped by faith in the moment of prayer, may not actually be made over to your possession, or fulfilled in fact until a long period has passed. Then one has to exercise the patience of hope, believing that the petition is granted, even though the boon is not in possession. 1 John 5: 15.)

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What is the teaching of the Christian Church with regard to the state of the departed? In the Bible there seem to be two different ideas, the one that the spirit goes straight to Paradise or elsewhere; the other, that the dead sleep to the Last Day.

The teaching in the New Testament is consistent. It is a unity. As to the spirit, it is at once presentw ith the Lord (Phil. 1:23). As to the body, it appears to sleep until the time of Resurrection. When the Lord comes, the spirit which is already with Him shall take up its residence in the resurrection body, raised by the power of Christ from its sleep in the grave. Throughout His teaching, our Lord desires to take away the gloomy conception of death which had been so rife before His advent, and to lead men to dread death no more than they do falling asleep. As we know, the soul never ceases its intense life, even though slumber may deaden the sensibilities of the body. Dreams simply reveal the perpetual succession of thoughts which are engrossing the soul, even when it is unable to register its decisions on the dial plate of the body, and therefore the use of the word "sleep" does not infer that the soul has become unconscious.

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Does our Heavenly Father attend to prayers about trifles?

Without doubt He does. There is nothing trifling with Him who numbers the hairs of our head, and notes the sparrows when they fall to the ground. Trifles, after all, play a very important part in our daily life. The mislaying of an umbrella, a golosh, or spectacles may have a very serious effect upon our health, and incapacitate us from performing necessary duty. Let us never forget that whilst God is a great King, He is also our Father. Happy is that life which makes God its confidant, and believes that the tiniest details are not beneath His sympathizing interest.

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By what authority and at what time were the Books of the Bible collected together, and formed into one complete volume, whereas other writings of equally pious and saintly authors are not so regarded?

By their education and their acquaintance, at first hand, with the facts that were to be conveyed to the world, some were more suited than others for the delicate task of receiving and passing on the Divine Word. If you compare the books of undoubted and unchallenged canonicity with those of the Apocrypha and other writings, you would at once detect for yourself a special flavor, an elevation of tone, a fine sanity, a divine majesty and power, all of which are ingredients in the evident but mysterious quality known as Inspiration. It was their appreciation of this quality in the post-exilic days that led men like Ezra and Nehemiah to form the canon of the Old Testament; and it was their appreciation of the same quality towards the end of the second century that led the infant church to make lists of the Inspired volumes, which became more and more the recognized canon, or rule, of faith.—Ram's Horn.

(The replies to these questions were written by Mr. Meyer to the Sunday Magazine of London. We take pleasure in passing them on.)

The Apologizing Habit and Its Cure.

The apologizing habit !

Is any trait of our fellow-man or woman quite so distresing as a bad case of this particular malady?,

It is only less annoying than family skeletons brought out in public.

And the cure?

Well, the best one is a good dose of apologies from another chronic apologist.

Said a bright woman the other day:

"I kept on making apologies for real or imaginary causes until I chanced to be the guest of a woman who went so far beyond what I had attained in that line that it occurred to me I was in a fair way of making my friends as uncomfortable as she unconsciously did me.

"This woman was an ideal housekeeper and one of the best of cooks; but not a meal did I enjoy of her serving, because of uncalled-for apologies.

"'I forgot to salt my bread and it is so tasteless that it is not fit to eat; I am afraid you cannot make out a supper.'

"If I made haste to say that I had not noticed the omission and assured her that her cooking never called for exenses, she would accuse me of trying to flatter her and and would continue to apologize, until at the end of the meal, I felt as if I had swallowed a stone, instead of perfectly cooked food.

"Observation has taught me that guests, as a rule, do not see what in the eyes of the hostess seems to call for apology.

"I recently called upon a woman of culture and was greatly enjoying her vivid accounnt of her trip abroad, when she suddenly came to a pause and in a shocked tone exclaimed: 'The maid neglected to dust that piano! ,Why I could write my name upon it!'

"Then from seeing through her eyes the beautiful scenery mine had never rested upon, I was called back to the drudgery of life; when the truth was that my back was toward the piano and so I should, but for the apology, have remained in ignorance of the neglect of the maid. The call, which might otherwise have been wholly interesting, ended in complaints.

"The most enduring lesson came to me from one who, under the most trying circumstances, refrained from making any apologies. This sensible woman at that time I did not count as a friend, though I had long known of her as a gifted personality and had once had the pleasure of entertaining her in my home, when she was a delegate to a convention.

"Finding myself in her home city, I thought I would call upon her. When I halted before the house I saw such an obstruction of plaster and debris that I was about to turn back, but a workman near the door said: 'If you are looking for Mrs. A, I will call her.'

"Oh, don't!' exclaimed I, thinking 'not at home' would be the result, but the man evidently knew the woman he was working for. He bounded off: and an instant later the lady appeared at a door back of the parlors, which were being replastered, and with a warm welcome written on her face, exclaimed:

"'This isn't the sort of reception you gave me, but I am delighted to see you, anyhow.' And then, when I was drawn into a room overcrowded with furniture, what cared I for the lack of order, in view of such a welcome?

"I had expected to go back to the hotel to lunch, but I forgot to note the flight of time as I conversed with the woman who was superior to trying circumstances; and never shall I forget how, with a roguish smile, she reminded me that it was lunch time by putting this query:

"'My dear, do you like hasty-pudding and milk?'

"When I unthinkingly responded to the affirmative, she exclaimed: 'Then you must share my lunch with me, for otherwise I shall be alone. Now, don't make excuses, for you will be doing me a real kindness to stay.' I could not resist the invitation, which was evidently so heartfelt, and from that visit and simple meal dates a friendship which has extended over long years, cemented at a time when almost any housekeer would have excused herself from seeing anyone.

"In fact, so easily and unobtrusively does the habit grow that freedom from it under given circumstances may often be taken for an evidence of thoroughly good breeding."—Cleveland Leader.

Don'ts for Mothers.

Don't delude yourself with the idea that a six months baby cannot understand the difference between your "yes" and "no."

Dont try to divert when obedience is your right.

Don't allow your child to become a source of annoyance in a public vehicle.

Don't permit a fear to be implanted in your child. Deal summarily with those who would dare implant it.

Don't entertain all your friends with a detailed account of your children's marvelous sayings and doings.

Don't forget that the fire of curosity may be smothered but not easily extinguished, and that someone else will surely be called upon to explain if you do not.

Don't fail to make your children understand how important they are in the domestic economy of their home and how surely they can add to or mar its harmony.

Don't fret your children by perpetually worrying about them. They must have some common sense; teach them to make use of it.

Don't treat your son and your daughter at twenty as you would have treated them at twelve. Remember that they are now a man and a woman. —Gabrielle E. Jackson.

Doing What You Would Not.

Quite a young girl one day exclaimed, "I love to make myself do what I don't want to do." In that seeming paradox there is a world of wisdom. There are many duties that we have to perform that are so unpleasant; or we can do as that young girl did, loving to make ourselves go through with them, and so get some real good and enjoyment out of them. It would be vastly better if we all loved to make ourselves take up the tasks that we are inclined to shirk. Of that girl, now a young woman, people frequently say, "Isn't she a splendid young lady?" Her fine character is due largely to resolutely going at the things needing to be done from which she naturally shrank, and doing them with a song instead of a sigh.—Wellspring.

The Law a Pedagogue.

The Gospel wins its way wherever and whenever given a chance. Some years ago a heathen in Burma obtained a copy of the Psalms. It was left behind by a traveler who had stopped at his house. The man was converted, and for twenty years worshipped the God revealed in the Psalms. His custom was to use the fifty-first psalm as his daily prayer. A missionary appeared on the scene in due time and gave him a copy of the New Testament. He read the story of salvation through Jesus Christ. His heart opened to the Gospel; he attained great joy. He said: "For twenty years I walked by starlight; now I see the sun." What a blessed illustration! Is it not a true example of the Pauline idea that the law, or the Old Testament generally, is a schoolmaster to lead men to Christ?—Selected.

God the Father give us grace
To walk in the light of Jesus' face.
God the Son give us a part
In the hiding-place of Jesus' heart;
God the Spirit so hold us up
That we may drink of Jesus' cup.
—Christian Rossetti.

Our Boys and Girls

Clayton, N. C., July 1, 1904.

Dear Uncle Jenkins:—I am very fond of buttermilk and think it a pity that the orphans cannot have all they want. I have a niece Jersey cow named Lillie. Papa gave here to me, and I have decided to give her to the Orphanage. Will send her to you through the country next week. Wish I had been with you to help eat that good vegetable dinner. Mother took me to visit the orphans once, but you were away. Hope you'll be at home next time we come.

Your little friend,
EDGAR WARREN McCULLERS.

Rocky Mount, N. C., July 9, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will write for the second time. I like to read the little boys' and girls' letters. My mamma takes the Advocate. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. I like to go to Sunday-school very much. I haven't got much to say this time, but I thought I would put a little in the Advocate. I see many little boys and girls like to go to Sunday-school. I hope by the next time I can write more.

I will close, with best wishes for the orphans. I am,

Your little friend,
MAIED JOYNER.

La Grange, N. C., July 9, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl thirteen years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I like to read the little boys' and girls' letters. I have one sister and one brother. My brother's birthday will be to-morrow. He will be nine years old. I have two brothers and three sisters dead.

I have written once before and my letter was printed, so I will thank you, Mr. Editor, for printing it.

I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. Our superintendent is Mr. Will Parks.

I will close by asking a question: Where was Moses buried?

Your little friend,
SMITHEY RADFORD.

Rocky Mount, N. C., July 9, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—This is my first letter, and if it escapes the waste-basket, I'll write again.

I am a boy twelve years of age. I go to Sunday-school. Mr. C. Jones is my teacher, and Mr. C. Arrington is our superintendent. We like him fine. Mr. Hunt is our pastor. Our school has just closed. I have five sisters and one brother. I like to read the boys' and girls' page.

I will answer Eva Pearson's question: Solomon was the wisest man.

Best wishes to the orphans.

Your little friend,
PAUL JOYNER.

Pantego, N. C., July 4, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—Would you like to have a new member to join your band of little folks. I am a girl twelve years of age? I have been visiting my aunts at Pantego ever since the first of December. My home is in Thomasville, N. C. I have five brothers and three sisters. I am going home soon, and am very anxious to see my papa and mamma. I am taking music under my dear auntie. I have been to Sunday-school every Sunday except one in six months, and have not missed but one question. My teacher was our pastor's wife, and I love her dearly. I certainly do like to go to Sunday-school. My best friends are Alcez Aycock, Ruth Credle and Bessie Jackson. Our preacher is Mr. H. M. Jackson, and we like him all right. I have been a member of the M. E. Church a year. My aunt takes the N. C. Advocate; also the Raleigh Advocate, and I enjoy reading the letters and stories.

I will answer Ethel Pigott's question: God's first command was, "Thou shall have no other gods before me."

Now, I will ask one: In what book of the Bible is it written, "Watch ye?" What chapter and verse?

If the waste-basket doesn't catch me, I will write again.

Your friend,
ANNABEL LAMBETH.

R. F. D. No. 4,
Elizabeth City, N. C.,
June 29, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—Well, as I have never written your paper before, I thought I would do so. My Sunday-school teacher is Mrs. Bettie Jones, and our pastor is Rev. W. E. Hocutt. This is his last year, and we all will regret to see him leave.

My grandmother is in Elizabeth City. She is in her seventy-seventh year. I have five sisters and two brothers.

I will close with love and best wishes to the Orphanage.

LYDIA WILLIAMS.

Garysburg, N. C., July 3, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl seven years old. Have been to school two months, but did not learn to write well, so mamma will write for me. Papa takes the Advocate. I love to hear mamma read the children's letters. I don't go to Sunday-school; I live too far. I go nearly every preaching day. Our pastor's name is Rev. J. G. Johnson. We all like him ever so much. As this is my first attempt, I will close, hoping to see this in print.

Your little unknown friend,
RUTH D. ROOK.

P. S.—Enclosed find ten cents for the Orphanage.

Cary, N. C., July 8 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As my other letter was in print, I will write again. Papa is almost through laying by his crops. I will be glad when he gets through. When he gets done, I am going to visit some of my friends and relatives.

I have two sisters living and one dead. I have three brothers living and two dead. I did not take the 4th of July this year.

I will answer Ossie and Mable Edwards' question: It was Aaron's rod that budded and bloomed.

I will ask one: Where is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

Enclosed find five cents for the orphans.

Your friend,
MILTON R. PLEASANTS.

Raleigh, N. C., July 10, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As I have written once before and my letter escaped the waste basket, I will try to write again.

My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the letters from the girls and boys very much. My father and mother are both living. I have three sisters and five brothers and a sister and a brother dead. I am the youngest child; my age is fifteen. Our pastor is Rev. G. R. Rood. We all like him very much. This is his first year with us.

Our every day school is now closed. Our teacher was Mrs. E. T. Sanders. We all like her splendid. Our Sunday-school is so far off I hardly ever go.

I will answer Haywood Graham's question: "Jesus wept" is the shortest verse in the Bible. It is in the eleventh chapter and thirty-fifth verse of St. John.

Love to the orphans and Dr. Ivey. Enclosed find five cents for the orphans.

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From Hertford.

Winfall, N. C., July 11, 1904.

Dear Miss Waitt:—We promised Sister Dixon to write something for our column in the Advocate, and as our Bright Jewels have never spoken a word through the paper since their organization in March, I will have to talk a little for them. I must say we have at Winfall twenty-eight as "bright jewels" as Aunt Lizzie has under supervision. Our officers are all young and inexperienced, but do well in their places.

The funny part is that in our band we have some grown up men and women, fathers and grandfathers, but our little people won't let them do a bit of the work except pray for us sometimes, and pay us five cents at every meeting.

We have our mite boxes and hope this fall to have a grand mite box opening.

Sincerely,
MRS. F. L. CHURCH,
Lady Manager.

We are so glad to hear from these Bright Jewels at Winfall, and hope to have many more such encouraging letters from them. Perhaps they will write us of the "grand mite box opening" in the fall. The children are quiet right when they insist on doing their own work in a Bright Jewel meeting, for it is their society, but I am sure the "grown up" members are an inspiration to them to do their best work.

From China.

Soochow, China, April 18, 1904.

To the Readers of The Advocate.

Dear Friends:—Herewith I send a partial list of books that can be used to great advantage in the Laura Haygood Memorial. The part of the building that will be completed in time to be occupied this fall includes the room set apart to receive our books and to be known as the Mary Ann Browinski Library. It has occurred to me that some volumes that would be most valuable to us may lie unused upon your shelves, and that you would enjoy mailing such books direct to us; or that individuals or societies might like to purchase an occasional volume to place upon our shelves. If this meets with a ready response, the list will be supplemented by a further record of our wants. Address the books for the library to Martha E. Pyle, Soochow. China.

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Money Raised and Expended Since Organization of Society.

Since organization in 1887, for connectional work, $401,411.37, for local $610,337.98. Grand total, $1,-011,759.35.

Sisters, do you not rejoice in every dollar you have added to this sum? It is a beautiful illustration of the old Scotch proverb: "Many Mickles make a muck." Few have realized how our mites were accumulating, and these figures give glad rejoicing and new inspiration.

Call for New Members.

God's unmistakable approval of the work is shown in the continuation of His blessing and the steady increase of opportunities for enlargement. So great are the demands that at the recent Board meeting it was necessary to appropriate for connectional work $37,517.81, the largest amount ever required.

How are we to raise it? By an increase of membership. I think everyone who has read carefully in the June number of Our Homes our General Secretary's clarion call for new members must feel compelled to heed it, and will bestir herself to do her part. Let every member carry in new ones, and they, in turn, bring in others, thus forming an "endless chain" that will be welcomed everywhere.

Good News from Henderson.

With peculiar pleasure I give this interesting communication, for nothing is more delightful, or more auspicious, than reports of progress and enthusiasm from our young sisters. I hope others will follow Miss Daniel's fine example and send me news of their auxiliaries.

The Young Woman's Home Mission Society of Henderson held a public meeting in the Methodist Church on the 8th of July.

Among the interesting features of the program were an inspiring solo by Mrs. Watson, of Wilson, and a very touching recitation by Mrs. M. H. Allen. Dr. Nash made a stirring appeal to the women to help in the work. Mrs. H. C. Spiers gave us some beautiful thoughts on missions, which were very encouraging.

We have about completed our fund for the "Kate Davis" Memorial Room at Brevard School, and hope to take up soon some other special work. That our Society grow steadily stronger is our desire.

MATTIE DANIEL,
Corresponding Secretary.

Henderson Auxiliary is one of our youngest and deserves commendation and congratulation.

To Auxiliary Treasures.

How are our collections now? I beg all Treasurers to strive against the midsummer lethargy to which there is a natural proneness to yield. Do your utmost to bring up the collection of dues in full, not forgetting to insist, also, on payment of Conference expense fund (which should be paid in the first quarter, but, unfortunately, is often deferred). Remind delinquents of the extra Prayer Week contributions that must come in the Third Quarter, and contrast the ease of promptly paying each quarter's small assessments with the difficulty of collecting double dues. I hope those who are so fortunate as to get a month's rest and recreation will leave their work in good, helpful hands.

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Editorial

GIBSON AND JONESBORO.

(Editorial Correspondence.)

To visit two District Conferences in two days in the hot July time requires somewhat of an effort on the part even of one who is supposed to be hardened to traveling. But good company relieves many a harsh experience, as we found, when on board the Atlanta Special and en route for Gibson and ultimately for Jonesboro, we found as traveling companions such hale spirits as Rev. M. T. Plyler, Dr. J. C. Kilgo, Hon. W. J. Adams, N. H. D. Wilson, and J. M. Rhodes. The first two left us at Sanford to reach Jonesboro before night.

In spite of the fact that Hamlet has one of the best depots and eating houses in North Carolina, we had a dreary wait at that Shakesperian place. There was a slow drizzle of rain and the electric lights blinked tearfully in the murky night. Our little train for Gibson just would not open the doors until the arrival of the train from Wilmington, and that train from Wilmington just would not come until between nine and ten o'clock. It was a District Conference crowd that boarded the little Gibson train. This is to say that it was a crowd surcharged with good nature, fun, and almost frolic.

But if it had been otherwise, compensation would have been found in the welcome of the dripping, lantern swinging people who waited for us at Gibson.

GIBSON.

I had been here before. In the hospitable home of the lamented F. B. Gibson, I had tested the warm-heartedness of this Goshen section of Scotland County. In that home, I had found how well a sick man can be treated. So you may be sure, that the heart of President Rhodes and myself was smiling when we found ourselves once more in that same home. It is as spacious and comfortable as ever as it sleeps in the shadows of the oak trees. The kindness on the part of the occupants was just as marked. But some changes had taken place. The three eldest children had married and left the roof tree, but a sadder change had taken place. The stalwart gracious head of the household was missing. Before the snows of last winter had whitened the ground he had slipped away into the great Beyond to meet the Father whom he had served so faithfully on earth. There were few men like F. P. Gibson. He has left the heritage of a noble character to his faithful wife who is bearing her grief so nobly and to the children who are trying to follow in the father's footsteps.

The little town is somewhat larger than when I last saw it. There is about it an air of charming neatness and contented prosperity. There is no finer type of citizenship than that found at Gibson.

Rev. G. B. Perry has charge of the church at Gibson and St. John's. He is one of our best preachers and most faithful laborers, and his work is appreciated.

THE CONFERENCE.

There were numerous questions on Thursday morning as to the whereabouts of Elder Cole. The hour was fast approaching for the opening of the Conference, and the Elder had not come. I felt that all fears were groundless. I knew John N. Cole well enough to know that he would be in place on time. And sure enough he was in spite of a terrific storm between Rockingham and Hamlet.

At the opening of the Conference there were few preachers and delegates. But by ten o'clock many arrived and the church was almost full. N. H. D. Wilson, the veteran secretary, was not allowed to retire, and he remained at the scribe's desk.

I watched to see how the new President would conduct business. In two hours I found that he might be counted on for firmness, facility in dispatching business, practical views on all questions, and an urbanity which would rob every executive and parlimentary asperity of its sting. He had an exceptionally fine program, and as long as I staid, its items were caried out to the letter.

But what can I tell about a District Conference of which I saw so little? I cannot fail to mention the short,well-prepared addresses of Revs. Z. Paris, H. G. Stamey, and J. W. Bradley. We assume that our readers will learn more of them in the report of the Secretary. J. W. Bradley's address on the Conference ogan will be published in the Advocate. It was the first set address of the kind that I had ever heard in a District Conference.

THROUGH THE HAIL PELTED SECTION.

Through the kindness of Edward Gibson, Esq., a promising young lawyer of Laurinburg, who carried me in his buggy to Laurinburg to take the train on Thursday afternoon,I had the opportunity of seeing the ravages of the terrific hailstorm which passed through this section about three weeks ago. The loss by this storm is estimated to be about $100,000. Many growing cotton fields had been completely stripped, with not enough life left in the stalks to make them sprout. The cornfields were tattered and torn. The whole scene was pathetic. Yet much of the cotton is sprouting and blooming. Much of the corn will mature, and the people in that section will not sustain as great loss as was at first feared.

ON THE BACK TRACK

A belated train delivered two sleepy travelers in Sanford at about 1 o'clock on Friday morning. Those travelers were President Rhodes and myself. How quickly were our visions of a cheery room and comfortable bed dispelled! After a half hour's delay in finding some one in the hotel office, we at last ran up with an ebony porter who informed us that there was for us "no room in the inn," but that we would have to sleep in the annex a few hundred yards distant. Through the "wee small hours" the clarion voice of President Rhodes was heard calling on the vanishing porter for at least one chair, and then I sank to sleep to awake in the morning with the prospect of a day at Jonesboro.

Sanford and Jonesboro, two miles apart, are connected by a perfect little gem of a railroad rejoicing in the happy title, "The Atlantic and Western Railroad." The dapper little train puffs backward and forward constantly during the day, and no trolley car was ever more convenient for a traveling public.

THE CONFERENCE.

We struck the Conference a little before 9 o'clock on Friday morning. This scribe was at once assigned to the pleasant home of Mrs. M. A. Sloan, one of the Methodist force at Jonesboro. This scribe is appreciative of the kindness received at her hands. When I entered church, I soon perceived that I was in a Conference where an unusually large number of lay delegates was present. There were seventy-six in attendance according to the statement made by Rev. E. Pope. Only two preachers were absent. Presiding Elder Hurley was in the chair, and an excellent program was being carried out. I noticed that in the reports made by the preachers the number of Advocates taken in the charge was given. The Fayetteville District, like the Rockingham, believes in the "Old Raleigh," and I may modestly say that this is one reason why these two Districts are so prosperous.

I could perceive, too, that I was in a spiritual atmosphere. The preachers and delegates seemed to be in earnest, and the vital spiritual themes were uppermost. Rev. R. H. Broom, of course, was Secretary.

The President has a close grip on the preachers and people of his District, and he conducts the affairs of his office with the ease and dispatch of a veteran.

One of the important matters which the Conference had under consideration was the sale of the District school building to the town of Jonesboro, and to be used as a graded school building. The Conference ordered the sale, which was effected at a fair price. Rev. E. Pope will be Superintendent of the Graded School, and at the same time serve Jonesboro Circuit. If any man is able to perform this double duty, Rev. E. Pope is the man, who is not only a good preacher and teacher, but a mighty man physically.

We noticed that the duty of holding family worship is duly emphasized in the Fayetteville District. It was gratifying to learn that so many laymen have family altars.

We had the pleasure of spending several very pleasant hours in Sanford with Rev. S. T. Moyle and family. They are living in one of the very best parsonages in the Conference. There is an ample yard with a good place for a garden. A little more elbow grease in the part of Brother Moyle would make that garden a thing of beauty. Brother Moyle is enthusiastic over his work at Sanford and the other churches. He is using a financial plan which promises great things in the general "round up" at Conference. We await with deep interest the result.

Another Great Missionary Conference.

BY REV. ROBAH F. BUMPAS

The church is planning for larger things for Christ.

A committee consisting of representatives of the General Board of Missions, and the Boards of the North Carolina, Western North Carolina, South Carolina and Holston Conferences met in Asheville July 19th and arranged for a great Missionary Conference to be held in Asheville May 17-21, 1905.

It is desired that all sections and interests of the Conferences participating shall be represented.

The constituency of the Conference is to consist of all traveling and lay members of Annual Conference Boards, three delegates from each pastoral charge to be elected by the Quarterly Conference, each Sunday-school superintendent and one delegate from each school. Presidents of Epworth Leagues and one delegate from each League, the general officers of the W. F. M. and W. H. M. Societies, with the president and one delegate from each Auxiliary.

It is hoped to gather four or five thousand persons in the great May meeting, and to impart to our missionary work a great impetus.

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Bishop A. W. Wilson, who was considerably indisposed Sunday afternoon, became very ill last night before he finished the first half of his sermon at the Methodist Church, and was taken to the home of Hon. R. R. Noblin, whose guest he has been during the session of the District Conference. The Bishop suffered greatly during the night, but was well enough to start home via Danville this morning. The malady from which he is suffering is thought to be acute indigestion, and no serious results are expected therefrom.—Baltimore-Richmond Advocate.

The eminent German theologian and historian, Adolf Harnack, has been elected to honorary membership of the Massachusetts Historical Society. He will visit this country in the fall, and attend the meeting of European and American savants of our leading theological seminaries.

Methodist Mention

State.

Rev. R. R. Grant writes that he has just closed an excellent meeting at Portsmouth. Rev. J. V. Williams did the preaching.

Rev. E. H. Davis, pastor of Kinston station, with his family, has been visiting relatives in High Point for a few days.

Dr. R. C. Beaman did some effective work in the temperance campaign in Wilmington. He is in great demand all over the State.

Rev. F. A. Bishop and wife are visiting relatives and friends in the Eastern part of the State. They will be absent from Raleigh about two weeks.

Since our last report we have received thirty-eight new subscribers, bringing up the total since Conference to 1,417; making a District average of over 157.

We congratulate Greensboro on her great victory over the saloon last week. There was a majority of 423 for prohibition. The battle was warmly waged.

Miss M. S. Carter, the very efficient and faithful book-keeper and stenographer of the Raleigh Christian Advocate left yesterday to spend a month's vacation at her home in Canisteo, N. Y.

We are under many obligations to Miss Laura Connor, of Thurman, N. C., for four new subscribers. Our laymen and laywomen are showing in a very practical way their interest in the Advocate.

Nearly one thousand dollars was subscribed for Greensboro Female College at the Rockingham District Conference. All doubts may as well be settled. This institution is already a reality. See the advertisement in this week's Advocate.

Rev. F. M. Shamburger preached a thoroughly practical sermon Sunday morning at the Methodist church and the offertory by Miss Minnie Daniel, of Raleigh, was most excellently rendered, as she possesses a sweet voice.—Oxford Ledger.

The following young ladies, attending the Raleigh Summer School, cheered the Advocate office with their presence on last Saturday: Misses Eugenia Bradsher, Emma Parker, Tina Lindley, and Helen Smith. They are all strong friends of the Advocate.

Rev. R. F. Bumpas is in Western North Carolina. He attended the meeting in Asheville at which the great missionary meeting in Asheville next May was inaugurated. That occasion will be a great one. See the communication of Brother Bumpas in this issue.

Rev. Robert E. Hunt, of Rocky Mount, spent part of the week here visiting. He filled the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday morning and night and preached good, practical sermons both times. Our people are glad to see him doing so well.—Burlington News.

We are glad to know that Prof. Plato Durham, who has been quite ill in the hospital at Asheville for some time, is a great deal better. He is so much improved that he has left the hospital. He was a very sick man for a while, and his friends were very anxious about him.

North Carolina has been highly favored in the series of addresses delivered by Mrs. M. L. Hargrove, of the Scarritt Bible and Training School. She visited a number of the principal towns and cities after being with the Conference Society of the Western North Carolina Conference in their annual meeting.

The different churches of Statesville are arranging for a union meeting. The Landmark last week had this item: "At a meeting of members of the different denominations, held in the First Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, those present decided to hold a union religious meeting in town this fall."—N. C. Christian Advocate.

Rev. R. D. Daniel, pastor of the Methodist Mission churches at the two cotton mills, is quite sick with typhoid fever at Dr. Nash's. His condition is not regarded as favorable at all, but he is having the best attention of physicians and trained nurse. His mother came Monday and is with him.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

Mr. Maxwell Gorman, one of the best newspaper correspondents in the State, has become city editor of the Raleigh Times. We congratulate the Times on securing his services. Mr. Edward L. Conn, the former city editor, who displayed great ability in his position, has taken a place with Johnson & Wynne, of Washington City.

There was a splendid all-day service at Oak Grove Church, in Northampton County, Sunday. Rev. P. N. Stainback preached a strong sermon at the morning service and Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer made a most excellent talk at the afternoon service. A large congregation was present and the day was most profitably spent.—Weldon News.

The Tabernacle Sunday-school, Snow Hill Circuit, under the management of Superintendent W. H. Derring, gave a delightful picnic on Saturday, July 16. After brief and appropriate services, the people repaired to the shady grove around the church, where the table was soon loaded with good things. It was a pleasant occasion, and everybody seemed to enjoy it.

J. M. Lamb, B. Cole, J. L. Godfrey, and R. F. Wrenn were elected delegates to the Annual Conference from the Fayetteville District. J. D. Barnes and C. W. Womble were elected alternates. B. P. Robinson, E. W. Smith, Judson Hackney, and L. P. Pattishall were licensed to preach. Rev. Mr. Mouzon, formerly of South Carolina, was recommended for readmission into the traveling connection.

There was a soul-stirring meeting at Shady Grove Methodist Church last week which resulted in nine additions to the church. Rev. F. M. Shamburger, the beloved and consecrated pastor of Oxford Methodist Church, assisted Rev. W. H. Puckett in the meeting and preached pure Gospel sermons which captured the hearts of the people of that section. The meeting was largely attended up to its close, which was Friday afternoon.—Oxford Ledger.

The following note comes from Rev. J. H. M. Giles: "We closed a fine meeting of several days at Oak Grove last Friday night. Many conversions in the church and several outside. Seven joined with us, taking the 'vows' and being baptized; at the altar we received them in the primitive way. Bro. G. B. Webster, of Bladen Street, Wilmington, was with us and did most of the preaching, and did it well. Many of our old people say it was one of the best times they have ever seen at Oak Grove. There was much shouting of the old-time style."

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Connectional.

First Church, Tampa, has raised $4,000 for a Sunday-school annex. The necessary ground has been purchased.

Dr. Francis L. Patton, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, has been recently the leading preacher in revival services in Philadelphia.

Rev. W. W. McMurry, recently deceased, has been remembered by his son, Dr. W. F. McMurry, of St. Louis, who has issued a memorial volume of eighty pages devoted to the life and work of his father.

On June 30th, Mrs. Burke, wife of Rev. W. B. Burke, one of our missionaries from Georgia in China, died at Yokohama, Japan. Brother Burke and family—wife and four children—had started home for a long vacation after several years of absence.

There are thirty free scholarships offered to college graduates who desire to take Theological courses of study in the Biblical Department of the Vanderbilt University. They yielded enough to cover the cost of board in Wesley Hall. Tuition and room rent are free to all theological students, and a loan fund is available to help all worthy candidates for the ministry.

General Notes

Judge Parker's mother is a prohibitionist, and has been for fifty years a reader of a church paper. Mothers, take notice.

A recent shipment from the Bible Society house in London included nine tons of Bibles, printed in twenty-eight different languages.

King Edward lately received General Booth at Buckingham Palace, and manifested keen interest in the General's account of the work of the army, and expressed good wishes for its continued success.

It is expected that the attendance at the Baptist University for Women at Raleigh will reach this year 450. Already 112 have enrolled for the coming session against forty-one for the same time last year.

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, chairman of the Evangelistic Committee, says that the calls for evangelists are increasing more rapidly than the committee's ability to supply them. There have been twelve hundred calls sent in for special workers.

Rev. Dr. J. Wesley Johnston, of New York, has received the degree of Doctor of Literature from Syracuse University. Dr. Johnston is known as "Stylus," a correspondent of the New York Christian Advocate, and is a cousin of the Rev. Dr. Briggs, Book Steward.

The Protestant Episcopal Bishops of twelve Southern States in a recent meeting at Sewanee, Tenn., unanimously decided that the time had not yet come for the consecration of negro bishops for Southern dioceses, but pleaded for a fuller recognition of the negro's place in the church.

Rev. Thomas E. Converse, D. D., for nearly thirty years one of the editors of the Christian Observer, of Louisville, has sold his interest in the paper to his brother, Rev. F. Bartlett Converse, D. D., and will retire from the editorial staff. Dr. Francis R. Beattie will continue as associate editor.

Theodore Herzl, who stood physically as well as intellectually, like Saul, head and shoulders above the masses of his Jewish compatriots, has just passed away, and his death is noted with wide and sincere expressions of sorrow. He was the founder of Zionism, that remarkable movement for the return of the Jews to their ancestral land.

The Rev. Frederick D. Huntington, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York, died at his summer home in Hadley, Mass., on July 11, in the very room where he first saw the light of day eighty-five years ago. Only a few hours after his death his son, Dr. George P. Huntington, a member of the faculty of Dartmouth College, also passed away at Hanover, N. H., where he had been ill some time with fever.

Carding and Spinning.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt at this office of "Carding and Spinning," a book just out of press, published by G. F. Ivey & Co., Hickory, N. C.

The author, G. F. Ivey, is well-known in the cotton mill world, being also the author of "Loom Fixing and Weaving," one of the most widely read books on mill work in this and foreign countries.

"Carding and Spinning" has 220 pages, is excellently printed and bound, and will no doubt prove invaluable to those interested in the subject.

The contract for making the plates for the joint hymn book of the Northern and Southern Methodist Churches has been let to the Gilson Company, of Boston. The work of publication will be in the hands of Dr. W. F. Tillett, of Vanderbilt University, and Dr. Stewart, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We regret to learn that Dr. A. D. Betts was very severely bitten by a dog on last Sunday.

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They Want to Control the Primaries.

The liquor men are bent on laying hands on the political machinery of the State. And they will do it unless the temperance element of the State awakes to its duty, privilege, and power. We have the strength, and have it for some time, to defeat them; but we have been silent until too late, and then we have complained at the condition of political affairs. We deserved no better than we have received.

Let members of the Epworth League join the forces of the Anti-Saloon League in their efforts for good government. Let all adult male members go into the primaries and demand their rights as citizens. Let them make their influence be felt. We are strong enough to elect municipal, county, and State officers. The liquor men are reckoning upon indifference on our part. They now realize that we outnumber them. If we loose the advantage gained, I believe, with Chairman Bailey, we will not regain it in two generations—if then. Let us cast the weight of our influence on the side of civic righteousness and win the day.

Not only have the adult male members of the Epworth League an influence that will count in the primaries and at the poles, but the power behind the throne is vested in our women and girls. They have played no small part in achieving the success already gained; but our final triumph is to be obtained only with their help. Even the boys and girls of our Junior Leagues, under the wise leadership of their superintendent or manager, may play an important part in this grand work. Let each Epworthian in his and her sphere play well their part and with an aroused public sentiment and an active temperance campaign, the next Governor and General Assembly will be temperance men who "may be trusted to make amendments that experience and conditions shall demonstrate to be wise and proper."

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I wish I might impress upon the Leagues of our Conference how very near the work of the second Department is to the Master, who, while on earth, went about doing good. In taking Him for our example, we shall be like Him in having such love for souls that we, too, may work while it is called to-day. Isaiah 58 brings the obligations for this work and the blessings resulting from it very forcibly before us. Is not this the past that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness to undo the heavy burdens and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked that thou cover him. . . . . Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and their health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee: the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward. Then shalt thou call and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here am I.

The Third Vice-President of St. John Chapter is encouraging the members to reading good literature by calling attention to good books and asking them what books they have read since the last literary meeting; and the Fourth Vice-President is active in collecting the money for the support of the League Missionary.

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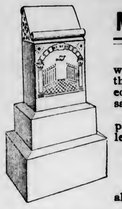
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The distinguished visitors, President Davis, Rhodes, Kilgo and Editor Ivey had gone, and Miss Nannie Lee Smith was just leaving. They had a great time. That district (the Elizabeth Circuit) has pushed its way to the front. The Conference will want to go to Sunbury again. My stay among the Crosses was delightful.

Still Begging.

The cow has come. Thanks to dear little Warren. Her name is Lillie Warren. But the striking clock-calendar has not. We will need it by the first of September when we get in our new building.

Our ground is mighty poor. The guano is not smelling around yet. What says the Raleigh company? That barrel of flour has not knocked at the door of our pantry. Where are our Methodist wheat mills?

Watermelons and cantaloupes are ripe. No wagon load has been emptied here.

Brother Wynne says we ought to have a new piano for our new chapel. Amen! We ought to have a large range for our new cook-room. What say our hardware men?

Our Plans.

The Executive Committee have ordered the main building to be finished. The next session will open September 1, 1904. We can then take in two hundred children. In order to do that, the house must be furnished, and the support of the orphans must be provided for. It will take $18,000 to feed, clothe, educate and care for them. We will take them in as fast as provision is made for them.

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Receipts up to July 21

W. F. Jones, on sub., $5.00; Sunburry, $17.60; Mrs. J. N. Cross and Sunday-school class, window, $2.00; First Church, Elizabeth City, on sub., $2.00; City Roads, Elizabeth City, on sub., $5.00; Grace, Wilmington, on sub., $3.00; Apex, on sub., $2.50; City Roads Sunday-school on support of an orphan, $5.00; Colerain Sunday-school, $3.09; Grifton Sunday-school, $5.56; Primary Class, Hay Street Sunday-school, Fayetteville, $3.70.

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WARRENTON DISTRICT.
G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Conway, Sharon, July 6
Murfreesboro, July 7
Bertie, White Oak, July 9, 10
Harrisville, Colerain, July 10, 11
Hobgood, Epworth, July 15
Williamston and Hamilton, Hamilton, July 16, 17
Scot and Neck, July 18
Roanoke Circuit, New Hope, 23, 24
Roanoke Rapids, July 23, 24
Rich Square, Woodland July 31
Battleboro and Whitakers, Central Cross, July 20
Garysburg Concord, Aug. 6, 7
Weldon, Aug. 7, 8
Warren, Inezets, Aug. 11
Ridgeway, Middleburg, Aug. 13, 14
Henderson, Aug. 14, 15

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Mt. Olive, Bethel, Sept. 3, 4.
Goldsboro Circuit, Pine Forest, June 25, 26
St. Paul, 26
District Conference, Beaufort, June 30 July 3
Jones Circuit, Shady Grove, July 9, 10
Kinston, July 10
Craven Circuit, Beech Grove, July 16, 17
Centenary, New Bern, July 17
Snow Hill Circuit, Tabernacle, July 23-24
Pamlico Circuit, Broad Creek, July 29
Oriental Circuit, Arapahoe, July 30-31
Grifton Circuit, Epworth, Aug. 6-7
Atlantic Circuit, Atlantic, Aug. 10-11
Morehead City, Aug. 13-14
Hookerton Circuit, Hookerton, Aug. 13-14
Straits Circuit, Aug. 16-17
Carteret Circuit, Adam's Creek, Aug. 20-21
Lagrance Circuit, Beston, Aug. 27-28
Dover Circuit, Webb's, Sept. 10, 11
St. John, Sept. 7
Mt. Olive Circuit, Bethel, 10-11

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Dunn Station, June 25, 26
Haw River, Ebenezer, July 2, 3
Carthage, Ingram Branch, July 8, 10
Elise, Mt. Carmel, July 9, 10
Siler City, Mt. Vernon, July 16, 17
Jonesboro, (District Conference), July 23, 24
Pittsboro, Pleasant Hill, July 30, 31
Lillington, Cool Springs, August 5
Sanford, Lemon Springs, August 6, 7
Duke, Pleasant Plains Aug. 12
Buckhorn, Harnett Chapel, August 13, 14
Newton Grove, Hopewell, Aug. 20, 21
Goldstone Maroneys, August 27, 28
Sampson, Bethel, September 3, 4
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 10, 11

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.
J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Kenneksee, (C. M.) June 21, 26
Hatteras, June 27
Roanoke Island, July 3, 4
Perquimans, Bethany, July 9, 10
Gates Philadelphia, (D. C.) July 13, 17
North Gates, Parker's July 17, 18
Camden, Newlands, July 23 24
Elizabeth City (First Church), night, July 24
Moyock Concord, July 30, 31
Currituck, Mt. Zion, Aug 6, 7
Kitty Hawk, Aug 7, 8
Columbia, Aug 13, 14
Dare, Aug 14, 15
Pantego and Belhaven, Aug 20, 21
Roper, Pleasant Grove, Aug 27, 28
Plymouth, Aug 28, 29

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C
THIRD ROUND.
Brooklyn and Macedonia, Macedonia, June 25, 26
Ivanhoe, June 26
Youngsville, Rock Springs, July 2, 3
Clayton, July 9, 10
Oxford Ct., Bethel, July 16, 17
Millbrook, July 23
Epworth, July 24
Granville, July 30, 31
Oxford station, July 31
Kenly, August 6, 7
Wakefield, August 8
Tar River, Trinity, August 13, 14
Louisburg, August 14, 15

FOURTH ROUND.
Smithfield, August 27, 28
Selma, Selma, August 28, 29
Edenton St., September 3, 4
Franklinton, Grove Hill, September 10, 11
Clayton, Elizabeth, September 17, 18
Oxford Circuit September 24, 25
Central, October 1, 2
Brooklyn, October 2, 3
Millbrook, October 8, 9
Granville, October 15, 16
Wakefield, October 20
Kenley, October 22, 23
Cary, October 29, 30
Epworth, October 30
Oxford Station, November 5, 6
Youngsville, November 12, 13
Louisburg, November 19, 20
Tar River, Plank Chapel, November 26, 27

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Fremont, Yelverton, June 25, 26
South Rocky Mount, night, June 29
Bath, Bethany, July 2, 3
Washington, night, July 4
Rotersville, Jamesville, July 9, 10
Rocky Mount, night, July 13
Swan Quarter, Statesville, July 16, 17
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, July 19
Matamuskeet, Mt. Pleasant, July 21
Fairfield, July 23, 24
Farmville, Long, July 30, 31
Nashville, Beitord, August 6, 7
Springhope, Gold Valley, August 8
Bethel, Conetoe, August 13, 14
Tarboro, night, August 14
Grimesland & Vanceboro, Providence, Aug 20, 21
Greenville, night, Aug 22
Aurora, Campbell's Creek, Aug 27, 28

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Milton, Providence, June 25, 26
Hillsboro, Walnutt Grove, July 2, 3
Leasburg, Union, July 9, 10
Chapel Hill, July 16, 17
Yanceyville, Prospect, July 23, 24
Alamance, Clover Garden, August 6, 7
Burlington, Prospect, August 13, 14
Burlington Station, August 21, 22
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Richmond Circuit, St. Paul, June 25, 26
Laurenburg Station, July 3, 4
Rowland Circuit, Oak Grove, July 9, 10
Robeson Circuit, Olivet, July 16, 17
St. John and Gibson, Gibson, July 23, 24
Mt. Gilead, Philadelphia, July 30, 31
Montgomery, Beulah, Aug 6, 7
Aberdeen, Johnson's Grove, Aug. 13, 14
Red Springs, Centenary, Aug. 20, 21
Pekin, Centenary, Aug. 27, 28

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Bladen Circuit, Dennis, June 25, 26
Parks and Richlands, Haw Branch, July 2, 3
Town Creek, Sommerville, July 9, 10
Bladen Street, July 10
Clinton, Goshen, July 16, 17
Whiteville, Evergreen, July 23, 24
Southport, District Conference, July 28, 31
Carver's Creek, Wayman, August 6, 7
Magnolia, Trinity, August 13
Kenansville, Charity, August 13, 14
Elizabeth, Union, August 20, 21
Shallotte, New Hope, August 27, 28
Ingelow, Swanboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Burgaw, September 10, 11
Grace, September 13

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Marriages

LYON—LYON.—June 29, 1904, at the residence of the bride's father, Dr. E. H. Lyon and Miss Mamie I. Lyon, Rev. J. D. Pegram officiating.

MUIR—JARVIS.—In the Methodist Church, Belhaven, N. C., on the 29th of June, 1904, Mr. Oscar Muir and Miss Blanche Jarvis, by H. M. Jackson, Rev. E. C. Glenn assisting.

BRANDT — HUMLER.—In the Methodist Church, Jonesboro, N. C., June 28, 1904, Mr. M. H. Brandt, of Florence, S. C., and Miss Lide Humler, of Jonesboro, Rev. E. Pope officiating.

BELL—BELL.—At the Methodist Church at Harlow, Carteret County, N. C., June 28, by Rev. F. D. Swindell, Mr. Daniel G. Bell, of Morehead City, N. C., and Miss Maide Bell, of Harlow, N. C.

TALOR—BROWER—At the residence of the bride's parents, in Wilmington, N. C., on the 15th of June, 1904, Mr. J. B. Taylor and Miss Maude Edna Brower, Rev. G. B. Webster officiating.

MINTZ—SKIPPER.—On the 24th of May, at the home of the bride's uncle, H. A. J. Skipper, Miss Bertha Skipper and Mr. Alonza Mintz, Rev. G. B. Webster officiating; both of Wilmington, N. C.

WELLER—NELSON.—In the M. E. Church at Halifax, N. C., June 8, 1904, Mr. Joseph Leander Weller, of Weldon, N. C., to Miss Virginia Sutherland Nelson, of Halifax, N. C., Rev. Mr. Cotton officiating.

Obituaries

Obituaries containng not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

HARDY.—Mrs. Sarah E. Hardy, wife of J. E. Hardy, died May 21, 1904, aged about fifty-eight years.

The call came suddenly, but she was, no doubt, ready to go. Sister Hardy was converted and joined the M. E. Church at Ebenezer when about sixteen years old and lived a true Christian life in a quiet way, but she loved her Lord and delighted in His work, and spent a great deal of her time reading His Word and in meditation.

She leaves behind a grief-stricken husband, a brother and two sisters to mourn their loss.

A faithful wife, a kind neighbor and a consecrated Christian woman has joined the host of the redeemed. She was buried near her old home in Halifax County.

May the Lord bless the bereaved husband and relatives.

W. B. HUMBLE.

GILLAM.—Paul J. Gillam, second son of J. B. and Bettie M. Gillam, died in Asheville, May 11th, of lung disease, aged twenty-three years. He was sick but a few months, and life seemed long and bright before him, but his Father willed it otherwise.

Paul was a member of Cashie Baptist Church in Windsor for five years. He was an honorable young man, possessing a good, charitable heart. His loved ones deeply grieve for him, but they have the blessed assurance that he was ready and willing to die.

His many friends of the A. and M. College will be shocked to learn of the death of this noble young man.

His funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. C. M. McIntosh, and he sleeps where the gentle zephyrs will play around his lonely bed; where the sweet flowers will bloom; where the snows will cover his mound with a mantle of spotless purity, but his ransomed soul will live when all of earth's beauties have passed away. M.

LINDSAY.—Robert Strong, little son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Lindsay, fell asleep, at Snow Hill, N. C., on Sunday, May 29, 1904, aged one year, five months and two days. He was a bright little boy, fond of his parents, and they were devoted to him. It was hard to give him up, but God, wanting him in the kingdom above, came in the early light of the Sabbath and took him from his sufferings to the home beyond the skies. No rude hand can ever touch him. No affliction can ever reach him. He is safe and happy—everlastingly safe and inexpressibly happy—in the presence of Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

"By thy hands the boon was given;
Thou hast taken but thine own:
Lord of earth and God of heaven,
Evermore, 'Thy will be done.'"

E. C. S.

KING.—After several weeks of suffering, Miss Martha Sarah King died early Monday morning, July 4th, 1904, at the home of her brother, Mr. W. H. King, in Gates County, N. C.

Sister King was about fifty-five years of age, and had been for the most of her life a member of the Methodist Church. Those who knew her testify to her sincerity as a Christian.

Her place in life seemed to be by the bed-side of the sick and suffering, administering to their comfort. She was patient, kind, and sympathetic. Her work was done willingly and lovingly; therefore, we believe, when that day shall come in which we shall all give an account of our lives here, the "King of Glory" will say to her, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me; come, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

She died claiming Jesus and eternal life as her own.

W. H. BROWN, P. C.

TUCKER.—William Wright Tucker was born the 11th of December, 1831, and died at his home in Pitt County, N. C., July 2, 1904, after a lingering sickness for more than six months.

Early in life he married Miss Philie Adams, who died many years ago. Only three of their six children are living.

About thirty-six years ago he married Miss Mary E. Adams, who, with one son, still survives. This is a brief summary of some of the dates and events in the life of Brother Tucker. He was honest and upright to his fellow-man. Never was the cry of the poor for help unheard by him. For more than twelve years he was a consistent and faithful member of the M. E. Church, South. So in many respects his life was exemplary. During his sickness he was patient and submissive.

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Weep not, dear ones, what seems death to you is only sleep to the little one's body and translation to her soul.

"Lone are the paths, and sad the bowers,
Whence thy meek smile is gone;
But O, a brighter home than ours,
In heaven is now thine own."

MAY.—Died at his home in Greene County, N. C., June 5, 1904, Mr. William May, aged sixty-four years, eleven months and five days. He had been in declining health for about two years, but seemed no worse during the day and evening before his death. Suddenly, at the midnight hour, the summons came. A wife and two daughters survive him. He was a good citizen and a faithful member of the Methodist Church.

The throng that attended his burial was evidence of the esteem in which he was held. He is gone. Sadly we shall miss him. May we meet him in the land of rest.

"Our brother the haven hath gained,
Outflying the tempest and wind;
His rest he hath sooner obtained,
And left his companion behind;
Still tossed on a sea of distress,
Hard toiling to make the blest shore,
Where all is assurance and peace
And sorrow and sin are no more."

E. C. S.

YORK.—John York, one of God's servants, died May 31, 1904, being seventy-one years, seven months and sixteen days old.

Brother York was born in Randolph County, this State, but he lived in what is now Scotland County since the war.

When but eighteen years of age he married Miss Mary Ann Searborough, and to this union God gave six sons and three daughters, seven of whom are living. The wife and mother died January 3, 1903.

Brother York professed religion in 1878, at Caledonia Church, and joined the M. E. Church, South, which church he loved. He was a loyal member, a good man, and we trust has joined the church triumphant. May his ashes rest in peace. May God bless and comfort the loved ones left behind and make us all to submit willingly to His divine will.

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KITTRELL.—Geo. W. Kittrell was born in 1848 and died June 22, 1904.

At Kittrells, now on North Gates Circuit, he joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1863.

In December, 1872, he was united in marriage to Miss Pattie Willey, of Gates County, to which union were born two daughters and one son. The wife preceded the husband to the grave many years. The three children still survive.

In April, 1897, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Willie Costen, who also survives him.

Brother Kittrell's life, though not a long one, was a blessing to his community. In his church he labored as a private and as an official, and in both spheres he did his work well. He was a good husband, a kind father and a large-hearted neighbor. He will be greatly missed. His life is an enduring monument to his memory.

For many months he was sick, but during it all he never murmured or complained. He possessed his soul in patience. Life went out as quietly as the setting of the sun. His eyes closed here and opened in glory.

May God's richest blessings rest upon the bereaved ones.

W. H. BROWN.

HARRIS.—Dudley Watkins Harris was born in Warren County, North Carolina, September 24, 1826, and died in Durham, N. C., June 24, 1904, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in Warrenton, N. C., in early life, and for more than forty-five years lived a consistent Christian life.

Brother Harris was married three times. First to Miss Charity Draper in 1853. There were five children born of this union, two of whom still survive—Mrs. James Arnold and Miss Ella B. Harris, of Raleigh. He was married the second time to Mrs. Margaret Pegram in 1865. There were two children born of this union—Mrs. J. B. Knight, of Durham, N. C., and William H. Harris, of Norlina. He was married the third time to Miss Elizabeth Fish, in 1871, who, with four children born of this union still survive him.

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The negro as an inventor is a new subject, and undoubtedly one which does not afford a very rich field of investigation. Yet according to our old friend, Hon. John W. Atwater, there is one invention to which the colored race may lay claim, and that is splitting a stick and running an oppossum's tail through it in order that this toothsome and noctural animal may be more easily carried. And this is an invention, too, which means something.

On July 28th, the Russian Minister of the Interior, Von Plehve, was killed by the explosion of a bomb which was thrown at him while he was passing in a carriage. An anarchist, of course, threw the bomb. Von Plevhe simply invited his own assassination. What Jeffreys was in law, Von Plehve was in the administration of his office. A more cruel and arbitrary tyrant never lived. He was the ablest man in the Russian Cabinet, and was nominally second to the Czar in influence. Really he ruled the Czar, who is a figure head. If he had been anything more, the Japanese would not now be decieminating the Russian troops in Manchuria.

The volunteer fleet of Russia in the Red Sea and the Vladivostock squadron have startled the world by capturing German mail and capturing and sinking British ships on the plea that the ships in question carried contraband of war. Last week there was considerable excitement in Berlin and London, but as the excitement has somewhat calmed down, it is assumed that Russia will make the amende honorable. The public is wondering what Russia means any way. She is fighting a losing battle in the East. In fact she is already whipped. What does she mean by arousing England, her avowed enemy, and Germany, her avowed friend? "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad. It is said that only one stronghold lies between the Japanese army and the capture of Port Arthur. There is a great deal of fighting going on. In nearly all the battles the Russians are worsted. The fall of Port Arthur is daily expected.

It is a motley panorama that unrolls before the American people every four years. What a variety of views! Take this for instance: The sage of Esopus taking his morning bath in the Hudson. In the distance a steamer. On the decks a battery of kodaks trained on the bathing sage. It makes us wish that Judge Parker would open his mouth and make a speech—anything that would give the sensational reporter a chance to write a dignified story of the Presidential candidate. Two weeks ago, they had the Judge with a lantern, hunting in the dark hours of the night for a horse that broke from his stall and was taking an innocent ramble in the back lot.

It is no wonder that the Christian Educator, hailing from Great Bend, Kansas, whose slogan is, "Remember the Sloeum," and whose doctrine is contained in, "Resolved that God is a myth," has succeeded in inducing only forty-four misguided people to join its "Cchurch of Humanity." The secret is contained in the condition of membership, "Believing God to be a fabulous being, I enclose one dollar for life membership in the Church of Humanity." That "one dollar" tells the tale. A man may shout that there is no God in order to calm his fears or cause applause, but when it comes to reaching down into his pocket for the almighty dollar he finds that his doctrine is not worth such a sacrifice. Infidelity is not willing to spend money for its faith.

It was a fierce battle that the Wilmingtonians fought last week. The advocates of the dispensary lost the day. This result was not unexpected by the temperance on-lookers outside the city of Wilmington. This city is the stronghold of the saloon in North Carolina. The last grand stand of the saloon power will be made in the city-by-the-sea. With about sixty saloons and a large negro population, Wilmington has a hard struggle before her. If prohibition, instead of the Dispensary had been the issue, the result might have been different. We do not doubt in the least that in North Carolina it is much easier to succeed in a campaign for prohibition than in a campaign for a Dispensary. In the meantime the tide is sweeping on. Those were glorious victories in Charlotte and New Bern.

The Seventeenth Annual Report of the bureau of Labor and Printing bears a name which makes one think of patent office and Congressional reports. But here is a place where a mistake is easy. Commissioner Varner has really gotten out a most readable book and one which every practical North Carolinian should highly value. Here are some of the facts brought out in Commissioner Varner's album of figures: Land has increased in value during the last two years in seventy-four counties. There is one county in which there is no negro labor. Ninety counties report labor very scarce. In eighty-nine counties the cost of living has increased, and in only sixty-four counties is there an increase of wages. The average cost of producing cotton in a majority of the counties is $29.83 per 500-pound bale. The average cost of wheat is 72 cents per bushel; tobacco $7.05 per 100 pounds. Ninety counties report an improvement in education. A large majority of the people of the State seem to favor compulsory education.

The Raleigh Times has a knack of saying some very apposite and forcible things. But we must earnestly insist that it went too far last week in trying to establish the dictum that Sunday cannot be made a day of rest from mental and physical labor, and all that is incumbent upon one is to take one day in the week. The Times must surely know that to bring about such a state of things would be to upturn one of the very foundation stones of our Christian civilization. The Times, on second thought, will surely modify his views. The American Sabbath is one of our most precious heritages and we look to the Press to aid largely in preserving the sanctity and permanency of this heritage.

We arise to ask, What has become of the ex-evangelist and later the wonderful stock-seller, W. P. Fife? On the strength of his reputation as a minister he sold not long ago thousands of dollars worth of stock in a Western mining company. The price paid was ten cents a share on the solemn assurance of Fife that in a few weeks, the same stock would be worth one dollar a share Everything connected with that stock has become as quiet as the grave. No one, as far as we know, has heard of the prophesied rise in value. Fife himself seems to have hidden himself. If not, what has become of him? We know why we have heard no outcry from the buyers. We trust that no one has thrown away his money. If there has been a "take in," the author should be made to suffer in some way. To defraud in the name of religion is one of the blackest sins on record.

As surely as moral uprightness draws the attention and respect of men and women, irrespectively of moral differences, just so surely will this same moral uprightness excite the hostility of some, and the possessor of this uprightness will be under the fire of those who cannot justify their fusillade, but who from the depths of their heart must give the only true reason, "He is a good man." Aristides was most bitterly hated because he had the fortune of being called "Aristides the Just." So all these flings at Mr. Folk, who a few days ago received the nomination for Governor of the State of Missouri, simply suggest the foregoing sentiment and illustrate the truth that the human heart to-day is just like the human heart that throbbed over a thousand years. If Mr. Folk has shown himself to be a man of moral grit and nerve, do not make him suffer for it, gentlemen of the press. If you must reproach Mr. Folk for his moral manhood, what will you do for the scoundrels whom he exposed?

A committe upon aggressive evangelism was appointed at the M. E. Conference in Los Angeles. It consists of three Bishops and one member from each General Conference District. It is made the duty of this evangelistic commission to urge upon the Annual Conferences the need of a mission on evangelistic work, consisting of ministers and lay men, which shall encourage persistent work in the various districts throughout the Conference.

The light of success needs to be trimmed with the shears of humility.

THE DRIFT OF THE CHURCH.

BY REV. W. A. BARTLETT, D. D., PASTOR FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CHICAGO.

The power of the church is in its continued spirituality. We are more and more realizing the truth of the Saviour's words when He said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." We might emphasize the word "things" to mean money, social life, and whatever else pertain to the conduct of religious work.

There has been a drift, perhaps unconsciously, into secularization. The church has been like a house in a flood. The surrounding element has poured in through doors and windows, destroying the beauty of the interior and threatening the lives of the inmates.

To be more specific, I mention a few particulars. There has been a demand for the concert feature in church worship. Theatre-goers and people devoted to entertainments who are also church members have demanded florid music and often really secular settings to religious words; and much of this, which has not only taken away the atmosphere of devotion which should be characteristic of worship, but has deprived people of the opportunity to take part in singing except to a limited extent. Martin Luther restored worship to the people, but many Protestant churches have almost wholly taken it away again.

In this matter of congregational singing, which should have an article by itself, the English are far and away ahead of us Americans and if we only knew it, one great means of attracting the common people is thus lost to many churches.

Again, there is another symptom of secularization in the church in the fact that more is made of the social side than of the religious in church life. In my judgment the social has been overdone. Prayer-meetings are small and undoubtedly often dull, but when a social function is on, all hands are at it with enthusiasm. Entertainments often of a worldly character are indulged in. Professional men and women are engaged to amuse. Indeed, it has become an important business with lecture and amusement bureaus to furnish entertainment for churches. This comes from the craving for the new, the spectacular and the flashy and some churches go as far as they dare in satisfying this craving on the part of the more thoughtless and less consecrated portion of the congregation.

Now, in my opinion, this whole matter of church amusements is based on a false presumption. I have made a careful observation both east and west. I have found that the churches which excel in sociables and amusements have proportionately small spiritual activity. Spiritual activity promotes sociability to be sure, but of a deeper and more satisfying kind. In my own church we have frequent suppers, but these are nearly all incidental to special work which brings us together in much larger numbers than for pure amusement. My own experience has been that the deeper the religious life of a church, the less call was there for entertainment. In one church I was seriously troubled because I could not get people to come out to sociables, but the church, galleries and all, would be filled morning and evening on Sunday. A young man opened my eyes when he said to me: "We would rather go to a good service than to a sociable." There are various reasons for this, but among them a certain incongruity, perhaps not fully analyzed in the mind, that the church entertainment and the church worship are not in harmony. Many would prefer to take their fun pure and not under the auspices of the church.

Another and primal cause of secularization in the church is in secular preaching. Many ministers do not realize how far away they are from the religious idea. The whole attitude of the church will largely depend on the pulpit ministrations.

Many sermons are simply homilies, discussions, or orations which are of a general nature. A sermon fails in its purpose unless the listener is made conscious to himself and of God. He must be made to realize his own spiritual need and the abundance of help at his disposal from God. All other pulpit efforts, however brilliant, scholarly, beautifully phrased and illustrated, are not sermons. I once received one of the most impressive lessons of my life in hearing a converted tramp preach to some of the "boys." He expounded a passage of Scripture crudely but in a commonsense way and then made the application to them and to me. I am sure I was moved and do not see how they could have been otherwise. I can date from that hour a change in my own methods. Last summer I heard a prominent preacher on an important occasion. He had carefully prepared himself. He was scholarly, used many illustrations which were interesting, but none helpful, and closed his "effort" with faec streaming with perspiration so great had been his activity. But no one came to speak to him save one or two of us on the platform, and going home I heard "the people" discussing it in a disappointed way. The man hadn't fed one empty, hungry heart there.

It has become a business with publishers to furnish clergymen with books of illustrations and homiletic helps—many of which simply kill a sermon because of their artificial sound. The Bible preached in an expository way with a few illustrations either from the Bible, which is a store-house in itself or from a man's own experience, is what the people want. We are many of us influenced so much by the talk of the streets, topics of the times, the desire for newspaper notoriety, that we fail to realize that the man, woman and young person before us is weary of all these things and wants a quiet hour for the soul with its God.

Each church has its dominating influence and voice. If it comes from those who want the church to be little more than a club—a club it will be, but a church it cannot be. But if the preacher comes before his people week by week with a powerful message—powerful because sweet, comforting, searching, personal, Scriptural—always on a high plane—that church will find its deepest satisfaction in that phase of church life, and much of the craving for other attractions will cease.

Those who want the church to be a club or a dress parade or another function, will doubtless seek another place where birds of their own feather are flocking. Let us hark back to church life of dignity, spirituality and power. The spiritually minded life will be far more contented amid meagre surroundings and will more cheerfully make its own environment radiant than the life which depends on social settlements and toast and tea and continued entertainments. As Jesus said to the woman of Samaria, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of living water springing up into everlasting life."—Exchange.

What the Church School Has Done for the State

BY R. T. POOLE.

In the early part of the 17th century, before America was colonized and while it was being colonized, there was but one method of worshipping God permitted by the laws of England. You are doubtless familiar with the history of the Pilgrims and Puritans. You remember how, on account of religious persecutions, they were driven from the shores of their native country and came to America in quest of a land where they could have a voice in the making of their own laws and could worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. The idea of self government and religious toleranec attracted large numbers of persecuted Christians from Europe to the wilderness that fringed the western coast of the Atlantic. From the time of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth Rock in 1620 up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia in 1776, the idea of self-government and separation of church and state was ever uppermost in the minds of the American people.

During the first half of the 18th century the Methodist Church was organized in England under the leadership of the Wesleys and Whitfield, all of whom were educated at Oxford, England, an institution that existed under the combined form of church and State government. The zeal, courage and inspiration they received came not from this college, for the same law under which this institution existed suffered these men of God to be subjected to all manner of persecutions at the hands of cruel mobs.

I mention this fact to show you that the Methodist Church, in which we are especially interested, was directly connected with the movement that led to the separation of church and state and to American independence, the history of which we are all familiar.

In drafting the Constitution of the United Staes nothing was said about an established form of religion, omitted doubtless because it was conceded by those men, tried and true, whose ancestors for more than one hundred years had stood for freedom of conscience, to be unnecessary; but with an abundance of precaution the first amendment made to this instrument was that: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," etc. Our State Constitution, Art. 9, Sec. 1, provides that: "Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."

We find our fundamental law very properly separates the Church and the State; and at the same time it provides for a system of free public schools and a State University.

It is not my purpose to say one word against any of our State institutions. The University and Trinity College alike, both being my alma mater, have very tender places in my heart. I would not say aught that would reflect on either. My purpose is simply to tell you some of the things the church schools are doing for the State, and more especially the State of North Carolina.

Has the State a right to educate? That it has a legal right to do so we do not question. Has the Church a right to educate? I answer, yes. Has the Church proven herself competent to educate? I would refer you to the great majority of our American colleges and universities which dot our country from the lakes to the gulf and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. No one doubts where such instittuions as Harvard or Yale or Princeton or Johns Hopkins or Tufts or Wesleyan or Brown or Vanderbilt or Trinity, Connecticut, and Trinity, North Carolina, belongs. It must be evident to the most prejudiced observer that the great educational energy of this country is found in the church.

It is doubtless well for us that we have both Church and State schools. Each may act as a check or stimulant upon the other. Were it not for the influence of the church colleges upon our State institutions the tendency of the latter might be vastly different from what it is to-day. I fear that an institution that is compelled to look to the political party that happens to hold the reins of government for its support and existence might be a menace to our development were it not for the leavening influence of the church colleges.

There are no institutions in our country to-day so capable of developing independent thought as are those that are farthest removed from partisan politics. We are in great need of a class of broad-minded leaders who are superior to sectional prejudices and State traditions. The time was when the South produced national statesmen; that time has passed, but thank God I believe it is returning. The changed conditions and sectional divisions have changed a glorious record that makes the whole Southland yearn as it were to return to the land of Canaan.

The college a boy attends impresses the stamp of that institution upon his life and character and fixes for him a faith that will untimately become a plan of his life. Christian education stands for the very highest ideals of life. You will find a larger number of Christian boys in our church colleges than in our State institutions on the same principle that you find more followers of the meek and lowly Jesus in the Christian homes than in the non-Christian homes. The Christian home exerts an influence that the non-Christian home can never exert.

Bishop Duncan says: "If we regard the church college as a Christly service, then it is a church enterprise, the object of which is to save man, to elevate and purify society, and to strengthen government. . . . . Christ was not a sectarian, was not a partisan or sectionalist. So that the college that claims to rest on His teachings and to be governed by His spirit must dispense its benefits to all men without partiality."

What are the church colleges doing for the State? They are at present giving higher education to over one thousand boys and fifteen hundred girls in North Carolina. They are giving it willingly and voluntarily under the inspiration of the church and the Christian religion without one penny of cost to the tax-payers of the State. A large majority of the boys and girls in North Carolina who are receiving diplomas take them from church colleges. I venture the assertion that 90 per cent of the college men who are preaching the Gospel in our State to-day were educated at institutions owned and controlled by the church. In addition to these a large per cent of the teachers and hundreds of other citizens engaged in all the activities of life in this grand old Commonwealth were educated at institutions modelled and patterned after the life and character of the lowly Judean carpenter.

The report of the United States Commissioner of Education shows that in the South Atlantic States, which includes North Carolina, 60 per cent of the students are attending colleges and universities owned and controlled by the religious denominations; and in the Southern States the proportion is more than 70 per cent.

If there were no church colleges in the State over 50 per cent of the boys and girls who are now pursuing courses in higher education would be compelled to go to other States to continue their educational work because our State schools are already filled to overflowing and our rate of taxation is up to the Constitutional limit, and in many counties special taxes are levied to defray current expenses.

The sentiment that opposes the church colleges may have the satisfaction of knowing, not only that it is greatly in the minority, but that it is opposed to the largest part of the educational forces and influence of the State.

You often hear the charge that a man who is educated at a church college stands no show in politics and that he will not get on well in life. I hope no boy will ever enter one of our church colleges with so base a motive as to gain political preferment alone. To prove to you that they take a false position, I merely point you to our two United States Senators, F. M. Simmons and Lee S. Overman, both of whom are graduates of Trinity College. Besides these, I would refer you to our Lieutenant Governor, a number of our National Representatives, several Superior Court Judges and a great many others holdings positions of honor and trust at the hands of the people. Does this look like there is no chance in politics in North Carolina for a man who holds a diploma from a church college? Does this look like the church college is an enemy to the State?

This is not all the church schools have done for North Carolina. I would direct your attention to the great educational wave that has recently swept our State from the mountains to the sea; such an educational awakening the likeness of which is unknown in the annals of our history. I say all honor to the peerless Aycock, our great educational Governor. He has championed a great cause and has made a record that generations yet unborn will look upon with pride. He has wrought a great work for public education in the State and riehly deserves the plaudits of all of our people. I would not say one word that would deract one iota from his merited reputation. I merely wish to call your attention to the fact that there was a mighty force at work back of Governor Aycock, and it was this power that made Ayeock possible. I refer to the work and influence of the church colleges led by our own Dr. Kilgo and his worthy colleagues in other churches. Where the State has made one effort to arouse and develop an educational sentiment, the church has made fifty. The presidents and representatives of the church colleges, presiding elders, preachers of all denominations and many others interested in the cause have gone forth into every nook and corner of this grand old State preaching and speaking in the interest of education and in every way the whole church has wrought to this end and the fruits of their victory we now realize.

Soul Food

If we can evangelize America in this generation, America will evangelize the world before the end of the century.—W. P. Thirkield.

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When we are living in conformity to God's plan, He is in the truest sense with us and naught can stand before us or against us. No trial can be too heavy for Him, no temptation too mighty, no discouragement too great, no night too dark. "If God be for us, who can be against us."

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It is a wonderful change when a man comes to himself. Before he was beside himself. He did not think intelligently nor act sensibly. But suddenly his mind began to act rationally. It is so when a sinner turns from the error of his way. He has been beside himself, but light from heaven shines into his mind, and he begins to think intelligently and act wisely.

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The following confession made by an African prodigal is what many of us would say if we would tell the truth: "I did not fall because God could not hold me; Satan did not overcome me because God could not save me; simply. I did not think I needed help, and so did not depend on Him to hold my hand and to save me."

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Ye whose hearts are fresh and simple,
Who have faith in God and nature,
Believe ye that in all ages
Every human heart is human,
That in even savage bosoms
There are longings, yearnings, strivings,
For the good they comprehend not,
That the feeble hands and helpless
Groping blindly in the darkness,
Touch God's right hand in that darkness,
And are lifted up and strengthened.
—Longfellow.

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We should strive to be progressive in the formation of character, as well as in the more ordinary pursuits of life, and each day grow stronger and better able to smile at the lesser evils that beset our paths; to look at them calmly and philosophically, and so extract all the good we can from them, and profit from the experience and the lessons they undoubtedly present to all who are willing to search for them, and to look upon the bright side of everything, instead of weakly succumbing and caviling at every ill.—Selected.

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The night lies dark upon the earth, and we have light
So many have to grope their way, and we have sight;
One paths is theirs and ours—of sin and care—
But we are borne along, and they their burden bear,
Footsore, heart-weary, faint they on their way,
Mute in their sorrow, while we kneel and pray;
Glad are they of a stone on which to rest,
While we lie pillowed on the Father's breast.
—Selected.

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"A wounded hand doth knock upon thy door;
A gentle, loving one, with bleeding brow,
Stands waiting for thy leave to enter now,
That to thy sin-sick soul he may restore
The bloom of virtue's health for evermore.
He once upon the cross his head did bow,
That thy poor, sinful soul he might endow
With all his heavenly grace. He waits to pour
His light divine into thy darkened eye,
He waits to cheer thy soul with music sweet.
Dost thou not hear his call? Lo, from the sky
Angelic ones look down to see thee meet
Thy Saviour and thy Friend. No longer try
To bar thy door, but rise, thy Lord to greet."

Regeneration is the entrance into his life; justification, the partaking of His cross; sanctification, the transformation into His character; death, the coming of the Lord; heaven, His unveiled face.—Maclaren.

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There is a goal always ahead. Whether one has just finished the best work of his life, or has just gone down in utter failure, there is a goal still ahead worthy of more effort than he has yet made. To-day, to the trusting child of God, is always better than yesterday; to-morrow will be better than to-day.

Youth shows but half; trust God; see all, nor
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made;
Our times are in His hand
Who saith, "A whole I planned;
be afraid."
—Sunday School Times.

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Fighting against God is a losing battle. Familiar and often quoted is Napoleon's cynical remark: "God fights on the side of the strongest battalions." It is not so often remembered that that same Napoleon, at the head of the strongest battalions that he, or perhaps any man, ever commanded, turned from the bitter cold of Moscow with the despairing cry, "The Almighty is too strong for me." When kings and emperors go forth to war, they may well not only consider the strength of their battalions, but make calculation as to what side God is likely to take in the matter for which they are fighting.

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"What is the great test of character? A crisis of suffering, a moment of important decision, a sudden call upon all the forces of the soul? Not at all. To know character thoroughly, it must be studied under the test of the common details of daily life. 'No man is a hero to his valet' is a cynical old saying. But, in spite of it, some men have been heroes to those who lived in the closest daily relations with them and, therefore, the truest of heroes. Sir Philip Sidney was as courteous to his servants as to his queen. To try a man's truthfulness, his nobility, his aims, a commonplace day, full of ordinary duties, is the most searching and thorough of tests, after all."

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"Have you and I to-day
Stood silent as with Christ, apart from joy
Of life, to see by faith His face?
And grow, by brief companionship, more true,
More nerved to lead, to dare, to do
For Him at any cost? Have we to-day
Found time, in thought, our hand to lay
In His, and thus compare
His will with ours, and wear
The impress of His wish? Be sure
Such contact will endure
Throughout the day; will help us walk erect
Through storm and flood; detect
Within the hidden life, sin's dross, its stain;
Revive a thought of love for Him again;
Steady the steps which waver; help us see
The footpath meant for you and me."
—Selected.

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A business man in a large city tells of his perplexity when a young man, His partner, who had been connected with the firm for many years, was taken ill and compelled to take a sea voyage. The entire responsibility of the business was suddenly thrown on the young man, whose experience was limited. He trembled when he thought of the disaster which might come to the business in the absence of his senior partner. When they separated the young man went to a vacant room in the building, locked the door and prayed fervently for divine guidance and help. This he did every morning, and when his partner returned it was found that the business had prospered more in his absence than in his presence. All this might have happened if no prayer had been offered, and it might not. The morning prayer, his confidence in the help of God all tended to encourage his heart, to strengthen him for the burden. And who shall say that his success was not a direct answer to prayer.—Young People's Paper.

The Field

From the Standpoint of a Layman.

Please allow me a small space in the columns of your valuable paper. I wish to express a few of my thoughts that pass through my mind, but first I wish to say a word or two endorsing Bro. J. V. Williams's letter in last issue of the Advocate. I indorse every word that he says in regard to the "Old Time Before the War Hallelujah" Revival held at Portsmouth, N. C., and I agree with him in what he says in regard to the old time shouting spirit, that some may think it is a sin.

It does seem to me that some people, yea, even "preachers who are called to preach the Gospel of Christ," think it is a sin and a disgrace to shout in church in this day and time. In this age a large quantity of our food as well as many other things is being adulterated. I believe that some people think and are trying to adulterate or substitute something else for religion. But brethren, it cannot be done, it will not mix, nothing but the pure article will fill its place.

I would that we had more preachers like Brother Williams, and more laymen that were in favor of this old-time shout, and we need more revivals and longer ones, and more fire in them, all over this land of ours. It seems that our Methodist preachers are in too big a hurry to rush through and close their protracted meetings.

It is now a thing of the past for a protracted meeting, especially at a country Methodist Church, to hold over five or six and more often from three to four days. It seems that the time for closing these meetings is set in the beginning of them. And whenever that time is up they are closed. Whether there is much interest or little. Whether it is a warm meeting or a cold one. Whether there is one penitent at the altar or a dozen.

The writer has witnessed in "ye olden time" not longer than twenty or twenty-five years ago, protracted meetings that lasted ten, fifteen, and twenty days, and not three and four converts, but twenty-five, thirty, and forty, would be the results of these meetings. And this was not witnessed in just one in a life time, but every year in the community. And I am sure that those people enjoyed religion much better in those days than our people in this age. When we did not have so many churches, and as fine ones, and not so many ministers, and when we had the old-time shout among the sisters and brethren, and when we had the amen corner and members of the church sit in them, and on entering the church these good old shouting brethren and sisters would kneel down and ask God's blessings on them, and the sermon, etc., and whenever any member violated the church laws they were arraigned before the church and tried, which is now a thing of the past, which we rarely ever see. It is now not what must a member do to remain in church, but what must he do to be turned out. Brethren, why are things thus? Is it because people are better Christians now than in olden times, and do not need so much preaching, and need not so much repentance, and so few sinners that they can be converted in three or four days. Nay, nay, vice versa.

The writer has attended protracted meetings in this community and in others, and it was the same thing in other sections ten or fifteen years or twenty years ago, that the protracted meetings (as they are called) were held and after about the third or fourth day, after getting the church revival up and getting them in good working trim, and get the old hard sinners convicted, and probably much concerned, and the time having arrived about that time, that the meeting was set to close. It is then closed, and many times with ten or fifteen earnest sinners at the altar to be left unconverted to drift back to the world as before, and the next year it is the same thing and the same work has to be done over with the same results.

I think this is detrimental to the church. Brethren, is it not time to bring about a change, and a change back to the old way, as there has been too much change. Whither are we drifting? Are we (as a brother remarked some time ago) drifting back into heathenism?—mighty fast it seems.

This is the way I see things.

A MEMBER.

Roper Station.

Our church in Roper has just been blessed with a great spiritual awakening. We held a meeting lasting from Sunday 17th, to Wednesday 27th. Rev. E. C. Glenn did the preaching, from the second day till the close. He presented a pure, plain gospel, and it was blessed with the power of God. About 50 professed conversion. Nearly as many more were reclaimed. Twenty-three have been baptized and thirty-eight added to the church. Almost the entire church membership pledged themselves to a more consecrated life. Such a revival has not been seen here for many years. The spirit of God filled the house. Parents and children side by side, grandfathers and grand-children bowed together and were made happy as the refreshing from the presence of the Lord was poured upon them.

The church had a mind to work. Strong men were moved to tears of penitence as they knelt at the altar, and prayed for pardon in the old-time way.

The Bible readings by Brother Glenn each morning service were especially edifying. His sermons were strong, clear and convicing.

We are gaining ground, and we give God the praise.

W. F. CRAVEN.

Roper, N. C., July 29, 1904.

Furnishing the New G. F. C.—Report Three.

The work moves on. Thirty-five dollars furnishes a dormitory, and this is due September 1st. The College will open in October. Read this list, and see if you do not want to lend a hand to the good work.

Previously reported—seventeen.

E. B. Borden, Goldsboro.

Thomas R. Robinson, in memory of his wife, Laura Hartsell, Goldsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kochtitzky, in memory of their son, Edward Hugh, Mt. Airy.

Miss Lizzie P. Jones, in memory of her mother, Raleigh.

Local Alumnae of Jonesboro.

W. H. Humphry, for his daughter, Ida May.

W. H. Humphry, for his daughter, Lucy Olga, Lumberton.

Local Alumnae of Gibson, two rooms.

Miss Susa Gibson, Gibson.

Harris Gibson, for his daughter, Mamie, Gibson.

Mrs. D. C. Roper, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. E. G. Fletcher, McCall, S. C.

Mrs. T. B. Gibson, in memory of her father, F. P. Tatum, McCall, S. C.

Miss Carrie McLaurin, in memory of her father, J. W. McLaurin, McCall, S. C.

Local Alumnae of McCall, S. C.

Mrs. A. K. Odom, in memory of her sons, Percie and Preston, McCall, S. C.

Mrs. B. E. Moore, in memory of her mother, Julia A. Gibson, Bennettsville, S. C.

W. Z. Gibson and wife, Florence Gibson, Gibson.

Mrs. Rebecca Wilson LeGrand, in memory of her father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson, Rockingham.

Miss Pat LeGrand, in memory of her father, J. T. LeGrand, Rockingham.

Misses Lizzie and Virginia Crosland and Mrs. P. C. Whitlock, in memory of their mother, Mrs. Virginia LeGrand Crosland, Rockingham.

Misses Minnie, Lila and Cora Stansill, in memory of their father, Dr. J. M. Stansill, Rockingham.

Local Alumnae of Rockingham.

A. W. E. Capel, for his daughter, Mrs. Blanche Capel Covington, Troy.

C. H. Ireland, in memory of his daughter, Lucy Cuninggim Ireland, Greensboro.

Mrs. I. F. Craven, in memory of her sister, Fleta Watkins Cole, Ramseur.

J. A. Young, for his daughter, Carrie, Greensboro.

Miss Marie Kramer, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Eva Kramer, Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Mary A. Exum, in memory of her daughter, Alice B. Exum, Eureka.

Reported to date, forty-seven.

Do you want to help a good cause, associate your name with the college and show respect for the memory of some one gone? Here is the opportunity. Write me at Chapel Hill, N. C. All inquiries answered promptly.

M. T. PLYLER.

P. S.—My thanks to all the brethren for their universal kindness; also to Bro. H. D. Gibson for valuable aid rendered.

Siler City Circuit.

Dear Bro. Ivey:—On a recent visit to the beautiful home of Mr. H. C. Womble, near Fair Promise, I heard the first sermon preached, on the Siler City Circuit, by Rev. T. A. Sikes, who came to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Sandford, their much beloved pastor. He is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and had intended to ask for a transfer to our Conference this fall. So he left a field there and came here, and most fortunate are those good people in securing him.

I have heard sermons with more theology, eloquence and flowers; but the former are always too deep, and the eloquence too high for the average audience, while the flowers only please the eye and die and lose even their odor in the nasal organ. And so, as we walk the narrow path to heaven, neither by sight nor smell, we very much prefer sermons like Brothers Sike's and Oglesby's last Sunday here that came from the heart and reached the heart. So full are they of the Holy Spirit that they aid in convicting sinners and making church members stronger.

C. FRANK SILER.

The Fayetteville District Conference.

This Conference met in its thirty-ninth session in Jonesboro, N. C., on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, July 21, 1904. Our young, progressive Presiding Elder, Rev. J. B. Hurley, presided throughout. All the pastors, excepting Rev. J. C. Humble, detained by family affliction, were present; so, also, four local preachers and thirty-five laymen.

Every pastor filled out a blank containing four tables, one each for Spiritual State, Missions, Finances and Church Property, and Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues. It was shown that there had been 218 conversions since the last Annual Conference, that there are 166 family altars, and that 749 copies of the Raleigh Christian Advocate are taken.

A fine spiritual influence pervaded the Conference, and both laymen and preachers participated freely in the discussions. Rev. J. C. Kilgo, D. D., Rev. J. W. Jenkins, Rev. M. T. Plyler, Rev. S. B. Turrentine, D. D., Rev. J. H. Rhodes, Rev. E. T. Poole, Prof. F. S. Alridge,, and Rev. T. N Ivey, D. D., were pleasant visitors.

Good sermons were preached by Revs. Welsh, Kilgo, Turrentine, Ivey, Smoot, and Frizelle. Carthage is the next place of meeting. One, Rev. H. C. Mouzon, was recommended for readmission.

The delegates to the Annual Conference are J. M. Lamb, B. Cole, J. T. Godfrey, and R. F. Wrenn. The Friday morning communion service, led by Rev. A. D. Betts, D. D., was a season of great refreshing.

The Fayetteville District High School property located here was ordered sold for graded school use.

Jonesboro delightfully entertained the Conference. Brother Hurley grows in influence and usefulness.

R. H. BROOM, Sec.

July 23, 1904.

The Family

A Mother's Love.

Some day,
When others braid your thick brown hair
And drape your form in silk and lace,
When others call you "dear" and "fair,"
And hold your hands and kiss your face,
You'll not forget that far above
All others' is a mother's love.

Some day,
'Mong strangers in far distant lands,
In your new home beyond the sea,
When at your lips are holy hands,
And children playing at your knee,
Oh, then, as at your side they grow,
How I have loved you, you will know!

Some day,
Your daughter's voice, or smile, or eyes
My face will suddenly recall;
Then you will smile in sweet surprise,
And your soul unto mine will call
In the dear unforgotten prayer
Which we at evening used to share.

Some day,
A flower, a song, a word may be
A link between us strong and sweet;
Ah, then, dear child, remember me!
And let your heart to "mother" beat.
My love is with you everywhere—
You cannot get beyond my prayer.

Some day,
At longest it cannot be long,
I shall with glad impatience wait,
Amid the glory and the song.
For you before the Golden Gate,
After earth's parting and earth's pain
Never to part! Never again!

—American Messenger.

The Crisis.

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide
In the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight,
Parts the goats upon the left hand and the sheep upon the right,
And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light.

Careless seems the great Avenger; history's pages but record
One death-grapple in the darkness 'twixt old systems and the Word;
Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne,
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadows, keeping watch above His own.

Count me o'er earth's chosen heroes—they were souls that stood alone,
While the men they agonized for hurled the contumelous stone,
Stood serene, and down the future saw the golden beam incline
To the side of perfect justice, mastered by their faith divine,
By one man's plain truth to manhood and to God's supreme design.

By the light of burning heretics Christ's bleeding feet I track,
Toiling up new Calvaries ever with the cross that turns not back;
And the mounts of anguish number how each generation learned
One new word of that grand Credo which in prophet hearts hath burned.

Since the first man stood God-conquered with his face to heaven upturned.
For humanity sweeps onward; where today the martyr stands,
On the morrow crouches Judas with the silver in his hands;
Far in front the cross stands ready and the crackling fagots burn,
While the hooting mob of yesterday in silent awe return
To glean up the scattered ashes into history's golden urn.

—James Russell Lowell.

"Inasmuch. . . . . ."

It came in the mail today, the little blue, official card that is so familiar, even in the best regulated newspaper office, bearing the printed form as follows: "Sir: Pursuant to instructions from the Postmaster General, I beg leave to inform you that your paper addressed to ——— is not taken out, but remains dead in this office. ——— P. M. Reason:———. The reason to be filled in with a pen is sometimes: "Moved away," or "Refused," and occasionally the unmistakable "Don't want it any more," regardless of the state of the subscription account. On this card the reason was "Dead." The name filled in was that of an old lady, the address a county home in North Carolina. There was nothing startling in that, and yet, is not the common air about us heavy with tragedy?

There was once the same happy childhood that came to you and to me, except that in this case there was no mother to hold her close and "kiss the tears away." There came the school days; the orphan girl was ambitions and stood far toward "head" in her classes. In that day every dependent girl must sew or teach—or be dependent, so in due time came the little country schools and she boarded around until she had lived in many homes—she who never had one of her own. The methods of teaching changed; the woman in the school house by the road was busy making men and women out of the little ones on the high benches. She did not feel the change coming and change accordingly. The little saving melted away, for from her that hath not shall be taken. The eyes were too old now for the kind of sewing that would bring a living and the teacher went first into one home and then another, constantly moving on because the amount of work she was "good for" did not pay her board.

One day the spirit moved an old pupil in another State, to write her a long, chatty letter, recalling incidents of the days of the hard benches, telling of his business plans and prospects and giving her the detail of a trip abroad his boy had just taken. That letter went with her for years, even to the ward of the hospital when an operation was needful (this was performed free by the big-hearted surgeon), and it was read over and over in the days when there was nothing to do but look at the ceiling—and pray that she might not get well to go back. That letter was among the treasures she took to the county home—just a letter that a busy man, remembering the faded woman who had helped him over some hard places, took time to dictate. About it was a breath of rosemary.

Disagreeable? Yes, even as you or I may be when the right hand has lost its cunning and there is no one left of our very own, to give us care.

Not many months ago a message came: "I know you will be sorry to hear that Miss ——— was carried to the poor house today." Sorry! An occasional letter was sent. How miserably few they were, in the light of this blue card. Her last letter, of four closely written pages, in the cramped writing that was ladylike fifty years ago, dated May 23rd, is open on my desk. She never called the name of the place, and always dated from "Near ———." "We have several pretty roses growing here. How I wish I could send you some. A friend (blessings on her) sent me a nice scarlet fish geranium which is on the piazza and in the mornings the dear little mocking birds sing their sweet songs. The paper comes each week which you and I call your letter, and it is a letter to me. Pray daily for me that I may faint not nor grow weary in well doing and may we meet at Jesus' feet and cast our crowns."

This is not ancient history. The time is July, 1904; the community is Presbyterian and prosperous. What is the use in writing this when it is too late? No use, only there are other lonely hearts needing easement. Many there are who would love to change places with her and have their names checked off Life's long subscription list—Dead.— Presbyterian Standard.

Facts Concerning Yourself.

Each ear has four bones.
The body has about 500 muscles.
The human skull contains thirty bones.
The lower limbs contain thirty bones each.
Every hair has two oil-glands at its base.
The sense of touch is dullest on the back.
The globe of the eye is moved by six muscles.
The wrist contains four bones; the palm, five; the fingers, fourteen.
The roots of the hair penetrate the skin about one-twelfth of an inch.
Hair is very strong. A single hair will bear a weight of about fifteen hundred grains.
The enamel of the teeth contains over 95 per cent calcareous matter.
Straight hairs are nearly cylindrical; curly hairs are elliptical, or flat.
The weight of the average man is 140 pounds; of a woman, 115 pounds.
The brain is supposed to contain over two hundred million cells, in which thought works out problems.—Christian Advocate.

Don't Worry—Try it This Week.

Let no day pass without personal, secret communication with God.

Begin each day by taking counsel from the word of God, if but one verse while you are dressing.

Put away all bitter feelings and broodings over slights or wrongs, no matter from whom received.

Have on your heart some person or cause for which you are pleading God's blessings each day.

Let no opportunity pass to say a kind word, or do some kind deed, or at least smile upon those you meet. Do this, not affectedly, but sincerely, as unto the Lord.

Guard well the door of your lips, that no unchaste word, jest, or story, no slander or cutting remarks, no irreverent or untruthful statement, shall pass out.

Remember each day that Christ will surely come, suddenly come; quickly come; and, it may be, this day will determine how his coming will find us, as it must find thousands.—Way of Faith.

Golden Cleanings.

Being all fashioned of the same dust
Let us be merciful as well as just.
—H. W. Longfellow.

"Sin sears over the senses of the soul."

"Self-searching will cure self-seeking."

"Diligence is the mother of good luck."

"The dutiful are seldom the doubting."

"Life is of little worth unless it is devoted to duty."

"The only way to insure happiness is to deserve it."

"Next to knowing a thing is to know where to look for it."

"Give Christ your confidence, and he will keep your character."

"He who seeks easy things will never make much of his life."

"He who is afraid of hard work will never achieve anything that is worth while."

"Never let your zeal outrun your charity. The former is but human; the latter is divine."

Men are born with two eyes, but with one tongue, in order that they should see twice as much as they speak.—Quaint Proverbs.

Do not dare live without some clear intention toward which your living shall be bent. Mean to be something with all your might.—Phillips Brooks.

How careful one ought to be to be kind and thoughtful of one's old friends. It is so soon too late to be good to them, and then one is always grieved.—Sarah Orne Jewett.

It is no use fixing the eye on the compass if the hand is not on the wheel.

You cannot expect to gain without effort that which cost Christ all His life.

Our Boys and Girls

Garysburg, N. C., July 12, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will be one to raise one dollar for the orphans by Christmas as suggested by Lillian Burrus.

Who else will join the Christmas band?

Your unknown friend,
MOLLYE STEPHENSON.

Hillsboro, N. C., July 11, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little bit of a girl five years old. Papa takes the Advocate. I can't read the boys' and girls' letters, but mamma and sister read them to me. My sister is fourteen years old. I have a little pup for a pet. Good-bye.

Your little friend,
BLANCHE McDADE.

Conway, N. C., July 12, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a boy seventeen years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading it very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday, and my teacher is my Cousin Jessie Lassiter, and I like him very well. Our pastor is Rev. W. C. Merritt, and we like him fine, and this is his last year with us and we hate to see him leave very bad.

Now, I will answer Eva Pearson's question: Solomon was the wisest man.

I will now ask one: What were the names of the sons of Noah?

I will close for this time. Enclosed find ten cents for the Orphanage.

H. B. LASSITER.

Winterville, N. C., July 22, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a small boy thirteen years old. I enclose ten cents for the orphans and will answer Julia E.Smith's question: Jesus was thirty years old when he began preaching.

Now I will ask one: How long was Noah building the ark, and what part of the Bible can it be found?

My sister takes the Advocate and I like to read the children's page.

Rev. B. E. Stanfield is our pastor.

Your unknown friend,
BRUTON BRYAN.

Winstcadville, N. C., July 12, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As my other letter escaped the waste-basket, I will try and write again. I will be one to raise one dollar for the orphans by Christmas. I am a little Methodist girl. I joined when six years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. Papa is superintendent. I have two brothers and one sister. My youngest brother is secretary.

I will answer Nellie Knight's question: Samson was the strongest man.

With love for orphans, I will close.
FLORENCE HUDNELL.

Maxton, N. C., July 11, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will write you a letter for the first time. I am a little girl eleven years old. I go to the graded school, and I also go to Sunday-school. My teacher is Miss Flora Burns. I have four sisters and one brother. My sisters' names are Emma, Carrie, Lillie and Mary. I take my little sister to ride every evening. Our superintendent is Mr. J. E. Avent. Our pastor is Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, and we all like him. This is his last year here and I am sorry. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little boys' and girls' letters.

I will answer Lucy Herring's question: It was Daniel who was cast into the lion's den.

Now I will ask one: Where and what is the shortest verse in the Bible?

I am hoping to see this in print because it is my first one.

I must close, with best wishes to the Advocate.

Your little unknown friend,
MATTIE BELLE JONES.

Vandemere, N. C., July 11, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little 12-year-old girl. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday when it is good weather. My teacher is Miss Freddie Winstead, and our superintendent is Cousin Chas. A. Flowers. I like them very much. Our pastor is Rev. L. S. Etheridge, and I also like him very much.

I will answer Milton R. Pleasant's question: There are sixty-six books in the Bible.

I will close by asking a question: Who was made king after Saul's death?

Your friend,
MYRTLE MUSE.

Hertford, N. C., July 15, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. As I haven't written to the Advocate, I thought I would write a short letter. I have two sisters and three brothers younger than myself. My youngest brother is only seven weeks old. He is just as sweet as he can be.

My grandparents are all living. My mother and father are also living. My week-day school has been closed for sometime. My teacher's name is Miss Sertie Fleetwood. I liked her very much. I go to Sunday school every Sunday I can. My superintendent is Mr. W. A. Felton. He is a very good one. Cousin Sallie F. Winslow is my teacher, and I love her. My pastor is Rev. M. H. Tuttle, and I like him splendid.

How old was Methuselah when he died?

I will close with best wishes to the Advocate.

Your little unknown friend,
MINNIE O. PERRY.

Goldsboro, N. C., July 20, 1904.
R. F. D. No. 5.

Dear Advocate:—Will you accept a new member to join your band of correspondents? I am a little girl eight years old. I have a papa, mamma and one brother. My grandma takes the Advocate and I love to read the children's letters. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher is my mamma. Our pastor is Rev. H. E. Tripp, and we all like him and his wife very much.

Please find enclosed five cents for the Orphanage.

Your unknown friend,
SADIE M. HOWELL.

ESCAPED AN AWFUL FATE.

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Miss Daisy Bailey Waitt, Raleigh, N. C.

Officers of the W. F. M. S. of the N. C. Conference, June, 1903-'04.

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Wilmington District.

The second annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society of the Wilmington District was held in Zion Church, Brunswick County, June 23, 1904, with District Secretary, Mrs. Gibbons, in the chair and Mrs. E. L. Prince as Recording Secretary.

There were a goodly number present. Brother John, Presiding Elder of the District, and Brother Royal, pastor of Zion Church, greatly aided in making the meeting a success.

The various Auxiliaries were well represented, and the reports given by the delegates showed an increase in numbers, zeal and work. There were two session—morning and afternoon.

Papers were read by Mrs. John, Mrs. Blue and Mrs. E. L. Prince, of Wilmington.

Little Miss May Hall, Bright Jewel delegate from Grace Church, Wilmington, recited, very sweetly, "The Loaves and Fishes."

Mrs. Gibbons reviewed the work of the past year and urged the prompt payment, by all the Auxiliaries, of the pledge and special (Miss Lamb's scholarship at the Scarritt Bible and Training School) for this year.

She also read the "notes" from the annual meeting of the Women's Board held at Jacksonville, Fla.

We feel much encouraged by the meeting, and hope it will accomplish good and will cause more effective work throughout the District.

Mrs. Mary Hargrove's visit to Wilmington afforded us great pleasure. We had been looking forward to it with pleasure since last April when we were told of the treat in store for us at the annual meeting. She completely won the hearts of our people and we eagerly listened to the good things she told us in such a sweet and entertaining way.

We pray God to be with her at all times and to bless her in the fine work she is doing. We sincerely hope she will come again.

Cordially,
MRS. E. L. PRINCE.

A Growing Society.

The above report came in too late for last week's Advocate, but will no doubt be read with much interest this week. With the report of the annual meeting came an interesting letter from Mrs. Prince, which contains such an encouraging account of the Grace Church Auxiliary that I cannot refrain from giving a part of it. "We are doing well with our Auxiliary at Grace Church, having had twenty-two additions since April. We are enjoying the history of Foreign Missions by Mrs. F. A. Butler. We have a chapter read by one of the members at each meeting and find it a good way to learn more about this grand work we women are striving to accomplish."

Bright Jewels.

Among the reports read at the twenty-sixth annual session of the W. F. M. Society at Elizabeth City were the resolutions on Juvenile Work. It is hoped that all the Auxiliaries are familiar with these resolutions and are putting them in practice. Let us hear from the young people as well as those of larger growth.

Summer Ways.

It is sometimes the case that it is hard to keep up the interest of the Missionary Society during the summer, and yet I heard of an Auxiliary, the other day, whose July meeting was the best attended in several months. It is hoped that this bespeaks a continued interest in the fall, and more enthusiastic meetings. But while on the subject of summer shortcomings, just a word about summer dues: Let us keep this quarter up to its requirements. Payments have to be met all the year around.

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Woman's Home Mission Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. R. O. Burton, Raleigh, N. C.

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The District Secretary.

The Great Father has been lavish in His gifts to women and the varied phases of the life and work in which she is called to minister make great demands upon them all. She must have strength, intelligence, patience, prudence, and with them the refining, purifying influences which Christianity alone can give. The ideal District Secretary must not only possess the characteristics named, but, also, the courage to meet and refute the criticisms and objections she may hear when traveling her District to organize new Auxiliaries and revive languishing ones.

HER OPPORTUNITIES

Her opportunities for faithful service and fine results are large in scope and number, not only in the regular routine work, but, also, in the impress of her Godly, consecrated character upon the minds of all with whom she comes in contact. Especially should she take advantage of every privilege of looking after the children and young people, for on the proper training of them depends the future prosperity of all church work, and this is particularly true of the Home Mission Society. Tact and sound judgment, softened and strengthened by the Christian graces, will enable her to know just how to prepare the soil in which she must carefully deposit the seed for a future wealth of golden fruitage; and she must be willing to "sow beside all waters."

PROMPTNESS AND THOROUGHNESS.

Another important way to make a salient and lasting impression on the people, is in promptness and thoroughness, joined with an enthusiasm for the accomplishment of the very best results. The work in the Auxiliaries, as a general thing, is but the reflex of the District Secretary. How necessary, then, that she be scrupulous in her correspondence and every little detail of duty as well as in the larger interests! None but the Blessed Spirit knows how she prays and plans, and plans and prays, for guidance and for the consecration of all her powers; that she may faithfully and worthily bear the responsibility of filling the most important office in the Society.

DISCOURAGEMENTS.

As we look upon the opportunities of the faithful District Secretary and the grand achievements which are possible to her, hope revives and we feel an exquisite thrill of pleasure; but when we turn to the real, living disadvantages with which she has to contend, there is a painful pause, a premonition of failure that sickens the heart.

Even when the work is promising, there is hard, earnest effort in every department; how fearful when she hears objections and criticisms, and there arise barriers which she feels are almost impossible to be scaled! How difficult to "possess her soul in patience"—to await a break in the barriers through which there may shine a ray of hope!

In some localities there remain doubts as to "the right of way" of the Home Mission work, many clinging to the Parsonage Aid Societies, and sincere in their belief. The District Secretary appreciates their loyalty to the old regime and finds it hard to come in direct opposition to their opinions, however strongly she may be convinced of the profound necessity for doing so.

There is the disadvantage, too—the obstacle—of pastors not in sympathy who never encourage, by word or deed, the organization of an Auxiliary. We have known the appeals of Secretaries to be met in these words: "We have a debt on our church which our women of the Aid Society are helping to pay." Again: "My sister, we already have just as many Societies as we can manage—have our hands full." How can the influence of a pastor be overcome? Very few can undertake such a task.

And sometimes when trips have been arranged, the heavenly Father places His hand upon her in affliction, and while she suffers there is a halt in the work.

May the District Secretaries of this Conference receive a pentecostal endowment of physical, mental and spiritual power, that they may be able to conserve their opportunities for the glory of God and the betterment of mankind!

MRS. B. F. DIXON.

I am glad to publish this admirable article from the pen of one of our finest District Secretaries, and kindly consented for it to grace our column.

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Editorial

WARRENTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

(Editorial Correspondence.)

How to spend more than a day in reaching Rich Square, to take in any appreciable part of the District Conference, and be in the Advocate office by 9 o'clock on the morning of the third day, was the problem I was trying to solve as I left Raleigh at 11 o'clock a. m. on last Wednesday. I concluded to leave the S. A. L. at the little city of Gumberry, run down on the short line to Jackson, and then trust to Providence in making the remaining fourteen miles which stretched between Jackson and the "Square." I soon found out that I was not entitled to any patent on this plan, for I found at Gumberry that three other preachers had approved the same plan—W. W. Rose, G. D. Langston, and Dr. L. L. Nash.

The first thing I saw after reaching Jackson was the expansive face of E. E. Rose, the hustling bishop of Northampton Circuit. If I imagined that face to be a perplexed interrogation point, asking, "What will I do with all these preachers to-night," the imagination either played me false or the hospitality of Rose achieved a great victory, for no journeying preachers ever met a warmer or more practical welcome. Brother Rose was exceedingly kind in making arrangements for getting Dr. Nash and myself off almost at once. And this was through the kindness of Bro. J. S. Grant, who is a true son of a true father, the lamented Rev. William Grant. Brother Grant allowed us the use of his excellent horse and buggy. The buggy was a H. M. T., and I never more fully appreciated the appropriateness of the name. Dr. Nash beguiled me with his flow of philosophy, science, and theology, all seasoned with that bon hommie for which he is noted. But do you know that I was not Christian Scientist enough to banish the very realistic impression that I had only the iron rod on the left side as a seat? But Dr. Nash is not to be blamed for weighing nearly three hundred pounds and thereby proving himself to be a mighty, space-crowding piece of flesh in a H. M. T. buggy.

But ah, what a treat Mother Nature gave us as we drove over those level Northampton roads! The sky smiled on earth and earth gave back an answering smile. There was a sea of blue above and a sea of green beneath. I thought of poor Sidney Lanier and wondered if he, by looking on the stretches of corn and cotton fields which seemed to be exulting in their exuberance of swelling life and shouting their greetings to us, could not have touched a stronger chord in his matchless poem, "Corn." Within the last few weeks I have seen different sections of the State, and I feel like saying that never before have I seen such a glowing prophecy of phenomenal crops. Our people should be grateful to God, but I am afraid that a good crop year is not always marked by overflowing revivals of religion.

Were you ever in the home of Mr. J. W. Weaver, of Rich Square? Did you ever experience the kindness of his Methodist wife? Then you can realize how comfortable I was for a few hours in that home.

I found Elder Smith enthusiastic over the prospects of an interesting, helpful District Conference. Like a sensible man, though, he did not base any hopes on a large attendance of delegates. There were six preachers absent, five of whom were kept away by sickness. The difficulty in reaching Rich Square forespoke many gaps in the lay delegation. But those who were present lacked nothing in earnestness.

At night, the beautiful church, which, by the way, was dedicated on the Sunday following by Bishop A. Coke Smith, was filled by attentive congregation. Rev. B. C. Thompson was the preacher. The sermon was marked by mental and spiritual strength. It bore the "hammer marks."

I spent a pleasant night in the parsonage, which is a new, roomy, attractive building. But that stalwart son of Wesley, standing six feet, four in his socks—Rev. J. T. Stanford, P. C. Rich Square Circuit—was only a boarder in that nice parsonage, occupied now by the family of Mr. Martin, whose wife showed us much kindness. Stanford ought to get married. He is too valuable a preacher to be simply "boarding." He has one of the best circuits in the Conference, and his people look upon his appointment to that circuit as a good fit.

THE CONFERENCE.

Conference opened promptly at 9.30 on Thursday morning. The Presiding Elder's report of the District was most satisfactory. There has been marked development along nearly every line. The spirit of church building seems to be specially strong. Rev. S. A. Cotton is building at Enfield a new church which will cost $3,000; Rev. B. C. Thompson is building a new one at Ahoskie; W. C. Merritt, one at Conway; Rev. H. A. Humble one at Littleton. Rev. T. H. Sutton has three new churches to dedicate this fall. The church at Hamilton cost $2,500.

Very few revivals have been held, but the preachers are preparing for a vigorous campaign. The collections are in good shape. Rev. G. F. Smith, as Presiding Elder, is proving himself a "master workman." He has the love and confidence of preachers and people. There is one fact in Brother Smith's administration which is strengthening himself and the whole District. He gives the charges as much of his time as possible, not stinting them in sermons preached. I think he told me that he had preached thirty odd sermons in fifty-five days.

THE DINNER

At noon the ample dinner was spread under the oaks on the green. This dinner bespoke great prosperity and warm hearts. Bro. F. L. Church was there. You remember I had something to say of his relationship to the open dinner at Sunbury. I saw him eating like a typical Methodist saint at Rich Square. I enjoyed the spectacle. He was over that spell of indigestion contracted at Sunbury.

Bishop Smith, who came on the noon train, occupied the chair during the afternoon session. The talk he made on opening the service will live a long while in the hearts of those who heard it.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

It is known to our readers that Warrenton District bore off the prize of $25.00 for the largest number of new subscribers to the Advocate. Rev. W. C. Merritt sent in the largest number; Rev. B. C. Thompson came next. Of the 1,400 new subscribers received since Conference, Warrenton District sent in nearly three hundred. With such a record you may look for fine reports from those preachers at Conference. I presume that the disposition of the prize will be made known in the report to be furnished by the capable Secretary, J. M. Flythe.

RICH SQUARE.

This charming little place needs special mention. It has a population of only about three hundred. Yet there is as much thrift and culture in this town to the population as can be found anywhere in the State. They are preparing for a fine school to open in the fall. The people believe in nice church buildings, and in educating their boys and girls. Here is the home of the Roanoke-Chowan Times, and I am sorry that my limited stay prevented us from visiting the office. The Methodists at Rich Square are loyal and enterprising. They have a wise leader in their preacher.

I was compelled to leave on Thursday afternoon. Through the kindness of Brother Boone, I was saved the trouble of riding fourteen miles through the country to Jackson and then eight miles to Seaboard, there to take the train and after a sleepless night to reach Raleigh at daybreak on Friday morning. Through the kindness of Rev. J. T. Stanford, I was enabled to ride only eight miles through the country to Kelford, to take the train at 6.30 p. m., and at 12 o'clock on Thursday night to reach Raleigh.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

It was our intention to visit this Conference, but circumstances over which we had no control, prevented us from carrying out our intention. We presume that the Secretary will furnish the Advocate with a detailed report of the proceedings. In the meantime, however, we will give some points, gathered from the Wilmington Messenger.

The Conference was largely attended by both preachers and delegates. The following eight charges have already paid the Foreign and Domission assessment in full: Grace Church, Bladen Street, Market Street, Magnolia Circuit, Clinton Circuit, Elizabeth Circuit, Whiteville Circuit and Bladen Circuit. The other nine charges of the District have paid in part, and the Wilmington District will undoubtedly be in the very front rank this year. Four years ago only two charges of the District paid the missionary assessment in full; this year every charge in the District will pay in full. To the Presiding Elder, Rev. R. B. John, and his efficient District Missionary Secretaary, Rev. A. S. Barnes, must be largely given the credit for the progress made.

Dr. Yates spoke for Trinity College, and especially emphasized the importance of the Woman's Annex that was intended to give to the women of the State the highest educational advantages within its borders. He assured the Conference that no conflict was to exist between the Woman's Annex and Greensboro Female College, or Littleton or Louisburg, but that the annex was to supplement the work done at these institutions.

Presiding Elder John called attention to the fact that a large number of poorer boys and girls within the bounds of the Wilmington District were unable to attend any of the schools now established because of financial inability and lack of preparation. The Conference was urged to take hold of this question and establish an Industrial School for Boys and Girls—a school where they would be able to learn something else besides books; a school where they would be able to learn how to do things, to run a truck farm, to run a dairy, to cook a good dinner, to keep a neat house, to make a good home. This proposition from the Presiding Elder struck a responsive chord, and after some animated discussion, the following committee was appointed to devise ways and means for such a school and report to the next District Conference: N. M. Watson, A. S. Barnes, W. L. Wright, J. F. Garrell, and T. N. Hubbard.

The report of the Committee on Sunday-school Work showed that great progress was being made. Hardly a church can be found that does not have a school of some sort.

Saturday morning the report on Epworth Leagues was presented, showing that in this department of the work very little was being done either in the District or in the State. The committee recommended the appointment of a District Conference and an organizer for the District, and Rev. E. McWhorter was elected to fill the place.

The following lay delegates were elected to represent the District at the next session of the Annual Conference which convenes at Henderson, November 30, 1904: Cicero H. Johnson, W. B. Cooper, R. H. Beery, and J. H. Drew. Alternates: H. F. Schulken and J. E. Durham.

Rev. W.K. Strother, A. M., an alumnus of Southwestern University, has been elected President of the Alexander Collegiate Institute, and under his management the prospects for this institution are very flattering.

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The Collegian (Louisburg Female College) is very attractive in its August dress and menu.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle is visiting relatives in Caldwell County. He preached at Marvin on last Sunday.

Rev. M. M. McFarland desires us to state that his post-office address is Mebane, N. C., and not Burlington, N. C.

Elise Circuit, Rev. J. W. Hoyle, P. C., is to have two new churches this fall—Pleasant Hill and Mount Carmel.

Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Rood, Millbrook Circuit, have returned from a very pleasant trip North. Mrs. Rood's health has been greatly benefited by the change.

The Edenton Street pulpit was filled on last Sunday morning by Dr. R. H. Whitaker, and in the evening by Dr. E. M. Battis, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Charlotte Observer speaks in high terms of praise of two sermons preached by Prof. J. F. Bivins in Trinity Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C., on Sunday, July 24.

William H., son of Rev. John H. Hall, of Rockingham, having passed the required examinations, left last week for Annapolis Academy, which he enters as mid-shipman.

The Y. M. C. A. rooms, of Louisburg, N. C., open daily for the entertainment of its members. This Association is doing a great work in Louisburg and other parts of Franklin County.

We extend our sympathy to our worthy confrere, Editor Blair, of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, who has been and is still too ill to attend the District Conferences. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Rev. A. J. Parker, Roanoke Island, has taken the agency for the Methodist School to be established in Elizabeth City. He has been out only a few days but has secured over $1,000 in cash and subscriptions.

Rev. W. L. Dawson has been appointed to take charge of the North Catawba Circuit, W. N. C. Conference, until Conference. This charge was made vacant by the death of Rev. J. D. Carpenter.

Fletcher Fink, son of J. C. Fink, of Concord, N. C., has received an appointment to the engineering corps of the Panama Canal. Mr. Fink is a graduate of Trinity College and is a most excellent young man.

Quite a large number of hands are at work on Greensboro Female College. The old hill is showing life, and after the opening of the institution in October, thousands of hearts will rejoice that the beloved ship has at last cleared the bar.

We have met the new preacher for Roberdel Circuit. He is a very pleasant man, and well equipped for the work, and we congratulate our friends upon their success in securing the services of so good a preacher as Rev. Mr. Kilgore. —Anglo-Saxon.

Mr. B. L. Culbreth, one of our worthy Methodist laymen of Dunn, N. C., and agent for the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Society, has been so successful in writing policies that the company has given him a trip (all expenses paid) to the St. Louis Exposition.

The pulpit of the First Methodist Church was filled yesterday morning by Rev. Mr. Pugh. He is a young man not yet having completed his course of theology in the Seminary, but preached an able sermon to a good-sized congregation, and was listened to with the closest attention. At the evening services Rev. J. E. Underwood preached. —Elizabeth City Economist.

The St. Louis Epworth League Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has inaugurated a Sunday-school movement in Japan. Rev. K. Milto will travel through the empire and organize Sunday-schools.

Rev. J. H. Shore, Franklinton Circuit, is assisting Rev. J. A. Dailey, Milton Circuit, in a meeting at New Hope. Brother Shore is in the midst of old parishioners, among whom his memory is green and his influence strong.

The Cotton Growers' Association, which meets in Raleigh this week, has brought a great many farmers together. Among them is that sturdy Cincinnatus of Chatham County, Hon. J. W. Atwater, who of course, paid the editor a most pleasant call.

We are glad to know that the health of Dr. E. A. Yates is improving. After a sojourn of a week or so at Beaufort he spent a few days in Wilmington, the guest of Mayor W. E. Springer, and then attended the Wilmington District Conference at Southport.

We have the following note from Rev. G. W. Starling, Buckhorn Circuit: "We have just closed a very good meeting at Holly Springs. Rev. J. M. Culbreth was with us four days and rendered very efficient service. One of the visible results of the meeting was twelve added to the church."

Mr. F. Osgood Smith, son of Bishop A. Coke Smith, will enter the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University in the fall. Mr. Smith is an A. B. graduate of Randolph-Macon, and for the past year has been instructor in the Randolph-Macon Academy at Front Royal.

Rev. E. C. Sell, Snow Hill, N. C., writes: "Our third Quarterly Conference was held at Tabernacle, July 23. Rev. F. D. Swindell, D. D., was on time. We were all glad to see him. He is no stranger here. He preached three pointed, pertinent, practical sermons for us—sermons in which the great theme of salvation was made prominent, edifying his audiences and impressing all with his absolute sincerity and profound faith in the Gospel. He is one of our best Presiding Elders."

Rev. Hugh Paylor, of the Virginia Conference, would like to see two resolutions enforced: The first is to require every retiring pastor to furnish his successor with an itemized list of the contributors to the benevolent collections, with the amount given by each; and the second is to require every pastor to report through the columns of the Conference organ the state of his work, and whatever other information in regard to it that the Conference should know, at least once a year.

Louise Cottage at Willoughby Beach, Ocean View, Va., is an enterprise of that indefatigable worker, Rev. J. M. Rhodes, President of Littleton Female College. The cottage is a part of the college, and is intended as a place of rest, recreation and Bible study, for those who desire it, for our former pupils and others closely identified with us in our field work, at a cost to them of $1.25 per day or $8.00 per week, including furnished room, board, bath suit and boating facilities with an experienced boatman. Those desiring to take a special short course in Bible study can do so under a competent instructor.

On last Saturday afternoon there passed away in the town of Louisburg an elect woman, the news of whose death will cause deep sorrow among a host of friends all over the State. Mrs. Pauline Hill Brooks, wife of Dr. Jno. R. Brooks, was a choice character in North Carolina womanhood. She was attractive in appearance, mentally, socially and spiritually cultured, and of great force and usefulness in Christian work. For some time she had been lingering among the shadows. She knew that she could not live long. She was resigned and patient, and her latter and last experience on these earthly illustrated finely the triumph of Christian grace. The funeral was held in Louisburg on last Sunday afternoon. The bereaved husband and other relatives have the deep sympathy of many friends and brethren.

General Notes

The Methodist Publishing House in Manila is printing a life of John Wesley in Tagalog.

Buffalo is planning for a great Methodist revival during November. Evangelist C. H. Yatman will lead the movement.

The pulpit behind which Jonathan Edwards often preached has been restored and placed in the First Church at Stockbridge, Conn.

Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, does not appear to be entirely in sympathy with the Pope's order displacing women from church choirs.

Dr. F. E. Clark, father of the Christian Endeavor movement, has returned from his fourth around-the-world tour in the interests of the society.

Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, is taking his vacation in California. He will deliver a course of lectures while on the tour.

The Board of Managers of the Methodist Episcopal Church has appointed Dr. Frank D. Gamewell to take charge of the missionary office in Chicago.

According to recent returns, the ministers of the Baptist Church, North, have, during the period from 1869 to the present day, increased from 8,695 to 31,895.

Dr. Richard McIlwaine has retired from the Presidency of Hampden-Sidney College and has been made professor of Moral Philosophy and Bible Study in the same institution.

The officials of the World's Fair at St. Louis have granted a concession to the Young Men's Christian Association, and a great auditorium will be occupied on the grounds for holding evangelistic services.

It is said that Miss Virginia Hamilton, a prominent Christian Scientist of Baltimore, Md., has been arrested on the charge of swindling an old Southern minister of Baltimore out of $9,500 by an old confidence game.

Dr. Edward Everette Hale received the degree of Doctor of Laws from Williams College. He was present, and read a part of the oration delivered by his father on his graduation from Williams College one hundred years ago.

It is claimed by the Pan-Presbyterian Council, that has just closed its session in Liverpool, that there are now in the world's Presbyterianism 5,137,328 communicants. The last Methodist Ecumenical Conference in 1901 claimed 7,659,285 Methodist communicants throughout the world.

The death on July 16 of Dr. Samuel Lauder, President of Williamston Female College, will bring sadness to many throughout the whole connection. He was one of the best educators in the whole South, and his impress on Williamston Female College, of which he was president for so many years, was deep and lasting. He was our first teacher. We learned to love him, and in his death we experience a personal bereavement. His influence will long live.

Dr. Du Bose takes a side trip to the Pacific Coast as a mere matter of course. He reports the California State Epworth League Conference, from which he recently returned, to have been an uncommonly spiritual and enthusiastic occasion. —Nashville Advocate.

Dr. W. W. Martin, a member of the New York East Conference, formerly connected with the theological faculty of Vanderbilt University, has accepted a position on the editorial staff of the Sunday-school Department in New York.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix is taking a needed rest at a Northern resort.

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Notes.

The Texas Advocate devoted nearly all the reading space of two pages of week before last issue to League interests.

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The Leagues of Virginia are taking hold with a will the support of a special missionary in Japan.

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The South Carolina Leagues are making liberal contributions to Granbery College, Brazil.

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The North Georgia Conference Leagues have centered on a work in Cuba.

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Grace Church League, Atlanta, Ga., has subscribed $100 to Wesleyan Hospital and pledged itself for a like amount annually so long as needed.

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Trinity League (Chattanooga, Tenn.) is going to raise the Foreign Mission collection for the pastor, and the Hill City Junior League has taken the Conference claimants' assessments as their work. A good example for our Leagues.

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The Pensacola (Fla.) District will hold a League Institute at Bay Minette, Fla., July 27.

Just or Unjust Censure.

During the Master's sojourn on earth He loosed a poor woman who had been bound by "a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years." This was on the Sabbath day. The ruler of the synagogue arose, armed with his favorite texts and platitudes, and rebukes the innocent multitudes. He tells them it is a gross instance of Sabbath breaking for them to be healed on that sacred day, when they might just as well be healed on any other of the six days of the week. He had not the courage to address Jesus himself, nor the candor to address the poor healed woman; but preaches at them both by rebuking the innocent multitudes.

This conduct of the ruler of the synagogue reminds us of certain men who rush into print to decry church and court, thus bringing these institutions into contempt and weaken their hold upon the popular mind. The church and judiciary are separate and distinct from an ecclesiastic and judge, and the former should not be criticised for the conduct of the latter. If the latter are guilty of maladministration, they should be held up for censure and not the former. It is nothing short of base cowardice to hurl opprobrium at any cause because of the fault of one of its adherents. Let all blame rest where it ought to rest. The church should never be condemned for the acts of certain members, nor the courts for the conduct of a judge. "The powers that be are ordained of God," but at times unworthy persons represent the power. They should receive merited rebuke that dignity and integrity of power should be maintained. It is indeed refreshing at times to find men, as of late, who in the spirit of candor, and wise discrimination can rise above mere prejudice and discuss an issue upon its merits, placing blame where it should rest.

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Lesson for August 7, 1904.

God Taking Care of Elijah.

(1 Kings 17:1-6.)

Golden Text: He careth for you. (1 Peter 5:7.)

A Character Study of the Prophet.—Elijah is one of those rugged figures who stand out in the history of God's chosen people as beacon lights amid the darkness of an almost universal moral degeneracy and spiritual declension.

He is introduced suddenly into the sacred narrative and no particulars areg iven concerning his parentage or early history. In his physical aspect he was long-haired and roughly robed (2 Kings 1:8). He carried a sheepskin girdle and mantle (1 Kings 18:46; 19:13), and was "in appearance as well as spirit a type of the true Hebrew seer."

The Occasion of His Flight.—Under the lead of Ahab and his infamous queen Jezebel, Israel was being fast steeped in idolatry of the grossest kind. Something was needed to stem the current of evil, and at this juncture, Elijah, the Tisbite (so called from Thisbe, in Naphtali, now Teitaba, which was probably his birthplace), appeared before Ahab and predicted a drought which should last for years. (In Luke 4:25 and James 5:17 we are told that it lasted for three years and six months.)

It was as the spokesman of God that Elijah predicted this drought, but Ahab apparently held Elijah himself responsible as the cause of this national affliction, and it was to avoid the murderous hate of the enraged monarch that Elijah, at the divine command betook himself into hiding.

By the Brook Cherith.—Elijah's first retreat was by the brook Cherith, which was apparently a torrent-bed from which, as the drought continued, the waters gradually dried up. While here Elijah was fed by the ravens, a statement which, though often questioned, there seems to be no good ground for denying. It is true that the same consonants in Hebrew which with certain vowel points mean ravens, may with other vowel points be translated merchants or Arabians. But it seems more reasonable to think of ravens as frequenting the torrent-bed of Cherith than merchants or Arabians, and God could just as surely use the ravens for the support of his faithful prophet as any other means whatsoever.

Elijah at Zarephath.—From the brook Cherith Elijah was divinely directed to Zarephath (known in later times as Sarpeta.) Josephus tells us this city lay between Tyre and Sidon.

The widow woman to whose home Elijah was sent, though probably a Phoenician by race, seems to have recognized in Elijah a prophet of Jehovah, and readily acquiesced in doing his bidding. The result of her obedience was the preservation of the lives of herself and her son as well as the prophet through the rest of the drought, and in the end this widow woman seems to have become a believer in the God of Israel. (See 1 Kings 17:24.)

Practical Lessons.—1. God's constant care for his faithful children is strongly emphasized in the story of Elijah's experience. This divine care is still exercised over all those that love the Lord in sincerity and truth.

2. Human co-operation is often used in fulfilling the divine purposes. The widow woman was an instrument in the hands of God for the preservation of the life of his faithful prophet Elijah, and because she became a responsive instrument, she afterwards received an untold blessing in her own home life.

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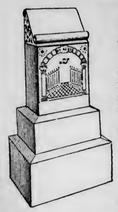

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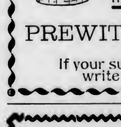

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Jonesboro-Gibson-Rockingham.

Rising at 3.15 a. m., on Thursday, July 21, I made for Jonesboro and dropped down at the parsonage about 7 a. m. The Presiding Elder was lodging there—two fat ones they—Pope and Hurley. My! Well Pope ought to be bulky if his wife feeds him all the time like she fed us for breakfast. It may be that the neighbors sent in for the occasion. I was ready for anything that should turn up. The Presiding Elder gave me a chance at the morning session. He loves our Orphanage. Will Bailey says—he of the Biblical Recorder—that I should says "Alphantage" if I wish it to take with the people. A shake hands with the brethren and good dinner at Brother Buchanans, and I was off with the president of Trinity College, the pastor of West Market Street M. E. Church, Greensboro, and the pastor of our church at the University, for Gibson. At Aberdeen the accomplished president of Greensboro Female College joined us. That was a goodly company to be in—Kilgo, Turrentine, Plyler, with Mrs. Robertson for our bright, particular star On the evening of Friday the Orphanage had a hearing. The President of our Board of Trustees, Hon. R. N. Page, led off in such a fine speech that the Conference, by a unanimous vote, requested him to repeat it at our Annual Conference. The orphan boy brought up the rear. A pleasant stay in the parsonage with Brother Perry and his interesting family, and then away to Rockingham. Three talks in that dear old town and two nights and ad ay in the elegant home of Bro. John Ledbetter was restful indeed. J. H. Hall is himself among that cultured people. Of course Dr. Ivey will write up the Conferences. He can do it right.

A New Departure.

The Rev. Jno. N. Cole, the new Presiding Elder of the Rockingham District, not only set apart an hour for the consideration of the Orphanage work, but put a layman up to talk for it. A better selection could not have been made. How I wished while he was talking that I could have him with me for a month to talk that way. By the way, let me whisper a secret in the ears of the other Presiding Elders: There is many a layman in your district that would gladly speak a word for this infant institution. It would put it in a new light. Try it next year. Brother Presiding Elders.

Receipts up to July 27.

M. F. Jones, on sub., $5.00; Sunbury, $17.60; Miss J. N. Cross and Sunday-school class, window, $2.00; First Church, Elizabeth City, on sub., $2.00; City Roads, Elizabeth City, on sub., $5.00; Grace, Wilmington, on sub., $3.00; Apex, on sub., $2.50; City Roads Sunday-school, $5.00; Colerain Sunday-school, $3.09; Grifton Sunday-school, $5.56; Primary Class Sunday-school, Hay Street, Fayetteville, birthday, $3.70; Mrs. W. T. Meeks, large window, $4.00; Wesley Chapel Sunday-school, Old Trap, $8.00; Stedman, $2.13; Charles A. Jones, Fayetteville Circuit, $5.00; St. Paul's Sunday-school, Richmond Circuit, $5.00; Gibson District Conference, $10.83; Rockingham, $3.25; Herbert White, window, $2.00; Hermon White, window, $2.00; Siler City Sunday-school, for bed in new building, $15.00.

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Weldon, Aug. 7, 8
Warren, Sarepta, Aug. 11
Ridgeway, Middleburg, Aug. 13, 14
Henderson, Aug. 14, 15

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Grifton Circuit, Epworth, Aug. 6-7
Atlantic Circuit, Atlantic, Aug. 10-11
Morehead City, Aug. 13-14
Smyrna Circuit, Smyrna, Aug. 13-14
Straits Circuit, Aug. 16-17
Carteret Circuit, Adam's Creek, Aug. 20-21
LaGrange Circuit, Beston, Aug. 27-28
Dover Circuit, Webb's, Sept. 10, 11
Mt. Olive, Bethel, Sept. 3, 4
St. John, Sept. 7

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
J. S. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Lillington, Cool Springs, August 5
Sanford, Lemon Springs, August 6, 7
Duke, Pleasant Plains, Aug. 12
Buckhorn, Harnett Chapel, August 13, 14
Newton Grove, Hopewell, Aug. 20, 21
Goldstone Maroneys, August 27, 28
Sampson, Bethel, September 3, 4
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 10, 11

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Carver's Creek, Wayman, August 6, 7
Magnolia, Trinity, August 12
Kennansville, Charity, August 13, 14
Elizabeth, Union, August 20, 21
Shallotte, New Hope, August 27, 28
Onslow, Swanboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Burgaw, September 10, 11
Grace, September 13,

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.
J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Currituck, Mt. Zion, Aug 6, 7
Kitty Hawk, Aug 7, 8
Columbia, Aug 13, 14
Dare, Aug 14, 15
Pantego and Belhaven, Aug 20, 21
Roper, Pleasant Grove, Aug 27, 28
Plymouth, Aug 28, 29

RALEIGH DISTRICT
W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C
THIRD ROUND.
Kenly, August 6, 7
Wakefield, August 8
Tar River, Trinity, August 13, 14
Louisburg, August 14, 15
FOURTH ROUND.
Smithfield, August 27, 28
Selma, Selma, August 28, 29
Edenton st., September 3, 4
Franklinton, Grove Hill, September 10, 11
Clayton, Elizabeth, September 17, 18
Oxford Circuit September 24, 25
Central, October 1, 2
Brooklyn, October 2, 3
Millbrook, October 8, 9
Granville, October 15, 16
Wakefield, October 20
Kenley October 22, 23
Cary, October 29, 30
Epworth, October 30
Oxford Station, November 5, 6
Youngsville, November 12, 13
Louisburg, November 19, 20
Tar River, Plank Chapel, November 26, 27

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Nashville, Bethel, August 6, 7
Springhope, Gold Valley, August 8
Bethel, Conetoe, August 13, 14
Tarboro, night, August 4
Grimesland & Vanceboro, Providence, August 20, 21
Greenville, night, Aug 22
Aurora, Campbell's Creek, Aug 27, 28

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THIRD ROUND.
Alamance, Clover Garden, August 6, 7
Burlington, Prospect, August 13, 14
Burlington Station, August 21, 22
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

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Aberdeen, Johnson's Grove, Aug. 13, 14
Red Springs, Centenary, Aug. 20, 21
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THOMAS — TAYLOR.—At New Hope Methodist Church, near Milton, N. C., June 29, 1904, Mr. Archibald Thomas to Miss Martha Taylor, both of the vicinity, Rev. J. A. Dailey officiating.

Obituaries

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MURRAY.—Mrs. Mary W. Murray (widow of S. M. Murray, who died January 26th), departed this life on June 18th, after a lingering illness of five or six months. She was a great sufferer, but was patient and submissive and has gone to her reward. She and her husband were members of Leah's M. E. Church, South, Youngsville Circuit.
PASTOR.

CHEATHAM.—Annie Elizabeth, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cheatham, of Charlotte, N. C., died at the home of her grandfather, Mr. W. B. Fleming, at Ridgeway, N. C., June 15, 1904.

Little Annie was a sufferer all of her short life of about five months, and in the early morning of June 15th, her sufferings ended and she went to be with the angels in the home of the good. May God bless and comfort the young parents.
L. M. CHAFFIN.

ARNOLD.—After a sojourn of more than sixty-eight years among kind friends on earth, Anna Bell Arnold fell asleep June 15, 1904, and went to join loved ones who had gone home to glory. She had been in declining health for the past six years, but with great patience, she endured afflictions and the end was peace. Sister Arnold loved her church and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. For fifty years she had loved the Lord and been a faithful member of Cokesbury church, from which all that was mortal of her was laid to rest to await the resurrection morn. She is not dead, but sleepeth sleepth. Cheer up dear friends, we may all see her again. All the bereft ones have my profound sympathy in this sad hour.
G. W. STARLING.

DECKER.—Miss Margaret Aurelia Decker, after more than three years of suffering, obtained a happy release through the will of Providence on May 10th, 1904, and passed into the presence of the redeemed hosts on the other side. She was converted and joined Hay Street Church in 1901, and as long as she was able, was a faithful attendant. In health she had been industrious, upright, and consecrated to duty; in sickness she was patient and uncomplaining; in the hour of death she was unafraid.

The mother, to whom her life had been lovingly consecrated, with two sisters and a brother, still survive. To each of them she leaves the rich legacy of a life of sacrifice and service. Rest to the tired hands!
THOS. A. SMOOT.

GASKILL.—Lucretia Gaskill (nee Rollins) was born near Pollocksville, Jones County, in 1829, and died June 4, 1904, at Mr. Scotts Caroons, Pamlico County, N. C.

She joined the M. E. Church, South, in the summer of 1850, and lived a consistent member till death. She was married to Thomas Gaskill in 1852. This union was blessed with five daughters; three of them are living—Mrs. B. W. Barnes, Mrs. Scott Caroon and Mrs. E. D. Paris. Two of them are dead—Mrs. P. D. Hardy and Mrs Claton Rollins. Her husband died January 1, 1866. She wrought well for her children. She was a true wife, mother, neighbor and friend. For one and a half years this writer has been with Sister Gaskill much. She was true and loyal to God and the church. May the good Lord sustain the bereaved ones.
F. S. BECTON.

LAWRENCE.—Julian C. Lawrence was born January 4, 1890, and departed this life June 6, 1904. He professed religion one year ago and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Murfreesboro, N. C., and remained faithful until the end. Julian was one among the best and brightest boys. He was a pure flower in our midst whose fragrance all enjoyed. He did not have an enemy, but was loved by all who knew him. He was always at his place in Sunday-school and preaching service. The writer remembers very vividly how a few days before his death he was called on to lead in prayer, and how he responded by offering a most beautiful prayer. No brighter Christian boy ever lived than he. No one who knew him can doubt that he is in the land of eternal rest. May God comfort the bereaved.
P. D. WOODALL.

CHEATHAM.—Lurline Elizabeth, daughter of Claude C. and Cora Cheatham, Youngsville, N. C., died of cholera infantum on Wednesday, June 15, aged seven months and twenty-one days.

Another flower plucked by the Father's hand and transplanted in the sweet fields of Eden, where the frosty touch of death cannot blight. Another lamb transplanted from earth to folds above, where the cruel hand of disease cannot smite.

The flower becomes more beautiful, the lamb enters life eternal, and heaven comes nearer to earth, and its ties increase and strengthen. Doubtless were the veil drawn aside, Lurline could be seen beckoning parents and other loved ones to follow her. Be comforted, dear ones, with the thought that she is forever safe from the enemy's touch and that you can, some day, take her into everlasting association.
PASTOR.

PATRICK.—A shadow fell over the little town of Hookerton on the afternoon of June 14, 1904, when the death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Patrick and claimed their darling boy, Wesley, for his own.

He was three years and ten months old. For some time he had not been well, but the immediate cause of his death was acute gastritis, which worked its course in the brief space off our days.

Wesley was an unusually attractive child; his beautiful blue eyes, his handsome features and winning manners made him all that heart could wish. The home has been so sad and lonely since he left. Dear ones have listened for the merry voice and looked for the sweet form of Wesley, but the tender earthly bud has been transplanted to adorn the paradise of God, to grow and blossom in the radiance of the Saviour's smile.

May the Saviour comfort the bereaved father, mother and sisters, and may his spirit lead us to meet him in heaven.
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FEARING.—Henry Martin Fearing, son of Isaiah and Subruit M. Fearing, was born in Elizabeth City, N. C., April 11, 1836, and died May 26, 1904. He was a pharmacist by vocation, and was so practicing in Washington, N. C., when called into the service of his country in 1861, entering Company A, 8th N. C. State Troops. He served in the medical department.

Brother Fearing was reared by Christian parents, and while young, gave his heart to God, joining with his parents the M. E. Church, South, of which he remained a faithful member for fifty years. He was one of nine children, all of which have passed beyond save his senior and junior brothers—Isaiah Fearing, now residing in Washington, D. C., and Zenas Fearing, Sr., of Elizabeth City. He was most happily married to Miss Sarah A. Grandy November 17, 1882. To this union, one child, Miss Sadie Fearing, was born, who, with her mother, awaits in Christian hope and joy an eternal reunion with a fond father.

Brother Fearing was deeply afflicted for three years, but through it all was wonderfullly patient, gentle, cheerful and submissive. Through life he was a man of winning nature and manners, imparting sunshine permeated with Christian gladness into all social and business circles. A good man has gone, leaving behind a most devoted wife, loving daughter and a hosts of friends who hope to know him forever in the heavenly mansion.
D. H. TUTTLE.

KITTRELL. — On Wednesday night at 9.15, June 22, the message flashed aeross the wires that my old friend, G.W. Kittrell, of Gates County, had passed into the beyond.

This news was not altogether unexpected, for when I saw him last, a few months ago, his faltering step and listless eye told me the shadows were lengthening and the sunset was near, but it brought sadness to my heart beeause he is not. Mr. Kittrell lived well, a devoted husband, a loving father, a kind neighbor, a faithful friend. He was twice married. His first wife, Miss Willey, of Gates County, passed to her reward about ten years ago. Of this union were three children, who survive him, and I, his friend, trust his noble qualities may be perpetuated in their lives from whence they have already begun to shine.

April, 1897, he was again married to Mrs. Willie H. Costen, who survives him. To him, "her price was above rubies." Her little fatherless girl was taken to his home and heart and tenderly cared for as his own.

My association with him in public office is fraught with pleasant memories, but he was at his best, in his own home, where he was the true type of the Southern gentleman, dispensing hospitality without ostentation. I always felt such a welcome in his home; he seemed so glad to have me come; and his many acts of kindness to me and mine proved to me he was my friend and possessed a great true heart which abounded with love. I shall never allow the fond memories of my departed friend to be crowded from my life, but they will linger with me like sweet roses. But best of all, my friend was a Christian, true to his God, faithful to his church, helpful to its ministry.

In sympathy for those he loved, and in appreciation of his true and faithful friendship, this tribute is penned.

When life's journey is over I shall expect a welcome from him on the other side.
S. I. HARRELL.

Durham, N. C., June 24, 1904.

Resolutions of Respect.

Resolutions of sympathy passed by Mangum Street Church regarding the death of Mrs. McCracken:

Again we are called on to mourn with those who mourn and weep with those who weep. On the evening of June 10th the wife of Bro. J. T. McCracken departed this life, and is now enjoying the realization of the Saviour's presence. She is satisfied, for she has awakened in his likeness. But our brother and his motherless for our brother and his motherless little ones mourn their loss, and we feel the anguish of their spirits. The blow that has fallen on them has also descended on us.

But amid all this gloom and sorrow hope bends over her last resting place a bow bright with promise, and we would remind the bereaved ones that thought she cannot come back to them, they can go to her.

While we mourn the death of such a consecrated Christian woman, we should thank God for her life, and endeavor so to live that we, too, may be ready when the summons comes to us.

Resolved, that a copy of this assurance of sympathy be sent to Brother McCracken and the city daily papers and the Raleigh Christian Advocate with a request for publication.
C. W. EZZELL,
L. L. DOWDEE,
H. J. WHITMORE,
Committee.

The following resolutions of respect passed by Murfreesboro Sunday-school:

Whereas, it has been the will of our heavenly Father to take from us one of our most faithful pupils, Julian Lawrenee; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That as a Sunday-school we submit humbly to this providence, feeling that He doeth all things well.

2. That it is with much regret that we give him up, realizing that his bright face will be seen no more in our midst, but hoping to meet him in the glorious beyond.

3. That we extend to the bereaved family our sympathy in this hour of great sorrow, trusting that a kind Father will comfort and sustain them.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the stricken family, and also to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.
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The number opens with a novelette of child life by Frances Hodgson, whose "Little Lord Fauntleroy" has been generally voted the most wonderful child story ever written. This is the story of a little girl, and to it Mrs. Brunett has brought all the charming fancy of her earlier efforts. It is most beautifully and sympathetically illustrated in colors by Jessie Wilcox Smith.

In the short stories of this number the McClure fiction writers appear to the best advantage with a collection of rattling stories, rattlingly told. "A Tempered Wind," by O. Henry, is concerned with the humorous experiences of two country fakers on Wall Street; how they protected the "shorn lambs" and went back to "an honest living." "The Coming of the Maestra" is the story of a thrilling adventure in the Philippines, by James Hopper. It is most vividly realistic, full of the rich life and color of the tropical Orient, with a thread of pretty romance running through it. Alice Brown writes a New England love story in her best vein. It tells of "A Winter's Courting," and strikes a responsive chord in every heart which "loves a lover." Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews shows her great story-telling faculty at its best in "A West Point Regulation," an exceedingly clever little love comedy, which involves a girl, a cadet and an officer in most amusing complications. Samuel Hopkins Adams tells the life tragedy of a crow, "King Coal," which rose to true heroism in giving its own life for another's. Colin McKay graphically describes "The Loss of the Leo," a thrilling story of storm and shipwreck and hazardous adventure. Henry Wallace Phillips tells one of his funniest "Red Saunders" stories, which narrates the doings of "Foxey Bill," the "Big Bend" pig, and how, in a fierce fight, "In the Absence of Rules," the pig met and conquered his hated enemy, a belligerent ram. The fourth instalment of George Madden Martin's popular serial, "The House of Fulfillment," which brings the reader deep into its absorbing plot, completes the splendid list of fiction.

The North Carolina Press Association held its annual session at Morehead City last week with a large attendance. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee was one of the oratorical attractions, but the efforts of several of the North Carolina quilldrivers were equal to his. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, H. B. Varner; Vice-Presidents, M. L. Shipman, R. M. Phillips and J. C. Caddell; Secretary and Treasurer, J. B. Sherrill; Historian, T. J. Lassiter; Orator, E. E. Hilliard; Poet, John Charles McNeill.

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The report comes from Georgia that in that State the people who (should) attend the political speaking are conspicuous by their absence. We are sure that the complaint is legitimate in North Carolina. Some think that the church alone has a right to complain of the absence of the people. This is a great mistake. This is an age of sensationalism and all public assemblies are affected in their attendance except those which are decidedly sensational. The newspaper also is to be reckoned with as a factor in influencing attendance.

Why will people think, speak and write so much about what is called Higher Criticism? It is nothing but a miserable groping about in the bogs in the effort to find safe footing. For over half a century the higher critics have been floundering in theories without getting in sight of the periphery of the bog. In this time there have been presented 76 different theories on the origin and character of the Pentateuch; 113 different theories on the historical books of the Old Testament; 108 on the poetical books; 98 on the great prophets; 144 on the minor prophets—that is, a total of 599 on the origin, value, and inspiration of the books of the Old Testament. The "Higher Critics" have published 208 different theories on the value of the books of the New Testament.

Bishop Potter, of the Protestant Episcopal church, has created a sensation by dedicating a liquor saloon in New York City. He committed a gross sacrilege by having the doxology sung at the conclusion of the service. The only fault he found in the institution was the presence of Judge Parker's picture to the exclusion of that of President Roosevelt's. Bishop Potter's action has brought down on his head almost unlimited censure from all sections of the country. Ministers of his own church are particularly severe in the censure of the Bishop. The truth of the matter is, there is no reason why his action should excite surprise. It is known by all who have kept up with Bishop Potter's course that the time was when he was very pronounced in his antagonism to the saloon in any shape. As he grew in influence through his association with the worldly magnates of financial circles, his moral fibre grew visibly flabby and relaxed. A few years ago the saloon power began to look upon him as an ally. Now he has burned all bridges behind him and has actually thrown the mantle of his great church over the hideous form of moral and physical debauchery. It is a sad case, but one which should cause no surprise. There need be no fear that he has strengthened the power of the saloon. Among all his bibulous henchmen there is probably not one who in the hour and article of death would crave his prayers. Bishop Potter himself is the only loser in this sensational and sacrilegious performance.

That Governor Vardaman is persona non grata with Uncle Sam is clearly shown in the treatment recently received. It seems that they wished to name a little post-office somewhere in Mississippi after the Governor. "Vardaman"—that is the name with which they wished to christen the little postal foundling. But, no; the Postmaster-General said that Governor Vardaman had slandered in a political speech the mother of President Roosevelt, and that no post-office should bear the name of Vardaman. The Governor indignantly denies the allegation of the Postmaster-General and disclaims any responsibility for campaign reports set afloat by political enemies. But the denial and disclaimer will hardly do any good. Governor Vardaman is a "marked" man with the administration.

There is now running serially in Everybody's Magazine a terrific arraignment of the corporation known as The Amalagamated Copper, a gigantic octopus which has its strong antennae clasping every part of this great land. Thomas W. Lawson, whose fame as a financier is firmly secured, makes the expose. Whether he writes at the dictates of an awakened conscience, as some say, or only through a spirit of revenge, it is evident that there is much truth couched in his hot electrified sentences. For, unless this be true, why should the Amalgamated Copper make such strenuous attempts to destroy the only magazine which dared to admit the articles? In the Fourth Estate the monthly magazine is becoming more and more a vital element.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis has entered upon its fourth month. The attendance up-to-date proves that in the fall months the atendance will be immense. People from the East are probably not yet impressed with the fact that this Exposition will be of such a nature that no one can say, "I have seen it before at Philadelphia, Atlanta, and Chicago." The truth is, there has never before been anything in the line of Expositions that can approach the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in magnitude and variety of display. The people will find this out before frost and then the procession will move Westward. If, however, the people of the East, through a chronic jealousy of the West, should continue conspicuous by their absence, the millions west of the Mississippi will more than make up for the absence of the East. Our advice to those who have sufficient time and money, especially those who have not visited a great Exposition, is, "Be sure to go to St. Louis." We write this, unindluenced by any motive save a desire for our readers to have an experience which will be both useful and enjoyable.

We respect that desire on the part of a minister of the Gospel to dress in such a way as to save him from being conspicuous—in other words, to dress as do other men. Yet it must be remembered that every minister of the Gospel must so act as to distinguish him from other men. What a satire on the life of a Christian minister in the story that was often told by the great temperance orator, John B. Gough: A minister put up at a Western tavern where it was the custom to charge clergy but half-rates for meals and rooms. In the morning, when the minister came to pay his bill, he protested against the hotel-keeper charging him full price. "What, you a minister?" said the landlord, "I would never have suspected it. You asked no blessing at your meals. I went with you to your room and took away the light, and you did not say your prayers. You ate like a heathen, drank like a heathen, and I guess you'd better pay like a heathen."

The dull monotony of these droning dog-days is relieved by two minor sensations in public circles. One is the giving of the "marble hand" by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce to our Governor. The Governor appointed a committee to determine the best place for the annual encampment of the State Guard. The committee made its report, known only to the Governor, who selected Morehead City. The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce which evidently suspects that Wrightsville was recommended, has called for the report of the Committee to be made public. The Governor refuses to make the report public, and for the purpose of justifying his course, writes a long letter to which the Chamber of Commerce replies, and the reply closes with a repetition of the request that the report of the Committee be made public. We think that the Governor, no matter what the merits or demerits of the case may be, is at a serious disadvantage in withholding that information which is generally supposed to belong to the public. The public can hardly appreciate the prudential reasons by which the Governor is doubtless honestly swayed for adopting his present course.

The other sensation is the action of Judge Purnell in removing any supposed legal barrier to the State's leasing the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad pending the final adjudication of the case in the fall. The action of Judge Purnell, we take it, is not so much to relieve himself of any burden as to deprive the State of any possible excuse for not leasing the road—a consummation devoutly to be wished by a majority of the people of the State.

Holston will have six or seven of her finest young men in the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University next year.

The idea of having a great college for Methodist Women at Nashville, Tenn., is growing in strength.

Contributions

A Dollar Paper.

BY DR. WM. ASHMORE.

"But we want a dollar paper." So say a great many people. And they are found in all denominations—Methodists and Presbyterians and Baptists and dwellers in Mesopotamia, and where not? We want a good religious dollar paper. There are plenty of secular papers for a dollar; why can't religious editors do as well as secular editors?

All right, dear member of the household of faith. Now, if you can only get somebody to carry on "a dollar paper," and meet all the bills of a dollar paper, and make up all the shortages of a dollar paper, or, in other words, if you can find some self-sacrificing Baptist willing, for the good of the cause, to make a two-dollar outlay for one-dollar return, just hunt him out and bring him on. We would all like to see him.

But do not some of the secular papers do that? Seemingly they do, but in reality they do not. Men of the world do not make bricks without straw; catch them do that! The price they charge for the big issues does not pay for the paper they are printed on. It is the advertisements that pay. First of all, they print every day a huge number of papers, a hundred thousand, or two hundred thousand, or even three hundred thousand at a time. Because there are so many readers, therefore people who have anything to sell, run to them to be advertised. In one morning they make ten to twenty or thirty thousand people know that they have some sort of an article to sell that "no family ought to be without." Out of that number they hope to get one hundred customers, so they are willing to pay roundly. And pay roundly they do, for if you note their head lines, you will see the papers charge ten cents a line for some things, and twelve and a half cents a line, and even twenty-five cents a line, for certain other things. Everything has to be paid for. If a man dies, a bare mention of his death will be put in "free;" but if a word of explanation goes in, then "down with the dust," or they don't touch it. Thus, "Died, John Smith, of Malden," that much is free; but if you add "much lamented," or "funeral on Thursday," then fork over half a dollar, or John Smith will not be "much lamented." No wonder they can make it go, and send out a dollar weekly made up of the type matter already set up and paid for already half a dozen times over. What these people get for deaths, marriages and births alone would support the family of a Baptist editor in style genteel.

Now take your "pen in hand" and work it out for yourself. Take up a big daily and count up the lines which pay ten cents and twelve cents and twelve and a half cents and twenty-five cents, and you will get some idea of the enormous profit that comes from their advertising. Now and then you will see half a page of one of these big Boston dailies all taken up with the advertisements of just one firm, which has paid a skilled scribe to arrange the material so as to strike the eye most effectively. For that half page, "one insertion," the publisher charges one thousand dollars. So people say who are in the business. Do you wonder that some of these papers have made a profit of a quarter of a million in one year?

Come back to our religious papers. They have no such rush of readers. You don't see boys crowding their offices to get the first issue, and then rushing like mad down the street screaming out, "Here's your Transcript;" "Here's your Herald;" "Here's your Globe;" "Russia bottled up in Port Arthur;" "Merger declared illegal;" "Big fire in Pancake Town;" "Prize fight in South Boston—Teddy O'Rourke knocked out Teddy O'Keefe in sixteen rounds." But if you are asking for a religious paper, you need not be in a hurry. They will not be all gone before you get there. People do not hunger for religious news as they do for secular. The editors of these papers are hard-worked men. I have studied them and their ways. They work like galley slaves. They have gone as far as possible to solve the old Pharaonic problem of how to make bricks without straw, and yet we demand that they furnish us and our families "a dollar paper"—a two-dollar paper for a one-dollar bill.

Let the household of faith learn to show piety at home and be just at the same time. Let us be willing to pay our two dollars—it is worth it. We want to know about the kingdom of God outside of our wn meeting house; we want to know what other churches are doing; we want to know what great things are stirring the denomination, and the whole Christian world, especially in these last days when the providences of God are developing on the double quick. If we have not paid up, let us pay at once; if we have not subscribed, let us do it now. "We want a two-dollar paper."

The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.—Baptist Exchange.

Our Duty to Our Conference Organ.

BY J. W. BRADLEY.

[Published by Request.]

The Raleigh Christian Advocate, published every week, edited by T. N. Ivey, is what we Methodist folks call our "Conference Organ."

We have no right to complain of the paper. It is all we could ask for as a paper, and compared with other papers of like character and opportunity, the "Old Raleigh" is simply a giant; which credit is due largely to our beautiful ornate editor—I mean to say the product of his pen is ornate and beautiful.

As the "organ," it is one institution of the church. No one questions that. And now you ask what is our duty to it? I answer: Support it—that is no less than what you promised to do at the door of the church. The question with us is not what is our duty to it, but as preachers and laymen, how can we best perform that duty?

Now how can a Methodist preacher in the North Carolina Conference best perform his duty to the "Old Raleigh?"

Here is the answer:

(1) By reading it. I fear there are some members of the North Carolina Conference who do not appreciate the paper enough even after it is sent to them gratis to read its columns.

(2) By speaking of the paper and telling what you read in it both in your ministerial and pastoral work.

(3) By writing for it—something short and spicy—and having the children, as well as some of the old influential members, to write a few pointed dots for publication—this will do good.

(4) By being an agent for the paper and working for it as you are obligated to do by special vows, and also by accepting a free subscription.

Is it a fact that even some preachers don't do enough work for the Advocate to pay their subscription? Well, it looks so when there are less than one thousand out of sixty-seven thousand Methodists in the North Carolina Conference who take the Advocate. What are her one hundred and eighty agents doing?

But here, all the duty and work does not fall upon the preachers. You parishioners are also obligated. It is your duty as a member of the church to support this institution by taking the paper, paying for the paper, reading it and passing it on to a neighbor. Take and read it, brother, so you need not ask your pastor so many simple questions. Keep up with the doings of God's church.

Lost Through Trifling.

C. H. WETHERBE.

Thousands of people have lost what were to them golden opportunities for securing most valuable benefits, through trifling with such advantages. They neglected the weightiest interests of their souls for the sake of some passing enjoyment which was a comparative trifle.

Senator Chauncey M. Depew made a speech not long ago in which he referred to the Panama Canal and the way in which Colombia lost not only the money which was to be paid for it by the United States, but also her most valuable province. He said: "The Colombian Congress, in their territorial isolation and subordination to their dictator and president, failed to comprehend the gravity of the situation. While this treaty, the most important document in their history, was pending in their Senate and House, they adjourned for a day to have read to them the sonnets which had been written by one of their poetic deputies."

What amazing folly that was! It may be supposed that those Congressmen would have had enough sense to know that it was most important for them to give strict attention to the measure which was then up for consideration. They must have known that their country would be affected by it in one way or another, and therefore that it was no time for taking any chances; and yet, strange as it seems, they were heedless about the great affair, but quite attentive to an unimportant literary entertainment. We say that such was a needless and very regretable loss, and it was; but that was nothing as compared with one's forever losing his life through trifling with great opportunities for eternally saving it. There are millions of people, now in this great world of unchangeable darkness, from which they never can escape, who gave their whole attention to worldly entertainments, while they had most urgent opportunities to accept a most wonderful salvation from the Lord of life. There is nothing so sad as that. It seems to me that one of the main elements of the suffering of a lost soul in the eternal world must be that of regretting that he trifled with the opportunities of becoming forever rescued from death, when he was upon earth, and all for the sake of temporary pleasures.

"Statement of Rev. A. B. Crumpler Corrected."

Dear Bro. Ivey:—In the issue of the Raleigh Christian Advocate of July 6 there appears an article under the above caption from the pen of Dr. F. D. Swindell, of Goldsboro, N. C. We would not have noticed the matter but for the fact that we believe Brother Swindell wishes to be correct himself, or he would not be trying to correct others. After quoting pars. 295 and 301, Brother Swindell says: "Mr. Crumpler had solemnly vowed at the altar of the Methodist church to be subject to the discipline of the church, and this vow he deliberately and wilfully violated." We wish to say to this statement of our good Brother Swindell, that the jury before whom I was tried, having been charged with immorality for what they considered a violation of par. 301, did not find me guilty of "deliberately and wilfully violating any vow" whatever! I will quote par. 301 as nearly as I can from memory: "If any traveling preacher, local preacher or layman shall hold public religious services in the bounds of any station, circuit or mission when requested by the preacher in charge not to do so, he shall be deemed guilty of improper conduct and dealt with as the discipline provides in such cases." (See par. 295 of Discipline.)

I held "public religious services under a tent two miles from a Methodist church after Rev. G. W. Starling had requested me not to do so." For this, I was charged with immorality because it was thought by Brother Starling that I had held "public religious services in the bounds of his circuit" against his wishes. But when we came to trial, Brother Starling could not prove to the jury that his Circuit had any "bounds" other than those surrounding the property deeded to the Methodist churches; and so, failing to prove the specification, he failed to prove the charge; and I was accordingly acquitted. But if the specification had been proven that would not have sustained the charge of immorality—not in the minds of an unprejudiced and intelligent jury. Now Brother Swindell says in this article under consideration that: "Mr. Crumpler had solemnly vowed at the altar of the Methodist Church to be subject to the Discipline of the Church, and his vow he deliberately and wilfully violated." But the jury who tried the case said: Mr. Crumpler did not violate any vow which he had taken at the altar of the Church. Now which is right—Brother Swindell or that jury? Of two contradictories both may be false; but one is bound to be false. As to the incorrect statement in the Discipline of the Holiness Church which our good brother wishes to correct, we have only this to say: that the people who are acquainted with the circumstances of the trial, are sufficiently intelligent to know all about the cause of that trial, and the motives behind it; and we are perfectly willing to leave these things with an intelligent public until we shall all stand before Him who is perfectly acquainted with the thoughts and intents of the human heart.

Thanking you very much for your kindness in allowing me space in your valuable columns to make this little correction, I am

Yours in the Master's work,

A. B. CRUMPLER.

The Report and Its Meaning.

I inclose you the report on temperance adopted at the Warrenton District Conference last week without a dissenting voice. Note, please, it makes no distinction between the dispensary and the saloon. Both are whiskey institutions, and agencies for the devil. Both retard and injure the work of the church. The only real difference is to be found in name and proprietorship. Therefore it calls on Methodists to have nothing to do with the dispensary. To say the least of it, it is inconsistent in a church member to have anything to do with the sale of alcohol as a beverage. Our church and its influence is being injured today by those Methodists who hold positions under the dispensary. I am glad that nearly all the Methodists who innocently accepted positions under the dispensary system have seen their error and have resigned their positions. A few more resignations are in order, in the Warrenton Distriet at least. I don't like the nomenclature "church barrooms" and "Christian saloon-keepers." And yet we have to stand these things as long as professed followers of Christ will establish and man a saloon. Christ will sanction no compromise with sin and the devil.

Yours truly,

R. L. DAVIS.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee begs leave to report as follows:

All truth is founded on God's word, which is the sufficient rule and only rule both of our faith and practice. This word commits the Christian to total abstenance from alcohol as a beverage, and the Christian citizen to legal prohibition of the whiskey traffic.

Dram-drinking and the like is dangerous. And as it destroys manhood and Christian influence, and injures the "weaker brother" it has no place in the Christian life. Total abstenance, as a Christian duty is the one foundation upon which we must stand to fight for legal prohibition.

We know that alcohol destroys mind and body; separates families; breeds paupers; generates widows and orphans; destroys peace and happiness; and sends souls to hell. Then the church, whose duty it is to destroy the works of the devil, must oppose, as the devil's agency, every whiskey institution. Christian citizenship demands absolute antagonism to the liquor traffic. The Methodist Church teaches no less.

We rejoice at the signal victories for prohibition over the State, at Elizabeth City, Durham, Goldsboro, Charlotte, New Bern, Greensboro, and many smaller places; and feel proud of our Methodism for the part she has taken in these fights. We exhort others to follow such worthy examples, making no compromise with the diabolical evil.

With our present prohibition laws we need to guard well our legislative and judicial bodies. Let us use all honorable means and make an aggressive fight that our legislative halls may be filled with wise, conservative temperance men, and that only lawyers of sense, character and pronounced temperance convictions shall be judges and solicitors.

We condemn the devil's saying that preachers must keep out of politics. No State has yet disfranchised them; and until then God will hold them responsible for the right use of their citizenship.

We condemn the use of those patent medicines which contain a large percentage of alcohol.

As the dispensary is an institution diametrically opposed to the work of the church, your committee thinks it inconsistent for any Christian to hold an office in the dispensary, and advises all our members to refrain from holding such positions.

We recommend that preachers, teachers and our institutions of learning instruct the youth in the evils of alcohol and the right use of citizenship. using the school, press, and pulpit for this purpose.

E. L. Davis

Soul Food

O men with wounded souls,
O women with broken hearts,
That have suffered since ever the world was made,
And nobly borne your parts;

Suffered and borne as well
As the marytrs whom we name,
That went rejoicing home through flood,
Or singing through the flame;

Ye have had of Him reward
For your battles fought and won,
Who giveth His beloved rest
When the day of their work is done.

—Phoebe Carey.

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Obedience is hard when we must walk apart from the crowd in order to obey. We have an instinctive dread of loneliness. It is part of our divine inheritance, which marks us as formed for the society of our own kind. But obedience which cannot on occasion leave the crowd is a poor and puny thing. When the crowd is thoughtless or wicked, it is not fit for the friend of God to fix his allegiance upon it. He must stand for truth and right and honor, even though he stands alone.

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O Lord, who hast given us these treasures of earth's strength and opportunity in earthen vessels that we might learn the need of trust in thee, help us so to use and cherish them that they may be most effective for the work thou hast given us to do. Make us strong to labor, patient for endurance, girded and ready for all service. When for thy love or the service of thy children we are called to work beyond our strength, restore us, if it please thee, or accept our sacrifice for the sake of Christ who denied not his body for our need. —Amen.—Closet and Altar.

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Ambition is not wrong. In three places Paul speaks of it. He says he is ambitious to preach the Gospel where Christ has not been named, and he seems to think that would be a worthy ambition for others. He speaks to the Corinthians of the ambition of pleasing Christ, and he bids the Thessalonians to be ambitious, to be quiet. These are three good things to be ambitious for. Whether ambition is wrong or right depends upon its object. We can test this issue upon Christ. Would he approve? Is our ambition one that we should admire if we saw it in him? The ambition to make his Gospel known is one that would meet these tests. He bade us make him known to the whole world. The ambition to please Christ is just ambition. To please God was the rule of Christ's own life. He came to create in us the same desire. It is good to think of this as an ambition—as really an ambition as the desire to be rich or influential or famous. Men seek these things. In the same way we may seek to please Christ, and have no higher ambition than that. To seek power for use is dangerous, but it is not wrong if, when acquired, it is used, not for self, but for the good of others. The beauty of Jesus' life was its lowliness, its avoidance of needless publicity, its ambition for quiet ministry of others. Has such a life become a positive ambition with us?—Robert E. Speer.

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When you are content with any food, any raiment, any climate, any society, any solitude, any interruption—that is victory.

When you can bear with any discord, any annoyance, any irregularity, unpunctuality (of which you are not the cause)—that is victory.

When you are forgotten, or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you smile inwardly, glorying in the insult or the oversight—that is victory.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation nor to record your good works, nor to seek after commendation, when you can truly "love to be unknown"—that is victory.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your tastes offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient and loving silence—that is victory.—Daily Bible.

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Religious profession should be a guarantee of character. But it is not always so. This is because the religion that is professed is but little more than a veneer. When the profession is based upon a real experience of spiritual quickening under the influence of the Holy Ghost, upon a sure knowledge of the forgiveness of one's sins through Jesus Christ, and upon acceptance into The family of God the Father, character of a high and worthy type will be the outcome. The Christian must be a vast improvement on the unbeliever. If he is not he has traduced his Lord. He must do and be more than the man who rejects Jesus Christ; "for if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." This is a high ideal of Christian aspiration, but it is the ideal of Jesus; and its attainment is within the reach of every one of his professed disciples.

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A woman lay with closed eyes and quiet breath waiting to welcome an angel whose presence seemed to overshadow the white-curtained room. A man knelt beside the bed, the woman's hand pressed close in his against his cheek, while his lips moved as if in prayer.

In the room were Life, Death and Love.

"What have you given her?" questioned Death of Life.

"I brought her my best gifts," answered Life—"youth, health, beauty, joy and Love."

"Has Love brought her good gifts?" again asked Death.

Said Love with wistful eye, "I brought her brave, bright hours, sunshine and laughter, happiness, and glory in living, and then a heavy cross. The sunshine she shed all about her, even with the fading of Life's glory; the cross hidden deep in her soul cast out self and made a new radiance and beauty there."

"Let her come to me," said Death. "Life had much to give, but peace and rest are not for Life to bestow. Love would give all, but must reckon with the human heart. I will crown and glorify and bless her."

Life fled from the quiet room with a sigh and one whispered, tender word; but Love lingered, brave even in the full presence of Death.

"What of him?" said Love, pointing to the kneeling figure.

"He made the cross?" Death asked.

"Yes," said Love, weeping.

"We must teach him," said Death, "what he could not learn from Life."—L. M. S., in the Outlook.

The Field

Wilmington District Conference Notes.

As the Editor of the "Old Raleigh" did not honor the Wilmington District Conference with his presence and touch up the salt sea breezes with his facile pen, it falls to the lot of another to give to the readers of the Advocate some account of the sayings and doings at Southport from July 28th to 31st, inclusive.

A good beginning is half the battle, so the Conference was specially fortunate in having present, on Wednesday evening, to preach the introductory sermon Rev. S. B. Turrentine, D. D., of the Western North Carolina Conference, who journeyed hither to represent the fortunes of Greensboro Female College. His preaching was of a high order, and was much enjoyed by the large audience of preachers, laymen, visitors, and citizens.

Thursday morning, promptly at nine o'clock, the Conference was called to order by the Presiding Elder, and after the opening religious services, Bro. H. C. Moffitt, of Whiteville, was elected secretary, and Rev. W. B. Royal assistant.

The roll call showed an unusually large attendance of both preachers and laymen. In fact every preacher in charge within the District attended the Conference except Rev. G. B. Webster, of Bladen Street Church, who was kept at home by an attack of fever; and every charge in the District was represented by from one to four laymen; add to these our honored visitors—Dr. Yates, of Trinity College; Dr. Turrentine of Greensboro Female College, and Brother Jenkins, Superintendent of the Orphanage, and the total number present was nearly seventy—an attendance not often excelled in the history of District Conferences. As Drs. Turrentine and Jenkins had to hurry away to the Warrenton District Conference, they were given an early hearing, and the funds of G. F. C. were increased by something over eight hundred dollars, and the claims of the Orphanage were impressed afresh on the hearts and minds of preachers and laymen. A part of Thursday morning session was devoted to the hearing of short but well prepared addresses by Revs. W. E. Brown and J. T. Draper, on the benefits to be derived from the District Conference.

The Thursday afternoon session of the Conference was full of interest to the large number of delegates and visitors present. After the minutes of the morning session were read and corrected, and the Presiding Elder had appointed the various committees as provided for by the discipline, Rev. J. J. Porter addressed the Conference on the proper care of our churches and their influence on the life of the community. Bro. Porter gave several interesting reminiscences of how old dilapidated, unsightly buildings had been transformed into comfortable houses of worship, and pointed out the corresponding gain both to the material and spiritual uplifting of the community.

Dr. Yates also addressed the Conference on the same subject, speaking especially of the contrast between the old neglected, weather beaten, rickety church buildings of thirty years ago, that the prosperous farmers of today would not think fit "to house their goats in," and the many beautiful country church homes of today.

Rev. A. S. Barnes, of Clinton, was called out by the Presiding Elder to discuss the question whether or not, during a revival meeting at a country church it was preferable to hold two services in the day or one in the day and one at night. Several brethren clerical and lay, spoke to the same subject, the general concensus of opinion being that two services held in the day time would most likely accomplish far greater good.

At 8.15 o'clock Rev. Alpheus McCullen, of Fifth Street M. E. Church, preached a sermon of great sweep, power and beauty, his theme being the Philosophy of Missions. Brother McCullen was heard by a large, intelligent and appreciative audience.

Friday morning at 9 o'clock the Conference convened with Presiding Elder John in the chair and H. C. Moffitt at the secretary's table, and after the opening exercises conducted by Rev. V. A. Royall, of Jacksonville, the report of the committee on missions, was presented and showed that very fine progress was being made. The following eight charges have already paid the foreign and domestic mission assessment in full: Grace Church, Bladen Street, Market Street, Magnolia Circuit, Clinton Circuit, Elizabeth Circuit, Whiteville Circuit and Bladen Circuit. The other nine charges of the District have paid in part, making the total amount paid to date $1,752, and the Wilmington District will undoubtedly be in the very front rank this year. Four years ago only two charges of the District paid the missionary assessment in full; this year every charge in the District will pay in full. To the Presiding Elder Rev. R. B. John, and his efficient District missionary secretary, Rev. A. S. Barnes, must be largely given the credit for the progress made.

Rev. A. J. Groves spoke of the large area of missionary territory in the Wilmington District. It is nearly twice as large as any other District in the North Carolina Conference. Mr. Groves especially pointed out the importance of establishing good day schools in the by-ways and highways of the District.

Rev. W. A. Jenkins spoke of the open doors about us where missionary work needs to be done; contignous to every Circuit and station is some place where the Christ-filled man will find work to be done, and he ought to move out and do it.

Rev. J. M. Marlowe spoke of the large territory lying between Scott's Hill and Swansboro where there was a crying need for church homes that the Gospel might be preached. He spoke of a vast territory of country where there was no church of any sort, and where he was now attempting to build one, but was hindered because the people were unable or unwilling to pay for the lumber now on the ground; he said if the members of the Conference would give him an average of 50 cents each he would be able to pay for the lumber and build the church. A collection was taken and more than the amount asked for was realized.

At 11 o'clock Rev. E. A. Yates, D. D., of the Trinity College Faculty, preached a most interesting and helpful sermon from Hebrews 11:27.

Friday afternoon the educational work of the Church came in for a liberal share of consideration.

Dr. Yates spoke for Trinity College, and especially emphasized the importance of the Woman's annex that was intended to give to the women of the State the highest and best educational advantages within its borders. He assured the Conference that no conflict was to exist between the Woman's annex and Greensboro Female College or Littleton or Louisburg, but that the annex was to supplement the work done at these institutions. These institutions, he said, are doing a great work, all that the average woman needs, but the number of those who desire to pursue the higher studies is constantly increasing, and the Woman's Annex at Trinity College is intended to meet this demand.

The report of Littleton Female College was presented by Rev. Alpheus McCullen, who spoke of the valuable work this college was doing for the Methodist girls of the State. President Rhodes and his associates are giving the best possible advantages for the least amount of money.

Presiding Elder John called attention to the fact that a large number of boys and girls within the bounds of the Wilmington District were unable to attend any of the schools now established because of financial inability, and lack of preparation. The Conference was urged to take hold of this question and establish an Industrial School for boys and girls—a school where they would be able to learn something else besides books; a school where they would be able to learn how to do things, to run a truck farm, to run a dairy, to cook a good dinner, to keep a neat house, to make a good home. This proposition from the Presiding Elder struck a responsive chord, and after some animated discussion, the following committee was appointed to devise ways and means for such a school and report to the next District Conference: N. M. Watson, A. S. Barnes, W. I. Wright, J. F. Garrell, and F. W. Hargett. Two hundred acres of land, more or less, and five or six thousand dollars would open a door of hope and new life to hundreds of young men and women within the Wilmington District.

The report of the committee on Sunday-school Work showed that great progress was being made, hardly a church can be found that does not have a school of some sort. Bro. T. L. Hubbard addressed the Conference, and urged his brother laymen to go out and establish schools in the neglected places, and lead the children to Christ and drive back the kingdom of darkness.

On Friday night, by appointment of the Presiding Elder, Rev. N. M. Watson preached a special sermon on "How Methodism Provides for the Spiritual Training of Her Children." By way of introduction it was shown how, by training, human and divine, Moses was transformed from a helpless infant, sleeping in a basket amid the rushes of the Nile, into a great leader, warrior, poet, statesman and founder of the Hebrew race. The three important disciplinary provisions of the church for the training of the young, were shown to be "Infant Baptism," "Sunday-schools," and "Epworth Leagues." Consecrated to the Lord in baptism, taught the Holy Scriptures in Sunday-school, trained for active, efficient and intelligent service in the Epworth League, this and this alone will hold the Methodist Church in the forefront of the Lord's work in the Twentieth Century.

Saturday morning the report on Epworth Leagues was presented, showing that in this department of the work very little was being done either in the District or in the State. The committee recommended the appointment of a District campaigner and organizer, and Rev. E. McWhorter was elected to fill the place.

The following lay delegates were elected to represent the District at the next session of the Annual Conference which convenes at Henderson November 30, 1904: Cicero H. Johnson, W. B. Cooper, R. H. Beery and J. H. Drew. Alternates: H. F. Schulken, J. E. Durham.

The following resolutions were introduced and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, our beloved Presiding Elder is closing his fourth year of faithful and efficient work on the Wilmington District, and

Whereas, the District has made such marked progress in all departments of church work, and especially along the line of missions under his administration, therefore, be it

Resolved 1. That we, the preachers and laymen of the Wilmington District, assure him of our love and appreciation.

2. That we have with great pleasure recognized his executive ability in the management of the business affairs of our District.

3. That we are sincerely grateful to him for his Godly counsel and for the brotherly spirit which he has manifested towards us in all his official dealings with us.

4. That we take great pleasure in commending him to the brethren of any District or to the members of any church within our Conference.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon our District Record and that a copy be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

(Signed)

ALBERT S. BARNES.
J. N. GIBBONS.

The consensus of opinion among preachers and laymen is that this District Conference has been unusually pleasant and profitable. There was no "cut and dried" program, but the Presiding Elder seemed to be fortunate in calling out just the right man to discuss just the right subject, at just the right time. The discussions were somewhat outside of the beaten track, and there was not a dull half hour from beginning to end. The breezes from the sea were salt and balmy, and the hospitality of Southport abundant. To the Pilots Association the Conference is indebted for a complimentary ride out to sea on Saturday afternoon; they carried us around the bell-buoy and back via Fort Caswell, where we had a look at some of the munitions of war. Old Neptune was specially kind and passed the entire company without calling for tribute.

The next session of the Conference goes to Warsaw.

The Family

The Brave at Home.

The maid who binds her warrior's sash
With smile that well her pain dissembles,
The while beneath her drooping lash
One starry teardrop hangs and trembles,
Though heaven alone records the tear,
And Fame shall never know her story,
And heart has shed a drop as dear
As e'er bedewed the field of glory!

The wife who girds her husband's sword
'Mid little ones who weep or wonder,
And bravely speaks the cheering word,
What though her heart be rent asunder,
Doomed nightly in her dreams to hear
The bolts of death around him rattle,
Has shed as sacred blood as e'er
Was poured upon the field of battle.

The mother who conceals her grief
While to her breast her son she presses,
Then breathes a few brave words and brief,
Kissing the patriot brow she blesses,
With no one but her secret God
To know the pain that weighs upon her,
Sheds holy blood as e'er the sod
Received on freedom's field of honor.
—Thomas Buchanan Read.

The river of dreams runs silently down
By a secret way that no one knows;
But the soul lives on while the dreamtide flows
Through the garden bright or the forests brown:
And I think sometimes that our whole life seems.
To be more than half made up of dreams.
For its changing sights and its passing shows
And its morning hopes and its midnight fears
Are left behind with the vanished years.
Onward, with ceaseless motion,
The life stream flows to the ocean,
And we follow the tide, awake or asleep,
Till we see the dawn on love's great deep.
Then the bar at the harbor mouth is crossed
And the river of dreams in the sea is lost.
—Henry Van Dyke.

The Prophet of Smooth Things.

Though the judgment against Israel's prophet, who said, "Peace, peace," when there was no peace, was sufficiently dreadful to deter men from a like course for all time, it is to be feared that that same prophet of smooth things has, even in our day, all too many imitators. "Even in our day," we say—perhaps we should say, especially in our day, for there are many indications that "the Gospel of the agreeable," as one has called it, is being preached today as industriously as it ever has been in the history of the world. And why not? some one may say. Yes, indeed, why not? Surely the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the gospel of the agreeable, the gospel of love and good-will, of peace and holiness and beauty and fulness of joy! These are agreeable things for any man to contemplate, and surely he who lives the Christ-life and delivers the Christ message, will dwell much upon them. Did not our Master, of whom we are all poor childish learners, ever have a word of cheer and hope—did not he preach the gospel of the agreeable? Yes, we may admit that he did, whenever it was possible. He longed to say, and did say, whenever he could, to every man and woman who crossed his path, "Son, daughter, be of good cheer." But that was not the message possible to many whom he met, and that was not the message that he gave. As we look back now upon his life-ministry, with all its helpfulness and blessing, we know that it is really true that he came not to bring peace, but a sword. Though he was kindly and kingly in his dealings with the people, there never had been, and there never can be, such a stern preacher of righteousness as was Jesus of Nazareth. And is not that the one part of his Gospel that we are in great danger of forgetting in these days of prosperity and ease.

Phillips Brooks is quoted as saying: "The great mass of people are stunted and starved with superficialness. They never get beneath the crust and skin of things with which they deal. They never touch the real reasons and meanings of living. It is better to be overwhelmed with the awful voice of God than to become satisfied with the piping of mechanical ceremonies or the lullabies of traditional creeds." Verily there is a danger that we play about the mere fringe of Christ's great Gospel.

It Never Misses.

Here is a very interesting method, clipped from the Church Progress, of learning, without being told, the page and line where a certain word appears:

Open a book at random, and select a word within the first ten lines and within the tenth word from the end of the line.

Mark the word.

Now double the number of the page and multiply the sum by five.

Then add twenty.

Then add the number of the line you have selected.

Then add five.

Then multiply the sum by ten.

Add the number of the word in the line.

From this subtract 250, and the remainder will indicate in the units columns the number of the word, in the tens columns the number of the line, and the remaining figures the number of the page.

Guess Again.

An old lawyer tells, in the Brooklyn Eagle, this story of one of his experiences years ago, in cross-examination. The witness seemd to be disposed to dodge his questions.

"Sir," said the lawyer, sternly, "you need not state your impressions. We want the facts. We are competent to form our own impressions. Now, sir, answer me categorically.

From that time on he could get little more than "Yes" and "No" out of the witness. Presently the lawyer said:

"You say you live next door to the defendant?"

"Yes."

"To the north of him?"

"No,"

"To the south?"

"No."

"Well, to the west, then?"

"No."

"Ah," said the lawyer, sarcastically, "we are likely at last to get down to the one real fact. You live to the east of him, do you?"

"No."

"How is that, sir?" the astonished attorney asked. "You say you live next door to him. Yet he lives neither to the north, south, east or west of you. What do you mean?"

"I thought perhaps you were competent to form the impression that we live in a flat," said the witness, calmly; "but I see I must inform you that he lives next door above me."

"That Reminds Me."

"I'll tell you the kind of listeners I don't like," said a young woman, vehemently. "They're the ones who hear you through without really interrupting, and whose faces show a smiling animation which you flatter yourself is a tribute to what you are saying—but it isn't any such thing. The minute you get to the end, almost before the last syllable is out, they begin: 'That reminds me of an experience I had one time'; and without word of comment on what you have been saying, they launch forth into an animated personal reminiscence, and sometimes the connection is even hard to see."

"Such people are pretty numerous," said another. "They can't seem to take a healthy, impersonal interest in anything. I saw a dear little girl graduate the other day bring out a photograph of herself which her mother had asked her to show to a friend. There was so much that might have been said to the sweet, shrinking original of the picture, but this woman's sole comment, made with dancing eyes, was: 'I must tell you what a funny thing happened when I had my graduating picture taken fifteen years ago.' And a rather tiresome reminiscence followed, while the new photograph lay utterly ignored in the woman's lap."

The criticism surely is not undeserved. Notice for yourself how many people seem to find pleasure only in such conversation as can be turned personally back upon themselves. And it isn't a lovable or endearing habit, is it?—Bertha Gerneaux Woods, in Zion's Herald.

The Windows of the Mind.

If the windows of your mind are thrown wide to the sunlight there is no place for the darkness.

If they are thrown wide to good cheer there is no room for sadness.

If they are opened to sweet thoughts there is no quarter for the bitter.

If they are bright with hope there is no lurking spot for despair; if they are bright with courage there is no harborage for fear.

If they are filled with tranquility and peace there is no room for discontent.

If they are filled with sweet temper there is no place for anger; if they are filled with tenderness and sympathy there is no shelter for "sweet revenge."

If they are filled with gratitude there is no place for benefits forgot.

If they are filled with the milk of human kindness there is no room or refuge for ill will.—Chicago Tribune.

A Doctor Dialogue.

The doctor looked serious. "You should be very careful for at least a month," he said.

"Is it as bad as all that?" asked the patient anxiously.

"If the result is to be satisfactory, as I would like to have it, you cannot follow the rules that I lay down too carefully."

"I will do just as you say," said the now thoroughly alarmed patient. "Am I eating too heavy?"

"Much too heartily. You should eat simpler food and not so much of it. If you follow my advice you'll cut your butcher's and grocer's bills just about in half."

"I'll do it, doctor."

"You ought to take more exercise, too," continued the physician. "How do you go to your office now?"

"On the street-cars."

"Stop it at once. You must walk to and from your office every day, rain or shine. Do you ever go to the theater?"

"Quite often."

"You mustn't do it while you are under my care. How about smoking?"

"I smoke, of course, but only in moderation."

"Don't smoke at all," instructed the physician. "Throw away all your cigars and don't buy another for thirty days at least, or I'll throw up the case."

"I'll do it, doctor, but—but—"

"Do you drink?"

"Occasionally, but I—"

"Stop it entirely."

"A little claret on the table now and then ought not to—"

"Not a drop at any time."

"All right, doctor, what next?"

"Nothing. Follow these instructions closely for thirty days, and by that time—"

"Yes?" said the patient eagerly.

"By that time," repeated the doctor, "you ought to have saved enough to pay me the balance due on that little bill you have owed me for a matter of about eighteen months. Good day."—Chicago Evening Post.

"Each morning sees some task begun,
Each evening sees its close;
Something attempted, something done,
Has earned a night's repose."

Our Boys and Girls

Stewart, N. C., July 29, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will write for my second time. I am a little girl eleven years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I like to read the little boys' and girls' letters.

I have two sisters and three brothers.

My mother died when I was only two years old.

Now I will ask a question: How many books did Paul write?

I will close with love and best wishes to the Orphanage.

EVA HASTY.

Hobucken, N. C., July 11, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As it has been such a long time since I have written to the Advocate, I will write a short letter. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. I study the Bible. My teacher is Miss Sallie Alcock. I like her very much. I also go to every-day school. My sister takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little boys' and girls' letters.

I will answer Eva Pearson's question: Solomon was the wisest man.

Enclosed find five cents for the Orphanage.

MILLIE MAYO.

Beaumont, N. C., July 19, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years of age. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little boys' and girls' letters very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My Sunday-school teacher is my uncle, Joe Green. Our pastor is Rev. J. H. Frizelle, and we all like him very much. I have five brothers and two sisters.

I will answer Eva Pearson's question: Solomon was the wisest man.

I will ask one: How old was King Solomon when he died?

Your friend,

MINNIE C. GREEN.

Aberdeen, N. C., August 1, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little boys' and girls' letters very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Mr. Henry Page is our superintendent and Mrs. Ellis is our teacher. Rev. G. A. Oglesby is our pastor.

I have one brother and two sisters living and two little brothers dead. I am very lonely now for my brother and twin sister have gone to grandpa's and I miss them so much. We have a lot of nice flowers in our yard and so many nice grapes too.

I will now ask a question: What king was it that reigned only seven days?

I will close with love and best wishes to the Orphanage.

Enclosed you will find five cents for the Orphanage.

Your little friend,

MAUD SHARPE.

Winterville, N. C., July 27, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I have been a silent reader for quite awhile, and I thought I would like to join the happy cousins. I keep house for my father and five brothers. My mother died in November, 1903.

Cousin Casie Bright, write again, as we are first cousins. I enjoyed your letter fine. We are about the same age I believe, are we not?

My birthday is the 16th of August. I will be fifteen. I will appreciate a letter party from the cousins very much.

They are building a Methodist church at Winterville. I will be so glad when they get it finished. Our pastor is Rev. Mr. Stanfield. We like him fine.

I will try and get $1 for the orphans by Thanksgiving, for I surely do sympathize with them.

I will close by asking a question: Who was Joseph's mother?

Mr. Editor, excuse me for not closing sooner, but I would like to see my letter in print as no one at home knows that I am writing. Good-by, with love to the orphans.

Your affectionate friend,

MAGGIE DICKINSON.

Beaumont, N. C., July 18, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little boys' and girls' letters very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My teacher's name is Mr. J. S. Green and our pastor is Rev. J. H. Frizelle, and we all like him very much.

My papa's store is about one mile from our house and I bring his dinner most every day and spend the evenings with my friend, Minnie Green.

How many years did Jesus spend preaching?

Your little friend,

NELLIE PARRISH.

East Durham, N. C., July 13, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I wrote to the Advocate sometimes ago and was very glad when it appeared on the children's page. We have a large Sunday-school, with nineteen teachers and about two hundred scholars.

I received a lovely gold pin last Christmas given by our superintendent, Mr. Y. E. Smith, for attending every Sunday in the year. This is our fourth year here. Last Thursday was my twelfth birthday, and I received a nice Bible from my father and mother. I am going to try to read it through by my next birthday.

I will answer Mable and Ossie Edwards' question: It was Aaron's rod that budded, bloomed and yielded almonds.

Now I will ask a question: How long did the flood prevail upon the earth?

With best wishes to the Advocate, I am,

Your friend,

NINA McCALL.

Little Boy Blue.

The little toy dog is covered with dust,
But sturdy and staunch he stands;
And the little toy soldier is red with rust,
And his musket moulds in his hands.
Time was when the little toy dog was new
And the soldier was passing fair,
And that was the time when our Little Boy Blue
Kissed them and put them there.

"Now, don't you go till I come," he said,
"And don't you make any noise!"
So toddling off to his trundle bed
He dreamt of his pretty toys.
And as he was dreaming an angel song
Awakened our Little Boy Blue—
Oh, the years are many, the years are long,
But the little toy friends are true.

Aye, faithful to Little Boy Blue they stand,
Each in the same old place,
Awaiting the touch of a little hand,
The smile of a little face.
And they wonder, as waiting these long years through,
In the dust of that little chair,
What has become of our Little Boy Blue,
Since he kissed them and put them there.

—Eugene Field.

Gone to His Little Boy Blue.

[Written upon hearing of the death of Eugene Field by N. A. Jennings.]

The Little Boy Blue who wandered afar
At sounds of the angel's song
Stands still by the beautiful gates ajar,
While 'round him the children throng.
There's a smile upon the little boy's face
As, waiting for papa, he stands
And welcomes him there with a baby grace,
And holds out his little hands.

Like the little toy dog, all covered with dust,
Who kept his vigil so true,
And the little toy soldier, all red with rust,
So has waited the Little Boy Blue.
He has wondered why papa has stayed away
From where all is pure and bright,
For he wanted him so to join in his play
In the beautiful Land of Light.

Ah, deep in the hearts of world-weary men
Is the tale of the Little Boy Blue,
And gentle tears come to their tired eyes when
They think of the toys so true.
As the little boy went at the angel's call
In his dreams at the end of day,
So the Master who loved the little ones all,
Has gone to his own far away.

Some Things we Wish to Know.

How can you grow a pillow-slip
In the midst of a feather-bed?
And how can a horse-fly over a ship,
Or an ink-stand on its head?
How can a wheel-barrow anything,
And when does a butter-fly?
Will the garden-rake itself next spring?
We pause for a reply.

Does the apple-sauce the canvas-back,
Or the currant-jell out loud?
Does the raspberry-jam the hasty snack
While the peach-preserves the crowd?
And what will the homeless oyster-stew
When the seas have all gone dry?
These things concern both me and you—
We pause for a reply.

—Selected.

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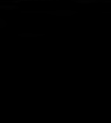

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"The Neglected Continent."

In the United States, and in England, when reference is made to the missionary work in South America, and especially in Brazil, one says: "The neglected continent;" because, compared with other nations, few missionaries are sent there. It is the locality least blessed with missionaries, in proportion to the population.

It is interesting to note, that the very ones who qualify us as "the neglected continent" are actually the ones who create this neglect, because it depends upon them to send us a large number of missionaries.

And I think that in no other country have missionary efforts been so successful as in ours. It would merit, therefore, double the missionaries which it has, since, truly there is no lack of work and thirsty souls.

These considerations were suggested to me by the reading of the article "Missionary Work" in a recent number of "Expositor Christo" (Brazilian Christian Advocate), in which were given condensed statistics of Methodist missions in various countries of the world. I already knew that other missions—Presbyterians, Baptists, etc.,—send many more missionaries to other nations than to Brazil; so that in these other evangelized countries the proportion of ministers to members is much greater than it is here; but I was still under the illusion that the Methodists were an exception to this; that is, I thought that in Brazil there were, proportionally to the members, more missionaries than in other countries.

But the published statistics have confirmed once more this truth, drawn from them—we are "the neglected continent."

Here are some data:

In China, there were in 1873, only four missionaries. Now there are 53, not including 15 itinerant preachers, and 92 local preachers and helpers (Chinese); all these for 934 members. Omitting the 107 natives, the proportion is one missionary for 18 professed believers in Christ. There are four hospitals, and two dispensaries, as means of propaganda. Here in Brazil, we have not even one simple "medical mission."

Korea.—The mission was established in 1890. There are now 15 missionaries for 424 members; or one missionary for each 28 members.

Japan.—The missionary work began in 1886; there are now 39 missionaries for 744 members; or one missionary for each 19 members.

Mexico.—The work began in 1883; there are now 55 missionaries for 5,814 members; or one missionary for each 105 converts. There are, however, in addition, 53 itinerant preachers, and 121 local preachers, helpers, and teachers (Mexican). And yet more, there are two missionary hospitals.

Cuba.—The work began in 1898; there are now 18 missionaries for 454 members; or one missionary for each 25 members.

Brazil.—The work began in 1874. There are now 40 missionaries for 3,343 members, or one missionary for each 83 members.

It is only in Mexico that there is a less proportion (1 to 105) of missionaries, but in compensation, besides having a population less than half of that of Brazil, there are 174 natives, local preachers, itinerants, helpers, and teachers, for the 5,814 members; and Brazil has only 28 natives (only 28!!), itinerant and local preachers, for 3,343 members, which gives the proportion of one to each 120!! What a burden of care and labor!

Poor, neglected continent! Ah if the foreign missionary societies had sent us missionaries in proportion to our necessities, or at least, in proportion to that which they send to other nations we would not be the neglected continent," but rather "the blessed continent."

These considerations of mine are not offered as censure, since we are very grateful for the benefits received, however they express our anxiety to see our country entirely evangelized and therefore prosperous and reformed.

The above article left with me some time since by Miss Mary Pescud is published with the hope that South America may indeed become "the blessed continent."

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"Visit them in health and sickness.

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"Build homes, i. e., parsonages, settlement, rescue, mission homes and orphanages.

"Provide needful furnishings for homes and supply clothing for their inmates.

"Print live facts and figures to awaken the indifferent.

"Teach sewing. Give music lessons, vocal and instrumental.

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"Build churches for the Chinese and Japanese on our shores.

"Esthablish and manage kindergarten, day schools, night schools, and day nurseries."

WORK FOR ALL.

Have our readers realized the number of occupations? Or the diversity of gifts required? Let no one say she can do nothing—there is work for every form of talent and every variety of taste. The Home Mission Society is as broad in scope as the Church; indeed, it is that part of it which provides avenues for woman's work.

SOME THINGS WE HAVE

"Circulating libraries, gymnasiums, baths, Sunday-schools, classes for religious instruction.

"Two thousand one hundred and fourteen members of the Florine McEachern Mite Box Brigade, which was organized last year.

"Two thousand and twelve Baby Roll members added during fiscal year recently closed, making a total membership of 37,089.

"Property owned by Society valued at $81,500."

OUR NEEDS

And the continual cry is for more homes, more schools, more money, more members! What can we say to awaken the sleeping Christian, to arouse the indifferent, to arrest the thoughtless? Surely the next generation, trained by the Mite Box and Baby Roll members of this, will be fully alive to their duties and privileges! And this thought brings to mind the great responsibilities of us older members in keeping our children strong in the faith and true to the work. It is our golden opportunity, and I trust we will treasure it and strive to improve it as faithful, intelligent Christians should.

Life More Abundant.

Miss Annabel Weigle, one of our first Deaconesses, has been called to her reward. While we sorrow at our loss, we rejoice in her eternal glory. Her illness and death were sudden and many mourn her untimely going (as it seems to human judgment).

She was a graduate of the Chicago Training School, and in February entered Settlement work at the Neidringhaus Social Settlement in St. Louis, an institution of the M. E. Church.

Her pastor writes: "She was a great soul, and though with us but a short time, we came to love her for what she was."

Report of Our Thirteenth Annual Meeting Held at Selma.

This meeting proved the thirteenth to be a most auspicious number, and in no way more conclusively than in Mrs. Jerome's full and interesting report. Our Society here returns appreciative and grateful thanks for her conscientious and capable work, with the earnest hope that she may be spared long, and in health, to fill the important position of Conference Recording Secretary.

I would urge every member to read carefully the entire report, and I hope every President will call particular attention to the work of the committees. Sisters, let us be conversant with our work and love to tell others of it.

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TOUR TO ST. LOUIS.

The Baracas have arranged with the Seaboard for special cars to the World's Fair on August 9th, and they will have quite a movement from North Carolina.

The National Baracas Convention meets in St. Louis August 11th and 12th, and arrangements are being made for this trip by Mr. R. N. Simms, Vice-President, and Mr. L. W. Alderman, Secretary, and Mr. W. A. Cooper. Cars will be attached to other trains and the lowest rates in effect at the time will be available for any who desire to join the party. Special rates will be arranged at hotels.

Those who desire to accompany this party should address either of the above gentlemen, or the undersigned, who will furnish complete information.

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Editorial

FOR OUR AUGUST FRIENDS.

Who are our August Friends?

Those of our readers whose subscription to the Advocate is due.

Is this all?

No. Those of our readers whose subscription is due and who during the dog-days of August send in their renewal are our August Friends.

Why are we calling on our August Friends?

Simply because we need now every cent that we can get.

Our expenses are as heavy as ever. They must be met as promptly in cash as ever.

We do not wish to borrow money and pay interest—money that many of our August Friends are as able to pay now as at any other time of the year.

We are hoping to hear from our August Friends.

Will you be one?

THE "ODIUM PECUNIOSUM."

"Odium theologicum" is a term used to denote those strong feelings aroused in one when he defends his own theological doctrine or attacks that of another.

We have invented another term somewhat corresponding to the one just spoken of—"odium pecuniosum." We regret the necessity for using foreign words. We are unable to compress Anglo-Saxon language into an expression brief enough for a heading that will compass our meaning.

"Odium pecuniosum" is that feeling which is aroused in many when they are requested to spend money for the Lord's kingdom.

The "odium pecuniosum" is more common than the "odium theologicum." There are thousands of saints who will smile blandly when their doctrines are attacked, but who will become excited when the church, through her representatives, makes a demand on their pocket books.

The "odium pecuniosum" is indicated in the following expressions so familiar to preachers and church officers: "It is always money, money!" "Every time I go to church there is some kind of collection." "I am tired of this everlasting cry for money." And the "odium pecuniosum" sometimes becomes so rank and powerful that stewards fly like bats to their caves, while the preacher walks for weeks without the comfort of knowing that he has anything of a "metallic nature" in his pocket. It has forced many a preacher to apologize whenever he mentioned money in the pulpit. It has placed the kingdom of God on a basis of cringing, scrimping economy. It has reversed in principle the command of Jesus Christ, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."

Why should a saint, through the "odium pecuniosum," disown, nay, spurn the idea that the King's business requires money? His church is a human institution. The days of miracles are over. The daily manna no longer falls to feed hungry mouths. The coin of the realm is necessary. What other business is so deep in its nature, so stupendous in its sweep, so noble in its purpose, so lasting in its results, and so mighty in its output as the business of the King. There is no business so grand and vital as that of serving the Lord and supporting His church. The scope of one's business is measured by the amount of money involved in conducting it. How dares any one to say through his little niggardly giving that the mighty circle of God's kingdom, sweeping beyond creation's outposts, should be made to fit the circumference of a paltry dollar. Yet this is done by every one who practically denies that the Church of God should use more dollars than any other organization on the face of the earth.

Again, why should a saint, through his "odium pecuniosum," deny that the demands of the King's business are at least as numerous and constant and exacting as the demands of the family, the farm, the store? You never think it strange that these interests come to you every day with a request for money. Then why do you frown and complain and even stay away from church, because, as you say, "They are always begging for money"?

Oh! dollar-squeezing saints, did you ever think how constantly your demands are met by the loving Father who has placed His business in your hands? Every second you call on Him for breath; daily you call on Him for food; throughout the days and nights of spring, summer, autumn and winter, your body, your spirit, your family, your secular business, call on God for sustenance. He meets every demand. Yet when He calls on you through His servants to bring all the tithes into His storehouse, you entreat those servants shamefully and fill the land with the echo of your cry, "It is always money, money!" Oh, shame on the "odium pecuniosum," and all who possess it!

THE CHURCH SCHOOL FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH.

We trust that our readers gave special attention to the late article in the Advocate, written by our talented friend and brother, R. T. Poole, Esq., and entitled, "What the Church School Has Done for the State."

It seems strange that there should be any necessity for reminding the public that the church school is here by divine right, and that its claims are vindicated not only by its heavenly credentials, but by the fruit it bears.

Mr. Poole speaks wisely when he says: "Has the State a right to educate?" That it has a legal right to do so, we do not question. Has the church a right to educate? I answer, Yes. Has the church proven herself competent to educate. I would refer you to its great majority of our American colleges and universities which dot our country, from its lakes to the Gulf, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. No one doubts where such institutions as Harvard or Yale or Princeton or Johns Hopkins or Tufts or Wesleyan or Brown or Vanderbilt or Trinity, Connecticut, or Trinity, North Carolina belongs. It must be evident to the most prejudiced observer that the great educational energy of this country is found in the church.

We do not fear any comparison of the Methodist schools of North Carolina with those which are purely secular. Take the men and women who have come from our Methodist schools, and in all that goes to make up a normal, robust manhood, they stand preeminent.

Our schools, from the colleges down, will open in a few weeks. To the hundreds of parents who are looking for an institution to which they may send the boy and girl, we would say: You are the trustees of your childrens interests. You cannot evade your responsibility. You, not the boy or girl, are to choose the school. In choosing, obediently remember the command, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness," and we shall not fear that the church school will lack the patronage of the people of the church.

Prof. Olin Moore, a son of Rev. M. H. Moore, formerly of the North Carolina Conference, of Carrollton, has been elected to the chair of Modern Languages in Millsaps College, at Jackson, Miss. Last year Professor Moore took a course at Harvard University, and he is well equipped for his work.

DO WE BELIEVE IN "CHOOSE THE LESSER"?

We of this day and time can have but a faint conception of the moral stamina required of the early Christians. Their places of worship were the dark caves and dense woods. No credit was attached in those days to church members, but the faith of the followers of the lowly Nazarene was tested by cruel struggles with wild beasts, by stonings and by all the forms of cruelty that fiends could devise. We wonder what our world of today would say if those scenes could be re-enacted, remembering that the torture would have instantly ceased if the victims had but whispered a feeble denial of their Master. We fear that the answer would be denunciation instead of admiration. Those early heroes believed that of two evils, choose neither, but leave the result to God. The tendency today is, of two evils choose the lesser—and leave God out. The world is full of this. Everywhere we see men and women compromising themselves in their Christian life. The Scripture, "He that provideth not for his own household hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel," is quoted with great gusto by Sabbath breakers and others who have to solve for themselves the great moral questions being agitated. The Bible lays down certain fundamental and basic laws, declaring that certain things are good or bad, helpful or injurious. This was the guide when the world was young, and when a few human beings were earnestly seeking to save their souls, though the path was beset by danger and death. Those laws as laid down have never been abrogated, never will be as long as right is right and wrong is wrong. What would the early martyrs think and say if their dust, buried in the centuries' keep, could rise today and live again. What would they say of us who have reaped the reward of their sufferings, and, rejoicing in strength, have taken the law which was their delight and have twisted and altered it to conform to our supposedly more enlighted civilization and Christianity?

The Census Bureau has just issued a bulletin giving statistics of the negro population. The facts show that, while the negroes of the Southern States have increased 33.1 per cent during the last twenty years, the white population increased 56.5 per cent. For fifty years, therefore, the census proves that the white population has been steadily gaining on the negroes. In 1900 there were, according to the report, 9,204,531 negroes in the United States, which is a much larger number than is found in any other country except Africa. About 90 per cent of them are in the Southern States, and the lower Mississippi Valley is the section most thickly populated by them, the proportion being fifteen negroes to one white.

No department of our church work in the Virginia Conference has shown larger development in better methods than the Sunday-school work. Teachers' meetings, normal classes, graded work, and most attractive primary departments are becoming the rule among us. Professor Hamill is doing splendid service for our church.—Exchange.

Rev. H. W. Baker, our missionary in Havana, Cuba, passed through Jacksonville a few days since with a party of Cuban gentlemen en route to St. Louis. From there Brother Baker will join his family in Detroit, Mich., where they have been visiting for some time, and take a month's vacation. He reports that the pure Gospel of Christ is making a deep impression upon the thinking minds of Cuba.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

Evangelist Walter Holcombe, of Statesville, N. C., has made a contract with Mr. Edward McKenzie, of Louisville, Ky., to sing for him for the next twelve months. Mr. McKenzie was with Rev. George R. Stuart and Rev. Sam. P. Jones last year. Messrs. Holcomb and McKenzie are conducting a camp-meeting in Tennessee.

Methodist Mention

State.

We are gratified to learn that the health of Rev. J. E. Bristowe is much better.

The election at Fremont last week resulted in a victory for the temperance forces.

At the Wilmington District Conference there were twenty-five preachers and about fifty delegates.

Rev. S. T. Moyle writes that his meeting at Osgood last week was very successful. Six joined the church.

Dr. P. L. Groome, whose health has been almost restored, is preparing to build a handsome residence in Greensboro.

Rev. M. T. Plyler is having the most gratifying success in his canvass for securing equipment for the Greensboro Female College dormitories.

Rev. H. B. Anderson and wife, of Goldsboro, passed through Raleigh on last Friday on their way to Panacea Springs where they expect to spend two weeks.

Rev. H. M. Blair, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, is at Connelly's Springs, repairing his health which has not been so good for the last few months.

The announcement of the opening of Greensboro Female College October 1, 1904, comes to us in a beautiful folder containing a picture of the building when completed.

Last week Rev. G. B. Perry assisted Rev. W. T. Usry in a meeting at Snead's Grove which resulted in twenty-two professions and fifteen additions to church membership.

Rev. W. L. Dawson, who left the Methodist Conference two years ago to connect himself with the Holiness church, has returned to the Methodist church and has been appointed to the North Catawba Circuit.

A mass meeting of all the Christians of Thomasville was held at the Methodist church of Thomasville last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, preparatory to a revival meeting which is to begin at that church at an early date.

Rev. F. F. Eure wishes to thank Mrs. W. S. Stevens, of Smithfield, for $1.00 sent him for the new church at Wakefield. The necessity for a church at this place is very pressing and we hope that Brother Eure may receive many such letters.

We learn from Rev. R. H. Willis that Miss Sallie Benson, of Nashville, N. C., has been elected teacher for the Intermediate Department of the Harry North School, and Miss Emma Davis, of Warren Plains, N. C., of the Music Department. Both are preacher's daughters. The fall term will open September 5th.

Mr. John W. Ward, of Rowland, is one of our elect Methodists. He made us a pleasant visit last week and announced that he wished to furnish one of the dormitories of Greensboro Female College in memory of his father, Mr. E. B. Ward, deceased. He also said that he intended for his daughter to occupy that room some day.

Rev. R. H. Broome, Carthage Circuit, writes: "I have protracted meetings at Ingram Branch and Highfalls. Many believers were quickened. Eight persons confessed Christ. Four converts joined the church. Rev. J. W. Hoyle, of the Elise Circuit, gave us three days of effective service. His preaching was spiritual and helpful."

Rev. H. W. Baker, a Methodist Episcopal missionary stationed at Havana, Cuba, and supported by the Men's Missionary Society Society of the Centenary Church, this city, arrived here to-day. He was accompanied by Rev. Francis Diaz, native Cuban, who was converted under Rev. Mr. Baker's ministry and is now pastor of a church at Havana.—Greensboro Telegram.

We acknowledge receipt of the report of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the North Carolina Conference, held at Selma, N. C., April 27 to May 2, 1904. It is an interesting and valuable document.

Prof. Jerome Dowd of the University of Wisconsin has been in Charlotte for a brief stay, after having spent a large part of his vacation at Chicago University giving lectures and also taking special work in his line—sociology and economics.

The pulpit of Pleasant Grove M. E. Church was occupied last Sunday morning by Rev. Robert Lee Davis, of Windsor, a school-mate of Pastor E. E. Rose. He delivered a fine sermon, which was well received by a large and attentive audience.—Roanoke-Chowan Times.

Our friend and brother, Leon T. Vaughan, Esq., writes: "We have recently organized an Epworth League in our town (Nashville, N. C.), and I have been requested to tell them about the workings of the League." He can obtain literature from Dr. H. M. Du Bose, Epworth League Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.

According to the terms of a contract recently entered into by Rev. J. M. Rhodes, president of Littleton Female College, with Mr. W. P. Rose, a Raleigh architect, the latter is to do improvement work at the college aggregating $100,000—the work to be done at the rate of $10,000 annually for ten years.

Rev. Thomas F. Pierce, D. D., last surviving son of Dr. Lovick Pierce, of Georgia, only remaining brother of Bishop George F. Pierce, of our church, died recently at the home of his son, Rev. W. L. Pierce, at Gainesville, Ga. He was seventy-nine years of age and had been a Methodist preacher fifty-seven years. He was a member of the North Georgia Conference and was greatly loved and esteemed by his brethren.—Exchange.

Asheville, N. C., August 2.—John S. Huyler, the New York candy millionaire manufacturer, and for a number of years past closely identified with the Montreat Religious Association near Black Mountain, to-day purchased, at public sale, through his agent, J. A. Porter, the famous Asheville College property, situated in the heart of the city and containing a number of acres of ground and a large and handsome building, formerly used as the dormitory and recitation rooms of the Asheville College for Young Women. The price paid by Mr. Huyler was $30,000.—News and Observer.

We take the following from the Salem correspondent of the Oxford Ledger: "The revival which began at Salem the fourth Sunday closed last Sabbath the 31st. Rev. F. M. Shamburger helped the pastor, Rev. W. H. Puckett, and did the most of the preaching. He preached with great power and the people gave heed to his words of wisdom. Rev. Mr. Ormond, of Kittrell, reached us Thursday and was with us two days. We liked him also and hope he will come again. There were a large number of conversions and ten accessions to the church. The church was greatly revived and we trust lasting good was done. Our pastor and people are much pleased with the results as this was the best meeting we have had in a number of years."

Notice.

I shall ask Brother Walker to give me on August 20, a statement of his receipts for missions up to that date, and in a few days thereafter a copy of this statement will be sent out to the preachers of the Conference. Let all who have on hand money for this cause send it in immediately to J. B. Walker, Treasurer, Durham, N. C.

R. H. WILLIS,
Conference Secretary of Missions.

Morehead City, N. C., August 5, 1904.

There have been over two thousand additions to the church in St. Louis District this year.

General Notes

The Baptists of England raised $1,236,235 for their Twentieth Century Fund.

Bishop Vincent has chosen Indianopolis as his residence. He will spend the summer at Chautauqua.

The Congregational Church in the United States has among its clergy fifty-three licensed women preachers.

The International Bible Reading Association now has a membership of 820,000, speaking thirty different languages.

France has given the Papal representative at Rome his passports and discontinued diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

Mr. Davidson becomes connectional editor of the English Wesleyan Conference, in place of Dr. W. L. Watkinson, who becomes supernumerary.

The archbishop of Canterbury has now definitely accepted the invitation of the Episcopal church in the United States to be present at the General Convention in Boston in October.

The choir of one of the largest churches in the city of Memphis, Tenn., went on a strike a few days ago. This is nothing uncommon in North Carolina. We have seen it a dozen times.

The new city directory for Chicago has been given to the public. Based on the number of names it gives, Chicago has a population for 1904 of 2,241,000, an increase of 10,000 over last year.

The Y. M. C. A., of Treadwell Island, Alaska, has been organized a year, and two hundred miners have become members. The saloons and gambling places have lost their business, and the jail is practically empty.

Two sons of Methodist preachers have secured Rhodes scholarships at Oxford University, Sanley Hornbeck, son of Dr. M. D. Hornbeck, of Denver, who represents Colorado, and the son of Dr. A. O. Ebright, of Winfield, Kan., who goes from that State.

Alas! for greatness. Here is the way one English paper puts it up: "The delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church South America, to the Sheffield Conference is Bishop Hoss, who will preach next Sunday morning and evening at St. James's Hall."

In Rev. Dr. Russell Conwell's Philadelphia "Temple" a string of megaphones is suspended before the pulpit platform, and in the choir gallery, and the sermon, hymns, and anthems are thus conveyed by telephone to many shut-in patients in the hospital.

The Christian Work remarks: "King Edward's action in receiving General Booth the other day, and expressing his sympathy with the work of the Salvation Army, was exceedingly gracious and fitting. It will commend the Salvation Army anew to British support."

Bishop Key after holding the District Conference at Little Rock, went down to stamps to dedicate a new church in the pastoral charge of Rev. A. M. Robertson.—Arkansas Methodist. Bad on the Bishop. Why did they not pay his expenses by sending him a check in advance? We turn the case over to Dr. Woods of the St. Louis.

The Methodist preachers of Philadelphia have recently made a canvass of their city in behalf of their Methodist church paper. Seventy-two pastors, in but a few days' systematic work, added one thousand seven hundred and fifty-four full-year Advocate subscribers to the list. This bears out what we have so often said—the circulation of the church paper depends largely upon the pastors.—Exchange. And it illustrates, too, the fact, that there is no reason why a city preacher should consider it beneath his dignity to canvass for his church paper.

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Affliction a Discipline.

I am often impressed by the different ways in which different persons are affected by sorrows. Some seem to have no rallying power after a great affliction; the wound never heals. On the other hand, trials that consume some persons only kindle others into greater exertions. "The financial gale has carried away all your spars, and swept your decks," I once wrote to an eminent Christian merchant after his bankruptcy, "but you have got enough grace stowed away in your hold to make you rich to all eternity." That brave servant of Christ repaired damages, resumed business, rallied his friends, and "at evening time it was light." Smitten down, he was not destroyed.

The afflictions which are sent of God or permitted by him are never intended for his children's destruction, but for their discipline. The Shepherd casts his flock into deep waters to wash them, not to drown them. "You will kill that bush if you put that knife into it so deep," said a gentleman to his gardener. "No, sir; I do this every year to keep it from running all to leaves; pruning brings the fruit." We pastors often find God's faithful ones bleeding under the knife, but afterwards they yield the peaceable and precious fruits of righteousness and triumphant trust. It is that "afterward" that God has in His mind when He sends the trial. Affliction is the costly school in which great graces are often acquired, and from which grand characters are graduated.—Theodore Cuyler.

Talking and Doing.

Late one afternoon a trolley car, hurrying with its load of hungry, tired passengers, stopped. Directly on the track, holding the right of way, was a heavily loaded coal wagon; the horses strained and tugged, but the load didn't stir. The passengers began to talk. One said, "It is a shame to overload horses like that! The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ought to take up the case. Horses have rights as well as men. The driver ought to be punished." But the load did not stir. It takes a deal of talk to draw a load of coal.

Another man said: "The corporations are to blame; they are too greedy; there should be more horses and lighter loads, even if the profits are smaller. If the State owned and distributed coal, the horses would have a better chance; the cure for corporate greed is State ownership." But this declaration of principles didn't stir the coal.

Another man spoke of his pity for the overloaded, overworked horses; but pity in the car isn't power on the pole.

One man, with a practical turn of mind, left the car, spoke to the horses, patted their necks, won their confidence, pushed sturdily at the wheels, encouraged the horses at the same time. A few pounds of push, a hundred-weight of good cheer, and the load started!

If the church sticks, if discouragements are in the way, if the road is blocked, don't blame conditions and circumstances, don't pity the overworked; get out, whisper a word of encouragement, put your shoulder to the wheel, do your share to make things move, to clear the track. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." The voices of many in the car brought nothing to pass; the voice of one in the right place, coupled with a little effort, opened the way.

Anybody can criticise, find fault, blame; it takes sense to help. Sympathy in the car will never help the horses; get out, talk a little, and push a good deal. Put your shoulder to the wheel. Cease to be a load and become a force. Put your strength against the obstacles, your words where they will do work. Give a hearty welcome to the stranger next you in church. Be a radiator, not a refrigerator; raise the temperature, not lower it. Call on that new family next door, ask the members to your church home. Get the new children into the Bible school. Put your share of the substance into the treasury. Quit grumbling, begin pushing. Back up your words by your deeds.—The Parish Visitor.

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Lesson for August 14, 1904.

Obadiah and Elijah.

(1 Kings 18:1-16.)

Golden Text: I thy servant fear the Lord from my youth. (1 Kings 18:12.)

A PRACTICAL SURVEY.

Obadiah was evidently a man of God as well as Elijah, as shown by many acts that he had done. It is fidelity that God cares more about than any other acquirement we may possess. Education, wealth, honor, and position may be good in their place, but the Almighty cares more for faithfulness than for any other quality. No matter what he sets us at, this grace supersedes all others. It is not the degree of ability that we possess, but the use of what we have that pleases him. "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God, and worketh righteousness, is accepted of him." (Acts 10:34, 35.) If all his children were equally faithful he would love all alike. Ahab, the king, had doubtless noticed that he could depend upon Obadiah, and so had him in his employ. It is the case sometimes that wicked men notice this quality in Christians, and desire the benefit by employing them.

The famine had now continued in Samaria between three and four years, and it was quite difficult to find sustenance for man or beast, but God sent Elijah to Ahab, promising to send rain. Ahab had sent his servant through the land to seek for fountains of water and brooks, and also to find grass, and thus save the mules and horses, while he sought the same, going another way. Elijah met Obadiah on this errand, and said: "Tell your master that Elijah is here." Obadiah feared that before his master came the Spirit would convey Elijah elsewhere, and Ahab would think he had told a lie, for he knew the earnestness with which he had sought him. When Elijah had promised him that he would show himself to Ahab that day he was content to tell his master, and then the king went to meet him.

When Ahab saw him he said: "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" It is a common thing for wicked men to suppose that the man who preaches the truth, or whom God uses to accomplish his purposes, is the party to blame, when they might blame themselves for the catastrophes that have come. It was so in this case, and hence Elijah answered him: "I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that he have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim." (1 Kings 18:18.) It seems strange that it should be so, but thus it has ever been and I suppose will be to the end of time. No such calamity would fall on men or nations that would follow the Lord, but it is sent in mercy to bring them back to God. We shall not care in eternity what means he has used to bring us back, so that his purpose is accomplished.

The sequel shows that Elijah was in the right, though Ahab persisted that he was a bad man, a troubler in Israel, and did not seem to see that he himself was responsible for the famine. But he was not the first nor the last wicked man that has taken a similar view of things. Human nature desires to exculpate itself from blame, and so frequently endeavors to make others responsible when they are entirely innocent. But the day is soon coming that will vindicate everyone who has done right and bring everyone who has done wrong to confusion. I presume this is a part of the discipline every child of God is called to undergo in this life. He will put every man in his right place in the end, so that the children of God have only to bide their time and all will come out right. I presume this is one of the chastisements with which God disciplines his little ones. "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the Father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons. (Heb. 12:6, 7, 8.) —George W. Coleman.

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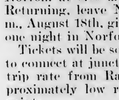

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New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Bargaw, September 10, 11
Grace, September 13

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J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Currituck, Mt. Zion, Aug 6, 7
Kitty Hawk, Aug 7, 8
Columbia, Aug 13, 14
Dare, Aug 14, 15
Pantego and Belhaven, Aug 20, 21
Roper, Pleasant Grove, Aug 27, 28
Plymouth, Aug 28, 29

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Kenly, August 6, 7
Wakefield, August 8
Tar River, Trinity, August 13, 14
Louisburg, August 14, 15

FOURTH ROUND.

Smithfield, August 27, 28
Selma, celma, August 28, 29
Edenton st., September 3, 4
Franklinton, Grove Hill, September 10, 11
Clayton, Elizabeth, September 17, 18
Oxford Circuit, September 24, 25
Central, October 1, 2
Brooklyn, October 2, 3
Mibrook, October 8, 9
Granville, October 15, 16
Wakefield, October 20
Kenley, October 22, 23
Cary, October 29, 30
Epworth, October 30
Oxford Station, November 5, 6
Youngsville, November 12, 13
Louisburg, November 19, 20
Tar River, Plank Chapel, November 26, 27

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Nashville, Belford, August 6, 7
Springhope, Gold Valley, August 8
Bethel, Conetoe, August 13, 14
Tarboro, night, August 14
Grimesland & Vanceboro, Providence, Aug 20, 21
Greenville, night, Aug 22
Aurora, Campbell's Creek, Aug 27, 28

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Alamance, Clover Garden, August 6, 7
Burlington, Prospect, August 13, 14
Burlington Station, August 21, 22
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

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NELSON—MASON.—In the parsonage at Atlantic, N. C., by Thos. W. Mansfield, January 2, 1904, Mr. David S. Nelson to Miss Angie Mason.

MORRIS—MASON.—In the Methodist Church at Atlantic, N. C., May 28, 1904, Mr. Melvin Morris to Miss Helena Mason, Thos. W. Mansfield officiating.

MASON—ROBINSON.—In the Methodist Church at Atlantic, N. C., May 27th, 1904, by Thos. W. Mansfield, Mr. Elbert Mason to Miss Amy F. Robinson.

NELSON — MASON. — In the Methodist Church at Atlantic, N. C., on the 23rd of April, by Thos. W. Mansfield, Mr. James Nelson to Miss Lottie Mason.

ROBINSON—FULCHER.—In the Methodist Church at Atlantic, N. C., on the 23rd of April, by Thos. W. Mansfield, Mr. Erwin Robinson to Miss Olivia Fulcher.

SUGG—SUGG.—In the Methodist church, Snow Hill, N. C., June 23, 1904, Mr. James T. Sugg and Miss Laura A. Sugg, both of Snow Hill. Rev. E. C. Sell officiating.

GOLDING — NELSON.—At the residence of Mr. Alvin Mason, at Atlantic, N. C., on the 11th of May, 1904, Mr. Alex. Golding to Mrs. Effie Nelson, Thos. W. Mansfield officiating.

Obituaries

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BOYLAN.—Bro. D. L. Boylan was born in Pender County, N. C., then Hanover, the 27th of July, 1837, and died June 24, 1904.

Brother Boylan joined the M. E. Church, South, when young and has been a faithful member since. Seven children survive him—three girls and four boys—all of whom belong to the church. He was twice married; both of his wives preceded him to the better land.

Brother Boylan was a good citizen and a consecrated Christian; one who loved his church and was ever ready to perform whatever duty enjoined upon him.

May God's richest blessings rest upon the bereaved ones; and may each of us prepare to meet him in heaven; and on that happy golden shore may we shout his praise forever more.

By his dear friend,
AMOS BATSON.

MOFFIT.—Mrs. Martha J. Moffit (nee Dorsett) was born May 22, 1830, and departed this life May 7, 1904. Sister Moffit was converted while young and joined the Missionary Baptist Church in which she lived a consistent Christian life until more than twenty years ago, with her husband and children, she joined the M. E. Church, South. She was always loyal to her church and loved all of its interests. She was a kind and affectionate mother, sweet-spirited Christian, and good neighbor. Her community and church miss her much. She expressed herself as not afraid to die, but ready to go when the summons might come.

She leaves eight children, all married: M. M., W. B., S. C., E. G., and T. R. Moffitt, and Mrs. Gregson, of Sanford, N. C.; Mrs. J. R. Rives and Mrs. N. Cheek, of Goldston, N. C. Upon these and her host of friends who mourn their loss may heaven's richest blessings rest.

J. C. HUMBLE.

SUGG.—Died, near Mt. Hermon Church, Snow Hill Circuit, January 23, 1904, Mr. Roderick P. Sugg, aged sixty-three years, nine months and fourteen days.

About eighteen months before his death his wife was called away. This was a sore trial, and brought sadness to his heart. Again, about three weeks prior to his departure, he followed his sister, Mrs. Barrow, to the grave. Little did he think, while passing through this valley and shadow, that his days were so nearly numbered. He was a good man, a useful citizen, and a faithful member of the Methodist Church. He is gone from our midst, but we shall see him again. May we all meet him in the realm of bliss—the "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

"Dust, to thy narrow house beneath!
Soul, to thy place on high!
They that have seen thy look in death,
No more may fear to die."

E. C. S.

WHITE.—Mrs. Harriet E. White (nee Wilson) was born in Perquimans County, N. C., 1847, and died in Elizabeth City, N. C., May 4, 1904. She leaves eight children—five sons and three daughters—to mourn their loss, with relatives and friends. One son and the youngest daughter were with her when the end came. All arrived for the funeral and burial at Oak Grove Church. Here was her old home and church membership; here she labored so arduously for the Lord she loved so devotedly for the greater part of her life. Hers was an exemplary life. Being a widow for many years, she had the responsibility of raising the family. This duty she did nobly and well, as all can testify who know her children. Hers was an unselfish life; living for the good of others, and especially her children. They now "rise up and call her blessed. Constant in her devotion to her children and God; laboring for Him till the Master said: "It's enough, come up higher." She leaves a sweet fragrance behind her which makes the sphere in which she moved sweeter and better. But we mourn not as those who have no hope. We know where to find this Christian mother. May her children emulate her many virtues and meet the dear mother in the "sweet bye and bye." To the children: Thy mother rests "safe in the arms of Jesus."

F. L. CHURCH, P. C.

JONES.—The death of Mrs. Needham Jones, which occurred June 6, 1904, though not unexpected, was nevertheless a shock to all who knew her. She died at her home near Shotwell after a lingering illness of about twelve weeks. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kimborough Jones, of what was in former days called Crabtree. The old home is still standing about three miles from Raleigh, and here she was born August 7, 1855.

On June 6, 1876, she was happily married to Mr. Needham Jones. Several children were born to them, but only two survive her.

Converted early in life, she was a member of Millbrook Circuit since early childhood. She lived her religion and thus exemplified by her life the realities of Christianity. From all that I have ever heard of her, her life was one constant sweet prayer to God for her family and kindred, as well as humanity in general. She was to a great extent a shut-in, her health being for many years extremely delicate. Only the tenderest care by husband and daughter kept her here as long as she was. They watched over her as though she had been a rare exotic, as she was, until the time when God, having prepared a place for her in the fair clime to which she was better suited than this one of ours, transplanted her to be with Him forever.

Her frail and delicate form was committed to the earth in a most beautiful spot in Oakwood cemetery, Raleigh. Many were the friends and relatives who followed in the funeral train after the simple services at her home had been held by her pastor; while at the grave they were joined by a great number of friends and kindred from Raleigh and vicinity. Here the last sad rites of her church were said. Her former pastor, Rev. N. L. Seabolt, pronounced the benediction; and as the earth was gently returned to the grave the choir of Edenton Street M. E. Church, South, sang beautiful hymns full of comfort to the grief-stricken ones.

In heaven waiting for her were several children who had died in infancy. Here on earth waiting to join her she left a husband, kind and true, and two noble affectionate children, a son, Kimborough Jones, Jr., Professor at the Conservatory of Music, Durham, N. C., and a daughter, Miss Elizabeth P. Jones. There also survived her three sisters—Mrs. Thomas Davis, Mrs. William Davis and Mrs. Willis Whitaker, and a brother, Mr. Kimborough Jones, all of Raleigh. Those left behind do not mourn as those who have no hope, but await with confidence in God the meeting which is the reward of those who love and serve Him.

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Resolved 1. That Main Street Sunday-school has lost a valuable member and an earnest worker in the death of our young friend.

2. That we deeply mourn the untimely death of one whose prospects for the future seemed so bright and promising.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate and the Greensboro Advocate for publication, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased; also a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Main Street Sunday-school.

F. S. ALDRIDGE.
C. C. TAYLOR.
J. M. DANIELL.
Committee.

Whereas, by a sudden accident which occurred on the A. & N. C. R. R., between New Bern, N. C., and Riverdale, our beloved brother G. B. Latham, the section master, being thrown from the hand-car and so seriously injured that he died on April 8, 1904,

Resolved 1. That the Sunday-school at Riverdale, of the M. E. Church, South, of which he was a member, do herein tender their sympathy and prayer for the stricken and bereaved.

2. That this Sunday-school loses a good member who was faithful to his duties.

3. That we will ever emulate his virtues, cherish his memory, and hope to meet him where parting never comes, where there is no more sorrow and the good-bye word is never spoken.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate, New Bern Journal, and to the bereaved families, with one copy in the Sunday-school record of Riverdale.

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The World As We See It.

The best comment we have seen so far on the Bishop Potter incident is contained in the following statement made by Bishop Spellmeyer: "Evil is never to be encouraged, but abhorred, attacked, overcome, and exterminated. * * * The church has neither hymns nor prayer for such services. Young men should not have been given the opportunity of quoting the example of a bishop and saying in defense of their own perilous habits that a place blessed by his words cannot be dangerous ground for them."

The American, the official organ of the National Council Junior Order United American Mechanics, has issued its second number. It is published by the Mutual Publishing Company, Raleigh, N. C. It is edited by Z. P. Smith, late T. P. A. of the S. A. L. R. R. Captain Smith is as much at home on the editorial trinod as in a business office. The two numbers already issued show that he is richly endowed with editorial qualifications.

The American is a sixteen-page paper, and presents a most pleasing appearance. It is filled with attractive matter, and must be pleasing to its subscribers, representing almost every State in the Union. We wish the new paper great success.

The death of Robert Emory Pattison, who for two terms, was Governor of Pennsylvania is a loss not only to the Democratic party which he served so faithfully against great odds, but to the whole nation. The ownership of such a man cannot be limited to a State or a section. He was born in a Methodist parsonage over fifty-three years ago. His election to the Governorship in a State where the Republican majority is immense pays a high compliment to his worth. Governor Pattison illustrated in his life the truth that a man may be eminent as a politician and a statesman and yet maintain a high order of Christian character and usefulness. He was a Methodist who enthusiastically believed in doing with his might whatever his hand found to do. We always like to pay honor to such a man.

An undenominational educational institution for women is something that North Carolina needs, if we may judge from the recent action of John S. Huyler, the candy manufacturer of New York. He recently bought the property of the Asheville Female College, and proposes to make of it a great undenominational college for women, provided the city of Asheville raise a certain sum —how much we have not heard. The offer is now being considered, and will be accepted, it is thought, within the next few days. The despatch says that should the offer be not accepted by the city of Asheville, the Southern Baptist Convention will take the matter in hand with a view to establishing a great college for Baptist women in Asheville.

"The farmer is the man that feeds us all." A meeting of farmers is always an interesting and significant occasion. The Farmers' State Alliance met last week in Hillsboro, and adopted some resolutions which indicate that this organization has not only a vigorous autonomy but a decided spinality which has maintained its force and healthfulness through all the recent political storms. We cannot agree with the Alliance that the State should continue to operate the A. & N. C. R. R., yet we admire the outspeaking spirit of the Alliance. There was condemnation for the plan of using the State convicts for any farm work save that looking to the making of supplies for the convicts themselves. The Alliance expressed its opposition to furnishing the ten thousand dollars annually to the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

When people in general agree on the point of an abundant harvest, it may be taken for granted that the prospects for a phenomenal harvest are very fine. Ordinary harvests, you know, are not sufficient to save poor human nature from indulging in its common weakness—that of uttering a complaint in the presence of plenty. So when complaints turn to roseate prophecies there must be "something doing," to use a common expression. And the prospects for an unusually large crop are fine. Never before have we seen such corn and cotton fields. It is estimated that the corn harvest will break the record with 2,564,847,000 bushels. The yield of wheat has been somewhat of a disappointment. The hay crop will be phenomenal. Of course, it is understood the cotton crop will be the biggest ever gathered in this country. It seems as if Providence this year is giving such crops to offset the general demoralization attendant upon our quadrennial political upheaval.

Judge Parker's speech of acceptance at Esopus on last Wednesday should prove interesting to the American people, irrespective of party. It was plain, practical, and to the point. There was no evidence of any disposition to juggle with words with a view to evasion. The Judge denounced militarism, said that the Filipinos should have an independent government, recommended the enforcement of anti-trust laws and a reform in tariff legislation, and touched directly on the troubles in Colorado. Very naturally the financial question was not discussed. In the beginning of the speech, however, the substance of his famous telegram to the St. Louis Convention was indirectly reiterated. Both sides in the Colorado trouble received condemnation. The speech has pleased all Democrats and, no doubt, commands the respect of Republicans.

"I take medecine every day" was the reply of one of our most talented candidates for State office, when a few days ago, in meeting him on the sidewalk, we ventured the statement that he always looks smiling, healthy, and happy. "Yes," he said, 'I take medecine every day of my life, and that medecine is contentment. I never worry." We knew that he was telling the truth. His face, so familiar in legislative halls and on the bench, showed it. No man with worry gnawing at his heart or with strained, tangled, rebelling nerves, could be such a favorite of Hygeia, as is our candidate. We recommend this gospel of contentment to our people standing as they are on the threshold of a political campaign, with the mercury lingering near the top of the tube. Above all, let us not forget what the inspired tentmaker meant when he said, "Godliness with contentment is great gain."

There has been no lack of sensational news within the last week from the scene of operations in the Russo-Japanese war area. On last Wednesday the Russian fleet with a view to effecting a junction with the Vladivostock fleet made a dash out of the harbor of Port Arthur. The Japanese fleet at once set out in pursuit. There was an engagement of several hours. The fire of the Japanese ships was turned only on the Russian battleships. The sequel was that five battleships, one cruiser, and several torpedo destroyers returned to the harbor of Port Arthur; two cruisers and one destroyer, all badly disabled, entered Kiaochow bay; and one destroyer, disabled entered Chefoo harbor. The attempt to join the Vladivostock fleet proved a total failure. Most of the Russian ships were so badly injured that repairs are almost impossible.

What may cause international complications happened on Wednesday night. Two Japanese torpedo destroyers entered Chefoo harbor and captured the Russian torpedo boat which had taken refuge there. The Russian flag was hauled down, and the Japanese flag hoisted. Then the Japanese destroyers with their capture sailed away. Russia claims that her boat had disarmed and was therefore entitled to the protection of China. It is claimed that the action of the Japanese torpedo boat was a gross violation of international law, and so it seems to be.

At 5 o'clock on last Sunday morning the Japanese fleet under Admiral Kamimura, engaged the Vladivostock squadron off the Korean coast. The battle lasted about five hours, leaving the Russian fleet badly defeated. The Russian ship Rurik was sunk. The Japanese rescued about 600 of the crew. The Rossia and Gromoboi caught fire several times and returned to Vladivostock badly damaged. Only one of the Japanese ships was hit. Two Japanese were killed and seven wounded.

The fall of Port Arthur is hourly expected. The Russians are doomed. General Kuropatkin is hemmed in on three sides at Liao Yang. The Japanese are forcing the issue at Port Arthur in order that the soldiers there may hasten northward and seal the doom of Kuropatkin's army.

A PLEA FOR INCREASE OF MINISTERIAL SALARIES.

BY W. T. SHAW.

[An address delivered at Rich Square before the Warrenton District Conference and published at the request of the Conference.]

I have a message for you which I believe contains much truth, and I wish to get down close to you and have a heart-to-heart talk with you laymen, and sisters, for a few minutes.

What I shall say will have no reference to our beloved Bishop, nor to our Presiding Elder, neither will it include the popular city pastor who, surrounded by a wealthy congregation, has his already sufficient salary augmented by donations, gifts, and perchance elaborate fees, until he has no anxiety as to what he shall eat or wherewith he shall be clothed. These, my brethren, get no more than they deserve, and no more than other men holding similar positions in life, but they are the favored few and give us no concern at this time.

It is in behalf of the country circuit rider, the small station preacher, comprising the great majority of Methodist ministers in North Carolina, the log-rollers of Methodism, the captains of the host, the spiritual leaders and guides of 14-15 of all Methodists, and I may add, recruit in like ratio the rolls of the church. Men who know no duty but the call of God, oftimes performing labors more arduous than we laymen have any knowledge of, men who, at the behest of the Church, standy ready to lay aside the work at one place, unfinished as it may appear to them, and where, like other men, they may have formed associations and friendships dear to themselves and families, to take up the work in a new and distant field, strangers to all, save the God whom they have sworn to serve; oftimes like the Son of Man with not a place to lay his head, accustomed to being moved hither and thither without consulting his will or his wishes, meeting in his experiences all the vicissitudes and bereavements of average mortals, and more than any other class, plantng a loved one here, and there, never to be gathered together again until the last great day. The very nature of the work they have voluntarily undertaken requires more sacrifices, more positive immolation of self than any other class of mortal men. These, my brethren, are the men for whom this appeal is intended and in whose interest I have been honored with the invitation to address you, and for whom I ask your prayerful consideration while in a plain, practical way I call your attention to what I conceive to be an absolute necessity, viz., a substantial increase of salaries paid them.

Preliminary to this discussion please allow me to place before you some facts and figures taken from the Journal of the North Carolina Conference, and covering a period of eleven years—1892 to 1903, inclusive. In 1892 the total membership of the North Carolina Conference was 57,691; in 1903 it was 67,541, a gain of 9,850, or about 20 per cent; in 1892 the total value of all church property, including Trinity College, was $1,072,152; in 1903 this has grown to a grand total of $2,835,471, a gain of $1,763,319, or more than 100 per cent. We find, however, from these same statistics that while the average salary paid to preachers in 1892 was $701, this has fallen to $667; in 1903 a decease of nearly 6 per cent.

These figures show a substantial gain to our church in membership and a magnificent gain in property, showing also that our preachers have been faithful to their trusts.

These years, too, cover a period of advancement in all material wealth; as a nation, God has blessed us with almost unbounded prosperity; as a State, North Carolina has more than kept pace with her sister States, outstripping many of them in the lines of progress. The average wage of all laborers, mechanics, artisans, have materially increased, the products of the farm bringing higher prices in all lines until cotton (our great commodity) has reasserted its old time supremacy and is again king. Our financial and saving institutions are groaning beneath a load of wealth, manufacturing and railroading is prospering, North Carolina enjoying the unique distinction of possessing the only railroad in the United States whose stock is not listed on the stock exchanges, not being for sale. An old citizen of my town, dying a few years ago, left among his effects hidden away one share of this stock of par value, $100, issued in 1871. His estate realized for this one share $1,100, this amount representing increase in value and accrued dividends. God is blessing this nation, and especially our State.

Those of us who are studying the International Sunday-school lesson from Sunday to Sunday are taught that God's pleasure with a people is reflected in material advancement and prosperity.

What an important part these Methodist preachers are enacting in this progress and advancement by their efforts to keep the people in touch with God, is a subject worthy of our serious thought and consideration; yet they seem to be the only class having no share in the general improvement. They do their work nobly and well; we do the praying. Brother laymen, this reflects on us.

Let no man presume that I am insinuating that the Methodist preacher is for hire, that he is out for the money in it; if this was true, resignations quick and fast would be in order, for most of them are qualified by ability to double their earnings in other professions, or any of the lines of trade, nor does this demand come from them; only one knew in advance that this speech would be made. I am speaking as a layman to laymen of what we both know to be a crying necessity. Why, my brethren, the very things to which I have have referred, that which has clothed the faces of the farmers with smiles and inspired them with renewed hope, the advancement in prices of everything to eat and to wear, is but a millstone about the neck of the preacher, making it more difficult each year for him to make both ends meet, while his purchasing power is cutting both ways—prices advancing, salary declining.

These men are not preaching for money, for of all men a Methodist preacher is the only man who does not know what his pay will be in advance of service rendered; the only thing on which he can calculate on going to a new charge is what his predecessor received, knowing, too that even this is subject to reduction by his Board of Stewards after his arrival.

No, my brethren, it is plain that the Methodist preacher is not beguiled by the stipend, but it requires just as much to give him the necessaries and ordinary comforts of life as other men; from the very nature of his calling it is impossible for him to devote any part of his time to other occupation for purpose of bringing in additional revenue to supplement his salary. He cannot do this without compromising himself and his church; besides, it is not God's plan. They which preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel, is the divine command.

The cost of living has increased 33 1-3 per cent during these years of peace and plenty, notwithstanding the preacher is expected to live on less than was allowed him eleven years ago; yet he has his own ideas as to necessities and comforts and is just as much entitled to them as we. It is just as essential to the peace and happiness of the preacher that he be able to educate his children, and it grieves his heart just as much to see his wife compelled to do all the drudgery of domestic work as it would you and me.

It is plain, then, that the average salary of $667 is not sufficient to meet the requirements of their support, and should be increased, and without delay.

Now, how can this be done? There is only one way, and that the right way—by increasing individual assessments. The increase should be 25 per cent; it will require this much to meet the exigencies of the case; anything less will be to fall short of our plain duty. But says some well-meaning, though short-sighted brother—I am now paying all I can afford. Let me tell you, it is necessary that you contribute more than you think you can afford if you are to lay up treasures in heaven, according to the Scriptural idea. Something that cost you nothing is of no value to you, whatever help it may be to the object of your contribution. The central idea of religion is sacrifice. Our blessed Lord commands that we take up the cross and follow Him. Follow Him how? By devoting our time and our talents to the upbuilding of His kingdom in earth; by sacrificing our natural selfishness to the good of our fellowman. He who said it is more blessed to give than to receive knew the desperate selfishness of the human heart, and if this could be subdued, the man would walk in the straight and narrow way. The church member, with an income of $1,000,who contributes $10 to the support of his pastor—the greatest human agency for the spread of God's kingdom—takes risks of realizing, when perhaps too late, that the balance in the Book kept up yonder is against him.

It is the duty of your stewards to assess you; it is also your duty to be careful that the amount is sufficient to meet the purposes for which it is intended.

God loves the cheerful giver, but His maledictions are upon those who would rob Him. I know a young attorney who, while not a perfect man, responds liberally to the calls of his church and contributes $200 annually to the support of his pastor. Everything he touches prospers, and the world calls him successful. God does not love a close-fisted mortal, and he who deliberately shuts his heart and his purse to God's calls, retributive justice will cross his path some where in life and his end will not be in peace.

We need more education along this line, my brethren; we need to learn that liberality pays in both this life and the life to come.

Now for the 25 per cent increase; see how easily it can be done. The member who now pays $1.00 will pay $1.25; the member who pays $5.00 will pay $6.25; the member who pays 10.00 will pay $12.50; the man who pays $20.00 will pay $25.00; the member who now pays $50.00 will then contribute $62.50, etc. The increase in the order named will be only 25 per cent—$1.25, $2.50, $5.00, and $12.50, respectively, per annum—small amounts to be sure individually, but what will it mean to your pastors? The $500 man will then receive $625; the $600 man will receive $750; the $700 man will receive $875; the $800 man will receive $1,000; the $1,000 man $1,250—no more than he needs.

Think over these things, my brethren, and whatever you are in—the $1.00, $5.00, $10.00, $20.00, $25.00, or $50.00 class—make up your mind to add one-fourth more; do it this year and rejoice the heart of your preacher; he needs it. Coming across the country to this prosperous little town I noticed the beautiful well tilled fields, crops luxuriant, prospects brilliant; God is smiling upon you, take Him at His word, give more, have more; His promises are behind the proposition; try it.

If we would live strong, noble, beautiful, radiant and useful Christian lives, we must get seasons of secret prayer into our busy days. But we must take our Bible with us into the closet. While we talk to God we must also let God talk to us. God feeds us through His Word. Seasons of prayer without meditation on some Word of God cannot yield the full blessing that we need. —J. R. Miller.

The most original book in the world is the Bible. Shakespeare, the first literary genius of the world, leans on the Bible. His poetry presupposes it. People imagine that the place the Bible holds in the world it owes to miracles. It owes it simply to the fact that it came out of a profounder depth of thought than any other book. —Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The Sabbath Day.

BY JOHN WESLEY COLLINS.

The basis of the observance of a holy day and a day of rest is found in Gen. 2:3. God having finished His work of creation in six days, rested from them on the seventh, and set it apart for the more solemn worship of Himself by men, as an emblem or pledge of their eternal rest in the world to come. (Heb. 4:4-4.) Moses mentions the Sabbath in connection with the manna, and says that a double portion would fall on the day preceding the Sabbath as none would fall on that day. (Ex. 16:4-27.) For gathering sticks on that day God senteneed a man to be stoned to death. (Num. 15:32-36.) For neglecting to observe it the Jewish nation was almost destroyed. (Lev. 26:34, 35; Neh. 13:16-18; Jer. 17:27; Ezek. 20:12-16.) God prohibited the Jews from kindling fire on the Sabbath for the work of erecting the tabernaele, or dressing their manna, or to travel through their tents. (Ex. 35:23 and 15:29.) Injunctions to keep it and threatenings for the breach of it are everywhere found in the law and the prophets. To mark the perpetual and universal obligation of the observance of the Sabbath God proclaimed the law from Sinai: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." (Ex. 20:8.)

And in juxta-position with the fourth commandment of the decalogue, comes the sixth: "Thou shalt not kill," and the eighth, "Thou shalt not steal," etc. Did the redemptive work of our blessed Saviour, which he referred to when he said on the Cross, "It is finished," nullify these commandments? Would it not be a retrograde movement, at this advaneed age of civilization to conclude nugatory all the statutes, precepts and commandments contained in the Mosaic code, and set them aside as obsolete, when we are quite sure that they stand to-day as the basis of all our civil and criminal law because of their universally accepted purity and heavenly origin? A careful study of the ten commandments irresistibly forces me to the conviction that a wilful violation of any of them is a sin against God and His divine government, since they are composed of the very highest of Christian ethics, and approved by Jesus and His apostles.

Jesus upbraids the Pharisees for laying aside the commandment of God, and vainly attempting to worship Him by the observance of their traditions, as the washing of pots and cups, and many other such like things, and said "Ye reject the commandment of God that ye may keep your own traditions, for Moses said honor thy father and thy mother." (Mark. 7:8-10.) Moses also said "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

"And beginning at Moses and all the prophets he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself." (Luke 24:27.) After his resurrection Jesus said to his disciples: "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses and in the prophets and in the Psalms, concerning me." (Luke 24:44.) All the types and shadows of a coming Messiah, all the sacrifices and atonements for sin, all the forms and ceremonies of the Jewish service, are fulfilled in Christ, "but we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully." (1 Tim. 1:8.) "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walketh not after the flesh, but after the spirit." (Rom. 8:3, 4.)

The Sabbath, properly so-called, is a day of rest; if not the seventh, one of the seven. "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work." In honor of his own resurrection, Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath, changed it from the seventh to the first day of the week, and to show the divine authority therefor, made repeated visits to his disciples on that day. (John 20:19; Mark 2:27, 28.) The primitive Christians met for their public worship, and made their collections for the poor, on the first day of the week and called it the Lord's day. (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2; Rev. 1::10.) The first day was all along observed by Christians as their Sabbath for almost sixteen hundred years before any pretenders to that name opposed it, nor can many of its opposers be found whose practice is not a scandal to the Christian name.

I am not of those pharisaical extremists that would "stop the clock," inflict penance of any sort, or even deny themselves of the ordinary comforts of life on the Sabbath day; for in our Saviour's time they found fault with his hungry disciples for eating a few ears of corn as they walked through the field, and quarreled with Him for healing diseases on the Sabbath. (Mat. 12:1; Mark 3:4; Luke 13::10-17.) But as the commandment plainly discharges all manner of civil business, it were to be wished that multitude, of this generation, would consider how they will reconcile their vain pleasure-seeking, their journeyings, their clubbing and trading, and their general disregard for the Sabbath day, or how they will answer for these at the judgment seat of Christ.

Because this commandment has not been particularly mentioned in the New Testament, as a moral precept binding on all, therefore some have presumptnously inferred that there is no Sabbath under the Christian dispensation, but the truth is the Sabbath is considered as a type—all types are of full force till the thing signified by them takes place—and the thing signified by the Sabbath is that rest in glory which remains for the people of God (Heb. 4:10), therefore the moral obligation of the Sabbath must continue 'till time be swallowed up in eternity.

I will venture the assertion that there is not, among the many divine precepts of the Holy Scriptures, old and new, one that stands out more frequently in beautiful and prominent relief than that requiring the observance of the Sabbath as a holy day and a day of rest; nor is there any institution in the universe to-day that contributes anything to be compared with that of the Sabbath towards the uplifting of humanity to a higher state of progress in the divine life, or that would be more sadly missed by all the civil and religious enterprises of this Christian land.

Enjoying the Lord's Will.

C. B. WETHERBE.

It is one thing for the Christian to submit to the Lord's will, because he is obliged to do so, and quite another thing for the Christian to heartily enjoy free obedience to His will. In one instance there is a measure of slavery, while in the other instance there is a large degree of glad freedom. Many times we enjoy doing the Lord's will because we find that His will is in harmony with our own will. He is asking us to do just what we are desiring to do. On the other hand, we sometimes find that the Lord's will is that we shall do certain things which are directly contrary to our own will, and then we are inclined to feel unhappy over the matter. And yet, if we have tender and obedient hearts we will soon adjust our will to the Lord's will, so as to actually enjoy doing what we formerly did not want to do. Dr. Joseph Parker, of London, in one of his last sermons to his people, after he had been away for his health, said: "Do you know, during these twelve weeks of absence, I have often said, 'If the Lord will?' I was broken into it. 'If the Lord will, I shall get back to my pulpit;' and I was not allowed. Well, I could have kicked, but it is always hard to kick against the pricks, and I found it better to say, 'Let the will of the Lord be done. He means this in love; He means to make me stronger than I ever have been, if not in physical strength, yet in moral sensitiveness, in spiritual wisdom, in the capacity to teach and to heal and to lead.' And I have said, 'If the Lord will,' and this morning I had to throw myself squarely and heavily upon this 'if.'" It seems that Dr. Parker came to the point of enjoying to do the Lord's will in that crisis of his life. And has it not been so in our own experience? If we have been spiritually-minded, if we have been grown-up Christians instead of being mere babes, we have, in most instances, I venture to say, really enjoyed making our Lord joyful by freely doing His will. And this is the highest blessedness of the Christian life.

Soul Food

God hides some ideal in every human soul. At some time in our life we feel a trembling longing to do some good thing. Life finds its noblest spring of excellence in this hidden impulse to do our best.—Robert Collyer.

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"O, I know the Hand that is guiding me
Through the shadow to the light;
And I know that all betiding me
Is meted out aright.
I know that the thorny path I tread
Is ruled with a golden line;
And I know that the darker life's tangled thread,
The brighter the rich design."
—The Land of Faith.

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"Satisfy us in the morning." No broken days, no empty days, no dark, barren days. The morning satisfaction of the mercy of God will sweeten the whole day, each day, all the days. In the morning satisfy us, then we shall not hew us out broken cisterns, or seek the springs of worldly pleasure. The morning satisfaction will make us happy and strong and of good courage for all the hours that follow.

O Lord, our God, "satisfy with Thy mercy."—Evangelical.

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The fire of love was burning, yet so low
That in the dark we scarce could see its rays,
And in the light of perfect placid days
Nothing but smoldering embers, dull and slow.
Vainly, for love's delight, we sought to throw
New pleasures on the pyre to make it blaze;
In life's calm and tranquil, prosperous ways
We missed the radiant heat of long ago.
Then in the night, a night of sad alarms,
Bitter with pain and black with fog of fears,
That drove us, trembling, to each other's arms—
Across the gulf of darkness and salt tears,
Into life's calm the wind of sorrow came,
And fanned the fire of love to clearest flame.
—Henry Van Dyke.

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The faith country is most emphatically a place of music. Not to be given to song, in the heart at least, and not to love hymns, would argue a decided deficiency in spiritual development. A hymn is a wing by which the soul soars above earthly cares and toils, into a purer air and a clearer sunshine. And when the hymn is married to such melody as is its fitting mate we have two wings with which to speed our flight toward the heavens. Naught can better scatter the devils of melancholy and gloom, of doubt and fear: and naught is more likely to lead us into the bliss of full assurance if suitably used.

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O pale-faced Theologian whose soft hands
And ink-stained fingers never gripped the oar
Or swung the hammer; weary with your books,
How can your slumbering senses comprehend
The breadth and virile purpose of the men
Who bore their joyous tale through quickened lands
To the great heart of Rome; the shipwrecked Paul,
Wandering Ulysses-like to far-off isles
And barbarous peoples; or those peasant kings,
Who ever 'mid voluptuous cities wore
No mediaeval halo, but the air
Of some free fisher battling with the wind
That blows across the Galilean hills?
—The Spectator.

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In England not long ago a woman was lecturing against our religion, and after she had closed, one of the mill-hands said, "I would like to ask the lecturer this one question: Thirty years ago I was the curse of this town and everybody in it. I tried to do better and failed. The teetotaler got hold of me, and I signed the pledge and broke it. The police took me and sent me to prison, and the wardens tried to make me better and I began to drink as soon as I left my cell. When all had failed I took Christ as my Saviour, and He made a new man of me. I am a member of the church, a class leader and superintendent of the Sunday-school. If Christ is a myth and religion is untrue, how could I be so helped by them?"—Current Anecdotes.

The Field

Elizabeth City District Conference.

The tenth annual session of the Elizabeth City District Conference was held at Sunbury, N. C., July 13, 1904. Rev. J. E. Underwood, the Presiding Elder, occupied the chair.

Bishop Smith, who was expected to be present and preside, was called to Ocean Grove to attend a meeting of the Joint Commission. The absence of the Bishop occasioned regret. Those present would have supposed, however, from the orderly prosecution of the business, that the program had been regularly arranged before-hand. Our Presiding Elder is as much at ease in the chair as he is in the midst of the cares and active labors of his District where he is thoroughly "at himself." This is not this writer's fourth year on his charge and he can make this statement with impunity.

All of the pastors, several of the local preachers and about 50 per cent of the lay delegates were present. The reports of the pastors and of the various committees showed the affairs of the District to be in very good shape. Almost the total amount assessed the District for Foreign and Domestic Missions has been raised, and many of the charges have made considerable progress with the other collections.

The spiritual feature of the Conference was given special emphasis. There was preaching twice each day. The names of the preachers who occupied the pulpit need only to be mentioned to indicate the high order of the preaching: Rev. H. M. Jackson, Dr. Kilgo, Dr. Ivey, Rev. W. P. Constable, Rev. R. L. Davis, Rev. D. H. Tuttle, Rev. W. O. Davis, and Rev. F. L. Church.

Our educational interests were well represented—Trinity College, by the presence of Dr. Kilgo; Trinity Park School, by Prof. Hornaday; Greensboro Female College, by Miss Nannie Lee Smith and Rev. M. T. Plyler; Louisburg Female College, by President Davis, and Littleton Female College by Rev. J. M. Rhodes.

Rev. J. W. Jenkins, of the Orphanage, was delayed and reached the Conference only a short while before adjournment. The presence of each of these visitors was enjoyed by the Conference.

Mrs. Underwood, the President of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the North Carolina Conference, spoke in the interest of her work. The importance of the woman's work was urged by the editor of the Advocate also.

The Conference was most hospitably entertained. The hospitality of the people of Gates is according to the true North Carolina fashion.

The next Conference goes to Belhaven.

C. L. READ, Secretary.

Edenton, N. C., August 9, 1904.

Temperance in the Campaign.

It is manifest that Temperance will be an issue of extraordinary importance in the campaign now opening in North Carolina.

In response to appeals from the moral and religious forces, representing our churches and schools and the religious press, the last General Assembly passed an act giving us the excellent measures of rural prohibition and municipal local option.

In the campaign now upon us one party stands pledged to destroy this legislation; the other pledged to preserve it. There should be no question of the position of the genuine friends of Temperance in a situation like this. Honor and wisdom and loyalty to their cause point to but one course—unfaltering support of the Party that in response to our petitions has enacted this legislation.

Honor impels us. We must stand by the men who stand by us.

Wisdom impels us. We must make it worth while for politicians and political parties to support our causes. In the degree that the opposition would injure them in that degree and more must we aid them. This is the only way to obtain more legislation in the same direction; the only way to maintain our present strong position; the only way to maintain our standing as men who have determined purpose.

Loyalty to our cause binds us. There is an opposition. We know where it is. There is a friendly camp. We know where it is. Not to join the forces of that camp in a contest like this, in which the opposition has chosen its position of its own will, amounts to abandonment of our cause in the critical hour.

Let no one deceive himself. There is an opposition and it is right now forcing the fighting. Nothing would so please it as to be able to say that the Temperance people will not stand by a Party that aids their cause; nothing would so gratify them as to be able to declare that a Party lost here or there by reason of its well-doing in our behalf. Ours it is to show that a Party will gain every time it takes a reasonable step in behalf of Righteousness and Temperance.

Our leaders must arouse the friends of Temperance throughout the State. There is danger that some will permit the fact that this issue has been made a political issue to overshadow the fact that it is also an issue of Righteousness. As such, it is our issue. As such, we were content to have it. We did not make it a political issue. The Democratic Party did not make it an issue. The Republican Convention, in full knowledge of all the circumstances, deliberately chose to make it an issue. And it must accept the consequences without complaining. Ordinarily, Christian leaders are averse to taking sides politically. But when a political party deliberately takes sides against them, there is but one course—Resistance to the extent of our power. Well may we inquire, Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the Living God?

We have an opportunity in this campaign not only to preserve a good law, but to press home a lesson that will be wholesome throughout all the future in North Carolina political life. To this magnificent opportunity I call our religious leaders, our ministers, teachers and editors. Let them array themselves for the conflict even as the opposition has arraged itself against us; and let us not fear to give battle in the name of Righteousness, Temperance and Judgment to come.

Sincerely, J. W. BAILEY,
State Chairman Anti-Saloon League.

August 10, 1904.

Ocracoke.

Dear Advocate:—If all those hill-country men who have on just enough to be presentable, and those "Mother Hubbard" women who are sitting in hallways trying to create a breeze with a fan, will take a trip down to the "city by the sea" and sound, we think they'll find things more to their liking. Ocracoke is fast becoming a popular resort, both winter and summer. Hunters from the North come in the winter and the hot North Carolinians come in the summer.

Poor transportation and the lack of good hotel accommodation are keeping Ocracoke from becoming one of the most desirable summer resorts on the North Carolina coast. Bathing here is fine, both in the surf and sound. Fishing is the best to be found anywhere. Ask Mr. Bridgeman, of Washington; Dr. Pett, of Old Sparta, and Mr. Lum Flemming, of Greenville, about the charm of pulling trout. Ask Mr. Allen Midyette, of Fairfield, about the sea mullets and flounders. And as to the ecstacy of winding in a sheep-head, I can set my own hand and seal. Come down all ye weary wanders of the hills and find out for yourself what comfort and fun means.

Brother Williams has already written the Advocate about our good meeting at Portsmouth. It was soul-stirring, and surely it was "good to be there." There are some good people at Portsmouth and I love to go among them, although they try to make me believe that I do not. I believe I am going to make the best report, both spiritual and financial, from Ocracoke and Portsmouth this fall that has been made to the Conference in a number of years. We have been behind here on missionary collections, but I expect to be able to tell the Conference a different tale next fall.

Bro. J. V. Williams was with us a few days in our meeting at Ocracoke. He is a good, practical Gospel preacher, and I love to hear him.

Five years ago this summer our church here was blown down. Its faithful membership, led by that grand old boy, Ben Black, went to work, and more than two years ago completed a church, except painting inside, which I trust will stand many years as a monument to their love and untiring efforts. Rev. F. A. Bishop, who was Presiding Elder of this (Washington) District during the construction of the church, gave valuable advice and help. When we began talking about whom he wanted to dedicate the church, the hearty response came—Brother Bishop. So the fifth Sunday in July was decided on as the day of dedication, and when it came Brother Bishop was on hand.

The dedication service came off at 11 o'clock, and the very large congregation present gave evidence of their appreciation of Brother Bishop's good sermon by giving him their best attention.

Rev. R. F. Taylor, of Battleboro, an old pastor of the congregation, was present, and assisted in the dedicatory service. He also preached at the evening service much to the delight of his old parishioners and all who were present.

Fraternally, R. R. GRANT.

Graham.

As I have written you nothing this year, a few items in reference to the work I represent may not be out of place.

This being my first year in the Conference, I can't compare it with any previous year. But I can truthfully say that I count myself fortunate in that my first work, in the Conference, as a pastor, is situated among so kind and hospitable a people. I suppose, however, it is natural for every pastor to feel that he has the best people to serve. At least he should feel so.

Since coming to the work in December we have added forty-six to our church membership, most of whom joined on profession of faith.

Our list of subscribers to the Advocate has been increased and we hope to add from time to time till the end of the year.

At present, the writer is spending a month's vacation with relatives and friends near Asheville, enjoying the fresh air and cold water, with other good things which are so abundant in these mountains.

We have recently had the privilege of attending the Franklin and Asheville District Conferences. The brethren of these Districts are very faithfully and earnestly pushing forward their work of their Master on their various charges. May the Lord bless them and "give them souls for their hire."

Success to the Advocate.

CHAS. M. LANCE.

Graham, N. C., August 8, 1904.

With the above statement, it is reasonable to suppose the general interest of the church is making fair progress.

At our District Conference in March we, with others, were able to report our missionary collections in full and the other Conference collections subscribed and part paid.

Among other things for which the pastor is thankful is the fact that we have had good revivals at each of the churches, resulting in about fifty conversions. Revs. D. N. Caviness and J. A. Daily rendered very efficient service in these meetings.

That Dog Bite.

A deep dog bite in the wrist, in "dog days," is a serious matter. I thank my friends for letters, love and prayers. The danger seems to be past. The wounds are healing nicely on the fourteenth day. A. D. BETTS.

Lillington, N. C.

The Family

A Song of Motherhood.

As my own mother used to comfort me—
Kissing the tears away—
Holding me close—aye, all too close for sobs,
I hold thee, little dear one, close to-day!

Calming my older pain, by stilling thine—
As mothers only know—
My heart-break lost in thine, as hers in mine—
Long ago, little dear one, long ago.

As thou in turn, a woman grown and wise—
Shall kiss, as I kiss now,
Finding the sunrise ever in thy child,
Even thou, little dear one, even thou!
—Martha Gilbert Dickinson, in Scribner's Magazine.

Summer in the Heart.

Though for all men summer blossoms in the sunenchanted lands,
Only unto me is given deathless summer from your hands—
From your hands that gathered flowers—summer in my heart to set,
Snow-plumed pinks, deep-petaled roses, frail sweet peas, and mignonette.

And though scent and color perish, and the mortal blossoms pass,
While the scythes yet sing of summer in the swaying seas of grass;
Yet the rarer blooms you give me from your heart's hid garden bowers,
In my heart have made eternal summer of unfading flowers.

—Pall Mall Gazette.

One String, or an Orchestra?

BY W. B. F.

First scene: The streets of a country village. A tramp musician is playing on a queer looking musical instrument. It has but one string, and upon this revolves a wheel turned by a crank. At the other end of the instrument there are a few keys. The musician turns the crank with one hand, and works the keys with the other, and there comes forth a wheezing, squeaking sound, intended to represent "Home, Sweet Home." The dog at the street corner gives a long and mournful wail at disapproval, and kind-hearted people pay the musician to move on.

Second scene: A great hall in the metropolis. Upon the platform are musical instruments representing the world of harmonies, from the high treble of the violin to the deep bass of the pipe organ, and with these are five hundred voices, perfectly trained. They are rendering "The Messiah." They sing the prophecy of his coming: "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace." They win the great assembly with the magic of their music, so that they hear the angels singing the advent of the Christ. They follow him through his ministry to his cross. Tears are in all eyes while they sing: "He was despised and rejected." Then comes the triumph at the tomb, and then on the wings of song the multitude is caught up with the ascending Christ till it seems as though they see the gates of heaven unfold to receive him, and hear the angels sing their hallelujahs.

And that is the difference between one string and the world of harmonies.

One may say: "I am honest. I pay my debts. I don't cheat." All right; but are you always truthful? Don't be content with one virtue. Don't get off in a corner and saw away on one string. Another man says: "I am temperate. I never drink." That is right; but what are you doing to win this world for Christ? Don't saw forever on one string. Don't be content without all the virtues which Jesus enjoins. One man says: "I speak the truth right out. I am not a hypocrite." But he has not learned that the claims of kindness are as great as those of truth. A life that is a continual psalm of praise must be a life of more than one virtue. Therefore "Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." The soul of man is a harp of a thousand strings. Let God tune the harp and touch the strings, and your life will make melody that the angels will desire to hear.—The Epworth Herald.

The Value of a Vacation.

No man or woman can work every day, year in and year out, with no change, no variety in his life, without either getting into a rut which will paralyze his finest and best faculties, or breaking down altogether and committing suicide on years of precious life, says a writer in the July Success.

A great many people, especially in cities, fail, lose their health and become mere apologies of the men and women they might be if they knew how to take care of themselves—if they were wise enough to take a vacation when they need it. But they voluntarily cut themselves off, year after year, from the great source of power—nature. They do not drink from the fountain of vitality and eternal youth energy in which the earth is constantly renewing itself. Buried in schemes of ambition, of self-aggrandizement, in dreams of wealth and power and fame, they grind away, in an environment of bricks and mortar, in the stifling, changeless atmosphere of the city, until they become nervous, worn-out wrecks. They do not see the necessity of change; they do not believe in taking a vacation; they laugh at the idea of giving up their work and going away to idle in the country, as they put it, until it is too late.

Many of these ceaseless toilers living on their nerves, trying all sorts of patent medicines, massages treatments and other artificial remedies, in the hope of regaining health and strength. But they find these things very poor substitutes for the recreating, rejuvenating forces of the country.

How much money would you give a physician if he would guarantee you strong, steady, healthy faculties instead of nervous, exhausted ones; if he could give you firm, vigorous muscles instead of weak, flabby ones; if he could put new courage and hope into your life; if he could, by some magic, take away the fretful, nervous, irritable feeling which makes you so unhappy and restore you to your usual cool, calm; collected, cheerful demeanor? You would not stop at any price you could afford to pay. Yet you can do all this yourself, if you will only drop everything and fly to the country for the rest and change and complete emancipation from business cares.—Commercial Tribune.

Hungry Ants Build a Bridge.

Something new and interesting about ants was learned by a Mount Airy florist and told to a Philadelphia Record reporter. For a week or so he had been bothered by ants that got into boxes of seeds, which rested on a shelf. To get rid of the ants he put into execution an old plan, which was to place a meaty bone close by, which the ants soon covered, every one deserting the boxes of seeds. As soon as the bone would become thickly inhabited by the little creepers the florist tossed it into a tub of water. The ants having been washed off, the bone was put in use as a trap again.

Then the florist bethought himself that he would save trouble by placing the bone in the centre of a sheet of fly paper while trying to reach the food. But the florist was surprised to find that the ants, upon discovering the nature of the paper trap, formed a working force and built a path on the paper clear to the bone. The material for the walk was sand, secured from a little pile near by. For hours the ants worked, and when the path was completed, they made their way over its dry surface in couples, as in a march, to the bone.

Thoughts of a Housekeeper.

Now that the heated term is here, the housemother should save herself as much as possible; do a little planning, make your head save your feet. If at all possible, cook enough food for the mid-day meal to serve for tea, served in a different form of course. For instance, if boiled beef or roast was served for dinner, then make it serve as the "piece de resistance" for tea, sliced and garnished with sprigs of parsley; if potatoes remained mince and prepare a salad of them as follows: To six potatoes, take a half teaspoonful of ground mustard, salt and pepper to taste, add a gill of best vinegar, add two onions, sliced, mix well; this should be prepared an hour before serving; fresh lettuce leaves may be forked in lightly just before serving. With the addition of fruit, cake, fresh bread and butter, this should be satisfying enough for the wants of an ordinary mortal.

Don't, we beg, befrill and beruffle your children's clothes, as so many mothers do, and sacrifice yourselves on that Moloch, as you will be sure to do on ironing days. Clothes so made require much time and strength in laundrying at a time when strength is at its minimum. A plain hem is quite as tasteful as lace, embroidery, etc., on undergarments.

"There's too much worriment goes to a bonnet,
There's too much ironing goes to a shirt,
There is nothing that pays for the time spent on it,
There's nothing that's lasting but trouble and dirt."

Train your children to form correct tastes; teach them that quiet colors are preferable to gaudy, showy ones. Teach them to admire the beautiful in nature, whether in plant or insect life. Explain the forms of different leaves, petals, etc., classify them; trace the veining of the butterfly's wing which flashed by in the sunlight but late, and was dashed to the ground in the sudden summer storm; teach them that the Hand that formed both leaf and insect is divine.—Mrs. A. C. McPherson, Albany, Ohio.

Why Tumblers are So Called.

How many times a day do we use words without stopping to think what they mean! Every day at luncheon and at dinner we drink out of a tumbler. But I, for one, never thought why the large glass that holds our milk or water was so called, until once upon a time I happened to have luncheon at All Souls' College, Oxford, where the curiosity of all the strangers present were excited by a set of most attractive little round bowls of ancient silver, about the size of a large orange. These, we were told, were "tumblers;" and we were speedily shown how they came by their name.

When one of these little bowls was empty, it was placed upon the table, mouth downward. Instantly, so perfect was its balance, it flew back into its proper position, as if asking to be filled again. No matter how it was treated—trundled along the floor, balanced carefully on its side—up it rolled again, and settled itself, with a few gentle shakings and swayings, into its place.—Selected.

A Summer Tragedy.

I saw a tragedy to-day. It was enacted before my horrified eyes. Murder was committed, and the victim, perfectly unoffending, perfectly innocent, was suddenly and shamelessly dashed from his home into a gulf of death. Three assassins laughed with fiendish glee as they marked the success of their crime.

The victim was a robin redbreast. He was singing his heart out in ecstacy from the top of a maple tree, as the air-gun held in the hands of a small boy sent its missile straight to its destination. No more songs from that bonny bird. A mourning nestful looking for him in vain. And the boy and his companions will go home, eat their suppers, say their prayers, and kill more birds when they can. They are little monsters did they but know it!—Exchange.

Our Boys and Girls

Wanchese, N. C., Aug. 3, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl five years old. I have one sister living and one brother and sister dead. My grandpa takes the Advocate and I love to hear him read the little folks' letters.

I will now ask a question: Where was Jonah thrown overboard?

Enclosed find five cents for the orphans.

Your friend,
LAURA ATWOOD DAVIS.

Beasley, N. C., Aug. 5, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will write for the second time. I have three brothers and three sisters. My youngest brother is three years old. I have one grandma and one grandpa living.

I will answer Myra Cotton's question:: The flood lasted one hundred and fifty days.

Now I will ask one: Who was fed by the ravens?

Goodby.
ANNIE MAUD WESTBROOK.

Bonnerton, N. C., Aug. 8, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—Will you admit a little girl fourteen years of age in your happy circle? We have a nice Sunday-school. Mr. B. B. Ross is our superintendent any my teacher. Rev. J. M. Lowder is our pastor. We all like him and wish he could preach for us every Sunday instead of only once a month.

I am looking forward to our protracted meeting which will begin the second Sunday. Our Sunday-school had a picnic last Friday about six miles from here. There were only a few there on account of rain, but I enjoyed it fine, if I did get a good drenching.

My only pet is my sweet little sister Katherine.

I will close by asking a question: How long was Noah building the ark?

Your little friend,
CLYDE TRIPP.

Conway, N. C., Aug. 2, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will write to you for the first time. I am a little girl eleven years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My teacher is Mrs. H. L. Lassiter, and Mr. J. O. Flythe is our superintendent. Rev. W. C. Merritt is our pastor, and I like him fine. Our protracted meeting starts next week. I will be glad to see that time come.

I will close by asking a question. How many brothers had Joseph?

With best wishes to you and the orphans.

EVA LASSITER.

Holly Springs, N. C., Aug. 10, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Miss Hettie Johnson is my teacher, and I like her very much. I joined the church a few weeks ago. Mr. A. M. Johnson is our superintendent and Mr. G. W. Starling is our pastor. I like him very much. We have about ninety enrolled at our Sunday-school.

I will answer Myrtle Muse's question: David was made king after Saul's death.

Now I will ask one: What is the shortest verse in the Bible?

I will close by sending five cents to the Orphanage.

PAULINE HOLT.

Conway, N. C., Aug. 3, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—Well, as I have never written to your paper before, I thought I would do so. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading it. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My teacher is Mrs. H. L. Lassiter and our superintendent is Mr. J. A. Flythe. Our preacher is Rev. W. C. Merritt, and I like him as well as I can.

I will close, with best wishes to you and the orphans.

LUCY LASSITER.

N. B.—You must excuse me; I can't write well.

Beasley, N. C., Aug. 5, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As my other letter was in print, I will try to write again.

I will be one to raise one dollar for the orphans by Christmas.

My papa and mamma are both living.

I will answer Julia Smith's question: Jesus was thirty years old when he began to preach.

Now I will ask one: : What king was killed and the dogs came and licked up his blood?

Yours truly,
EULA REBECCA WESTBROOK.

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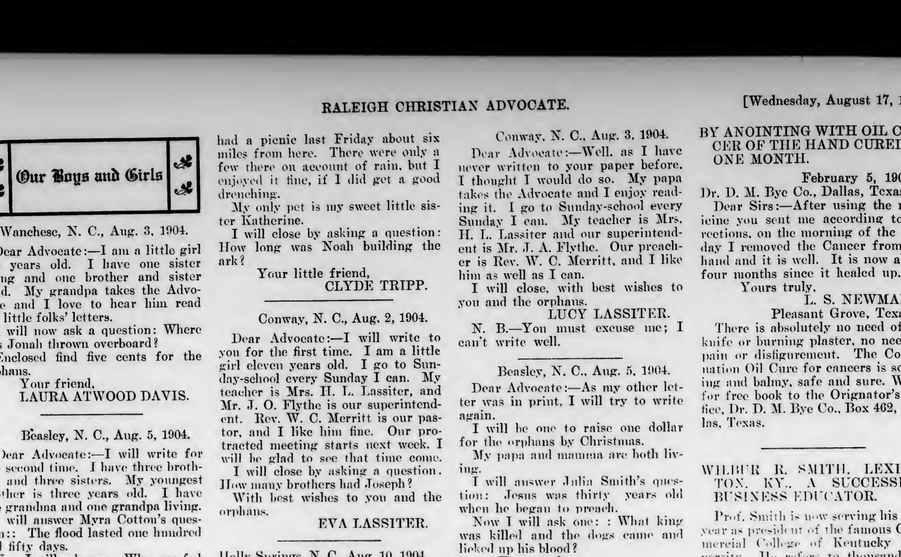

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Womans Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Miss Daisy Bailey Waitt, Raleigh, N. C.

Officers of the W. F. M. S. of the N. C. Conference, June, 1903-'04.

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The Lambuth family has been connected with the Southern Methodist missions in the East for a half century. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lambuth reached China in 1854. In that supremely difficult field they toiled until 1886, when they were transferred to Japan. After her husband's death Mrs. Lambuth came to America, broken in health and aged, supposing that she would spend the remainder of her days in her native land. But the call of China was strong; and, at the age of seventy, she returned to her loved employ, to lay it down only with life, completing her semi-centennial of service.

Mrs. Lambuth was the daughter of Mr. W. G. McClellan, of Cambridge, N. Y. She was born in 1832, went to Mississippi as a teacher in 1851, and was married to Rev. James W. Lambuth in 1853, having already dedicated herself to the cause of missions. At a missionary meeting in Canton, Miss., she placed in the collection a slip of paper on which was written, "I give $5 and myself to this noble cause." Truly it was a precious gift.

In China she opened day schools and boarding schools, which were taught by herself, instructed Bible women, translated hymns, catechisms, and books; later edited the periodical Woman's Work for Woman, and taught a school for English speaking children at Shanghai.

The fourteen years of work in Japan were filled with similar endeavor. A night school begun there in 1886 has now grown to Palmore Institute; and the work for girls, into Kobe Institute.

Absolute devotion to her Master, which found its divine direction in the foreign mission work, was the keynote of Mrs. Lambuth's life. Her intellectuality was unusual, and her capacity for work great. The orderly quality of her mind and habits of system enabled her to accomplish an almost incredible amount of work. To her, in great measure no doubt, her son, Dr. W. R. Lambuth, the distinguished missionary, is indebted for these qualities. Mrs. Lambuth's career of remarkable endeavor and achievement was ended at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Park, at Soochow, June 26, in the land to which she had given the strength of her youth, and the powers of her maturity. Of such as she it is most truly said, "Their works do follow them."—Epworth Era.

A Suggestion.

At the close of the second quarter last year the Woman's Board had to borrow $5,000 in order to meet its expenses. The reason for this financial condition is not difficult to find if we remember how easy it is to put off until the last minute what might easily be done earlier. How many put off paying up their dues until the end of the year, and yet each quarter has its own expenses, which must be met. Our workers at home and abroad must not be hampered in their usefulness by financial embarrassments.

Can we not by a little extra effort prevent a like deficit this year? August is the last month of the second quarter. Let each auxiliary see to it that its treasurer has a full report at the end of this month.

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The Relation of the Home Mission Work to the Foreign.

PART I —TWO SISTERS

When asked to discuss this subject, the thought came to me of two beautiful sisters—clad in garments white, countenances aglow with the light of the knowledge of God, feet "shod with the preparation of the Gospel"—starting, hand in hand, to the sin-darkened corners of the world. Gladly, swiftly do they go, shedding abroad that light whose first beams shone forth in the early morning from Bethlehem's manger, bringing that immortal life which has quickened the divine and spiritual nature of the human family, and is gradually changing a world of sin, ignorance and superstition to holiness, harmony and peace.

BRAZIL, MEXICO, CUBA.

We see the profile of one, as she turns her yearning gaze to the Land of the Southern Cross, and with outstretched arms would enfold the priest-ridden Brazilians, without a Bible; our nearest neighbors of the land of the ancient Toltecs; and those of the beautiful Pearl of the Antilles, our latest adopted daughter.

With passionate pleading she bids them arise and come out of the darkness of their superstition, their "isms" and Romish thraldom, and for their crosses and implements of the crucifixion receive an arisen and living Savior. They may worship the divine and all-powerful Son, not the memory of the human Virgin Mother. For their adoration of the saints, they may know the love of a personal Savior.

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She goes into the Zenanas of far-off India. And into the Oriental Walled Kingdom, and raises Chinese victims from their worship of beasts, birds, stocks and stones, with the horrible attendant practices, unbinds their feet, lifts them up into the light of a new life hidden in Christ.

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With untiring energy and holy zest, her feet touch the soil of the Isles of the Sea, and as they enter the barbarians' huts the darkness melts away and Christian civilization begins.

THE OTHER SISTER.

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" While the divine commission is thus being carried to the uttermost parts of the earth, what of the lovely companion?

THE DEACONESS.

We see this face full front and read in its heaven-born purpose. Her lifework is to glorify her Lord by rendering her most noble service, that of rescuing and saving those about us. As she goes among the wondering and destitute, taking the bandages from their bruised souls and applying the soothing salve of the gospel, she smiles as she hears her Master's commendation, "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

THE MEANING OF THE PICTURE.

To those who persist in separating the Home and Foreign work, the above seems a true picture. But upon closer study I can no longer call them twin sisters. The features of the profile are the same as those of the front face. It is the same picture at different sittings.

MRS. B. B. ADAMS.

I congratulate our readers on the privilege of enjoying this week a portion of the fine article read by the writer herself at our Annual Meeting. We have for some years known and loved Mrs. Adams as our faithful Conference Treasurer of the W. F. M. S., and are delighted to have her gifts in the W. H. M. S. column. I hope to see more of her fine thoughts next week.

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Editorial

WHERE MORAL FORCE IS NEEDED.

Two years ago the people of North Carolina seemed to be in a state of hopeless apathy with regard to the abolition of the saloon. Here and there could be found a municipality with moral life enough to protect itself by adopting regulative or prohibitive plans. In some cases in which municipal moral life was not strong enough for adequate protection, boards of County Commissioners and Aldermen developed sufficient moral strength to supply the deficiency.

The apathy, however, was more apparent than real. Thousands of anxious eyes were peering through the gloom searching for the dawning of the day. A State Anti-Saloon League had been formed and was struggling manfully against surprising obstacles. Our people seemed to be under a kind of obsession brought about by the overwhelming victory of the saloon in 1881. It seemed hard for the temperance people to rally from that defeat.

But an unseen force was at work. The political eye had seen profit in the passage of sweeping temperance legislation. The legislature of 1903, after rejecting the plans earnestly urged by the temperance forces working through the Anti-Saloon League passed the Watts bill, prohibiting the sale and manufacture of liquor in the rural sections and in the smallest towns and providing for elections in the larger municipalities.

This bill was drafted in a political council months before the legislature met. The motive had no blood relationship with any moral purpose. It was purely political. Yet it proved a God-send to the temperance life of the State. It did not go far enough. It has its defects. Yet it is a thousand bow-shots ahead of anything we had before. We will not be so unjust as to apply here the familiar story of the old woman who prayed for bread, and told the wicked men who threw the loaf down the chimney that if the devil brought it, God sent it. Suffice it to say that some good things come providentially even through politics.

We wish to say emphatically: There must be no backward step. Every movement must be forward. And here the moral force of the temperance spirit must manifest itself. That force must be strong enough to vote at the ballot box against any man who would tear down the scaffolding which has been built. If the edifice is weak it must be made stronger. If there are defective pieces, they must be taken out. If strengthening braces are needed they must be supplied. But it is the God-given duty of the Christian people of the State to vote only for those men whose eye is to the sunrise, who are the enemies of the saloon, and whose effort will be to strengthen what temperance legislation we have.

Moral force must exert itself in conserving the benefits of the temperance victories achieved in so many towns throughout the State. Of course, there can be no reasonable expectation of insuring perfect obedience to law. We have grown weary of the old cry, "Prohibition does not prohibit." Of course not. Law against crime does not prevent crime. But who would dare live in a land which has no law against crime? As long as sin is in the world men and women are going to sin—and that too in the way of making, selling, and drinking spirituous liquors. But this one thing is certain: a proper civic conscience can reduce the manifestations of this peculiar species of sin to a minimum. If not, we may as well throw the principles of our great Republic to the winds. Greensboro has done the proper thing in organizing a league for the enforcement of anti-saloon laws. Let all other towns follow suit.

The pulpit, the school, the press, the father and mother are still under the strong pressing obligation to instil temperance principles in mind and heart. Our people must be taught that drinking is not only a great individual and national peril, but a sin in the eyes of God. To begin the work of temperance in cradlehood, and to develop it at every stage along the road of life, making a Christ-touched conscience the highest and most powerful law is the most reasonable and successful plan of procedure. This plan embraces and generates moral force. May we have plenty of it in the crisis which now confronts us.

PROPHETS OF EVIL AND GOOD.

The world has but little use for a pessimist and its very sound grates on the ear. We may define a pessimist as one who is always looking for trouble, and he always finds it. There are many persons who are never so happy as when unhappy. It is distinctively a negative quality, and the pessimist pulls down but never builds up. He is on every side with a complaining, croaking, future-dreading spirit that tends to dishearten those who are going ahead bravely bearing whatever befalls them. In the home, in politics, in religion, in social life and everywhere is found this prophet of evil and a harbinger of woe, but we never find a useful positive factor among them. You never saw a great man in any line of work who was a pessimist. This great, busy, throbbing world has use only for men and women who look to the future with bright hopes and then bend every energy toward the realization of their expectations. It was pessimists who predicted disaster for the first steam-boat, locomotive, telegraph, telephone, and all the discoveries that have advanced civilization; and it was pessimism run mad that hurried our Savior to the cross. It is really a sin of which many Christians are guilty. The great Exemplar did not and could not use a pessimist. "He went about doing good," but those with gloomy forebodings are so saturated with the spirit of depression that the good that they would do they cannot.

An optimist is as far removed from a pessimist as zenith from nadir. His hearty grasp of the hand and smiling face is a powerful elixir that puts new hope into struggling humanity. No doubt every one can bring to mind some one of this kind whose very presence is a benediction and whose words are like oil on troubled waters. These are the men and women who do things, to whom the word "impossible" is obsolete, who believe that God still reigns, and that every thing is working toward a glorious end. In things spiritual, in things temporal, the optimist is the great power that moves the world. His influence is great while he lives, and lives long after the time "when the struggle of mart and forum is over, and kind Nature heals the scar which his descent into mother earth has made, when the carpet of the infant becomes the blanket of the dead."

THOSE NEW MEMBERS.

We well remember when we were a circuit rider with what joy we received at our meetings the newly converted into the church.

We also remember what a sense of responsibility was ours as we inducted them into ecclesiastical relationship with God.

We always took the time of a whole service for this solemn ceremony. We proceeded slowly and prayerfully. We explained the questions and vows. We read over the General Rules and explained them. We had the congregation to sing much and pray much.

But we never discharged our full duty to those babes in Christ until we had urged them to have in hand as soon as possible a Bible, their church paper, and a Discipline.

Brother, you can do much for the Raleigh Christian Advocate between now and Conference by urging the newly converted to take in their homes in addition to the Bible and the Discipline, the church paper. We feel sure that by so doing you can do more for the spiritual welfare of the new member.

Let those members be first Christians and then make them strong Methodists.

You cannot do this without supplying them with Methodist literature. Think on these things, brethren.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THE EPWORTH LEAGUE?

This is a very practical question for the North Carolina Conference to consider and settle. In proportion to numbers and resources, the North Carolina Conference is doing less for the League than any other Conference in Southern Methodism. We do not, of course, lose sight of the fact that we have in our midst some splendid chapters and most excellent League workers. But taking the whole Conference work into consideration, the Epworth League is a waif among us. Its wondering and weeping and shivering and begging are pathetic in the extreme.

Why do we treat so coldly and cruelly this child of the church? This question must come up again and again, and before the bar of our consciences we must answer.

We cannot say that the Epworth League is not more than worth its bread and salt. Read the statistics and get an idea for once of some of its triumphs. Read what it has done for missions, the Conference collections, how it has spiritually revolutionized cold churches, how it has put new life into the young people in hundreds of towns and cities—nay, in the very rural sections, and how it has proven the right arm of the pastor, and then say if you can, that the Epworth League is a worthless piece of machinery.

No; the League is going to succeed even in the North Carolina Conference. God is in it and behind it. It is now having the experience the Sunday-school had one hundred years ago. The obstacles in the way of the League were in the way of the Sunday-school. Our preachers and people may as well prepare to establish the League, for it is going to succeed.

And now a special matter. The Epworth League Board of the North Carolina Conference appointed Rev. H. B. Anderson, of Goldsboro, an enthusiastic League worker, to edit the League column in the Advocate. It seems to us that he has worked alone. Why do not some of the brethren help him? Why do you not send a report of your League occasionally, and add a word of encouragement or exhortation? Brother Anderson cannot, by himself, make the League column a success. And as long as he receives no help from the brethren, he cannot be held responsible for any failure. Brethren, extend your help. It can be rendered in many ways.

UNTIL JANUARY, 1905.

We have been so successful in securing new subscribers to the Advocate, and the other Southern Methodist papers are talking so much about their expectations of having a circulation of 10,000 subscribers, that we have about concluded that we must have the same circulation. We can have it. We should have it. We shall have it—if our preachers and laymen be in the same mind. We offer the Advocate from now until January 1, 1905, for fifty cents. Of course, if we were to consider this year alone, we could not afford to make such an offer. But we make it in order that we may induce those who take advantage of it to become regular subscribers at the regular price after January 1, 1905.

Preachers and laymen, work this offer to its fullest capacity.

The charge is often made, especially by Southern scholars, that the South has been dominated largely by the political spirit—and that to the detriment of the South. We take at this office quite a large number of secular papers, published for the most part in this State. Many of these papers are first-class representatives of journalism. But, can some one tell us why nine-tenths of the editorial matter in these papers is of a political character. Are not the industrial, social and literary interests which are developing so rapidly worthy of editorial consideration. An editorial on a moral subject is almost a rarity in our newspapers. Do not these facts prove that the political spirit is now dominating our people? We are training up our boys and girls to feel that politics is paramount. We are not throwing a complaint against, but only making a suggestion to, our valuable contemporaries.

Methodist Mention

State.

We regret to learn that the health of Mr. Washington Duke does not improve. Last week he was in a critical condition.

Rev. N. L. Seabolt, P. C. Brooklyn and Macedonia, reports that he has just closed a successful meeting at Macedonia.

Rev. H. M. Jackson writes that the Pantego and Belhaven charge is prospering. He hopes to dedicate the new church at Belhaven next Sunday.

Rev. G. F. Smith, P. E., Warrenton District, passed through Raleigh on last Monday morning on his way to Davidson County, to visit his aged father.

Rev. R. F. Bumpas attended the Waynesville District Conference, and, on Sunday morning, preached a sermon which has been highly commended.

Rev. G. B. Starling, P. C., Cary Circuit, has lately been visited by his father, of Wayne County. Both paid their respects to the Advocate a few days ago.

The Epworth League of Edenton Street Church is enjoying great prosperity. The meetings during this hot summer weather are enthusiastic, and largely attended.

The Methodist pastors in Raleigh are all in place and are doing fine work. The congregations, we are glad to know, are but little affected by the hot weather.

Rev. J. M. Terrell, of the North Carolina Conference, and at present, one of our missionaries to Brazil, is now in North Carolina on a visit. He is attended by his wife, and their ward, Donna Angelita da Silva, of Brazil.

Rev. A. J. Parker has been very successful in canvassing for the new Methodist school at Elizabeth City. In two weeks he raised over $2,500. He is at present filling some appointments for Rev. J. E. Underwood, P. E.

Rev. C. C. Brothers received some time ago a circular praising a certain brand of liquor. Whereupon the doughty and liquor hating preacher wrote to the firm a public letter which sparkles and spits fire. Better let Brothers alone.

Rev. J. A. Baldwin, of the W. N. C. Conference, spent several days in Raleigh last week. He is enthusiastic over the prospects of the Industrial School which he has organized and developed. His heart is in his work, and he is going to succeed.

Among the excursionists from Elizabeth City to Raleigh last week were the following who paid their respects to the Advocate: Mr. N. J. Walker, Coinjock, N. C.; Mr. R. H. Commander and wife, Elizabeth City, N. C., and John J. Gordon, Lily, N. C.

Rev. T. J. Eskridge, of Tazewell, is exceedingly popular with his people. Some of them say that his preaching ability is equal to the best.—Midland Methodist. Brother Eskridge is an old Shelby (N. C.) boy. His friends in North Carolina watch with deep interest his useful career.

The Weaver School for boys will be located on the Newland property east of Lenoir. Dr. C. C. Weaver, the efficient and progressive president of Davenport College has bought the property and a commodious school building will be erected thereon. Until this building is completed, the large dwelling house on the place will be used, and afterwards converted into a dormitory.—N. C. Christian Advocate.

Hon. W. C. Newland, of Lenoir, N. C., who has been lately nominated for Congress in the Eighth District, is every inch a man. We have known him from boyhood, and from our thorough knowledge of him, we have no hesitation in saying that he is worthy of any honor the people may give him. As a member of the Methodist Church at Lenoir, he has always taken a very active part in the furtherance of the interests of the church.

Our "August friends" have been remembering us in more ways than one. Last week we were the recipient of kindness at the hands of two elect laymen, W. H. Humphries, of Lumberton, and H. M. Johns, of Garner. The former sent us a crate of his nicest cantaloupes; the latter, a basket of his best peaches and apples. These brethren have our best thanks.

Mrs. W. S. Stevens, of Smithfield, N. C., whose good deeds are many, proves to be one of our "August friends" several times over. She has just sent in the price of three yearly subscriptions, and the Advocate will now go to three new subscribers, who will greatly enjoy such practical kindness on the part of Mrs. Stevens. Of course, the Advocate enjoys such friendliness and hereby returns its thanks to the loyal donor.

The following card, in which many will be interested, has been received at this office: Rev. and Mrs. Nereus Elbridge Coltrane request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Mabel to Mr. Robert Amsei Merritt on the evening of Wednesday, the twenty-fourth of August nineteen hundred and four at nine o'clock. Centenary Methodist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina. At home after September 6th, Smithfield, N. C.

Mr. J. D. Riggan, of Fuquay Springs, reports that the Sunday-school there is rapidly growing in numbers, usefulness, and interest. Brother Riggan took charge of that Sunday-school when it numbered twenty-odd. Now there are nearly one hundred members. It is one of the best regulated, most enthusiastic Sunday-schools of which we have any knowledge. The Methodists at Fuquay have a rich field to develop and the next Conference should make ample provision for meeting the demands down there.

Rev. J. H. Frizzelle, P. C. Pittsboro Circuit, thus reports: "We have held two of our protracted meetings. Congregations were good and attentive. Rev. W. B. Green preached twice for us. We had no other ministerial help. We received into the church five on profession of faith and two by certificate. The official board without the 'knowledge or consent' of the pastor, voted him a vacation and a purse to pay the expenses. They know how to do the nice thing here, Doctor. The longer I stay in the pastorate the more I sympathize with editors, college presidents, and Presiding Elders. You have my sympathy, brethren."

Dr. S. B. Turrentine has recently made an extended tour of attending district conferences and other places in both Conferences of the State in behalf of Greensboro Female College. During his visits in various parts of the State, he met with much encouragement and success. During the entire time of about four weeks, he secured nearly $5,500 in subscriptions and contributions on the rebuilding fund of the college. Several thousand dollars more will be needed to complete the building for this fall term. In addition to the above named contributions, Miss Nannie Lee Smith has had good success in securing funds on the rebuilding and Rev. M. T. Plyler, of Chapel Hill, has succeeded well in securing donations on furnishing the college. The work of rebuilding is now being carried forward by a large force of hands, under the supervision of Mr. S. W. Foulk, the architect of Greensboro West Market Street Church. Bishops A. Coke Smith and W. W. Duncan recently spoke in behalf of the college, at the district conferences over which they presided.—Greensboro Cor. Morning Post.

Connectional.

A Deaconess Conference will be held in St. Louis October 14, 15.

Dr. Lafferty, of the Baltimore-Richmond, calls Bishop Potter the "Modern Sanballat."

The last magazine number of the Epworth Era is a beauty. Oh, that our Book Committee would make possible such a number every week! Anything less will not satisfy the demands of the League and our great church.

Bishop Galloway sailed from Vancouver for Japan to hold our Conferences in the Orient, on July 28.

Dr. Waterhouse speaks of Emory and Henry as being in better condition in many ways than for the past twenty years.

Rev. J. B. Ley, editor of the Florida Christian Advocate, has gone to Battle Creek, Mich., for surgical and medical treatment.

Who is "Brother McGath of the North Carolina Conference"? A writer in the Southern Christian Advocate speaks of him as having done some good preaching lately in South Carolina.

The Methodist Quarterly Review for the third quarter is unusually attractive in its table of contents. This publication will not suffer by comparison with any Review, religious or secular.

The mission work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Korea now embraces the cities of Seoul, Songdo, and Wonsan. There are twenty-nine congregations, twenty chapels, and upward of five hundred members. In addition, our Woman's Board of Missions has three schools there and five missionaries.

OUR AUGUST FRIENDS AGAIN.

Do not forget that "a friend in need is a friend indeed," and by all means remember that "a friend in need in August is to a newspaper in North Carolina, especially to the Raleigh Christian Advocate, a friend indeed, over over again.

We have heard from some of our "August friends," but there are hundreds and hundreds from whom we have not heard.

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The Missionary Training School.

The Board of Missions has authorized the organization of a training school for Home and Foreign Missionaries, the ends of which are a practical study of church methods, devotional study of the Bible as a text-book and the seeking of those spiritual qualifications so needful for all Christian service. Foreign, Home and City Missions will be studied carefully.

Dr. Walter R. Lambuth, Nashville, Tenn., is to be President. The school opens, to all Christian workers, January 4, 1904. Cost to be only six dollars per term.

We hope the Fourth Vice-Presidents will avail themselves of the course and use the knowledge gained to intensify the interest of the League members in the evangelistic movement of the church.

Notes.

Rev. E. McWhorter was elected by the Wilmington District Conference as District Organizer. We look for results from this action of the conferences. Brother McWhorter is a live enthusiastic League worker who will no doubt bring things to pass.

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We find the brethren are reading the League columns; but they are few who are acting upon the suggestions offered. Brethren, will you not act? Send us some news from your chapter, write an article, offer a suggestion, or tell us how you are progressing with your collections for the League Missionary. We feel as lonely as a sparrow on a house-top. Your silence is pensive. Break the awful stillness. Let us hear from you.

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The summer will soon be ended and the out-of-towners will have returned from their vacation. Let all the Chapters prepare a rally day service and welcome the home-comers, sending special invitations to those who had become slack in attendance upon the Chapter meetings.

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The shame of an eternal dishonor rests upon the man who views the Gospel not as a trust, but as a personal possession. But viewed as a trust for the blessing of our brethren, it is the eternal honor of the man who receives it and redounds to the glory of our God.

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Lesson for August 21, 1904.

Elijah on Mount Carmel.

(1 Kings 18:30-46.)
Golden Text: If the Lord be God, follow Him. (1 Kings 18:21.)

LIGHT ON THE LESSON FROM MANY SOURCES.

Elijah's purpose now was to bring the people to the choice of the true God, and to accomplish the religious reformation for which the famine had been preparing their minds. Hence he demanded of the king to assemble the people on the top of Mount Carmel, that they might make their choice.

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"On Carmel's crown now swarms a countless throng,
With one brave soul to stand for God 'gainst millions in the wrong."

—Geo. L. Taylor.

The Test of Fire.—"How long halt ye between two opinions?" was the prophet's stern question of the people. The verb means to totter, limp, go stumbling and hesitating. "If the Lord be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him." And when the people, awestruck and conscious of their guilt, made no response, Elijah proposed that each side prepare a sacrifice and pray to their deity; the God who answered by fire sent down from heaven would be the true God. The test was dignified and appropriate. Sacrifice was common to all religions. Then, Jehovah claimed to be the God of nature, to have brought the famine, to have sent Elijah, to have wrought miracles for his people. He could do it now. On the other hand, it was fair to Baal, for (1) Baal claimed to be the sun-god, lord of the elements and forces of nature, and, therefore, if this were true, he of all idols could sent fire from heaven. (2) The attempt was to be made in the full light of the rising sun, when Baal was especially worshiped. (3) If Baal could work this miracle, then he was able to bring rain, and the famine continued from no want of power on his part.

The True Test of Religion.—Something like this must ever be the test of true religion. The God that answers by the fire of the Holy Spirit, that purifies the heart, that consumes sin, that brings light to the mind, that inspires the soul with life, that cheers and warms hearts—he, and he only, is the true God. Any religion that fails in these is not the true religion.

The Two Parties.—The question was between Jehovah, true religion, morality, truth, blessing, represented by one man alone—Elijah, and Baal, false religion, immorality and its brood of evils, represented by four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, sustained by the whole power of the government, but "one with God is a majority."

An illustration from Prescott's "Conquest of Peru:" Pizarro, in his earlier attempts to conquer Peru, came to a time when all his followers were about to desert him. They were gathered on the shore to embark for home. Drawing his sword he traced a line with it from east to west upon the sand. Then turning towards the south, "Friends and comrades," he said, "on that side are toil, hunger, nakedness, the drenching storm, desertion, and death; on this side, ease and pleasure. But there lies Peru with all its riches and the glory of conquest; here Panama and its poverty. Choose each man as becomes a brave Castilian. For my part, I go south." So saying, he stepped across the line. One after another his comrades followed him. This was the crisis of Pizarro's fate. There are moments in the lives of men which, as they are seized or neglected, decide their future destiny.—Illustrated Quarterly.

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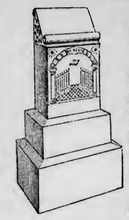

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Secular News

STATE

A farmer at Laurinburg netted $18,000 on 110 acres of cantaloupes.

The corner stone of the Odd Fellows building at Wilmington was laid last Tuesday.

Hon. R. B. Glenn, candidate for Governor on the Democratic ticket, addressed the Parker-Glenn Club in Raleigh, Wednesday night.

The negro Parker who struck the assassin of President McKinley at Buffalo, is on a lecturing tour of the State.

Rev. J. W. Lee, the Irish evangelist, known all over North Carolina, died at his home in Greensboro Sunday.

Wayne County has docketed for trial at the next term of court 25 cases of violations of the prohibition law in Goldsboro.

The Belle Whallon Orphanage at Montreat was destroyed by fire a few days ago. There were 24 little children in the building, but all were saved.

The largest shipment of peaches in the history of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad went north Saturday 6th. Five trains of 160 refrigerator cars were iced at Armour's icing station at Rocky Mount.

The labor unions of Raleigh will celebrate labor day with the Central Labor Unions of Newport News and Portsmouth, Va., at Pine Beach, near Old Point Comfort, Va. An excursion will be run from Raleigh.

Mr. John P. Arrington, institutional clerk in the State Treasurer's office, died last Friday afternoon. He had been stricken with paralysis a few days previous. He was buried at his old home Sunday, with Masonic honors.

The Directors of the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railway inspected the work on that road Monday, and declared themselves very much pleased with the progress being made. Up to date 12 miles of the road have been graded. Track-laying will begin this week.

Up to date 833 free libraries have been established in the public schools. The good work goes on pretty steadily. Edgecombe County makes a new departure, having raised $800 by taxing dogs for the benefit of free libraries, and will have one in every school district, says Colonel Olds.

A Mr. Butler, representing the tobacco firm of Butler Bros., of Reidsville, N. C., was drowned along with his horse in Northeast River one hundred yards below the railroad bridge near Castle Haynes, Sunday night. It is thought he drove into the river by mistake, thinking it was a small creek.

Six miners were drowned in the Barringer gold mine, located near Gold Hill, N. C., Rowan County, on August 11. A large pond near the entrance of the mine suddenly broke, and the waters rushed upon the men in terrific force to a depth of about 100 feet. The workmen were powerless to save themselves.

The evil prophecy of "Prince George," the New Bern negro, that Wilmington would be destroyed by fire Monday, August 15, 1904, was not fulfilled. That city is still standing. On account of the prophecy of the negro it is estimated that about a thousand negroes have left that city. They have been leaving for the past month, but during the past week the exodus was by the wholesale.

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How Long? Oh, Lord, How Long?

The prophecy of Dr. Ivey that this prosperous year would not bring large increase in our benevolent collections, has come to pass in regard to the Orphanage. They have not been as good this year as last. Only one person has given $200, three $100, not five $50, not ten $25, and not twenty-five $10. I have not raised $200, in both cash and subscriptions, in any church. Yet the cause has greatly grown upon the people. How long will it be ere the people called Methodists will awake to the importance of the work? How long will it be ere they put their hands in their pockets to finish and furnish our building? Hundreds of little needy ones are waiting. How long, O Lord, how long?

Southport and Rich Square.

Southport, the seat of the Wilmington District Conference, is a little city by the sea, where she grows in spite of the sand. I like that. One day there was revealed the fact that they were going to have a good Conference. John is always level-headed. He is not a hustler, but he always gets there. Brother Williams cared for us kindly.

We had to fly across the State to reach Rich Square before the adjournment of the Warrenton District Conference. Bishop Smith was in the chair. We heard good news of the editor of the Advocate, whose departing skirts we did not see.

The Bishop won all hearts. He did our Episcopy proud. He is the most unbishopy Bishop I ever saw. Yet he is every inch a Bishop. He will be known as the Bishop of the people.

Our stay at Bro. John Baughn's with Dr. Nash and Brother Hotelling was a treat indeed.

Laurinburg.

The first Sunday, inst., was spent in Laurinburg with my life-long friend and Conference class-mate, Rev. R. A. Willis. The weather was against us. Old "Aquarius" was in the ascendency. The capital of Scotland, is a humming little town with a live population—a pleasant people are they. They love our Orphanage. The Sunday-school was among the first to take upon themselves the support of an orphan. But they ought to, for we have two here from that town, and they are Scotch-Irish—Macks.

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Garysburg, Concord, Aug. 6, 7
Weldon, Aug. 7, 8
Warren, Sharpsburg, Aug. 11
Ridgeway, Middleburg, Aug. 13, 14
Henderson, Aug. 14, 15
Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, Aug. 21, 22
Harrellsville, Harrellsville, Aug. 27, 28
Scotland Neck Sept. 4, 5
Conway, Providence, Sept. 10, 11
Murfreesboro, Sept. 11, 12
Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept. 24, 25
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, Oct. 1, 2
Rich Square, Pinner's, Oct. 8, 9
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, Oct. 15, 16

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Grifton Circuit, Epworth, Aug. 6-7
Atlantic Circuit, Atlantic, Aug. 10-11
Morehead City, Aug. 13-14
Hookerton Circuit, Hookerton, Aug. 13-14
Straits Circuit, Aug. 16-17
Carteret Circuit, Adam's Creek, Aug. 20-21
LaGrange Circuit, Boston, Aug. 27-28
Dover Circuit, Webb's, Sept. 10, 11
Mt. Olive, Bethel, Sept. 3, 4
St. John, Sept. 7

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Lillington, Cool Springs, August 5
Sanford, Lemon Springs, August 6, 7
Duke, Pleasant Plains, Aug. 12
Buckhorn, Harnett Chapel, August 13, 14
Newton Grove, Hopewell, Aug. 20, 21
Goldstone Maroneys, August 27, 28
Sampson, Bethel, September 3, 4
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 10, 11

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Carver's Creek, Wayman, August 6, 7
Magnolia, Trinity, August 12
Kenansville, Charity, August 13, 14
Elizabeth, Unlen, August 20, 21
Shallotte, New Hope, August 27, 28
Unslow, Swanboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Burgaw, September 10, 11
Grace, September 13

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.
J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Currituck, Mt. Zion, Aug 6, 7
Kitty Hawk, Aug 7, 8
Columbia, Aug 13, 14
Dare, Aug 14, 15
Pantego and Belhaven, Aug 20, 21
Roper, Pleasant Grove, Aug 27, 28
Plymouth, Aug 28, 29
FOURTH ROUND.
Edenton, Sept 4
Kennekeet, at Chicamacomico, Sept. 8
Hatteras, Trent, Sept. 10, 11
Hertford, Centre Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Perquimans, Oak Grove, Sept. 24, 25
Pasquotank, Newbegin, Sept. 25, 26
Camden, McBride's, Oct. 1, 2
North Gates, Savage, Oct. 8, 9
Gates Hertells, Oct. 15, 16
Kitty Hawk, Currituck Inlet, Oct. 22, 23
Currituck, Ebenezer, Oct. 23, 24
Moyock, Perkins Chapel, Oct. 29, 30
Dare, Mann's Harbor, Nov. 5, 6
Roanoke Island, Nov. 6, 7
Elizabeth City, First Church, Nov. 13
Elizabeth City Road, Nov. 13
Columbia, Nov. 19, 20
Pantego and Belham, Nov. 25
Roper, Nov 26, 27
Plymouth, Nov. 27

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Kenly, August 6, 7
Wakefield, August 8
Tar River, Trinity, August 13, 14
Louisburg, August 14, 15
FOURTH ROUND.
Smithfield, August 27, 28
Selma, Selma, August 28, 29
Edenton St., September 3, 4
Franklinton, Grove Hill, September 10, 11
Clayton, Elizabeth, September 17, 18
Oxford Circuit, September 24, 25
Central, October 1, 2
Brooklyn, October 2, 3
Milbrook, October 8, 9
Granville, October 15, 16
Wakefield, October 20
Kenley, October 22, 23
Cary, October 29, 30
Epworth, October 30
Oxford Station, November 5, 6
Youngsville, November 12, 13
Louisburg, November 19, 20
Tar River, Frank Chapel, November 26, 27

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Nashville, Belford, August 6, 7
Springhope, Gold Valley, August 8
Bethel, Conetoe, August 13, 14
Tarboro, night, August 14
Grimesland & Vanceboro, Providence, Aug 20, 21
Greenville, night, Aug 22
Aurora, Campbell's Creek, Aug 27, 28

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Alamance, Clover Garden, August 6, 7
Burlington, Prospect, August 13, 14
Burlington Station, August 21, 22
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.
THIRD ROUND.
Montgomery, Beulah, Aug 6, 7
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Red Springs, Centenary, Aug. 20, 21
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Marriages

PARKER—UTLEY.—On June 9, 1904, in the Methodist church at Apex, N. C., by Rev. Geo. B. Starling, M. B. H. Parker to Miss Lottie E. Utley.

SPENCER—SIMPSON.—At the home of the groom, Ocracoke, N. C., July 6, 1904, Mr. Nathan Spencer and Miss Louisa Simpson, both of Ocracoke, R. R. Grant officiating.

GREEN—LAMBETH.—Miss Annie M. Green and Alfred J. Lambeth were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father, John W. Green, July 6, 1904, Jas. H. Frizzelle officiating.

BROWN—BLAND.—At the residence of the bride's father, C. M. Odham, August 3, 1904, Mr. James Brown, of Craven County, N. C., to Mrs. Irene Bland, of Lenoir County, N. C., P. Greening officiating.

Obituaries

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SHEETS.—The sympathy of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sheets goes out to them at this time in their sad bereavement. They have suffered a great loss in the death of their little daughter Mary, who, by her lovable ways and sweet disposition, had entwined herself around the hearts of her parents and all who knew her.

"On angels' arms her spirit lay
When it was loosened from the clay,
And upward to the heaven's they brought
The darling whom the Lord had sought."

A FRIEND.

HALL.—Died, at the home in New Bern, N. C., July 6, 1904, Nita Hall, aged twenty-three years. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Richardson.

Nita was a consistent member of the Beech Grove Sunday-school from her infancy, and in 1892, under the ministry of Rev. J. G. Johnson, joined the M. E. Church, South, being then only eleven years of age. She lived an active Christian life.

In April, 1902, she was happily married to Mr. Alex. Hall, of New Bern. She leaves a fond mother, a loving husband and a bright little daughter a year old, besides numerous friends about Beech Grove to join the innumerable host that has crossed over to be ever with the Lord.

As her life here was one of love, we feel assured she has entered the eternal home of love.

We would comfort the bereaved ones with the cheering hope of joining Nita where no sad goodby is ever heard.

A FRIEND.

STROWD.—Mrs. Martha Atwater Strowd, daughter of Rev. Wilson and Mrs. Nellie Atwater, was born in Orange County, N. C., April 28, 1823, and died July 12, 1904, aged eighty-one years, two months and fourteen days.

On the 11th day of August, 1842, she was happily married to Manly D. Strowd, with whom she lived for nearly sixty years, when, something over two years ago, he preceded her to the spirit land. To this union there were born eleven children, six of whom, Mrs. A. L. Booker, Mrs. Mary E. Lloyd, Miss C. Emeline Strowd, Rev. Thomas W. Strowd, Matthew M. Strowd, Esq., and Mrs. Martha E. Bishop, now live.

Early in life Sister Strowd joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which she remained an honored member until the day of her death.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. R. W. BAILEY.

ROBINSON.—R. Bascom Robinson was born in Sampson County, N. C., February 21, 1860, and died June 3, 1904. He was converted and joined the Methodist church when fourteen years of age.

He was married to Miss Columbia DuRant November 12, 1884. To this union were born five sons, all of whom live with their mother in Wilmington.

Brother Robinson was a Christian with a meek and humble spirit. A few days before his death the thought of his unworthiness came before him and he confessed it. A friend by his bedside tried to cheer him up by saying: "Bascom, I have known you all your life and you have been good all the time and never did wrong." To this he said: "But Jesus knows." Notwithstanding his suffering was long and intense, he did not complain nor become impatient. A few days before the end came, he asked his wife to sing "Rock of Ages," and at the conclusion of the first verse, he said: "I must go where all is light," and calling the boys to him, he gave them his dying blessing. He was buried in Bellview cemetery, June 5.

A. B. HALTOM.

BROOKS.—Mrs. Pauline Hill Brooks was born near Louisburg, N. C., September 27, 1844. She was the fourth daughter of the late Major Daniel S., and Susan Irwin Hill. When about eleven years of age she professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which she continued a devout and consistent member until God called her to join the church triumphant.

On the 4th of February, 1879, she was married to Rev. Jno. R. Brooks, D. D., who is well and favorably known all over the State, and by many beyond her borders, as a leading minister of the Methodist church. For a little more than twenty-five years she was his true helpmeet. Having no children of her own, she was a faithful stepmother. Wherever her husband was sent as the servant of the church she labored with him. She always had a class in the Sunday-school, and loved the work. Her name has been prominently connected with the work of the Woman's Missionary Societies, Home and Foreign, in the State; and to her untiring efforts as Corresponding Secretary, the success of the Florence Crittenton Home Circle of Charlotte, was largely indebted. She has made a worthy record, and God has taken her unto Himself. The last months of her life were months of suffering, but she bore it with cheerfulness and Christian fortitude. The end came without a struggle on the 29th of July, 1904, in the home of her brother-in-law at Louisburg. She passed away as the child falls to sleep at eventide—and her rest is sweet.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer from the Methodist church on Sunday afternoon, July 31, 1904, and her body was laid to rest in the city cemetery. The floral offerings were many and beautiful—a mere token of the high esteem in which she was held by a large circle of friends. We mourn, but not as those who have no hope. She cannot return to us, but whither she has gone shortly we also may go.

May God comfort the sorrowing husband in his declining years and her many relatives and friends who wait to rejoin her on the other shore!

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Whereas, we desire to give expression to our sorrow and to our estimate of her high Christian character and her true sterling worth; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That in the death of Mrs. Ennett our Society has lost one of its brightest jewels; one, in whose character nature harmonized, blending the love of God into faithfulness of duty, entire oblivion of self, and a heart filled with sunshine and love.

2. That while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind, we will ever cherish the memory and the many virtues of our departed friend.

3. That we tender our sympathy to the bereaved ones and pray that God's grace may be sufficient in the hours of their deep affliction and that they may feel the ties binding them to heaven grow stronger each day.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Society, a copy sent to the family of the deceased; also that a copy be sent to the New Bern Journal and one to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

LIZZIE R. HANCOCK,
VIRGINIA MOORE,
MRS. C. W. MUNGER,
Committee.

Whereas, our friend, Mrs. Annabelle Arnold, has been translated from earth to the fair land beyond the sky, who for many years has been a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That while we bow with deep humility to the decree of an all-wise providence, we can but lament the death of one who, by her sweet disposition and kindness of heart, had endeared herself to all.

2. That in her death the church has lost a most valuable member and the community a most worthy Christian friend.

3. That her example should lead us to promote Christ's kingdom here on earth.

4. That we tender the bereaved family our deepest sympathy and pray they may be sustained by the knowledge that our heavenly Father doeth all things well.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and a copy be furnished the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

J. V. HARRINGTON,
For Committee.
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As busy as a bee in a hive—
Felt awed by a minister just as
Is a fellah by the Khedive.

By-and-by in a young man was ushered,
And there stood the sweet, little miss,
With innocent, wondering expression.
As much as to say, "Who is dis?"
And he opened his arms to the darling,
And she ran and gave him a kiss.

Then away off she scampered to grandma,
And she climbed right up on her knee,
"I dave him a hug and a tiss, dan'ma,
And I 'ike him, and he 'ikes me."
"Oh, my! Did you kiss the minister?"
Said the grandmother lovingly.

"O, dan'ma! that isn't the minister?"
And her rosy cheeks grew more red;
"I tought he was only a man, dan'ma,"
And the cherub dear hung her head.
"I oughtn't to have tissed him then, ought I?"
The blushing little darling said.

And a smile and a tear made acquaintance,
On the face of the minister then;
For the great desire of his longing heart,
Was to be just a man, I ken!
And, taking the wee thing up in his arms,
Said he, "Ministers are only men."

—Rev. Edwin H. Burgess.
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Magazine Notes.

The Midsummer Fiction (August) number of "The Cosmopolitan" comes to us as the most diversified in its contents and the most beautifully illustrated of all the low-priced magazines of the month. It opens with an account of the genesis of Lake's submarine, the "Protector," whose destiny is of great interest to the world just at this movement. Other timely articles are "Railroads Above the Clouds," by Warren Harper, telling of the mountain railways of the world; "Wall Street's Wild Speculation: 1900—1904," by Henry Clews, a clear and instructive account of the methods of speculation pursued in Wall Street during the last four years and their inevitable outcome; M. J. Munn treats of the great outdoor industry of the United States. "Lumbering," fully illustrated. Mrs. George Cornwallis-West writes most entertainingly on the deterioration of modern manners. Very beautiful illustrations accompany an interesting article by Grace Isabel Colbron entitled "Dancing and Pantomine." The editor of the magazine—John Brisben Walker—contributes two papers, "What is Education?" and "A Dinner at Delmonico's." The fiction, however, is the chief feature of the number. The stories are all of them strong, all of them entertaining and all of them well illustrated. They are contributed by H. G. Wells, Cyrus Townsend Brady, Tom Masson, Howard Marble Hoke, Elizabeth H. Bowle and Edwin Milton Royle. The magazine prints the welcome announcement that the September issue will be devoted to the St. Louis Exposition—an illustrated record so complete as to be a valuable souvenir to those who visit the Exposition and a source of satisfaction to those who stay at home.

Col. Olds: Governor Aycock announced this afternoon that he had requested President James A. Bryan to call a meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railway September 1st to consider the propositions to lease the road. This meeting will be of much interest to the public all over North Carolina. Almost ever since this year came in the road has cut a great figure and has been in the public eye almost all the while, all sorts of complications in the State and Federal courts having.——Up to date 893 free libraries have been established in the public schools. The good work goes on pretty steadily. Edgecombe County makes a new departure, having raised $800 by taxing dogs for the benefit of free libraries, and will have one in every school district. There are already 12 in operation. This county also has a professional and reference library for the teachers of each race, with 150 books in each.

A son and heir to the Czar of Russia was born Friday. The Czarina has had five other children, all girls, and Russia has long prayed for the birth of a boy. When a girl is born to the Emperor only thirty-one guns are fired from the Imperial Palace. When the thirty-second gun boomed Friday, and the people were aware that at last an heir to the throne was born, there were scenes of rejoicing everywhere, and before the salute was finished the whole city had blossomed out with flags and bunting, and the bells of the churches rang wildly.

Southern Tobacconist: To-day we have been shown by a North Carolina dealer samples of primings, which ranged from $4.50 per hundred to $8.50, and the tobacco men of Richmond, to whom they were shown, were unanimous in the opinion that the same types could have been bought last year for less than half of the prices quoted.

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THE RELIGIOUS PRESS AND THE PASTORATE.

BISHOP E. E. HOSS, D. D., LL. D.

He is surely a self-conceited pastor who supposes that he is capable without help of any sort, of doing all the work that needs to be done in the congregation or congregations which he is appointed to serve. Let him be as resourceful and as energetic as he may, he cannot, solitary and alone meet and discharge the manifold tasks that confront him from day to day. It is, therefore, the part of wisdom that he should re-enforce himself in every possible way, and thus multiply the value of his activities. Surely no one can be found to deny so primary a proposition.

Let us further affirm that a good religious newspaper, widely circulated, is the best assistant that any pastor can possibly secure. The reason for such a statement is not far to seek. Christianity is a religion of intelligence, and not of ignorance. It appeals always and everywhere to an enlightened understanding, and seeks to commend itself to every man's conscience in the sight of God. Repudiating the use of force, and rejecting the very thought of sacerdotal helps and my reason for such a statement is not far to seek. Christianity is thrown back upon the necessity of relying on intellectual and moral agencies. Being in its essence rational and not magical, it has no option except to convince the judgments and persuade the wills of those to whom it goes with its message of life.

In these days, moreover, the newspapers are the thought exchanges of the world, the clearing-house to which all those who have something to say that is worth hearing bring their utterances. I do not mean to decry the value of books. No one could be further from that folly than I am. But it is still true that for the great mass of the people books are not the chief vehicle for instruction. What is best in them—best in the sense of being most available for edification—is filtered down into the popular mind through the vehicle of the periodical press. They are read and digested by those who have the time and the inclination, and interpreted to the multitude in reviews, editorials and paragraphs. The old maxim was, "You may know a man by the company he keeps." The new one is, "You may know a man by the newspapers he reads." Whether he is aware of it or not, he is sure to get the color of his opinions from this source.

The question with the churches, is therefore, this: "Can we depend on the secular press for the dissemination of religious news and the discussion of religious topics, or must we establish organs of our own?" To this question, duly weighed, there can be but one answer. I gratefully record the fact that the leading journals of the country are generally friendly to Christianity, and are willing enough to publish whatever readable information may come to them concerning its work and progress. This is certainly a fact of no small importance. But it does not fully meet the needs of the situation. To begin with, the secular journals do not understand the language of Canaan, and when they undertake to speak in it, they are liable to make ludicrous blunders and mistakes. All the churches suffer at this point; the Methodists, as I am inclined to think, more than the rest. It remains to be added that a mere general friendliness of temper is not all that is called for. The demands of the hour are for open and active defense and advocacy of the kingdom. If these demands are not met, the cause is bound to suffer remediless loss.

The whole matter may be put to the test of practical experience. Who are the best Methodists? I mean where are we to look for the men and women that love the institutions and enterprises of Zion; that lead upright and godly lives; that freely give of their substance to support and sustain the ministry and the great Christian charities? The testimony of all the best pastors is that they are to be found among those who are the regular readers of the church paper. I say this is the testimony of all the best pastors; but I might make the assertion more comprehensive, and say of all pastors. With one voice they declare that their most loyal and liberal members, those upon whom they can depend in every emergency, are just those who, by reason of their weekly contact with the church press, are best informed as to the claims that are entitled to recognition at their hands.

In view of all that has been said, it is folly for any pastor to intimate that he has not time to push the circulation of these papers. The very scarcity of time is a reason why he should see to it that every family in his charge is supplied with them. There is no expenditure of effort that brings a larger return. I am personally acquainted with a few uncommonly successful circuit preachers who often subscribe for an Advocate to be sent to each one of their officials, and pay the bill out of their own pockets, when the end cannot be reached in any other way. Talking to one of these preachers once I said: "You cannot afford to stand the expense of such a policy." He quickly answered, "I cannot afford to do anything else; it is an investment that never fails to yield more than a hundred per cent." And no doubt he was right. Let us sow down the church as never before with our own church papers. The duty cannot be shirked or neglected without loss in manifold ways.

Mr. Dooley and the Sub-Way Tavern.

"But I must get back fr'm me lab'rtory to Bishop Potter's. Will me friend succeed? I hope he will. We can't get too many dacint men into our profissyon. They'se wan thing I wud call me neighbor's attention to. Th' unbenighted American wurrukin' man likes his dhrink, as who does not? But he wants to take it in peace. His varchues has been wrote about. But let him injye his few simple vices in his own way, says I. He goes to th' saloon an' ye go to th' club mostly f'r th' same season. Ye don't want to go home. He don't need anny wan to push him into a bar. He'll go there because that's a place where wan man's bether thin another an' nobody is ra-aly on but th' bartinder. There ought to be wan place where th' poor wurrrukin' man can escape bein' patted on th' back. He ain't so bad, ye'er grace, as ye think. Wurrukin' men don't dhrink to excess. Dhrunkenness is a vice iv' th' idle. Did ye iver see a la-ad sprintin' aeross a joist two hundhred feet in th' air? D'ye think he end do that if he was a free dhrinker? Th' on'y wurrukin' men who dhrink too much ar-re thruckmen, an' that's because they have so much time on their hands. Wile they ar-re waitin' f'r a load they get wan. Aven some iv thim ar-re sober. Ye can tell them be their hats.

"Somehow or another, Hinnissy, it don't seem jus' right that there shud be a union iv church an' saloon. These two gr-reat instittuions ar-re best kept apart. They kind iv offset each other like th' supreem coort and Congress. Dhrink is a nicissry evil, nicissry to th' clargy. If they iver admit its nicissry to th' consumers they might as well close up th' churches. Ye'll niver find Father Kelly openin' a saloon. He hates me business, but he likes me. He says dhrink is an evil, but I'm a nicissity. If I moved out a worse man might come in me place."

"Ye ra-aly do think dhrink is a nicissry evil?" said Mr. Hinnissy.

"Well," said Mr. Dooley, "if it's an evil to a man, it's not nicissry, an' if it's nicissry, it's an evil."

August.

Horse-mint is blooming now—a dull pink and yellow flower, with road dust on its leaves. Most delicate is its perfume and suggestive of autumn and its mellow fruitfulness. It loves to grow in old lanes and pastures among the haunts of men and herds. Also, on every hillside the golden-rod is heralding the fall o' the leaf. The swamps are shot with the brilliant yellow of poplar and deep red gum leaves. Here and there a troop of black-eyed-susans nod like flirts to the breeze.

But these few scouts do not argue that Queen Summer has laid down her sceptre. The bee still swings on her clover blossom; oxeyes yet sprinkle her grassy places with white; her maypops, or passion flowers, show combined the bloom and the fruit; and her migrant singers, who will brook no other rule than hers, are there.

August, therefore, is the month of transition. The pirate Saxons of autumn have begun stealthily to scatter themselves along the coast of summer, and will soon usurp her reign. Full of delicious hints of fall and harvest a August is, she yet culminates the heats of the year and continues to hold out to sweltering humanity the summer's invitation to cool woods and seashore, mountain and stream. These slumbrous, sultry noons, with a hot pavement under him and a sky of brass above, what dweller in the town would not dearly like to be—

"Where tides of grass break into foam of flowers,
Or where the wind's feet shine along the sea?"

—J. C. McNeill, in Charlotte Observer.

The most successful camp-meeting ever held at Wesley Grove, a long established and popular Southern Methodist camp ground between Washington and Baltimore, closed its annual two weeks meeting last week. Notwithstanding the heavy and almost daily rainfall, the attendance was good and great interest manifested. Bishops Wilson and Candler, who were there the entire time, preached a number of excellent sermons.

Contributions

Education.

BY HENRY A. PAGE.

(An address delivered before the Rockingham District Conference, and published at the request of the Conference.)

We have heard much of this subject in North Carolina in recent years—education. Governor Aycock is widely known as the Educational Governor, and the four years of his encumbency is recognized now as the educational administration in North Carolina. In passing, it is interesting to note that a political expedient, pure and simple, was the originating cause of this agitation of the question. Somehow or other political support seems to inject life and interest in every matter touched by it. We failed to make much impression in the temperance question until we convinced the politicians that the people were at last aroused, and then they did just what they had been warning us for years would be fatal to the cause, injected the question into politics, and the Watts law resulted. But I want to say here that we cannot depend upon the continued favor of politicians for either of these causes. As a secondary result of the Constitutional Amendment we have a revival of interest in the matter of education. It was not framed for an educational measure, nor was its primary purpose to confine the suffrage to the intelligence of the State. It was a political expedient born of intolerable conditions, and that it has served to quicken interest in education is but a side issue and an accident. We not only have no guarantee that this extraordinary interest is to continue, but even now there are clouds and mutterings ahead. Let us build upon such foundation as has been laid, resist relaxation, continue the agitation, and seek to broaden the interest of all the people.

Have we a proper conception ofw hat education is and means? What is it? I mean no sort of offence when I say that nine-tenths of us, year, even a larger proportion, do not know what it is, nor why it should be encouraged, nor how it may be gained. What does the average man think about it? What is it to be an educated man? Are not our ideas vague and indefinite and meagre?

We hear a man say he had a common school education; had, mind you. Another had a high school education, and still another a college education. What impression is conveyed to the average mind? Is it not that the first had committed to memory the rules and precepts and processes of a few text books, and that the high school and college stand for the mastery of a few more rules and precepts of a few more text books? A process of copying or imitation or absorption, or at the best nothing more than grinding corn into meal.

Does it simplify the matter to say that education is training; nothing more, nothing less. We are more familiar with the meaning of that word perhaps. It has fewer possibilities of misapprehension, and is easier of illustration. All our lives long things, animate and inanimate, have been undergoing training in our sight, under our control and in our hands. We prune and graft and cultivate; we train for growth of root at one season, for plant growth at another. The climbing vine is given a twist around its support, and proving refractory, is tied in position. We are told that the horse was once but little larger than a dog. Five thousand years of training has made him the perfect animal we see. So with all the domestic animals—they have been tamed and developed and made useful by training. The process has been going on for centuries and will never be completed. Education is mental and moral training. It does not matter whether or not, as an abstract fact, I can correctly spell "shady" and "baker." The important matter is, have these words and others been used as mental exercise to broaden the grasp of my mind, so that from this historic milestone, I may reach further out and gain other vantage ground, from which to reach still further and grasp still deeper truth.

I swing a dumb-bell through space, and day after day increase the weight, as the muscle swells and hardens. I handle twenty pounds with ease to-day, simply because I was diligent in swinging ten pounds yesterday. We may accomplish nothing worth while, without gradual systematic progressive training. Mind training is not in any particular different from muscle training. It is simply exercise, wisely directed.

We speak with definiteness of an educated man. When is a man educated? When is the process of training complete? If the horse has been brought to his present state of beauty and strength by five thousand years of training, it is reasonable to hold that no further progress is possible? Some nurseryman has evolved a seedless white berry from the common blackberry plant. I doubt not he thinks he has completed the task, and that no further progress is possible. Success often imagines that it has attained the pinnacle, and that there can be no further progress. If time shall continue, and if need shall develop, I do not doubt that the horse may be trained into the strength of the elephant and attain the speed of an express train. For aught I know some hungry grandson of ours may grow white blackberry dumplings. When shall we say that a man is an educated man then? Where shall the process be called finished? When all the mysteries of life shall have been solved. When the universe of God shall have been explored. When every truth is laid bare and every lie destroyed. When the mind of man shall have unravelled all the mysteries of light and heat and power, and the heart of man shall become pure in the sight of God. When paradise shall be regained, and man, made in the image of God, shall, in his providence and through his mercy, regain his lost inheritance.

Before we may say we are educated, we must climb back step by step to the glorious heights of truth and knowledge upon which God placed our first parents and from which sin thrust them.

In material things we boast of the attainments of our time, and fancy we have very nearly reached the summit of human attainment. Have we? The bowels of the earth hold safely for future need millions of treasure, while we have merely scattered its surface. Tied to this sphere with a tether less than five miles long, countless worlds sweep grandly or in their divinely appointed orbits and we are even ignorant of their existence. I believe God intends that man shall scale all these heights, and explore the depths of the earth and the seas. From one victory over ignorance and sin he shall go on, ever onward and upward to other problems solved, and step by step attain to the excellence of the knowledge of truth. We, this generation, are one link in this chain of progress, the individual man is an atom. From our immediate ancestors we inherited the sum of all attainments of all generations which have gone before, and to our children we shall leave this, augmented by what we shall have been able to add to the sum of the wisdom of the world; and they, building upon this foundation, shall leave a richer heritage to their children. If this be true, if this is God's plan for the race, and we neglect the education of our children, the training of mind and heart, there can be no progress; the world will stand still. There are some men who have never in all their lives given the world a single lift onward. Having the glorious privilege of living and working, they have done neither. They were not trained to the work, and they lacked the willingness to wield a dull axe. The untrained man, who has industriously chopped away, making no chips fly, but by sheer force of persistence accomplishing some small portion of the tasks God intended for him, realizes, perhaps more clearly than others, the enormity of the crime of indifference to education.

I hesitate to speak of personal affairs, but certainly there is nothing I can say with more truth, and perhaps nothing that will have greater weight, than to tell you that all my life long I have been beating against the bars. A thousand tasks have I but poorly done because the load was heavier than I had been trained to carry; and beyond the bars, streamed the sunlight of responsibility fully met, of service well performed. I have lived with full knowledge of the possibilities of accomplishment which were just beyond my reach, and yet have known full well that they were beyond my reach. Upon the principle that a hungry man best knows the value of food, it may be that my assignment to speak to you about education is not so grotesquely ridiculous as I had thought.

The untrained mind is simply a store-house of raw material. We are very diligent and careful to develop the business possibilities which lie in our pathway. In the noisy rush of the river over rock and waterfall you very readily see the power to drive spindle and saw. The wide fields of bare but fertile lands speak of splendid harvests of grain and cotton, and you do not count the labor lost that dams the stream, and seeds and cultivates the soil. Immediate return is not in sight, but you labor and spend cheerfully, knowing that the profit comes by and by. We North Carolinians boast of the wealth of our natural resources in field and forest, in mine and water-fall. Are we forgetting the Roman matron's jewels? Shall we strive for gold and leave the undeveloped wealth of mind and soul untouched.

"Cursed be the land to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay."

If we do nothing more than train our children in truth and righteousness, we leave the world a rich legacy, and we need fear nothing. Note that your town, your State, your county, is as wise and as good as the average of the people are wise and good. Here again, as everywhere and all the time, you are your brother's keeper. True, it would be a great thing to arouse our people even to the partial interest of securing the training of their own. This would at least insure that the next generation would be less selfish than we are. It should be our business to foster and promote the educational idea, to cultivate the broad spirit of human kinship, to throw all the weight of our influence and spend and be spent in the interest of universal education. If I may appeal to no higher motive, I call upon self-interest again to move us out of the circle of what we call our own into the wider and broader field of human brotherhood. If your lack of interest in your neighbor's welfare allows you to note without concern that the boll weevil destroys his cotton and the scale infests his fruit trees, while your own are clean and thriving, let me remind you, and warn you, that these pests will soon cross the boundary-line to your own premises. We cannot shut ourselves out from our fellow-man, and the effort to do so—often made—has always failed, and will always fail.

If we would be free from malaria, we must drain and purify every bog, no matter where it may be located, Malaria, destructive pests, ignorance and vice, are alike in character, and should be fought in the same way. It should be a clean sweep. They should have no resting place, no undisturbed breeding ground.

Do you seek a safe investment for your hoard? Put it into the education of some boy or girl who without your interest must grow up untrained. You can rear no better monument. There is no marble or even precious stone so worthy of the polish you may impart as the mind and heart of a child. The care and expense of training men and women is the only investment open to us that is really safe. There can be no loss of principal, and it will pay interest compound forever.

Let us understand then that we are not measuring up to our responsibility if our interest ends with the education of those who are dependent upon us. Shall we be concerned even about our own town only, or our own State? Shall the line be drawn to exclude the most needy; a new color line in education? If we would measure up

to the full stature of men we must stand for the universal training of the human mind. I say to the school of latter-day politicians, who have suddenly discovered that education is a bad thing for the ignorant, that the greater the need and the deeper the ignorance, the greater the claim upon us. Some one has said that the time to begin to educate a child is one hundred years before it is born. I would double the period and say two hundred or even five hundred years. The saying means nothing more than that education is the product of the accumulated labors of many generations; that it cannot be accomplish in a day or a year or a life time; but that the mysterious laws of inheritance must be brought into play to produce a scholar.

And yet these wise men say that forty years of poverty and lack of opportunity, forty years of repression and in some instances of oppression have sufficed to settle forever the impossibility of accomplishment of perhaps the grandest task God has laid upon the hands and hearts of the men and women of this Southland.

My friends, I know it is not an easy thing to do, to correctly place ourselves. We want to think that we live in the day of finished things and solved problems. We look backward all the while, and from our judgments of great questions in the light of history, ignoring the future with its ever widening knowledge. Let us think of ourselves as midway between the years of the past and the centuries that are to come (if it please God), as living in the busiest and most progressive of ages, with reference to the past, but looking into the future we are perhaps actors in the very first scene. Let these great problems of life pass from us to our successors, not solved indeed, but with the imprint of our effort upon them, and so having done our duty we may trust God and the future for the solution.

Groundlessness of the Present Rationalistic Claims.

REV. ROBERT MAKANZIE, D. D.
(California Christian Advocate.)

Paul says that he was set for the defence of the gospel. The word he uses for defence is our word apologetic. For sinister reasons apologetics is slightingly spoken of, yet it has scriptural warrant and apostolic example. It has come to pass that to say a word in defence of the gospel, or of the Bible, as we have it, is at once to meet the objections of two opposing parties. One party depreciates the effort on the ground that the Bible need not be defended; the other on the ground that the Bible should not be defended, that it should lie open to all manner of attacks. If it is what we claim for it, it cannot be injured. To defend it is to acknowledge that somewhere and in some conditions it is weak. To form a league against the Bible is laudable, scientific and in the interest of scholarship; to form a league for the Bible is reprehensible, narrow and mischievous.

This is a convenient assumption; but not readily granted in a world of fair play. The assumption is not without its parallels in other fields of contest. China has been assumed to be fair game and the prey of Western nations; to be exploited and divided for Western purposes. For China or any of its friends to defend its integrity is mischievous, hindering to the progress of the new civilization, and is the rise of a Yellow Peril; which assumption is likely to be roughly treated by the hard facts of the case. For the right of defence is a primary right of human nature in regard to any possession. It is gratuitous as it is futile to question our right to defend the most sacred of all our possessions as Christians.

When the right to defend the Bible is admitted we are then told with naive blandness that all the new thinking and reverent scholarship is against the evangelical view of the Bible. Just what these ornamental adjectives "new" and "reverent" mean in the terminology of the day has nowhere been defined. Thinking is as old as man and scholarship has been reverent since it first considered religious subjects. The forms of thought and the principles of scholarship have long been fixed. If these comfortable adjectives mean anything it is something like this: Two young men of equal parts, of similar training on similar subjects by the same professors, come out into the arena of religious expression, one speaking against the evangelical view of the Bible and the other for it; the one speaking against it is assumed, by that fact itself, to be the greater scholar, and the one speaking for it, by that fact itself, to be the lesser. Thus there is at last discovered a royal and a cheap road to new learning and reverent scholarship. But such grave questions as those involved in the evangelical and traditional view of the Bible are not settled by such naive assumptions.

Much is said at the present time on the supposed overthrow of all traditional beliefs by rationalistic higher criticism, and of the necessity under which every intelligent man now lies to adapt himself to a new condition of things as to the Bible, Christ and the way of salvation. Has this criticism, then, already and finally won the battle? If indeed the last word has been spoken, if the present verdict of such criticism is confirmed, we can hardly contemplate the religious prospect with a light heart. The Bible, as we hold it, has done so much in this world, in the way of the education and reformation of the individual, in the sanctity of the home, in the charity and philanthropy of society and in the freedom of government, that we may be reasonably prejudiced in its favor and regretful at the passing of such an influence from the motives of men. It has done all this because it has been received among us, not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the Word of God.

Certainly this Book runs across man's natural desires and imposes moral restraints not welcome. It imposes duties not easy to perform. It pronounces all men—even well-dressed, well-mannered and educated men—sinners before God. It presents one definite condition of salvation—repentance and faith, and one only Saviour—Jesus Christ. It lifts up an awful future for those who disobey its injunctions and refuse to repent and believe in Christ. It thus commands our intellect and our conscience, our hopes and our fears, on the ground that it is in the most peculiar and particular manner the Word of God who is our Creator, our Providence and the Disposer of our destiny.

If, however, it is but the word of men, that at once releases us from its restraints, its duties and its beliefs. If it is but the word of men, that reduces the book from the level of a religion to that of a philosophy, and we know at once what to expect. The world has had its philosophies before Christ and after. Masterly creations of the wisest of men in all the old world continents are in our libraries. But the masses of mankind with their needs have always proved a burden too heavy for any philosophy to bear. Nor were the philosophers themselves able "to keep from sinking to a moral pollution which placed the civilization of their time below its barbarism."

This is the main issue of the present hour. Higher Criticism seeks to show that the Bible is a religion—the Word and Will of God to man. Rationalistic Higher Criticism seeks to show that it is a philosophy—the word of men to men. There can be few concessions and no compromise between these two. It is one or the other for each of us.

The effort to reduce the Bible to a philosophy is an old story. The curious thing is that it should be presented to us to-day as something new, thinking and a more reverend scholarship. More than thirty years ago Dr. Christlieb of Bonn University compared it to the battle of Chalons, where the Romans obtained a triumph over the invading and devastating hordes of Attila and his Huns. "The bloody work of the sword was done, and the vast plain strewed with countless heaps of dead. But for three nights following"—so ran the tale—"the spirits of the slain might be discovered hovering over the scenes of their late encounters, and continuing their ruthless conflicts in the air." Whatever new body this rationalistic criticism may take on, the informing spirit of it is a ghost of a confident, but vanquished, past. With this difference, however, the original theory had a deliberate and confessed purpose to get the Bible and Christ and the evangelical church out of the way of men. It went straight to that purpose. It had the courage of its convictions. Men lived it out in a Christless, Godless life. It did not pretend to be religious. It knew it was opposed to the whole scheme of revealed religion and said so. In its present revival it poses as peculiarly religious and uniquely Christian, and bans the outer darkness of ignorance those who will not do it reverence. We are told by the frankest of these critics, that if the whole Bible were to be given up religion would not suffer. The result of such a loss is not left to a guess or to a prophecy. There is a world without the Bible—a world not only in far-off Africa or Polynesia, but here, all about us—without any regard to God's Word, or God's law, or God's offer of salvation through Jesus Christ; a world large enough surely in which to test this flippant prophecy to its utmost logical consequences. Are they living any better, are they doing any more for the good of men in the life that now is, than those who guide their faith and their conduct by the Bible? Is their life any way enriched by taking Jesus Christ out of it? Is the heart of man purer, nobler, by taking the Holy Spirit out of it? Is death made less terrible and the grave more hopeful by extinguishing these words of assurance in the gospel? These are questions to be answered, not by suave prophecies of the future, but by pertinent facts of the present.

What defence may now be made against this recrudescence of an old theory should follow not only the lines of scholarship, but also the lines of morals, of philanthropy and of Christian pity for the multitude. To play at this game of subjective criticism with Homer, or Shakespeare, or Goethe is to entertain and amuse the studious. To play at it with the Bible, with the birth, the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, is to rob men and women of that for which there is no known substitute in the stress of life and of death.—The Bible Student and Teacher.

Cary Circuit.

Dr. Ivey:—As this is our second year on Cary Circuit, and since we have not written you a line concerning it, I hope you can find space for a few words from us.

We began our work this year with bright prospects of success. We feel greatly encouraged today. There are some of the best people on this work we have ever met—intelligent, cordial and refined. We have six churches to serve. These are all near our "capital city." The parsonage is located in the town of Cary, just eight miles west of Raleigh. It is a delightful place to live. We have a great many zealous and loyal people living here. The moral atmosphere of the town is good. We have here a good school, known as Cary High School. I have watched this school with very great interest the past eighteen months, and I think it one of the best of its kind in North Carolina. Prof. E. L. Middleton, a graduate of Wake Forest College, is principal of the school. Prof. O. J. Jones, a graduate of Trinity College; Miss Alice F. Best, a graduate of Littleton Female College, and Miss Stella Pasmore, of the Peabody Normal College, will assist him, and with this corps of teachers we may look for good results.

We expect to be in the revival work for the next two or three months. We are praying for great things, and the Lord may use us in bringing souls to Him. Our people have been very kind to us—they have remembered us in a very substantial way. We thank them for this and pray the blessings of God upon them. Our people love the Advocate. GEO. B. STARLING.

One Father of all must mean one family for all

The Field

Craven Circuit.

On Thursday, August 11th, our Sunday-school Conference convened in annual session at Asbury church. The heavens were propitious by holding back the clouds which had drenched the earth for nearly twenty successive days. The brethren and friends had prepared a dozen or more choice barbecued pigs, and the good ladies had added a host of fat fowls, luscious pies, dainty cakes, etc., ad infinitum. Our honored president, Bro. O. H. Wetherington, and the committee had arranged a good program and secured Rev. G. T. Adams, of New Bern, and Bro. G. V. Richardson, of Dover, as speakers.

A vast crowd assembled from many miles, and a more magnificent gathering of beautiful ladies and handsome men no section can show. Many fine horses and beautiful buggies and carriages were in evidence, adding splendor to the scene. The address of welcome was delivered by Sheriff W. B. Lane in his own winsome, inimitable style, which met a happy response from Hon. W. B. Pearce. After some reports were made, Brother Adams was called for by the president and came forward and gave a comprehensive and able address on the Sunday-school and her work, which pleased all present. After the mind had been feasted, the assembly adjourned to meet at the long table loaded with rich and rare viands, which all enjoyed to the extent of their capacity, leaving more than twelve baskets of fragments.

Good Bro. Brice Ipock, with many others, was concerned for a week about feeding the multitude. He is one of the class that talks little, but does many things, as the preachers and people here know full well. The good people here enjoy giving a feast and the visitors delight to come, so that all were unanimous for another Conference here next year.

In the afternoon reports were made of other schools on the circuit, which in the main were in good condition and prospering. The subject of temperance was discussed in a timely and practical address by Bro. G. V. Richardson, which was followed by strong speeches from Rev. G. T. Adams and Bro. Daniel Lane.

The Conference, with a unanimous vote, re-elected O. H. Wetherington president and Daniel Lane secretary.

The Craven Circuit expects to make a full financial report and progress on all lines.

W. H. TOWNSEND.

Milton Circuit.

Dear Advocate:—Having just closed the revival meetings on Milton charge, I wish to state some of their glorious results.

Personally, my own faith has been greatly strengthened because of these services, while I'm sure my people are spiritually stronger by far than at any time since my pastorate began among them.

At Purley, Bro. J. H. McCracken was with us and did the preaching largely, and did it well. He did us good, and the Gospel preached was much appreciated, being mixed with faith and the quickening of the Spirit, though few conversions.

Bro. J. H. Shore was with us at New Hope and did the preaching to the delight and edification of the people for many miles around. The crowds were enormous, coming from a distance to hear Brother Shore, he having been a former pastor. His sermons were strong and pointed, fraught with the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit. As a result, the church was genuinely revived with some fifteen souls saved.

In the meeting at Connelly we had no pulpit help after Monday, Brother Holmes being unable to reach us because of over-work. Here the presence of the Spirit was felt in great power. The Lord came in answer to many prayers and did His work through, and by, a live, active church. It was indeed good to be there at every service. One day especially it seemed as if both saint and sinner alike were praising the Lord as the mighty power of God was displayed in the conversion of four young men of influence in the community. It was uplifting to be present, the likeness of which is seldom realized in this life. I don't expect to experience anything greater this side of heaven. Twenty-one professed faith in Christ, the most of whom were grown up men and women.

Bro. F. B. McCall came to my rescue at Providence and preached some excellent sermons, attended with spiritual force and power. The church was greatly revived and much good accomplished.

The Lord be praised for what He has done in reviving us again. May we ever "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

J. A. DAILEY,
Pastor.

Pelham Circuit.

Dear Doctor:—Our work is in a growing condition and there are many reasons why we should be encouraged.

We held our Circuit Sunday-school Conference at Prospect Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. The music was splendid, and the program rendered by the children reflects great credit both to children and those who trained them.

Dr. Gibbs, our beloved Presiding Elder, was with us and delivered a splendid address.

The good people of Prospect know how to feed hungry people, for they had plenty and to spare. A meeting like this means much for our Sunday-school work and our prayer is that all of our schools may be encouraged to press forward and do greater work each year.

I have held two meetings with good results. Brother Jerome helped in one and did some good preaching that edified and strengthened our church. Dr. Gibbs helped in another, and did more of the best preaching you ever heard. We feel that they have sown seed in these churches that will yield much fruit.

Dr. Gibbs and family are spending the summer here at Pelham, and our people are delighted to have them. We shall miss them when we have to give them up to return to the district parsonage.

J. H. McCRACKEN.

Trinity College Notes.

The forty-sixth year of Trinity College will begin Wednesday, September 7th. The correspondence in the office during the summer has been heavier than during any previous summer. The prospects for attendance during the coming year are exceedingly gratifying. Everything is being set in order for what promises to be the largest opening for the past several years.

Dr. J. J. Wolfe will have charge of the department of biology in place of Dr. J. I. Hamaker, who resigned during the spring term. Dr. Wolfe is a native of South Carolina, studied in Chicago University, and took his doctor's degree in June at Harvard University.

The Executive Committee have organized a Department of Law which will begin September 7th. Mr. Samuel F. Mordecai of Raleigh, has been selected Senior Professor of Law, and Mr. R. P. Reade, of Durham, has been elected Associate Professor. The Executive Committee has not yet filled the other two chairs in this department, but will do so in a short time. It is regarded by the friends of the college as the most notable and significant movement the college has inaugurated within recent years. This will be the only law school within the State that is located at a county-seat, and students will have special advantages in the study of courts, and acquaintance with the judges and leading lawyers of the State.

The work of the Woman's College is being carried forward as rapidly as possible. Messrs. Hook & Sawyer are preparing plans for the buildings, which will be models of beauty and convenience. The location of this college is one of the prettiest to be found about the city of Durham, and is in easy reach of the library and laboratories of Trinity College.

Youngsville Circuit.

Dear Advocate:—The first Sunday-school Conference for Youngsville Circuit was held at Leaks church on Friday, August 5th, and was quite a success. Though it rained early that morning, and the weather was threatening nearly all day, people came from far and near until the audience was estimated at six or seven hundred. The addresses by Bro. M. S. Davis, President of Louisburg Female College; Rev. L. S. Massey, pastor in charge of Louisburg Station, and Bro. J. H. Mitchell, one of Leak's stewards, were timely, and left their impress for good upon the Sunday-school workers present. The Leak's school entertained us for awhile with well-selected and rendered recitations. Prof. J. B. King's singing class, of New Hope Christian Church, did the singing, and did it well.

The preacher in charge was elected president, Miss Hattie Floyd, vice-president, and L. H. Allred secretary and treasurer. The session of 1905 will be held at Cooke's church.

The Children's Day services at Youngsville and Cooks were successful, and were occasions of great pleasure to both old and young.

Sincerely, GEO. T. SIMMONS.

Furnishing the New G. F. C.—Report Four.

The work is drawing to a close. A few more rooms are to be taken. Let me hear from you soon. By the time this reaches you the order will be made for the furniture. I am rejoiced to add that the special rates given us on the large order will enable us to put in each room, for thirty-five dollars, furniture that would cost you fifty dollars were you to furnish the room.

Some have already sent in their checks. Most of these rooms already taken are due September 1st. Please bear that in mind and remit to me at Chapel Hill. The college opens October 5th, and we expect to have all in order by that day.

Previously reported—forty-seven.

John W. Ward, in memory of his father, E. B. Ward, Echo, N. C.

B. F. D. Albritton, in memory of his wife, Mattie Edwards, Hookerton, N. C.

Local Alumnae of Bynum and Haw River.

W. W. Martin, in memory of his aunt, Miss Isabella Carver, Fayetteville, N. C.

Local Alumnae of Statesville.

Reported to date—fifty-two.

Keep your eye on the next report. Let me hear from you at once. M. T. PLYLER.

Chapel Hill, N. C.

Greensboro Female College.

The Board of Directors of Greensboro Female College met in session in Greensboro, N. C., on August 18th and re-elected Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson president of the college, with very largely the same faculty that they had last year, and where changes have been made the faculty has been very materially strengthened.

It is the purpose of the directors to continue the high standard of the college in every department, but a special effort will be given to the two important branches of English and music, and to this end very distinguished specialists have been engaged in these two departments.

The directors instructed the president to open the instittuion on the 5th of October and to close on the 14th of June, 1905. Students will report for examination and classification on the third and fourth so as to be ready to take up the school work on the fifth.

The outlook is promising, and it is hoped that the friends of the institution will support the directors in their efforts to make this the most successful year in the history of the college.

C. H. IRELAND, Secretary.

Newbern District Sunday-School Conference.

The New Bern District Sunday-school Conference will meet at Newport, N. C., September 27, at 8 o'clock p. m., and continue through the 28th and 29th. Pastors and superintendents will please make due announcement and take prompt action to secure full representation. Let us try to have at least one delegate from each school. Superintendents are ex officio members of the Conference and let us see how near we can come to having all present. Please respond promptly and accurately to the secretary when he calls for reports. The program will be announced in due time.

J. W. BRYAN, President.

Goldsboro, N. C., August 19, 1904.

Dare Circuit.

We people live here close to the juniper swamps of Dare County, and often can see a real wild live bear on our roads, but we have found out that they will not hurt us if we will not trouble them, and you cannot get to us people unless you come in a boat, but we are civilized, and have a fine preacher, Rev. Wm. Towe, to preach for us every third Sunday, and we don't fail to pay up our church dues every year. We have a fine Sunday-school with about 150 scholars, and they attend well.

Last Wednesday, the 27th, we had our children's day and picnic, and we had a glorious good time. We had our program in the forenoon, and after dinner Hon. J. Y. Joyner made us an able speech on education. There were a great many visitors here, and they all had a good time. We were sorry that we could not have our pastor with us, but we had his good wishes and prayers.

S. V. SAWYER,
Superintendent Sunday-school.

Oriental.

Dear Brother:—I will make an effort to write a few lines to the Advocate as I never see anything from our little town.

Our preacher, Bro. F. S. Becton, has closed a glorious revival. God blessed us in these meetings. There was great interest in this revival. There were five added to the church.

Our quarterly meeting was held on the 30th of July, and the first of August Brother Swindell was here. He preached Saturday at 11 o'clock and at night; also Sunday. There was a large audience of eager listeners Sunday.

Our friends, the Disciples, have commenced their revival and I pray they may win many souls to Christ.

Our Sunday-school is still on the upward march looking to the meek and loving Nazarene. Our superintendent, Bro. J. A. Johnson, and Bro. Alex. Bennett, are loved by all of the Sunday-school children and the older people too. We have three Sunday-schools here every Sunday. They are as follows: The M. E. Sunday-school, the Free Will Baptist and the Disciple Sunday-school.

May the richest blessings of heaven ever pour out upon us all. I remain,

Ever yours, HILARY BOWDEN.

Arapahoe, N. C., August 8, 1904.

The Action Commended.

BY REV. G. T. SIMMONS.

The action of the Warrenton District Conference has the right ring. Let all Christians, especially the people who call themselves Methodists, make the political parties understand that their candidates will not get their votes unless they pledge themselves against the liquor traffic. The next Legislature should do no less than ratify the present prohibition legislation, including the anti-jug law, and prohibit the sale of liquor in towns having less than 500 inhabitants, and no Christian should vote for a candidate who will not promise that much.

Youngsville, N. C., August 16, 1904.

It is now assured that there will be a Pan-Baptist Congress in London in 1905.

The Same Faults.

C. H. WETHERBE.

We need to be very watchful of ourselves lest we commit the same faults that we blame others for indulging in. It is a fact that even Christian people who believe that they have in themselves no tendency to do evil, and are severely upbraiding some of their brethren, who are recognized on all sides as being noble Christians, charging them with being unspiritual, trimmers and encouragers of wrong-doers, are themselves very faulty. Rev. B. Carradine, a holiness evangelist, says:

"We have listened to a great clamor and protest against the oppression of bishops, who were nothing but popes riding rough-shod over the people. Wherever this is the case we can but sincerely grieve for better and happier times. But the startling fact that we call attention to is that the same man, or set of men, who sail so against ecclesiastical authority and domination, by and by come into the same possession and position, the identical spirit and practice through some little withdrawal movement from the church. Now, then, let bishops and popes hide their diminished heads. They are simply nowhere by the side of this newly-fledged, self-called, self-created, self-anointed and ordained ecclesiastic magnate, functionary and dignitary of Persimmon Ridge School House, Cane Brake Hollow, and Black Jack Neighborhood."

This is a scathing indictment and exposure of a class of Christians who are all the while magnifying the faults of their brethren, and are even accusing them of sins of which they are not guilty, while they themselves are full of the spirit of tyranny, of offensive dictation, of evil surmising and self-righteousness. Some of this class assume the position of general leadership, and they insist that their followers shall obey their word without reservation. They will boldly claim to have divine authority for their procedure, and then if anyone revolts against them they will declare that God will curse them. What holy commands they issue! And how free they are from indulging in anger, or any unkindness of speech. But they are least in God's kingdom.

He Recognizes His Picture.

"Now children," said the teacher, "let us see what you remember about the animal kingdom, and the domestic animals that belong to it. You have named all the domestic animals save one. Who can tell me what that one is? It has bristly hair, like dirt, and is fond of getting into the mud.

Miss Fanny looked expectantly around the room.

"Can't you think, Tommy?" she asked, encouragingly.

"Yes'm," was the shame-faced reply. "It's me."—Tit-Bits.

Each Day Sufficient.

We sometimes ask ourselves if we should be willing to die or should we be willing to live in hopeless suffering or should we be willing to put the fire to our darling ambitions. It is easy to answer such questions. We determine the future by the present. If to-day we do to-day's duty, to-morrow we shall be able to do to-morrow's duty. If to-day we are willing to live for God, on some to-morrow we shall be willing to die for him. To-day we do not receive dying grace, for God does not call us to death. To-day He calls us to life and therefore He gives us living grace. To-morrow He will call us to death and to-morrow He will give us dying grace.—Selected.

An international congress on Sunday rest will be held in connection with the St. Louis Exposition October 11-14. On the evening of October 11, a mass-meeting will be held in Festival Hall. The leading address will be made by United States Senator Joseph B. Foraker of Ohio. Among those who are expected to be present are Dr. John Stoecker, court preacher to his majesty, William II., President Matteo Prochet of Rome and Monsieur Deluz of Geneva, Switzerland.

The Methodists of Owensboro are preparing to pay the balance on the "Methodist Building" at the Seven Hills Chautauqua grounds by the close of the Chautauqua meeting. They will give a reception to Bishop Candler, Sam Jones, George R. Stuart, and Professor and Mrs. H. M. Hamill, who are to be on the program.

He has kept and folded us from ten thousand ills when we did not know it; in the midst of our security we should have perished every hour, but that he sheltered us "from the terror by night and from the arrow that flieth by day"—from the powers of evil that walk in darkness, from snares of our own evil will. He has kept us even against ourselves, and even from our own undoing. Let us read the traces of his hand in all our ways, in all the events, the chances, the changes of this troubled State.—H. F. Manning.

Father, we thank thee that amid the joys of the flesh, amid the delights of our daily work, and all the sweet and silent blessedness of mortal friendship and love upon the earth, thou givest us the joy of knowing thee, the still calm delight of lying low in thy hand, and feeling the breath of thy Spirit upon us. Yea, Lord, we thank thee that thou holdest each one of us, year, all of thy children, and the universe itself, as a mother folds her baby to her bosom, and blessest us all with thine infinite loving kindness and thy tender mercy.—Selected.

If we are to be protected against the pestilence that walketh in darkness, we shall have to be possessed by a plenitude of spiritual life. How is that defensive life to be gained? "This is life . . . . . to know Jesus." To know the Master is to appreciate the Master's life. "I am come that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly." It is in this abundant life that we find the secret of moral security. If life is to rise within us like a well, it must be because of our intimate fellowship with the Christ. He is "our Refuge and Strength." Our offensive and defensive forces are to be gathered in him. Familiarity with Jesus makes a man invincible against the world. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." "We are more than conquerors in Christ."—Jowett.

Said a mother to me one day: "When my children were young I thought the very best thing I could do for them was to give them myself. So I spared no pains to talk with them, to read to them, to teach them, to pray with them, to be a loving companion and friend to my children. I had no time to indulge myself in many things which I should have liked to do. I was so busy adorning their minds and cultivating their hearts' best affections that I could not adorn their bodies in fine clothes, though I kept them neat and comfortable at all times. I have my reward now. My sons are ministers of the Gospel; my grown-daughter is a Christian woman. I have plenty of time, now, to sit down and rest, plenty of time to keep my house in order, plenty of time to indulge myself, besides going about my Master's business wherever He has need for me. I have a thousand beautiful memories of their childhood to comfort me. Now that they have gone out into the world, I have the sweet consciousness of having done all I could to make them ready for whatever work God calls them to do."—Life and Faith.

Methodism in Canada has made progress during the last statistical year. The increase in membership is 3,436; while for 1903 it was 4,542. The total membership is now 299,873. In two of the twelve conferences, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, there was a total decrease of 310.

Dr. John O. Willson, of the South Carolina Conference, has been elected president of the Williamston Female College, which is to open its fall session in Greenwood, September 27th.

Our Boys and Girls

Mother's Boys.

Yes, I know there are stains on my carpet,
The traces of small muddy boots;
And I see your fair tapestry glowing
All spotless with blossoms and fruits!

I know that my walls are disfigured
With prints of small fingers and hands,
And that your own household whiteness
All fresh in its purity stands.

And I know that my parlor is littered
With many odd treasures and toys,
While your own is in daintiest order,
Unharmed by the presence of boys!

And I know that my room is invaded
Quite boldly all hours of the day,
While you sit in your own unmolested,
And dream the soft quiet away.

Yes, I know there are four little beds-sides
Where I must stand watchful each night
While you may go out in your carriage,
And flash in your dresses so bright!

Now I think I'm a neat little woman,
I like my house orderly, too.
And I am fond of all dainty belongings,
Yet I would not change places with you.

No! keep your home with its order
Its freedom from bother and noise!
And keep your own fanciful leisure.
But give me my four splendid boys! —Selected.

If You are Well Bred.

You will be kind.
You will not use slang.
You will try to make others happy.
You will not be shy or self-conscious.
You will never indulge in ill-natured gossip.
You will never forget the respect due to age.
You will not swagger or boast of your achievements.
You will think of others before you think of yourself.
You will be scrupulous in your regard for the rights of others.
You will not measure your civility by people's bank accounts.
You will not forget engagements, promises or obligations of any kind.
In conversation you will not be argumentative or contradictory.
You will never make fun of the peculiarities of others.
You will not bore people by constantly talking of yourself and your affairs.
You will never under any circumstances cause another pain, if you can help it.
You will not think that "good intentions" compensate for rude or gruff manners.
You will be as agreeable to your social inferiors as to your equals and superiors.
You will not sulk or feel neglected if others receive more attention than you do.
You will not have two sets of manners; one for "company" and one for home use.
You will never remind a cripple of his deformity, or probe the sore spots of a sensitive soul.
You will not gulp down your soup so audibly that you can be heard across the room, nor sop up the sauce in your plate with bits of bread.
You will let a refined manner and superior intelligence show that you have traveled, instead of constantly talking of the different countries you have visited.
You will not remark, while a guest, that you do not like the food which has been served to you.
You will not attract attention by either your loud talk or laughter, or show your egotism by trying to absorb conversation.—Success.

One Boy's Chance.

A gentleman stopped before a sign that told him messenger boys were to be had inside and then went in.

"Boys," said the gentleman, eyeing them scrutinizingly, "I suppose you know there is to be an exhibition of trained dogs to-night?"

The faces of the boys showed that they were perfectly aware of that fact.

"Well, I'm looking for a boy to take a blind man to see it. I'm not jesting; I'm in earnest," said Mr. Davis; and then looking at one of the boys who had said nothing, he asked: "Well, what do you think of it?"

"I think I could do it," was the reply.

"How do you propose to make him see it?"

"Through my eyes, sir. That's the only way he could see it."

"You're the boy I'm after," said Mr. Davis, and he arranged for him to meet the blind man.

The exhibition was in a large public hall and the blind man and his guide had a box to themselves, where they would disturb no one; but Mr. Davis, from his seat in the audience, knew that the boy was telling what went on, so that the blind man could understand. Indeed, no one applauded more heartily than the blind man himself.

The following day Mr. Davis again appeared among the messenger boys and, after a few words with the manager, said:

"Boys, there was offered every one of you, yesterday, a chance for lifting yourself up in the world, but only one of you grasped it. My friend, the blind man, has felt for some time that he might get much pleasure out of life if he could find some young eyes to do his seeing for him, with an owner who could report intelligently. My friend is delighted with the experiment. He says he is sure I hit upon the one boy in town who will suit him and has offered him a good position with a fine salary. Messenger boys are easy to get; but a boy who can make a blind man see it at a premium. You see, that boy, though he did not know it, was on the watch for a good opportunity, and when it came he knew how to manage it."—Youth's Companion.

Something Better for the Boys.

On the upper deck of the Grosser Kurfurst, one day I fell into conversation with a young fellow whose face had seemed familiar, although I could not remember where I had met him. He proved to be a former fellow student of one term at the University of Chicago. He was now pastor of a church in a section of Chicago, occupied entirely by what is known as the working class. That is an intensely interesting field and he was a very interesting man with his clear fearless eyes and his wide awake face. He was soon absorbed in relating his experiences, one of which was especially significant. His field of labor was full of saloons, and a very important part of his work was the Sabbath-school where the children were gathered, often from homes blighted by the curse of drink, to be instructed in a better way of living.

Mr. Gale went into a saloon one day to ask the proprietor, a German, to let his boy go to the Bible school. The saloon keeper recognized him as he came in and greeted him respectfully, as most of the residents of that section have come to do.

The pastor stated his errand. "What do you want to teach my boy there, Mr. Gale?" The pastor looked the proprietor in the face and answered sturdily, "We want to teach him in such a way that, when he grow up, he won't be a saloon keeper."

The German staggered a little at the bold statement and then he rallied and said earnestly, "That's right, Mr. Gale, I don't want my boy to grow up to be a saloon keeper."

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Our Missionaries Arrive.

Recent letters from Brazil announce the safe arrival of the steamship Byron on which Brother Lee and family, Brother Lander and family, Miss Pesend, Miss Smith and Miss Parker were passengers. The letters report a delightful voyage, so favorable in spite of a few rough places, and the usual sea sickness, that Rio was reached ahead of the scheduled time. From Rio the missionaries went direct to conference, where they met Dr. Lambuth, and where some of the appointments were probably changed to meet local needs. Later steamers will bring us more detailed accounts of their work, on which we pray God's richest blessing.

The Value of Competition.

It has been said that competition is the life of trade. Is it not possible that competition may be of life-giving value in our missionary work? At least in the work of our local auxiliaries? Such indeed is the idea in our missionary exchange. We, therefore, urge each auxiliary to contribute something to our column. Your accounts of your society and what you are doing will not only help you, but will be an inspiration to societies not so strong or perhaps stronger. It is the part of the strong to help the weak, and yet the smaller auxiliaries may set the larger, poorly attended ones, examples of diligence and faithfulness, which are real spurs.

There are in our Conference nine Districts, and in each several auxiliaries, Golden Link Societies, and Bright Jewel Bands. Can we not have reports from all of these? Let us know your society by name and something of what you are doing.

We are all engaged in the same great work, Woman's Work for Woman, and we want to know each other better. If we are to have competition let us be rivals in good fellowship. Our work is so great that our spirit should be how we can accomplish most for it. If by following the lead of another society, or by taking the best points from two others, or by giving a dozen others the benefit of our successes or failures let us not hesitate to use all the means within our reach. And is there really anything more helpful than talking about our work? Let us all talk a little more through our column and become better acquainted through our work.

Of course there are some names high in missionary work, familiar to all of us, but let each one of us, each society, do its part.

Resolutions of Respect.

Near the close of the day, on the 20th of June, 1904, the soul of Miss Julia Hutchings winged its flight to mansions above, prepared for those who love and serve the Lord. The following resolutions of respect were passed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Edenton Street M. E. Church, South, Raleigh, N. C.:

Whereas, it has been the will of our Heavenly Father to take one of the truest and most faithful members of Edenton Street Church and of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, therefore be it

Resolved 1. That the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society humbly submits to the will of Him who does all things well, fully realizing that a Christian lady whose life abounded with the love of God, has gone to her reward. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

2. That we mourn the loss of this loyal member, who faithfully filled the office of Corresponding Secretary, and showed deep interest in every branch of the work, always attending the meetings when physically able, giving help and cheer by her kind words and gentle manners.

3. That we extend to her beloved ones our love and sympathy in this time of trial, trusting that a glorious reunion awaits them all.

4. That copies of these resolutions be sent to her brothers and sisters, to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication, and to our Recording Secretary, to be preserved among the records of the Society.

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The Relation of the Home Mission Work to the Foreign.

PART II.

OUR SAVIOUR'S LAST COMMAND.

Christ said: "Go teach all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, going into Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth." It is conceded that "Jerusalem" means home, "Judea" the adjacent country, "Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth," the land farthest from us, of the strangers and heathen.

Whoever refuses to believe in either the Home or Foreign Mission cause surely refuses to follow our Savior's last command. We are told to begin at home, but not to stay there, for the only method by which we can carry out the Divine plan of reaching those in the "uttermost parts" is to begin at home.

We have no right to accept a part of this command and air our theories and beliefs about the remainder, indeed, a clear conception of the subject of Missions proves that the different branches work, as it were, "wheel within wheel."

THE DEPENDENCE OF THE FOREIGN WORK UPON THE HOME

The seed sown in the cultivated ground of our own borders enables us to yield a richer harvest of laborers and means and prayers for the extension of the kingdom into fields yet untilled. Who knows but the little waif rescued from sin, snatched as a "brand from the burning," may prove a Carey or a Judson for India, a Young J. Allen or a Lambuth for China and Japan, a John G. Paton for the New Hebrides? There may be among us a Saul whom God will convert into a Paul.

There is in the poor, neglected children a force, which properly directed would redeem the world. In the waste places in the country, in the city slums, everywhere about us, are these potential transformers, and the Woman's Home Mission Society, through its rescue homes, schools, etc., has the blessed privilege of making hopeful, useful women of castaways and honorable citizens of possible demons.

GRAVE RESPONSIBILITIES

There is another feature of the subject which is a very serious one, and which can be handled only by the Home Mission workers. Our Foreign workers cannot reach all the heathen because they are daily coming to us. Our large cities are teeming with a foreign population which must be Americanized and Christianized, or our own sunny land will be corrupted and contaminated. This human wreckage has brought atheism, superstition, crime, idol-worship, all of which are in evidence in an appalling degree in Chinatown, San Francisco, the foreign quarters of New York City, Chicago, etc.

We have seen the flags of our capitol lowered, and a nation mourning her dead President, because the spirit of anarchy dared to cross the ocean and plant its foot upon American soil.

OUR DUTY.

Who can estimate the influence of all this in our own homes in years to come? And do we not owe a duty to the children of these foreigners? We may not do much for their parents, but by preventive work we may avert the calamities that threaten another generation.

In the face of these dire evils at home, and the appalling darkness abroad, is it not high time to accept God's command as a whole, and stop trying to decide which part we believe, or which is the more important? Let us cast aside ease, indifference, selfish gratification, and obedient to the law of sacrifice, transform our time, talents, money, thought and prayer into a mighty power that is to save the world. Shall we do this now, or wait and explain to God why we did not?

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Editorial

"The time to succeed is when others,
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The battle is fought in the home-stretch,
And won 'twixt the flag and the wire."

Professor Goldwin Smith essayed to write a History of the United States, which on account of the reputation of its author won considerable praise. Professor Smith, who was never in the South, made prominent this idea: The South but for its political connection with the intelligent North would have drifted long ago into barbarism. Now this is the way our doughty Bishop Hoss, in his fraternal address before the British Wesleyan Conference, disposes of Professor Smith and his History: "Though written in exasperatingly good English, it is as perfect a blend of crude ignorance and pharisaical malignity as the literature of our common tongue can show." When it comes to saying the needful thing, and at the right time, commend us to Bishop Hoss.

The fact that General Booth, of the Salvation Army, has been received by King Edward and Queen Alexander is not without its significance. It was not so much a mark of honor accorded to an earnest, progressive soldier of Jesus Christ as an appreciation of his work of going after the masses and down into the depths in order that recruits for Jesus Christ might be found. Christ says to the sinner, "Come!" To the Christian soldier, He says, "Go!" The spectacle of a Christian soldier waiting in the midst of his ecclesiastical paraphernalia for the recruit to come is farcical and sad. Street and highway preaching has the sanction of the Great Preacher. This is the kind of preaching which He did. Let us beware how we curl the lip at sight of a follower of Jesus Christ preaching to his out-of-church congregations.

It would not be difficult to prove that some of the mightiest spiritual movements the world has ever seen sprang from the centre of small congregations. Brethren, do not neglect your small congregations. Give them the very best. Your labors will be rewarded. Apropos of this, we cite you to the following from the St. Louis Advocate: "A noted clergyman of this city, who some years ago went to his reward, once said that the most successful or perhaps most gratifying meeting he ever held was attended by a man and his wife. A sudden and very heavy fall of snow prevented others from coming. The two auditors lived next door to the log school-house in which the service was held, and all three, the preacher and his audience, sat close before the roaring wood fire. The numbers were lacking, but religious fervor and religious enthusiasm abounded and this singular service proved the beginning of a great religious awakening in the neighborhood."

The passenger agents of the various Vanderbilt lines of railroad have decided to discontinue Sunday excursions. We do not understand that this action was taken because Sunday excursions do not pay, in the sense that the financial receipts of the day are not greater than the financial expenditures. Neither was this action taken because the passenger agents have any special reverence for the Sabbath day. These passenger agents know that, leaving moral law out of the question, the use of seven days out of the week is an infraction of a great natural law which in the long run must demoralize, to some extent, every business which violates this law. This law has a penalty which is inevitable and remorseless. It takes business men to see this. Because nature demands a Sabbath day, and because its observance is so intimately connected with man's spiritual interests, Jehovah said on Sinai: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Shall the business world shame the "children of light" in the observance of this day?

"AND HE WIST NOT."

The word "he" in the above heading stands for Samson, who yielded to the allurements of Delilah, and on going out to shake himself wist not that the Lord had departed from him. The sad sequel is known to every Bible reader.

We wonder if the word "he" in the heading may not stand for some who read these lines? If so, who is "he?"

It may be you who were once so strong to resist a besetting sin, who gloried in the strength to overcome through Jesus who loved you, but who now yield to that sin, and who, because conscience no longer reproves, imagine that the sin is not so sinful after all and that really you are not to be so much blamed on account of circumstances.

It may be you who once took such delight in Christian service; who felt happy in superintending a Sunday-school, or teaching a class or acting as steward, or doing something for your Lord and Master. You no longer have joy in such things. You run with the multitude. Your seat at prayer-meeting is vacant. You no longer bow at the altar to receive the elements commemorating the death of your Saviour. You refuse when you are called on to lead in prayer—you who used to be so ready to respond. You simply think that you are a little off "spiritually" and that all you need is a little "working up" at some indefinite revival meeting.

It may be you who used to feel such an uplift when you were preaching the "unsearchable riches" of Christ, who so gladly invited sinners to repentance, who with such zest endured summer's heat and winter's cold in feeding the flock of which the Holy Spirit had made you shepherd. You have lost your taste for evangelical themes. You no longer feel that uplift in the pulpit. You beg off from preaching. You complain that your preaching does not have the proper effect upon your audience. You are contented with almost any excuse for neglecting your flock. Pastoral visiting is foolishness from your standpoint. You have come to be a believer in short sermons even in the old country meeting-house. You have lost your interest in the institutions and enterprises of the church.

Dear reader, in this era when the world is rushing on so madly in its cycle of progress, when humanity is climbing so eagerly the altar stairs of selfish worldliness, when Satanic art is making life so alluring, here in this golden summer time when under God's great banner of love the bending harvests smile, let us all ask the question: "Is the Lord of Samson with me or has He departed from me?" Let us remember the sad tragic exhortation of one who had known the darkness of a soul away from the God: "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God."

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

BE FRANK WITH THE EDITOR.

The relationship existing between the editor of a Conference organ and a constituency of thousands of subscribers and hundreds of preachers who are the accredited and official agents and guardians of the paper is so close, tender, and complicated, that it would be almost a miracle if the editor should succeed in keeping the fine brotherly edge of this relationship in every individual case.

Perhaps Bishop McTyeire was thinking of this when he said that the editor of a church paper loses more friends than he makes, or words to that effect.

It is to us a pleasing reflection that, if the statement was true in the time of Bishop McTyeire, it is not true now. The friends we have made in the nearly eight years of our incumbency outnumber by hundreds the number we have lost. In fact, it is difficult for us to realize that we have lost any friends.

Yet the editor of a Conference organ meets his constituency at so many points of contact, that the conclusion is almost inevitable that some brother or sister will get cross-wise and awry.

All that we ask our friends to do is to be frank and candid with us. Do not hide your grievance from the editor and talk about it to others, and then maintain that silent chilly reserve which is so mysterious and perplexing. The editor is only a man, but he is also a Christian, we hope. If as a man he has made a mistake, as a Christian he will be more than willing to rectify it. Perhaps he has not made a mistake. He may be only the victim of circumstances. Perhaps the aggrieved one has unwittingly made the mistake.

In any event, it is far better to talk to the editor plainly and frankly than to mope during the months over what may be an imaginary affront. A preacher once mailed us an engraved announcement of his approaching marriage. No notice appeared in the next week's paper. Here seemed to be almost criminal carelessness on the part of the editor. Here was a grievance sure enough. But the preacher was a reasonable Christian man. He simply wrote out the same announcement and mailed it to the editor, saying that perhaps the printed announcement failed to reach the office. Sure enough he was right. In a few days the mail brought the printed announcement. That preacher had a good chance to nurse a grievance. But he chose to assume that the editor was not responsible, and the possible grievance was found to be altogether imaginary. Such an instance is a common thing in an editor's life. Be frank with him. Write to him. Do not nurse a grievance.

BISHOP HOSS BEFORE THE BRITISH WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.

Those who have read the address of Bishop Hoss before the British Wesleyan Conference feel that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was most happily represented. A brave, positive, conscientious, and loyal spirit was evident in every line of the address. Those who do not understand the situation will doubtless conclude that the address was tinged with an unnecessary belligency. But the speaker, under the circumstances, spoke words of wisdom. Unfortunately, our brethren across the water do not know the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as it is. Derogatory literature has been read, and, while the fraternal feeling has not suffered, yet in certain points our Church has been at a disadvantage in the minds of our Wesleyan brethren.

Read the address and you can almost imagine that you see virtue going out of his words and salving the unripe and confused understanding of our Wesleyan brethren with reference to our church.

We will publish the address in next week's paper. Our readers will find it instructive and stimulating.

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Methodist Mention

State.

Dr. Jno. R. Brooks is spending the summer at Fort Washington, Md.

Rev. W. R. Royall has been recuperating for a short while at Jackson Springs.

Rev. W. H. Call, of Washington, N. C., has been visiting relatives about his old home in Mocksville.

Rev. W. S. Rone, of Rocky Mount, has been absent some time at the bedside of a sick daughter in Texas. He and his have our sympathy.

Rev. R. F. Bumpas delivered his interesting lecture, "A Day at Versailles," before the Epworth League of Edenton Street Church on last Monday night.

Rev. J. O. Guthrie reports that they are now at work on a $2,000 new church at Princeton. He has just closed his meeting there and the results were gracious.

The Lumberton Argus publishes the sad news of the death of Rev. Leonard Webb, a worthy local preacher, who served his Master for over half a century and died at the age of eighty-eight.

Mr. J. R. Rives, one of our worthiest Methodist laymen and a strong friend of the Advocate, has been nominated by the Democratic Convention of Chatham County for a seat in the Lower House.

The following cheering item comes from Rev. R. H. Broome, Carthage Circuit: "The Lord was with us in reviving and converting power in a recent meeting at Center, and five were added on profession of faith."

Rev. J. T. Draper has recently closed a ten days' meeting at Evergreen Church, Whiteville Circuit, resulting in a great revival of the church and fourteen additions to the membership on profession.—Exchange.

Rev. G. R. Rood, Millbrook Circuit, reports an excellent meeting at Andrews Chapel. He says that the people are beginning to wake up on the question of infant baptism. He baptized ten infants on last Sunday.

Between now and Conference there will be hundreds of revivals meetings conducted by our preachers. Will those good men remember that we expect to receive from every one of them an account of his meetings.

The contract for heating the Littleton Female College buildings has been awarded to that well-known company, Evans, Almoral & Co., of New York. W. P. Rose, of Raleigh, has supervision of the extensive work now being done on the college buildings.

Rev. G. T. Simmons came down to Raleigh with the Sunday-school excursionists last week. He is enthusiastic over his work, and is pushing the kingdom into new fields. He has established a congregation at a saw-mill. Any preacher who can tackle a saw-mill will do.

Rev. T. J. Dailey, who has been visiting his brother, Mr. J. G. Dailey, of this place, preached at Prospect church last Sunday, and we hear his sermon very much complimented. A series of meetings is in progress there and the prospects are for a good meeting.—Milton Herald.

Mr. R. E. Pearce was this morning awarded the contract to do the plastering at Greensboro Female College. The work of rebuilding the college is progressing very satisfactorily and the carpenters will be ready for the plasterers to go to work to-morrow morning. The building will be under roof by September 1st. Mr. Pearce will use patent mortar, as he did on the Benbow Arcade, which contract he has just finished. The contract was also awarded this morning for heating the building, the successful bidder being Mr. B. MacKenzie. The building will be equipped for steam heat.—Greensboro Telegram.

Rev. W. E. Hocutt, South Mills, announces that he has within his charge a gentleman and lady who wish to adopt an orphan boy between the age of four and six years. They want a boy of honest parentage, and of sound body and mind. They are devout Christians and it will be an ideal home for a child.

The editor of the Advocate, attended by his daughter Ruth, left to-day for St. Louis where they will take in the Exposition. The readers of the Advocate will hear from the editor in the shape of letters telling about the Exposition. Rev. J. M. Culbreth will occupy the tripod durink the editor's absence.

"We have had good revivals at Cokesbury. Rev. G. B. Starling was with us four days and rendered very efficient service. As one visible result of these meetings, 14 were added to our church, and several will join other churches. We are in the midst of kind friends, and we feel much encouraged."—Rev. G. W. Starling.

Rev. J. W. Hoyle, Elise Circuit, writes: "On the 15th of August the death angel came to the home of Bro. Kendrick Hare and claimed his wife. She was laid to rest in the family burying ground on the 16th, while a host of friends were present. May God bless the bereaved family. Two of our meetings have been held. Many have sought the Lord in the old way on their knees around the altar."

We are glad to call the attention of our readers to the fact that Greensboro Female College will open on October 5th, and close June 14th. Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson has been elected president, and this means much for the prosperity of the institution. A full faculty of experienced teachers has been chosen, and all the advantages of a high class college for women may be obtained at G. F. C. The buildings will be ready by October 5th. The prospects are said to be unusually fine. All our people feel like praising God for His wonderful protection exercised over this beloved institution.

Connectional.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix and family have been up in Duluth taking a well-earned vacation.

There will be a formal opening of the Bessemer City Church, W. N. C. Conference, on August 24-29.

A settlement home has been opened in Mobile under the direction of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Dr. S. S. Keener announces the gift of $1,000 from Mrs. McLeroy to the Endowment Fund for the widows and orphans of Louisiana ministers.

Dr. W. C. Lovett, editor of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, has been confined to his room for several weeks with an attack of fever, we are sorry to learn.

Mrs. T. L. Boswell, aged eighty-four, mother of Dr. John W. Boswell, editor of New Orleans Christian Advocate, died at her home in Macon, Tenn., July 30.

With all the District Conferences of the North Alabama Conference held, there have been twenty-one applicants licensed to preach, and seventeen were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission.

Our book agents at Nashville advertise that they will send the Nashville Christian Advocate from September 1, 1904, to January 1, 1906, for $2.00, the regular price for one year's subscription. There should be many responses to this proposition.

Rev. Charles Lynch, who was made assistant editor of the Baltimore Southern Methodist at the late Conference, has resigned his position, and has returned to his work on Levelton Circuit, from which he was taken to serve as field editor of the new paper.

Dr. A. M. Chreitzberg, of Columbia, S. C., and father of Dr. H. F. Chreitzberg, pastor of Centenary M. E. Church, filled the pulpit of that place of worship last Sunday. The elder Dr. Chreitzbery is eighty-four years old, and for sixty-five years has been an active minister.

General Notes

The veteran missionary, Rev. John G. Paton, D. D., has reached his eightieth year.

The citizens of the United States have contributed about $100,000 for the relief of the sufferers in the Slocum disaster.

The unanimous renomination of Hon. John H. Small for Congress in the First District was a deserved recognition of an able and faithful official.

The minutes of the Southern Presbyterian Assembly show that 20,000 have been added to the church while nearly one-half as many are lost to the church.

Prof. H. B. Holmes, who for several years filled the chair of English in Elon College, died at the home of his father last week. He was an able and good man.

The Empress Dowager of China has presented 10,000 taels to the new medical college and hospital to be opened by the London Missionary Society in Peking.

It is likely that before winter the Southern's double track line will be in operation between Washington and Orange, Va., a distance of eighty-five miles.

That was an act of exceeding generosity in the National Cash Register Company, of Dayton, Ohio, when they provided a thousand free trips for officers and employes to the St. Louis World's Fair.

Mr. Chas. H. Gattis succeeds Mr. Z. P. Smith as Traveling Passenger Agent of the S. A. L. Railway in North Carolina. Mr. Gattis is well equipped for his new position and will do good work.

The Young Men's Christian Associations now number 1,813, with a total membership of 373,502, and property valued at $30,000,000. There are 32,821 men enrolled in educational classes, and 56,000 in Bible classes.

Randall Thomas Davidson, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who will attend the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Boston in the fall, is the eighty-fifth archbishop to bear that title. He has an income of $75,000 a year.

Rev. J. F. McCulloch, editor of Our Church Record, the Methodist Protestant Church paper, has accepted a call to become Professor of Mathematics at Adrian College for the coming collegiate year, and will leave for that city about the first of next month.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Presbyterian Board of Missions has appointed Rev. W. M. Walsh, of Charlotte, N. C., and Dr. J. A. McFaddin, of Duke, N. C., missionaries to China, and Mrs. Margaret Bell, sister of Rev. Dr. Bull, of Nashville, missionary to Korea.

OUR TWO OFFERS.

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Two New Leagues.

Rev. R. E. Hunt, of Rocky Mount and Marvin, has organized, since Conference, at Marvin's Church, an Epworth League, with the following officers:

President.—R. L. Carraway.
First Vice-President.—R. P. Pullen.
Second Vice-President.—Miss Sue Bone.
Third Vice-President.—Miss Bettie Fletcher.
Secretary.—Miss Minnie Kerrey.
Treasurer.—R. H. Knight.
Era Agent.—Miss Emily Kerrey.

Rev. J. M. Benson, of Nashville Circuit, has organized a League at Nashville, but he has failed to send us the names of the officers.

Vocational Religion.

There is quite a difference between a man's vocation and avocation. The former refers to his everyday business, the latter to what may be regarded as a recreation or an occasional pursuit. It would be quite out of place for a business man, on his way to the office or the store in the morning, to say, "I am a little late to-day getting down to my avocation." His regular work is not an avocation but a vocation. With the majority of people it is probably true that religious service is simply an avocation. They do not work at it very much, and satisfy their consciences with an act of self-denial or personal endeavor for Christ once in a while. What is needed is more Christians who will have the same idea of religion as Jesus when he said: "Wist ye not that I must be about my father's business?" Nothing will so impress the world with the power of Christianity, as a great multitude of men and women who make a religious life their vocation, consecrating to the Saviour all their talents and opportunities.—Epworth Era.

Notes.

What districts contemplate holding a District Conference League?

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We will be glad to publish a directory of District Leagues to be held between this and the time for the annual Conference.

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Some of the brethren have reported matters of League interest to the Advocate for publication. Why not let these appear in the League columns? Send such items to my address at Goldsboro.

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The Marvin League has been organized long enough to have passed the critical period and give assurance of success. It is now in a prosperous condition with plenty of work before it. The League at Nashville, though young, is "healthy" and hopeful. We wish the new leagues abundant success, and hope to hear from them often.

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Several of the brethren have promised to see that their League Secretaries send us items of interest from their Chapters; and, also, to write us an occasional article for our columns. This, brethren, is to remind you of your promise. And, let me say, we would be glad to have any one interested in League work to send us a short article for these columns.

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Henderson via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Maxton via Atlanta	38.65	32.25	26.25
Raleigh via Richmond	35.60	29.90	24.80
Raleigh via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Hamlet via Richmond	37.60	31.90	26.25
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Lesson for August 28, 1904.

Elijah Discouraged.

Lesson IX. I. Kings xix. 1-8.

"Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to-morrow about this time." (Verse 2.) This vow of Jezebel was one of the most tremendous vows which mark the history of the Semitic race, both within and without the Jewish pale. By her outburst of blind, unreasonable fury, she gave Elijah opportunity to escape, though she must have felt sure that he was absolutely in her power. Says Moulton: "The exact note of time is a further proof that this was intended and understood as a sentence of banishment on pain of death."

Says Farrar in the Expositor's Bible: "In the furious impetuosity of the message we seen the determination of the sorceress-queen. In her way she was as much in deadly earnest as Elijah was. Whether Baal had been defeated or not, she was not defeated, and Elijah should not escape her vengeance. The oath shows the intensity of her age, like that of the forty Jews who bound themselves by the cherem that they would not eat or drink till they had slain Paul; and the fixity of her purpose as when Richard III. declared that he would not dine till the head of Buckingham had fallen on the block. We cannot but notice the insignificance to which she reduced her husband, and the contempt with which she treated the voice of her people. She presents the spectacle, so often reproduced in history and reflected in literature, of a strong, fierce woman—a Clytemnestra, a Brunhaulf, a Lady Macbeth, an Isabella of France, a Margaret of Anjou, a Joan of Naples, a Catherine de' Medici—completely dominating a feebler consort."

"It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers." (Verse 4.) Elijah became a pessimist and wanted to die. His hopes had failed, and he felt that all he had expected was gone forever. His dream was over, and his sensitive conscience upbraided him for his want of success. Judging himself as he judges others, he decides that he is not worthy of prolonged life.

Cotton says that in moments of despondency even Shakespeare thought himself no poet, and Raphael doubted his right to be called a painter. Some great writer has said, with truth, that "there is probably no man with a soul above that of the brutes that perish, to whom a time has not come in his life, when, were you to tell him that he would not wake to see another day, he would receive the message with something like gladness." Elijah could have cried with this poet:

"Let the heavens burst, and drown with deluging rain
The feeble vassals of lust, and anger, and wine,
The little hearts that know not how to forgive;
Arise, O God, and strike, for we count thee just—
We are not worthy to live."

F. W. Robertson, troubled by various sorrows, wrote in a letter on a friend's death: "How often have I thought of the evening when he left Tours, when, in our boyish friendship, we set our little silver watches exactly together, and made a compact to look at the moon exactly at the same moment that night and think of each other. I do not remember a single hour in life since then which I would have arrested, and said: 'Let this stay.'"

Some writer gives an illustration of a man like Dante or Milton, when he stands alone, hated by princes, and priests, and people, who retorts scorn for scorn, and refuses to change his voice. Yet even Dante died of a broken heart, and in Milton's autobiographical wail of Samson Agonistes, amid all its trumpet blast of stern defiance, we read the sad notes:

"Nor am I in the list of them that hope;
Hopeless are all my evils, all remediless;
This one prayer yet remains, might I be heard,
No long petition, speedy death,
The close of all my miseries, and the balm."

"And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat." (Verse 5.) Young gives sleep as "tired nature's sweet restorer," and in Psalm cxxvii. 2, "He giveth his beloved sleep."

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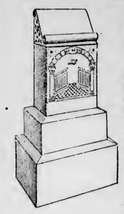

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Secular News

STATE.

Several of the bodies of the miners drowned in the Barringer mine near Salisbury have been recovered.

The children of the Odd Fellows' Orphanage at Goldsboro have been on their annual outing at Wilmington.

State Chairman Simmons has just completed a list of appointments for Hon. R. B. Glenn, candidate for Governor on the Democratic ticket.

Dr. McAden, a prominent citizen of Charlotte, and president of one of the leading banks of that city, died suddenly one day last week.

An automobile line has been established between Spencer and Salisbury to carry passengers. There are four handsome autos and they make frequent trips between the two places.

Chairman Simmons and Chairman Rollins of the Democratic and Republican State Executive Committees respectively, have failed to agree as to a joint canvass of the several candidates.

Three gentlemen, representing capitalists living along the line of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad were in conference with the Governor Monday morning looking to the probable lease of that road

State Chairman J. William Bailey, of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, says that no more local elections on the liquor question will be held until next spring, when the season will begin with a State temperance convention in Raleigh. Out of elections held up to date, eighteen were against saloons, ten in favor of them and two were in dispute.

In the State Auditor's office they are finishing up the work of certifying to the various counties the assessments from the advalorem tax on corporations, banks and building and loan associations. The next work of importance will be on the new applications of pensions. These have to be examined by the State Pension Board, and if approved they are added to the old lists.

GENERAL.

German sugar factories consume annually 3,200,000 tons of beets.

Hon. Elihu Root refuses to be a candidate for Governor of New York.

There are more blind people among the Spaniards than among any other European race.

More than a million Jews have left Russia since 1880, principally for the United States.

The Salvation Army is making marked inroad upon the Chinese colony in San Francisco.

It costs New York five times as much as it does London to maintain parks and recreation grounds.

The bureau of statistics reports that American trade with Porto Rico has increased fivefold since annexation.

The Winter Palace at St. Petersburg is the largest and the most magnificent royal residence in the world.

A newly invented microscope is said to magnify the eye of a house fly so that it covers an apparent area of 312 feet.

It is rumored that Mr. Hearst would like very much to be a candidate on the Democratic ticket for Governor of New York.

A newly discovered cotton tree in Mexico promises to rival in production the cotton plant of the United States.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, one of the oldest members of the United States Senate in point of age and service, is dying.

The new city directory of Chicago has been given to the public. Based on the number of names it gives Chicago a population for 1904 of 2,241,000.

There is in Topeka, Kan., a Home for Wives of Drunkards. One day last week Mrs. Carrie Nation, of hatchet fame, mailed to the home a check for $1,150.

Australia has no orphan asylum. Every child who is not supported by parents becomes a ward of the state and is paid a pension for support and placed in a private family, where board and clothes are provided until the 14th birthday.

The Japanese Red Cross Society is able to supply through its various branches 3,000 female nurses and 2,000 male nurses. Female nurses are not sent to the front, but undertake duty in Japan in the military and Red Cross hospitals in various parts of the country.

The story of the death of Sasoneff, the assassin of M. de Plehcve, is officially denied. It is stated unofficially that he will be included in the amnesty proclamation on the occasion of the christening of the Czarvitch to the extent of commuting his capital punishment sentence to penal servitude for life.

The pyramid of Cheops is the largest permanent structure of any kind ever erected by the hand of man. Its original dimensions at its base was 764 square feet and its perpendicular hight at the anex is 488 feet. It covers about four and one-quarter square acres of ground and an English architect estimates its cost at $150,000,000.

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We are sorry to say to the many lady friends who have applied for situations as teachers that so few children have been provided for that we cannot afford another one for the present. They will please let us know what disposition to make of their recommendations.

J. W. JENKINS,
Superintendent.

Receipts up to August 20.

Franklinton Sunday-school, $15; Grace, Wilmington, on sub., $2; Ebenezer, Cary Circuit, Sunday-school, $2.85; Greenville Sunday-school, $40; Youngsville Circuit, $10; Mr. J. P. Leak, to furnish room, $100; Burlington Sunday-school, $15; Smithfield Sunday-school, $5; Parker's Sunday-school, $5; City Roads Sunday-school, $5; Gibson and St. John's, $5.

Donations in Kind.—Sack of cabbage, Mr. T. W. Sharpe, Aberdeen; wagon load of watermelons, Wynn & Redford, Raleigh; cantaloupes, Mr. W. H. Humphrey, Lumberton; box of clothes, Mrs. E. J. Freeman, Burlington; one young Leghorn rooster, Mr. Mark Chamberlain.

The Status of the Sunday-School.

The following Sunday-schools have agreed to support two orphans: Biscoe, Lumberton, and Edenton Street.

The following, one: Wilson, Greenville, St. Paul's, Goldsboro; Burlington, Kinston, Weldon, Warrenton, Laurinburg, Morehead City, Rockingham, Goldsboro, Henderson, First Church and City Roads, Elizabeth City; Grace and Fifth Street, Wilmington; Washington, Rocky Mount, Roper City, Parker's, Fayetteville, Franklinton, Aberdeen, Smithfield, Rev. Taylor's class, Wanchese; Cathage, Gibson and Saint John's, Tar River Circuit, Rich Square, and Mr. R. J. Corbett, Littleton, Louisburg and Mr. George M. Lindsey. Grifton has sent us all the way in monthly collections for a year from $5.56 to $8.58; Pittsboro from $2.10 to $3.32 for two years.

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Trinity, Durham; Centenary, New Bern, and Troy supported one one year. So, also, Mr. Sam Parker, of Wilson, one two years, and Mr. Sidney McMullen, one two years, and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Best one for one for one year.

The following have sent a donation this year: Mt. Gilead, primary class; Hillsboro, Adelia, Roxboro, Seaboard, Alberta, Nash's Chapel, Marvin, Raleigh, Shallotte Oak, Trinity, Robeson Circuit; Trinity, Columbia Circuit; Black's Chapel, Elizabeth City, Stonewall, Concord, Roxboro Circuit; Concord, Jonesboro Circuit; Phillips' Chapel, Serepta, Barefoots, Johnson's Grove, Colerain, Philadelphia, Wesley's Chapel, Old Trap.

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Will they do it.

It has been said that the preachers will not take the Orphanage to their hearts. Will they?

It has been said that the Methodist Church will not support the Orphanage. Will it?

It has been said that the church will not pay the debt on the main building. Will it?

It has been said that the church is not ready for the forward movement. Is it?

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It has been said that the Methodists dying will not put the Orphanage in their wills. Will they?

I believe that the Methodists are as good and as liberal as other people. I have faith in God. I have faith in the Methodist Church. I have faith in the people. Humanity is on the upward grade. Let everybody push it forward.

Billy is Dead.

When he retired Tuesday night he was in usual health. During the night he was heard to cry. But none thought it a cry for help. Wednesday morning he did not greet the boys with his accustomed smile. The news soon spread that Billy was sniping. Search was made, but in vain. Late in the evening he was found dead. No mark of violence was on him. A little blood in his nostril, and a swollen body, seemed to indicate that the serpent's venomous fang had done the deed. If we had known that he was sick, the doctor would have been consulted and the best in the house would have been given him. It was sadly said, with tears in our eyes—Billy cried, but not one heeded. He died alone. No one was near. He had won all hearts. He had given the children so much pleasure. The lone wagon is a sad reminder.

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THIRD ROUND.

Garysburg, Concord, Aug. 6, 7
Weldon, Aug. 7, 8
Warren, Sarepta, Aug. 11
Ridgeway, Middleburg, Aug. 13, 14
Henderson, Aug. 14, 15
Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, Aug. 21, 22
Harrellsville, Harrellsville, Aug. 27, 28
Scotland Neck, Sept. 4, 5
Conway, Providence, Sept. 10, 11
Murfreesboro, Sept. 11, 12
Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept. 24, 25
Williams on and Hamilton, Williamston, Oct. 1, 2
Rich Square, Pinner's, Oct. 8, 9
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, Oct. 15, 16

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Grifton Circuit, Epworth, Aug. 6-7
Atlantic Circuit, Atlantic, Aug. 10-11
Morehead City, Aug. 13-14
Hookerton Circuit, Hookerton, Aug. 13-14
Straits Circuit, Aug. 16-17
Carteret Circuit, Adam's Creek, Aug. 20-21
LaGrange Circuit, Boston, Aug. 27-28
Dover Circuit, Webb's, Sept. 10, 11
Mt. Olive, Behel, Sept. 3, 4
St. John, Sept. 7

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
J. S. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Lillington, Cool Springs, August 5
Sanford, Lemon Springs, August 6, 7
Duke, Pleasant Plains, Aug. 12
Buckhorn, Harnett Chapel, August 13, 14
Newton Grove, Hopewell, Aug. 20, 21
Goldstone Marmeys, August 27, 28
Sampson, Bethel, September 3, 4
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 10, 11

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
S. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Carver's Creek, Wayman, August 6, 7
Magnolia, Trinity, August 12
Kenansville, Charity, August 13, 14
Elizabeth, Union, August 20, 21
Shallotte, New Hope, August 27, 28
Onslow, Swanboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Burgaw, September 10, 11
Grace, September 13

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.
J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Currituck, Mt. Zion, Aug 6, 7
Kitty Hawk, Aug 7, 8
Columbia, Aug 13, 14
Dare, Aug 14, 15
Pantego and Belhaven, Aug 20, 21
Roper, Pleasant Grove, Aug 27, 28
Plymouth, Aug 28, 29

FOURTH ROUND.

Edenton, Sept 4
Kenakeet, at Chicamacomico, Sept. 8
Hatteras, Trent, Sept. 10, 11
Hertford, Centre Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Perquimans, Oak Grove, Sept. 24, 25
Pasquotank, Newbegun, Sept. 25, 26
Camden, McBride's, Oct. 1, 2
North Gates, Savage, Oct. 8, 9
Gates Harrells, Oct. 15, 16
Kitty Hawk, Currituck Inlet, Oct. 22, 23
Currituck, Ebenezer, Oct. 23, 24
Meyock, Perkins Chapel, Oct. 29, 30
Dare, Manu's Harbor, Nov. 5, 6
Roanoke Island, Nov. 6, 7
Elizabeth City, First Church, Nov. 13
Elizabeth City Road, Nov. 13
Columbia, Nov. 19, 20
Pantego and Belhaven, Nov. 25
Roper, Nov 26, 27
Plymouth, Nov. 27

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Keely, August 6, 7
Wakefield, August 8
Tar River, Trinity, August 13, 14
Louisburg, August 14, 15

FOURTH ROUND.

Smithfield, August 27, 28
Selma, selma, August 28, 29
Edenton st., September 3, 4
Franklinton, Grove Hill, September 10, 11
Clayton, Elizabeth, September 17, 18
Oxford Circuit, September 24, 25
Central, October 1, 2
Brooklyn, October 2, 3
Millbrook, October 8, 9
Granville, October 15, 16
Wakefield, October 20
Keeley, October 22, 23
Cary, October 29, 30
Epworth, October 30
Oxford Station, November 5, 6
Youngsville, November 12, 13
Louisburg, November 19, 20
Tar River, Plank Chapel, November 26, 27

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Nashville, Bedford, August 6, 7
Springhope, Gold Valley, August 8
Bethel, Conetoe, August 13, 14
Tarboro, night, August 14
Grimesland & Vanceboro, Providence, Aug 20, 21
Greenville, night, Aug 27
Aurora, Campbell's Creek Aug 27, 28

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs P. E., Durham, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Alamance, Clover Garden, August 6, 7
Burlington, Prospect, August 13, 14
Burlington Station, August 21, 22
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

FOURTH ROUND.

Trinity Church, Sept. 11, at 11 a. m.
Carr Church and Branson, at Carr, Sept. 11 at night
Chapel Hill, Sept 17, 18
Durham McManen, Sept. 24, 25
Mangum Street, Sept. 25 at night
Leasburg, Salem, Oct. 1, 2
Hillsboro, Cedar Grove, Oct. 8, 9
Roxboro, Concord, Oct. 15, 16
Milton new Hope Oct. 22, 23
Yanceyville, Bethel Oct. 29, 30
Mt Tirzah Circuit, Nov. 5, 6
Burlington, Front Street Nov 13, 14
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, Nov. 15, at night
Burlington, Shiloh, Nov. 18
Alamance, Phillips Chapel Nov. 19, 20
Main Street, Nov. 27, at 11 a. m.
West Durham, Nov. 27, at night

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Montgomery, Beulah, Aug 6, 7
Aberdeen, Johnson's Grove, Aug. 13, 14
Red Springs, Centenary, Aug. 20, 21
Pekin, Centenary, Aug. 27, 28

FOURTH ROUND.

Roberdel, Roberdel, Sept 3, 4
Rockingham Station, Sept. 4, 5
Lumberton, Barker's, Sept. 10, 11
St. John and Gibson, St. John, Sept. 15, 16
Laurenburg Sept. 16, 17
Richmond, Steele's Mill, Sept. 24, 25
Maxton and Caledonia, Oct. 1, 2
Hamlet, Ham ct, Oct. 8, 9
Rowland, Rowland, Oct. 15, 16
Robeson, Asbury, Oct. 22, 23
Mt. Gilead, Wadeville, Oct. 29, 30
Montgomery, Capelsie, Oct 30, 31

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PATRICK.—In memory of little Wesley, son of Mr. J. R. and Mrs. Maggie Patrick, who was born September 16, 1900, and died in Hookerton, June 14, 1904.

He was sick only a few days with gastritis, and all that loving hearts could do was of no avail—the sweet spirit winged its way back to the God who gave it.

Wesley was a very bright promising boy, and had made many friends during his short stay with us. His affection for his mother was beautiful, even in death he held up his little lips to be kissed. Farewell, dear little friend, we loved you and we miss you, but every one that leaves us to join the host above causes us to loosen our hold on earthly things and more firmly grasp the things that are eternal, and you have made heaven dearer and nearer to us.

ONE WHO LOVED HIM.

BELL.—Mrs. Sarah D. Bell, wife of Benjamin J. Bell, was born in Carteret County July 5, 1838, and died in Beaufort, N. C., March 31, 1904. In her fourteenth year she was converted and joined the Methodist E. Church, South, and was a faithful and consecrated member to the end. She was happily married to Mr. Benjamin J. Bell in her twenty-seventh year, who is left behind to mourn his loss.

Sister Bell was a great sufferer for some years before the summons came, but the patience and fortitude she exhibited through it all was truly beautiful. In her death, Brother Bell loses a devoted and affectionate wife, the church one of its most consecrated members, and the community one of its truest and best women. The short acquaintance the writer had with her was a real benediction to him. She is gone from us, and we miss her, but our loss is her eternal gain. H. M. EURE.

POTTER.—Mrs. Elizabeth H. Potter was born January 10, 1810, and died March 17, 1904. She was reared in the faith of the Quakers, and remained a member of that denomination until the society to which she belonged went down; then she united with Ann Street M. E. Church, South, in Beaufort, N. C., where she remained a consistent member until the summons came, that took her home. In her eighteenth year she was happily married to Mr. Wm. J. Potter, who preceded her by several years, to that land that lies beyond this vail of tears. To this union were several children, five of whom survive her. One of these, Mrs. B. J. Bell, has since joined her mother, where separation is unknown. Frequently she expressed a desire to go home.

The funeral service was conducted in the church, by her pastor, and the remains were taken to the Quakers' grave-yard, seven miles from Beaufort, and laid to rest, to await the resurrection morn. H. M. EURE.

EDWARDS.—Haywood E. Edwards, son of D. N. and Nannie Edwards, was born January 17, 1878. His devotion to the home of his birth and a fondness for the family association were striking characteristics of his life. In young manhood he gave his heart to God and joined the Methodist Church at Rainbow. A cheerful disposition introduced him to passing friends.

June 3, 1903, he was happily married to Miss Lizzie Moore, whose devotion made home happy, causing the sunshine of life to linger there. He and wife moved to Hookerton last January, where he entered the mercantile business. A friend remarked to the writer: "Could he have lived he and his wife would have been a success in life."

More than a month ago he was smitten down with typhoid fever. Willing hands ministered unto him while medical skill was exhausted. On July 27, his spirit went home to God, and we laid him to rest at Rainbow Church. Behind are left a father, mother, two sisters and a devoted wife, upon whom we pray God's blessings and guidance until they shall meet Haywood beyond the skies. J. P. PATE.

Hookerton, N. C., Aug. 3, 1904.

BALL.—Gladys, the little sixteen months' old child of Bro. J. W. Ball and wife, died near Mt. Bethel Church on the 22nd of July, 1904, and was buried on the 23rd at Mt. Bethel.

She had not been well for some days, but the end came very unexpectedly, and was such a shock to her parents and loved ones.

She was a bright, sweet little child, tenderly loved by her parents and brothers and sisters, who miss her so much, but she has gone to be with the Savior. Let us all so live as to see her in that happy land where there is no parting. J. B. T.

STRAIN.—Thomas Strain, of Orange County, died at his home after a lingering illness of several months on, June 18, 1904, being nearly seventy years of age.

His health had not been good for years, but notwithstanding this his face was always full of sunshine.

Brother Strain was a great favorite in the section in which he lived.

He was a devoted member of the M. E. Church, South, and had been since soon after his return from the Confederate army. He was always at church when health would permit, and was ever interested in the welfare of Zion.

Brother Strain did not live in vain. He told the writer that all was well with his soul a short while before his death.

"How blest the righteous when he dies!
When sinks the weary soul to rest,
How mildly beam the closing eyes:
How gently heaves the expiring breast."

May God in His mercy richly bless the widow, and the child, and his nephew, and comfort all the sorrowing ones. J. B. T.

PLEASANTS.—Mr. George A. Pleasants was born in Granville County, February 5, 1848, died June 9, 1904. He was married to Miss Emma Cottrell, of Granville County, in 1874. Nine children were born to them, four sons and five daughters. Eight are living.

He professed religion and joined the Methodist Church at Salem, Granville County, N. C., about the time of his marriage, in which communion he lived faithfully till God called him to membership in Triumphant Church—Heaven. He was patient, truthful and uncomplaining. He very often spoke to his family, that he would soon pass over on the other shore, where no pain would enter there. He suffered for nearly twenty years with heart trouble, and seemed to be very well and gay, until the summons came, and he left his loved ones without saying good by or murmured a word.

His fortitude and resignation were comforting evidences of the faith that dwelt in him.

The writer had the pleasure of staying with him a couple of months last winter, and it was great joy to him to hear him talk of the great Book that points us all to the Lamb of God. To me and all with whom he mingled, he gave comforting assurance of peaceful communion with God.

The community is made richer and better by his life of faith. When the Messenger called for him he was waiting and ready to go. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. The writer extends his deepest and heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved family. We know earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. And help us, O God, that we and the family may live so as to meet the loved ones that are gone before.

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The death of a good young man is a calamity to any community. It is especially so in a small town or village where such a life comes to the view of every resident. Your committee feels it to be so with our community in the case of our young brother, Hanson K. Kenedy, who passed away quietly and peacefully between midnight and morning, July 11, 1904, at the age of twenty-eight years, eight months and twenty days.

Our friend united with the Disciples Church when about thirteen years old. He lived with us as a citizen a few months, but from the time of his arrival until called away, his life was consistent with his profession. He was intelligent, careful, steady. His conduct was such as to win the approval of our best people, and he was regarded as quite a model young man.

Hanson Kelley Kenedy was a member and a regular attendant of the Bible class of Grifton Sunday-school M. E. Church, South. He was attentive to all the proceedings, and interested in the things that worked for good. We shall miss him. His example will be lost to our community, but his influence will live and be for good to others not so richly endowed in mind and morals. The life of such a man cannot be a failure. We bow in humble submission to God's will and pray that our Father's blessings may rest upon the stricken household, and that it may work for good to us all, especially to those, who like him, strive to show their love to Christ by living His commandments.

To the sorrowing family we extend our deepest sympathy.

The Secretary is requested to devote a page of our records to his memory, and to send a copy of this memoir to the family, and a copy each to Kinston Free Press, and Raleigh Christian Advocate, for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. KEENE, SR.,
E. J. BROOKS,
R. E. PITTMAN,
Committee.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has called from labor to reward our beloved brother, William Dawson, who was a faithful and also the oldest member of Cokesbury Sunday-school; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That, while yielding with deep humility to the hand of an all-wise providence, we can but lament the death of one, who, by his kindness and loyalty, had impressed us as a true follower of Christ.

2. That with a feeling of regret we bid farewell to the familiar face, realizing that a seat is vacant which can never be filled; yet hoping that in the sweet bye and bye we may meet where partings are no more.

3. That we, as a committee, strive to emulate his example in his loyalty to the Sunday-school, and we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of great sorrow, trusting that a kind father will comfort and sustain them.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Sunday-school, a copy be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate, and one to the bereaved family.

MRS. LIZZIE R. STRICKLAND,
A. C. BULLARD,
MRS. A. B. MAXWELL,
Committee.

Whereas, it pleased our Heavenly Father in his wisdom to remove from us our esteemed and beloved sister, Mrs. Fannie West, we, the members of the Ladies' Aid Society of City Road Church,

Resolved 1. That, while we bow to God's will, we deeply mourn the loss of one beloved by all and respected for her beautiful Christian character. She was truly perfected through suffering, bearing her affliction with fortitude and patience.

2. That we tender the sorrowing husband and other relations our heartfelt sympathy in this time of sore bereavement.

3. That her example should stimulate us to greater zeal and self-sacrifice in promoting Christ's kingdom on the earth.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Society, one be sent to the family of the deceased and one be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

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The September McClure's.

McClure's Magazine for September is a vigorous expression of American life and interest, part fact, part fiction, all entertaining. Several serious articles give it commanding importance and character. Of these William Allen White writes of "Roosevelt and the Postal Frauds," and in a clear and concise manner he tells the engrossing story of this great crime against the Government and the manner of its exposure. But he does more. He reads the lesson of these events and keenly characterizes the men who made them. It is in all an article which every American citizen will want and ought to read. Ida M. Tarbell gets at the very heart of the trust question in her Standard Oil History in a masterly paper on "The Price of Oil." Here is what the consumer wants to know, how the trust affects prices. Miss Tarbell traces the variation of oil prices under the Standard's manipulations from the beginning and draws convincing conclusions from an overwhelming array of facts, evidently wrought out with infinite pains.

New and intimately interesting side-lights are thrown on the South during the Civil War in "Memories of the Beginning and End of the Southern Confederacy," by Louise Wigfall Wright, daughter of Louis T. Wigfall, of Texas, a Confederate leader and statesman. Through letters written by prominent Southerners the author gives a vivid picture of those exciting days, and contributes real unpublished chapters of history. John La Farge continues his "One Hundred Masterpieces of Painting," with the discussion of three famous painting symbolizing "Triumph."

A thrilling war experiences is narrated by Robert Alexander Wason in "Babe Randolph's Turning-point." He dramatically describes the noble heroism of a Virginia cavalryman, the making of a man under the stress of high duty and opportunity.

This strong number is concluded with a page poem of unusual beauty by Florence Wilkinson, entitled "To a Wood Path."

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EN ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS.

T. N. IVEY.

St. Louis, Aug. 27.—Some people go to an exposition for pure recreation. It is sufficient that these are disappointed, especially if they go in the fall months, when the rush and crush of surging throngs make travelling a martyrdom and the stay at hotels and lodging houses a satire on comfort. So if there is one who is contemplating seeking recreation in the show now going on by the Great Father of Waters, let him rather pull off his coat and sit on his back porch, or take the car for Pullen Park, or board the train for Fuquay Springs.

Other people go to an exposition in order to keep abreast of the times by first getting the thrill that comes from the vital touch with the eager restless public, and then learning through the eyes what our immence country is doing in the domain of art, science and commerce. I have never seen a person who went with such a motive without seeing an individual with the light of a new enthusiasm in his eye and a propensity to din ad nauseum into his neighbor's ear the glories of the show.

There is a special reason why the number of the latter class of people with respect to the St. Louis Exposition should be vastly multiplied. "What new lessons can you learn at St. Louis? You have seen it all before at Chicago, Atlanta, Buffalo, Nashville, and other exposition." No you have not, and there is where the common mistake is made. Since the thousands upon thousands of electric lights flashed on the roofs, cornices and facades of the White City over ten years ago, the mighty hand of labor and genius has rolled this restless world into new and strange regions where progress stands to point the eye not simply to reconstructed and rearranged, but newly created, sights. The electrical world of ten years ago is to the electrical world of today what the moon is to the sun. Commerce has new plans and processes. Education has made a world of its own. National strength has new foundations, and international museums have been fitted with more ease room, and every case is fitted with things new and striking. No, it is not the phenomenal bigness of the St. Louis Exposition which forms the differentiating feature. It is the presentation of a new play on the program of progress and of a choice opportunity for the people of all lands to learn a lesson that every intelligent man and woman should learn.

So, when you ask me, "Why go?" I answer: For the same reason that I went to school, that I read a new and stimulating book, that I hear a learned lecturer, that I pay my poll tax, and exercise the right of a freeman at the ballot-box—all to learn something and burn a few tapers at the shrine of patriotism and progress.

For as much, then, most excellent readers, as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are seen at the St. Louis exposition, it seemed good to me also to write not a catalogue of the sights and glowing panegynes of the great show, but a simple educative series of articles that are designed to let the people who have to stay at home know what the great show is.

The gray fogs enswathing the hills of Albemarle County, Virginia, were just dissipating themselves in the clear blue above when this writer stepped out of that superb "fast-flyer," No. 40, the pride of the Southern Railway on the platform at Charlottesville. To the east rose an elevation higher than a hill and something lower than a mountain. I knew that on the wooded summit of that elevation was Monticello. But why do I speak of Monticello? What has Monticello to do with the St. Louis Exposition? Think for a moment, gentle and intelligent reader, and you will know. Monticello is indissolubly linked with the name of that strange gifted man who drafted the Declaration of Independence, and who by his strong unique personality and enthusiastic efforts made possible the trade by which Louisiana was sold to the United States for fifteen million dollars. That Louisiana Purchase is commemorated by the present exposition. How grandly Thomas Jefferson wrought when he defied popular sentiment in the infant years of the last century—a sentiment which fed upon narrow, contracted, inexpansive policy! The purchase of Louisiana in 1803 was—pardon the slang—a "ten strike" for American greatness.

Note the following facts. The land purchased covers 875,025 square miles, seven times the area of Scotland, England and Ireland combined, and greater in extent than Great Britain, Germany, Spain, Portugal and Italy combined. This vast region was in 1803, practically, one State. Now it is Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Montana the Indian Territory, and the greater part of Minnesota, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, and Oklahoma. All this for only fifteen millions of dollars. And thousands of American citizens who voted for and against Thomas Jefferson thought the price too high, and regaled the public with the contention that the purchased area was nothing but a stretch of waste barren land—in fact the American Desert. Oh, these false prophets! How grand and calumnar the "prophecy smashers" lean up against the background of eventful and often tragic history!

I considered it very appropriate for one en route to the St. Louis Exposition to make a trip to the top of that hill—well, we might as well call it a mountain, pause a few moments at the tomb of Jefferson, and look on some of his maternal handiwork—one of the most famous houses in the United States.

In the midst of a green lawn which slopes from the summit for a hundred yards in all directions, and shaded here and there by giant trees, stands Monticello which Jefferson built before the close of the 18th century. I am not going to try to describe it. I could not do so if I were to try. It is not large. It is rather squatty. It has a most peculiar roof with chimney-pots. It is built of brick and in places shows the signs of age. With the exception of the hall, I can tell nothing from my individual knowledge of the interior of the house as I was not allowed to enter the rooms. The property passed in 1828 into the hands of Commodore Levy, and it is now owned by a descendant of the commodore, Jefferson M. Levy. The present owner is a bachelor and does not occupy the house. It is occupied every summer, however, by a brother-in-law of the owner—a Mr. Mayhoff. This gentleman, clad in English style, stood on the steps of the front portico and with a politeness which robbed his opening words of their sting informed me that visitors were not allowed to go through the rooms, as the house was private property. In my ignorance I was unaware of the fact, and apologized so earnestly that Mr. Mayhoff invited me into the hall. On the walls hung pictures of great value. One was a veritable Sir Joshua Reynolds. There was costly bric-a-brac on the mantle towering above the large fireplace. In the cabinets was rare silver. In the gallery on one side I noticed a complete suit of bronze mail probably once worn by a feudal knight. Over the front door was the same old clock that Jefferson himself made. One face open on the portico, the other on the interior of the hall. On the roof of the portico is the same weather vane that Jefferson made. It works a dial on the overhead ceiling of the portico in such a way that one without going outdoors can see which way the wind is blowing. The quarters for the slaves are still in good condition and are connected with the basement of the house by means of a tunnel. I was impressed with a smaller tunnel opening on the hillside, and also connected with the house. I was told that Jefferson once escaped from the British through that tunnel. I question the reliability of that statement. The whole house and surroundings showed that Thomas Jefferson had ideas of his own, and some very peculiar ones. In the construction of the house he was evidently under the influence of French art which at the time was struggling out of the grasp of a very severe classism.

But that view of the surrounding country! It were worth a trip to Monticello to get that view.

Of course, the University of Virginia is the greatest monument to Thomas Jefferson, with perhaps the Declaration of Independence which he drafted. Our readers know all about this institution which was chartered in 1819 and opened in 1825. Jefferson was one of the first board of visitors. The time I spent in wandering over the campus and gazing upon the memorable building and thinking of the great men who emerged from those walls was well spent.

So having paid my respects to Thomas Jefferson who made the St. Louis Exposition possible, I will in my next speak of the Exposition.

It is easy to make a good beginning,—so easy, that perhaps this is the origin of the saying that "a good beginning makes a bad ending." While that saying has no truth in it, it is true that a good beginning never insures a good ending. There is an exhilaration about beginnings that rarely lasts through to the end. Long before the end comes the glamor of the fresh start, the clean page, is gone, and the real test is on. So it is that in a race, as in all the rest of life, it is the man who has staying power that wins.

Perhaps you are facing this test to-day. If so, be sure that the devil is trying to persuade you that it is not worth while to hold out. He breaks down more people just here than at any other time. But there is Another who, with His angels, is watching, and hoping, and offering you strength to win. Hold out in His strength, whatever the cost. To-morrow you will know why it was worth while.

The Methodist Episcopal Church will build a hospital in Indianapolis. Dr. Chas. N. Sims has been selected as field secretary.

Contributions

The Statesboro Tragedies.

On the night of July 28th, about six miles from Statesboro, Mr. Henry R. Hodges and his whole family, consisting of his wife and three children, were foully murdered and their bodies cremated in their home. I visited the scene of the crime the next morning. The five bodies, charred beyond recognition, with every limb burned off and skulls crushed, had been dragged from the smouldering ruins and piled side by side under a nearby wash-shelter. I had never before witnessed a sight so revolting. The whole family gone! Not one left to tell the story! Words are wholly inadequate to describe the awful scene.

This quiet, peaceable, Christian gentleman and his contented family were thus murdered and burned by two negro wretches who lived near by, and who, from their own confessions, had received favors at the hands of their victims. The relatives, friends, neighbors, the whole community, stood in the presence of this terrible destruction of life and property with feelings better imagined than described.

Had the guilty parties become known at the time, no doubt their lives would have been at once required at the hands of the outraged citizens who had assembled by hundreds at the scene. Such a course would undoubtedly have been improper, wrong, yet the so recent and terrible provocation would have weighed as a partial excuse for meting out a hasty retribution.

This, however, did not occur. The two negroes, Paul Reid and Will Cato, were subsequently suspected, arrested, lodged in jail, pronounced guilty by the verdict of the coroner's jury, and the evidence of their guilt seemed conclusive. It was after the coroner's verdict that our leading citizens asked Judge Daley to call a special term of Superior Court to try them, that speedy justice might be meted out. The judge issued the call and the court convened. The two negroes had a fair trial, by a jury of twelve men. Able counsel represented the defense, appointed to this duty by the court. The evidence against Cato and Reid, in addition to the confessions made by them on the trial, left not the shadow of doubt as to their guilt. The jury said they were guilty and the judge sentenced them to be hanged on September 9th, twenty-three days from the date of the sentence. There was no reasonable donbt nor ground for doubt that this sentence would be carried into effect.

Up to this time, Bulloch County had done herself credit in thus permitting the law to proceed without molestation. But after the guilt of these men was established and pronounced by verdict, and there could be no longer any doubt, so intense became the feeling with some who had witnessed the trial, that better judgment gave way and passion overcame restraint, and the crowd of usually law-abiding citizens became for the time transformed into a mob, deaf to all appeals for the law to take its course, intent on wreaking punishment upon these lawless fiends. Infuriated by the refusal of the guard to surrender the prisoners the mob made a mad rush upon the military, disarmed the guards, captured the two negroes, brought them out and burned them to death.

We do not offer a criticism nor give an opinion as to who it was that failed in the duty to uphold the majesty of the law.

It has gone out to the world through the sensational daily press that the "best citizens" of the town and county participated, sympathized, aided, abetted, and even led in this work of wresting these negroes from the hand of the law and burning them at the stake, and the charge is made that the mob spirit was universal. It is this misstatement of the facts which we are now concerned with. The statement that the "best people" were all engaged in this act is incorrect and untrue and does hundreds of our people a gross injustice that must not pass unchallenged. That a few of our property owners and ordinarily law abiding citizens were in the mob is unfortunately true, but it is also true, on the contrary, that a great many—a large majority, I think—of the men composing the mob were not our "best citizens," but were irresponsible boys and young men, many from other counties, who, under the excitement, were drawn into the current and joined with the crowd without taking time for a deliberate thought.

That many of our best men urged the agitators to desist and to allow the law to proceed in its course, is a fact. This was true from the very day when the coroner's investigation was begun until the final hour when the mob was surging around the court house. A meeting of the citizens was held in the court house on the Saturday following the Thursday night when the crime was committed, and many of us made conciliatory speeches, urged that the law be permittcd to deal with the case, and pleaded for our county to be spared the humiliation of a lynching. In that meeting the entire bar of Statesboro went on record in no uncertain terms as being opposed to lawlessness, and I believe that every member of the bar has acted in good faith. Merchants spoke at the meeting, as did a number of other citizens, and two or three leading negroes were permitted to express their views of the situation, and every one pledged himself to do all in his power to bring the guilty parties to justice and at the same time uphold the majesty of the law.

For two hours on the day of the burning, while the mob was clamoring for the prisoners, many of us moved from one portion of the mob to another begging, urging, pleading with the men to desist from their course. Among these men who thus made a personal plea to the members of the mob in behalf of order and law were the judge of the court, the mayor of the town, various members of the bar and military, the judge of our city court, a number of our merchants, and other business men, and a large number of cool-headed, conservative farmers, and all urged and begged that the law be permitted to take its course. Rev. H. A. Hodges, a brother of the murdered man, was present and did all in his power to avert the lynching.

Bulloch County is known as one of the best counties in Georgia. Statesboro is noted for its good schools, its churches, its business enterprise, and the morality of its citizens. Along these lines I dare say no town of its size North or South surpasses it, and but few equal it. In face of this fact, it is hardly reasonable to suppose that even a majority—much less the whole, as is reported in the North—of the substantial citizens, the bone and fiber of the community, participated in or sympathized with the lynching of these negroes whom the law had already condemned.

Now, in conclusion, I will say that I have just been reading the inflammatory utterances of the Northern press concerning this deplorable act. They do not simply condemn the act. I would have no quarrel with them if they stopped there. Nor do they simply condemn those who participated in the act. I could sanction their censure of the lynchers, those who did the deed. But they do not stop here. They censure the entire people, good and bad, the whole community, and the whole South. They use this occurrence as a text to give us a lecture on the negro question. In my judgment such utterances as I have seen from the Northern press are unwise, and many of them untrue: They tend to injure rather than help conditions in the South.

We people of the South make our mistakes and sometimes, we confess, they are grievous, but our brethren at the North, before lecturing us, must wash their hands of the blood of those innocent negroes whom their own soldiers not so long ago wantonly shot down in cold blood for no offense save a desire to do honest work.

We are willing to be lectured, and if needs be, once in a while abused by people who themselves bear a clean record. But so long as lynchings and lawlessness, riotings, and strikes hold sway with such frequency at the North, we ask in fairness and justice that these vile epithets and unwarranted denunciations of an entire people for the shortcomings of a few be abandoned. I for one regret more than I can tell the recent lamentable occurrence in our county, but our people as a whole do not need nor do we deserve the wholesale abuse that is floating down from the North.

Let the wise help and counsel us, we need it; let the Christians pray for us, we need it; let the loving sympathize with us, we need it. But as for those who would stir up strife, make divisions, inflame passions and prejudices and incite to further violence, we beg, nay, we command that all such be silent.

Yours, for law and order,
WHITLEY LANGSTON,
Pastor M. E. Church, South, Statesboro, Ga.

The Scarritt Bible and Training School.

There is no department of work that does not involve a need of preparation, if the work is to be done wisely and efficiently. This has always been true, and is becoming more and more so, as this age of specialization advances. And what is true in the lower fields of labor is at least equally true in the higher. A housekeeper wants her servants to understand their business; a merchant advertises for an employee "with experience;" a mechanic serves a long apprenticeship before he is considered a master of his craft; a lawyer reads for years before undertaking a case; a physician without a diploma from an accredited school is ranked as a quack; a nurse must undergo a severe training in her art; a minister follows a long and arduous course of study. What wonder that as the Father and Guide of His people began to call His daughters into active usefulness in wider fields, He also prepared the means by which they should be trained for their new duties!

God planted this noble thought in the minds and hearts of His children, Miss Belle Bennett, Mrs. Bishop Wightman, and Dr. Nathan Scarritt, of Kansas City. These called others to their aid, and in course of time, the seed grew into the Scarritt Bible and Training School, being named for its most liberal benefactor. And now it is bearing fruit which brings blessings to far-scattered nations, as well as to those who are near,—fruit which partakes of the nature of those trees which John saw, on each side of the River of Life, which were for the "healing of the nations." And this is most emphatically the mission of the students at the Training School, whether they enter the Nurse-training Department, which seeks to send the message of eternal life and peace by the same hand that strives to bring health and comfort to the sick body; or become Bible-students, specializing in Christian work according to fitness, and according to the nature of the call, whether to home or foreign work. No pressure is brought to bear upon any student, but all possible aid is given each one in her preparation for what she believes to be her life-work.

A would-be student is required to fill out an application blank, giving her age, church affiliation, motive for entering the school, and certificates of health and personal character. Being accepted as a student, she finds herself in an atmosphere of home-like friendliness. In the reception-hall, just at the main entrance, hangs the motto, "Christ is the Head of this house; the Unseen Guest at every meal; the Silent Listener to every conversation." And in these words may be found the key-note of the life within those walls. The new student finds herself in a room with some one, probably never known before; but it is an open secret that the principal, Miss Gibson, prays over every name, when arranging the room-mates. Life there is rather strenuous, but hence is only a better training for the more strenuous life found in the active work outside. Each student cares for her own room, and does about an hour's house-work in addition, the work being changed every week. In the first year, the entire

Old Testament is studied, either by lectures, or in the library; in the second year the New Testament is taken up, being studied by aid of such books as the Expositor's, and Cambridge Bibles, various lives of Christ, and of St. Paul, the different commentators, and so forth. These same helps are used in the study of the Old Testament, so far as they apply. The class-room work upon the lesson takes the form not only of recitation, but of exposition by the teacher, and animated debate upon the part of the students,—and sometimes approaches closely to an experience meeting. Every class-room exercise, whether a Bible lesson, church history, methods of work, bookkeeping, or nurse-training, is opened by prayer. The morning is given to recitations. Thursday is "lecture-day," when some expert comes to lecture upon his or her specialty. The afternoons are given to study and exercise. In the evenings, all are studying again, except those who are due at the medical lectures given two or three times a week for the nurse students and junior year Bible students. For the Bible students take the theoretical nurse-training course, and the nurse students have a certain number of hours each week for Bible lessons. Friday afternoon is the time marked for house-to-house visiting. At the appointed hour, all gather in a certain class-room, where Miss Gibson presides at a table covered with papers and leaflets. Each chooses what she thinks she needs for her afternoon's work, and then, after an earnest prayer for the Divine presence and blessing, goes, armed with her Bible and papers, into the part of the city where lies her appointed work, returning in time for the evening meal, and after that, meeting once more with her sisters, to hear and tell the story of the afternoon's work, encouragements, and disappointments.

Then once more to study, and thence to well-earned rest and sleep, to prepare for the coming day, ushered in by the early morning meal, preluded by the morning prayer and praise which is offered to God as the first fruits of the new day to be spent in His service. At the sound of the great Chinese gong, a gift from Miss Laura Haygood, the whole household gathers in the dining-room. The students whose week it is to "serve tables" have laid the Bible before that one whose name comes, in the alphabetical order, for that day. She may be nurse, Bible student, or teacher, but in any case she reads a passage from the Holy Book, and leads the whole family in prayer. Then breakfast, the great dining-room glorified by the light of the morning sun. Then all scatter to their various duties, passing on to the routine of study and work, until the great gong again sounds the call to evening prayers, when all assemble in the chapel. At this hour, a Bible student always leads, still in alphabetical order, and a hymn is sung, in addition to the reading and prayer.

The Training School has its own missionary societies, both foreign and home, the presidents of each being usually candidates for work under their respective Boards. These meet once a month; and a students' prayer-meeting meets once a week. Every evening, directly after supper, there is a prayer-circle, optional, but largely attended, where special requests are brought up, the absent ones remembered, where the presence of the Comforter is sensibly experienced.

The building, a large and handsome one, is always open to visitors, who are guided over it by some student. The chapel, class-rooms, and some offices are to the left, on the first floor; the parlors, museum, library, dining-room, and some other offices toward the right, also on the first floor; the sleeping-rooms occupy the second floor, except where the chapel takes the space, it being two stories in height. The hospital department is on the third floor, with a number of private rooms, and a perfectly appointed operating-room. Of course a pharmacy and diet-kitchen are found on this floor. The fourth, or attic floor, is used for trunk-rooms; and the basement is reserved for the landry and furnaces. The kitchen is in the rear of the dining-room, separated from it by a serving-room.

Would that this institution, the outcome of a thought of God in the hearts of His children, were filled to its utmost capacity, and more than filled, with women seeking better preparation for God's work. Who may dare to offer unbeaten oil for the service of the sanctuary? Who does not long to offer the very best to the Giver of all good? God grant, that those who hear His call to work may also realize that it is a call to prepare to work, and may gladly answer, "Here am I, send me."

M. T. PESCUD.

Untabulated Results of Mission Work.

BY REV. C. F. REID, D. D.,

Seventeen years a Missionary in China, six years in Korea, and the opener of the Southern Methodist Mission in that country. (Delivered at the Waco Missions Conference May 6th.)

It is a great satisfaction to all lovers of Jesus Christ and ought to encourage every one of his followers to larger efforts to know that the day of small things in missionary enterprise has past away and that we are a part of a vast army now pushing in every direction and advancing lines of the kingdom of God. The satisticians tell us that at the present time the Christian world is giving for its workfor its work in foreign fields an annual sum of $20,000,000. They tell us that the great army of about 80,000 native workers who have themselves been converted from heathenism are now officered and led by more than 15,000 trained foreign workers. They tell us that nearly 4,000,000 converts have been won and that to this vast multitude there is being added at least 100,000 annually. Do we appreciate what these figures mean? What impression would be made could you see a vast audience of 2,000 men and women like that assembled under this tabernacle bowing at one time at God's altar for Christian baptism won from heathenism? And yet this is what and especially if it were a multitude recently actually takes place every Sunday of the year in heathen lands. True they are not gathered under one roof, but are scattered over the entire heathen field, but in reference to God they are as if in one place, and we have a Pentecost reproduced every Sunday of the year. These figures stimulating as they are and full of encouragement and enthusiasm for all Christian workers, are really but a small part of the work being done.

"The kingdom of God cometh not with observation," and while here and there actual converts are being openly made, beneath the surface and out of the sight and appreciation of men and mightiest forces of Christianity are operating. A great spiritual force when once sent forth from the hand of God, though like leaven it often goes unobserved, yet worketh and continueth to work until it has reached the mighty issues for which God sent it forth. For example, we are told that after thirty years of diligent effort in China there were only three actual converts to Christianity. Men said that the effort to convert China was utter folly and refused to give to that purpose, and everywhere throughout the Church there was great discouragement concerning evangelistic work in that country. But this discouragement arose from a misapprehension of what was being done, and of the conditions existing throughout the empire. Men supposed that these chief difficulties of evangelistic work were to be found in the ancient religions of the country which had gradually become woven into the everyday life and customs of the people—the tradition of a great people that had been handed down through four millenniums and the natural conservatism of a people who looked back to the past for its standards of highest excellence, but these were not the chief difficulties the missionary had to encounter. They arose chiefly out of the previous and continued contact of China with western nations.

The chief point of their contact began with an infamous, illicit trade in opium by which 150,000,000 Chinese had become debauched and the country drained of its wealth to secure for India a revenue; a trade fathered first by the East India company and continues as a government monopoly of Christian England; a trade that had more than once to be supported by turning loose the dogs of war upon a defenseless people who by their impotence were compelled to make humiliating treaties by which huge indemnities were exacted and large cessions of territory demanded. Into these concessions are Hong Kong, Shanghai and many other places along the eastern coast of China there poured the riff-raff and moral debris from the Christian countries of the world which found congenial fields for breeding and which made festering places of vice and shame in sections of China controlled by English, American and French municipalities, but were an open disgrace and a blot upon the name of Christianity. Other departments of commerce were opened in a spirit of relentless aggression and absolute indifference and contempt for everything the Chinese held sacred.

These were the gravest diffienlties the missionary had to contend with. His first work was to prove the difference between himself and the other fellow that wore the same clothes, had the same general appearance and spoke the same language. How were the Chinese to tell the difference btween the missionary and the merchant and the sailor and the beach-comber and the opium-smuggler and the sandal-wood trader? The general appearance was the same, and evidences gathered from his conversation were not available to the Chinamen who spoke nothing but his own language. To prove these differences was not an easy matter. It could not be done with words, for words are just as cheap in China as they are in America. It could be done and done only by incarnating Jesus Christ in the lives of the missionaries, who by loving ministry and gentle service must prove the doctrine that he preached.

This process was a long and difficult one, and while men were unable to see any results in immediate conversions noble men and lovely women beyond the observation and appreciation of their fellow-countrymen were laying their lives in a foundation deep and broad upon which they believed that God in His own time would erect a mighty temple and fill it with His glory, and so it was that at the end of the second thirty years there were 10,000 converts, and at the end of the next eight years there were 100,000 converts, and at the end of the next thirty years there will be a million. For when the work was once begun Christ became incarnated not only in the lives of isolated missionaries, but in the lives of natives of the soil who had been won to Him through their efforts.

When one enters a heathen land one of the first impressions made is the small value set on human life, and so in China when missionaries first arrived in the country female infanticide was so common as to produce no remark and scarcely any effort was made to conceal it. But as soon as China began to feel the touch of Jesus Christ, human life began to assume a larger value. Shame began to be felt by those who were in the habit of destroying it in infancy, the practice was more and more disguised or carried on secretly until after a hundred years of Christian work in vast sections of territory it is scarcely to be met with. The baby tower of China is fast disappearing, and where existing, is falling more and more into disuse.

Dr. Brown Ayers has been elected president of the University of Tennessee to succeed Dr. Charles W. Dabney. Dr. Ayers was professor of physics at Tulane University, New Orleans.

Dr. Andrew Sledd, of the faculty of the Southern University at Greensboro, has been elected to the Presidency of the University of Florida, and has accepted the position.

The University of Wisconsin conferred the honorary degree of LL. D. upon Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, Chicago, at its June commencement.

The Field

Domestic Missions in the Wilmington District.

One of the greatest problems confronting the Domestic Mission work here is, the "educational." In a number of replies to the inquiry sent out to the men on mission charges in this district as to the greatest difficulty in the way of the advancement of the work, the almost universal answer was ignorance.

The Wilmington District Conference at its last session—as has already been published—took up the matter of an industrial school for the district, and appointed a committee to investigate and report upon the advisability of such a measure at its next session.

This is a step in the right direction and ought by all means to be carried out. But as I see it now the quickest way, and in many cases, the only way, to get these ignorant people interested in education is to carry it to them.

This one, or even two, industrials schools in the large territory of the Wilmington District will fail to do. Why can we not in addition to the industrial school, induce some of our young men of talent, energy, faith and the spirit of self-sacrifice, to go into these rural sections and establish primary, and, if need be, preparatory schools. Our Baptist brethren have, and are doing this. Buie's Creek Academy is a notable example. From what I have heard of that section prior to the beginning of this school, and from what I have seen of other portions of Harnett County, that was about as forlorn a place for a school as most of the rural sections of the Wilmington District. Yet Mr. Campbell went there, and staid; and the outcome is that great school.

A little over two years ago two young men (Baptist), both graduates of Wake Forest College, went into one of the rural sections of Sampson County, far remote from any transportation facilities, and began a school. The prospect for success, to others beside themselves, was not at all flattering; but they had what Sam Jones calls stickability. They teach, preach, work and do whatever comes to hand, and already they are assured of success, with a bright future before them. These men had talent, energy, faith and perseverance; and added to these, they had the spirit of sacrifice, without which none can succeed, or rather without which none will go into these places.

Have we no such young men in the Methodist ranks? Is it possible that all of this kind belong to the Baptist or some other denomination? I cannot believe it. And yet we are behind in this matter, especially in this District.

There are within the bounds of the Wilmington District, the New River Mission, with a territory of about forty by sixty miles, a large portion of which is thickly settled, without school facilities of any kind, except the public school, and that amounts to very little. Then there is the Waccamaw Circuit, which has been a mission charge since 1877, another large scope of territory in about the same condition; and many other places I might mention where a young man of talent, energy, faith and perseverance might go and build up a good school and do a great work for the Master. There are other difficulties in connection with the Domestic Mission work, other problems to solve; but I believe this is the greatest, and when we have solved it, we will have made a forward move in this great work.

A. J. GROVES.

Some Facts of Interest to the Friends of Greensboro Female College.

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A recent visit to the College reveals the fact that the work on the building is progressing in a way to leave no doubt that the announcement of the Trustees that the school will re-open on October 5th, will be carried into effect. The impression is also made that no school for girls in the State will be better adapted and equipped for school purposes than will this elegant new building when completed.

The English Department of the College for the coming year will be in charge of Professor George S. Wills, whose wide experience as a teacher, coupled with his thorough preparation for his work, warrant the authorities of the College in feeling that they offer to the young women of the State unsurpassed advantages in the English department. State University, began his professional career ment. Professor Wills, who is a graduate of the as a teacher at Oak Ridge Institute, from which he returned to the University as one of the instructors in the English department. He afterwards spent two years at Harvard in the study of his specialty, and since that time he has taught for some years in Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md. Professor Wills will be an acquisition to the list of educators in our State, and Greensboro Female College is fortunate in having a man of his standing in his profession in the faculty of the institution.

The new Director of Music, Signor Carlo Mora, comes to the College, with the fall session, with the reputation of a musician of extraordinary ability as a pianist and as a highly successful teacher.

Professor Mora received his musical education in the Royal Conservatory of Music, in Milan, Italy. In addition to this, he has studied with some of the world's most noted musicians, among whom may be named Cavaliere, Matzucato, Luigi Arditi, and Sir Julian Benedict, of London.

Professor Mora is not only a pianist of rare artistic ability, but he is a master of the pipe organ, and a composer whose songs, instrumental pieces, and orchestral arrangements are admired throughout America.

The above facts should convince the friends and patrons of the College that the authorities of the institution are doing everything in their power to furnish their daughters the best of advantages in every department; and they should feel that in entrusting their daughters to Greensboro Female College they are placing them within the range of opportunities unexcelled anywhere in the State. Let the Methodists of the State rally to this grand old institution, and second by their patronage the honest and earnest efforts being made to place it in the fore front of the educational institutions for our girls in the State, and in the South.

Notes from Wilmington.

While we voted two to one for open saloons here in July, some of us are sober and hope to remain so. Our Methodist pastors were, of course, all on the right side. Watson hit the enemy form the pulpit and in the evening paper. Our morning papers made us pay advertising rates if we spoke. The Messenger was especially strong against us. The Evening Dispatch fought hard for us, and we shall ever be grateful.

Ex-Congressman John D. Bellamy fought us hard, and so did Marsden Bellamy, Herbert McClammy, and other attorneys. Ex-Mayor A. M. Waddell made three speeches against us.

So far as I know, every German, Irishman and Jew was solid against us.

Hon. Geo. Rountree stood manfully by us. So did the Sprunts, the big cotton exporters, but the large foreign vote and its influence made us absolutely helpless.

It is already talked that the whiskey people will try to elect Col. Waddell mayor next spring.

No city in the State has a better mayor than we, in the person of W. E. Springer. Our people want him a second term, regardless of how they voted—that is, a majority do, and hope he will make the race next spring.

We hear Ex-Congressman Bellamy mentioned for Governor four years hence. That is a good while off, however. We have a good town and lots of good people here. Some bad ones, of course, and some good people that see things not as we do. Our foreign friends have been taught one way, we another. Don't be too hard on our "City by the Sea."

We appreciate highly the help from Tyre, Broughton, Bailey, Beaman and others.

Yours very truly,

W. B. COOPER.

WithCheerful Heart.

In whatever way the fact may be accounted for, yet it is true that even some genuine Christians indulge in a gloomy view concerning their coming death. They often dread the very thought of their dying. They are in bondage to such a fear.

Several years ago an old Christian woman, who resided in the place where I now do, had a great horror of death, and yet all who knew her well regarded her as being a "most spiritual and strong-minded Christian." And when she came to the hour of her death she manifested a painful dread of her passage from the world. I think that this must be an extreme case. While it is natural to human beings to fear death, yet the true Christian, when he closely approaches the hour of his departure, has the best of reasons for having a cheerful heart, because he has the assurance that God is happily with him, even through the whole passage into the spirit world. Special promises are given to all believers in relation to the hour of their death. Dr. Maclaren, in a sermon says: "Dear friends, if we are living in Christ, the thought of the end, that here we are absent from home, ought to be infinitely sweet, of whatever superficial terrors this poor, shrinking flesh may still be conscious. I am sure that the nearer we get to our Savior, and the more we realize the joyous possession of salvation as already ours, and the more we are conscious of the expanding of that gift in our hearts, the more we shall be delivered from the fear of death which makes men all of their lifetime subject to bondage. So, I beseech you to aim at this, that, when you look forward, the furthest thing you see on the horizon of earth may be that great angel of death coming to save you unto the everlasting kingdom." That is the way to face the future world with a cheerful heart. And why should a Christian be afraid to finally depart for his eternal home in endless glory?

I often heard my Christian father say that he had always feared death, and yet, as the hour of his death drew near, all such fear left him and he was gladly eager to die and enter the heavenly world.

C. H. WETHERBE.

Centenary, New Bern.

According to promise, I send you a few lines giving you some insight into Centenary Church work under Rev. G. T. Adams.

The new life taken on by the church in its every department is gratifying. The congregations at both services, morning and night, have increased most wonderfully. Sunday-school more than doubled, mid-week prayer meetings large increase, and other meetings, such as the Epworth Leagues, are in a healthy condition.

The increased membership about 145. Communion service largest in many years.

First Sunday morning in every month is set apart for the reception of new members.

The pastor urges and practices individual work. He believes in having a continuous revival, and expects souls to be converted at regular services, and he preaches the plain, simple gospel, with ease and unction of the spirit, and finds the people hungry for it.

At the closing of Sunday morning service a few Sundays ago, having preached on "Regeneration," an invitation was given to those who felt an interest in their souls' salvation, and there was quite a good number crowded to the altar.

This is religion in earnest. Souls are being saved, the church revived. The church is asking great things of God and expecting great things from Him.

The new church building is progressing rapidly to completion, the roof is now ready for the slate which is now on its way from one of the New England States. When completed, New Bern will have a church building that she will not be ashamed of. This church was projected and started by Rev. R. F. Bunpas in the third year of his pastorate here.

Truly,

B. G. CREDLE.

New Bern, N. C., Aug. 19, 1904.

A Visit to Philadelphia.

Detained here some days to consult a specialist for an affection of my left eye, which has given me much trouble, I have put in my time in the way that could give me the most pleasure. I was fortunate enough to find room and board at a place that employed colored servants. The colored cook was very much like the one we had at our house some time. I always feel at home when waited on by the kindly negro from the South.

When I was not busy with the doctor, and when it was not raining, I was occupied in first visiting a few parties with whom I had some business, then seeing the interesting places about the great city. I will only have time to mention a few which I saw very hurriedly. I suppose it would be proper to mention first the city hall, which is said to be the largest building in the world devoted exclusively to municipal purposes. It is located at the intersection of Broad and Market streets, both of these streets crossing each other at right angles in the interior. They run under arches, leaving a large court inside the walls. These arches are eighteen feet wide and thirty-six feet high. The tower is ninety feet square at the base, falling off at the upper stages until at the spring of the dome it becomes an octagon fifty feet in diameter. A statue of the founder of Pennsylvania, the great William Penn, thirty-seven feet high, crowns the structure and completes the extraordinary altitude of 547 feet, eleven and one-fourth inches, making it, it is said, the highest tower in the world. The structure, which is as near fire proof as human skill can make it, contains 634 rooms. The tower contains a great clock run by the pneumatic system. Some idea of its magnitude may be obtained from the following: Diameter of dial over the frame, twenty-six feet; inside the frame, twenty-two feet; height, from ground to centre of dial, 361 feet; length of minute hand, ten feet eight inches; length of hour marks thirty-eight inches; total weight of the clock, complete, fifty tons. Enough has been said of this clock for one to infer that it announces the time of day to hundreds of thousands of the fifteen hundreds of thousands of inhabitants of Philadelphia. The city of Philadelphia embraces the whole county in which it is located, and is about thirty miles long and about twenty miles wide.

Among notable places of interest that might be mentioned is Cramp's Ship-yard, Girard College, Baldwin's Locomotive Works, American Academy of Fine Arts, Academy of Natural Sciences, Industrial Art Museum, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Independence Hall, Franklin's grave, Franklin Institute, Williams Penn's house, Philadelphia Bourse, Washington's monument, Fair Mount Park, which is the largest public park in America, containing fifty miles of drives and one hundred miles of walks. It contains also the Zoological gardens, said to be the largest and finest in America. Independence Square, where the Declaration of Independence was read to the public for the first time, July 8th, 1776.

I had visited Philadelphia a few times, but this was the first opportunity I had had to visit many of the places of interest, among them Fair Mount Park.

Directly after dinner on Sunday I started for John Wanamaker's Sunday-school. It was after the school had been opened that I reached there, and no more visitors were allowed to enter. I stood outside the rope, across the door, and saw the Hon. John Wanamaker go through with the closing exercises, and was very much interested, of course, in seeing a man who is pre-eminently the merchant prince of America, conducting a Sunday-school in a very large building, erected, as I understand, by himself, at his own expense, and conducted by himself, as superintendent, every Sunday evening when he is not compelled to be absent from some good cause. After the closing of the Sunday-school exercises, the great Bible class building was opened. To this, I was admitted to a seat, and had the pleasure of hearing an address to the great Bible class by its great founder. He is not as eloquent as Sam Jones, for instance, but his words are to the point, without any appearance of frivolity or levity. I think he occupied about thirty minutes in explaining the meaning of the Bible lesson of that day.

In the evening I inquired where I could find a Methodist church. I was told the location of one, the way to which led through a section of the city inhabited by Austrians, Hungarians, etc. They were very closely crowded all along the street outside the houses, and many of them were slightly dressed, but they looked happy, and did not need much dressing on this warm Sabbath evening. I found the church, and enjoyed a very nice discourse from a very good-looking young man. I do not remember his text, but the subject of his discourse was the importance of always being in a good humor. He handled it very nicely for a very short while. After he dismissed the congregation, I went up and introduced myself as one of his brethren from the far South, and gave him a vote of thanks for my part of the sermon that night, expressing the hope that the doctrine and practice of it would spread throughout the country. I informed him that I could have listened longer with pleasure. He stated that there was another Methodist church near by, where the services commenced later, and would not be concluded yet, and that I might enjoy the conclusion of the services at that place. It proved to be the Seaman's Bethel, a very large and a very handsome one, erected and endowed, as I learned, by a man—think his name was Fowler—who had made a large fortune by diving. As I entered the church, they were just arranging to commence the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. I joined them in this service and enjoyed it very much. After the passing of the bread and wine to each table, one or the other of the two ministers would have a few words to say to the people assembled, dismissing them. Immediately upon the closing of these remarks, a man who was a first-class singer, would commence to sing, and the whole congregation appeared to join him. This reminded me of the manner in which this was done at Old Rainbow church, on the Snow Hill Circuit, when I was a boy, and first commenced to go to church, and where my people had been members for many years, and where my father was a steward and a class leader, and where my uncle, Rev. W. H. Cunninggim, held also the two offices above-stated, and who was also a local preacher, and preached more in Greene County than anyone ever sent there by the Conference, or any man who ever lived, and who was also one of the best farmers in the county, and the father of a large family of children, one of whom was the late J. A. Cunninggim, so well known throughout most of the State as "Uncle Jesse." So I enjoyed this service more than any which I have attended for a long time, because of its reminder so vividly of "Auld Lang Syne." I was pretty well contented with my Sunday's work.

Among other places of note which I visited in Philadelphia, I would add the establishment of my old friends, J. B. Lippincott Co., with whom I used to deal pretty largely many years ago when I was in the book and stationery business. This house has been established one hundred and seventeen years. Of course there have been many changes in that time. I met only two of the men whom I knew in the business when I was a book dealer. One was J. B. Lippincott, Jr., and the other, Thos. B. Bacon, Esq. This is now one of the largest establishment of the kind in the country, and a very large capital is invested in it. To illustrate this, Mr. Bacon informed me that they invested three hundred thousand dollars in one of their publications before receiving a single dollar in return. They have a very large number of publications on their list, and many of them are of great value. They publish Lippincott's Monthly Magazine, a most excellent publication, richly illustrated in the highest style of the art. They richly deserve the large patronage they are receiving.

I visited the mammoth establishment of Hon. John Wanamaker. At a previous visit there, I met in the office a very pleasant gentleman, whose name was H. S. Jones. He seemed very much at home, and very quietly managing and directing a large number of employes in the establishment, which I visited serveral times during my stay in Philadelphia. At each visit there seemed to be many hundreds of people in various parts of the great department store trading. I am indebted to Mr. Jones for the following item in regard to Mr. Wanamaker's life, habits, etc.:

"John Wanamaker was born July 11, 1838, in the southern part of Philadelphia (at that time a rural district); attended public school and worked when out of school in his father's brickyard.

"At the age of fourteen he obtained employment in the wholesale book store of Troutman & Hayes. Sometime afterwards his family moved to Indiana, but returned to Philadelphia in 1856, when he secured employment as errand boy in the retail clothing store of Barclay Lippincott, at $1.50 per week. He subsequently procured a position at a higher salary with Joseph M. Bennett, proprietor of 'Tower Hall' clothing store, then the largest business of the kind in the city. 'John was certainly the most ambitious boy I ever saw,' said Mr. Bennett. 'I used to take him to lunch with me, and he would tell me how he was going to be a great merchant. He was always organizing something. He seemed to be a natural born organizer. This faculty is largely accountable for his great success in after life.'

"In 1858 he went to Minnesota for his health. On his return he became secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association. In April, 1861, he opened a small clothing store, in association with Mr. Nathan Brown, afterward his brother-in-law. The first year's sales amounted to less than $25,000.

"Ten years later this business had developed into what was admitted to be the largest retail clothing establishment in America.

"In October, 1874, Mr. Wanamaker adopted the 'one price,' 'return of money for unsatisfactory goods,' and 'full guarantee' system, which he conscientiously carried forward most successfully.

"Having decided to institute a great general store, Mr. Wanamaker, in 1875, purchased from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company its old freight depot, at Thirteenth and Market Streets; and in March of Centennial year, opened 'a new kind of store,' which now (with the exception of groceries and drugs) comprises almost every kind of merchandise that can be thought of. Since then additional properties on Chestnut street have been purchased, the store covering the entire block from Chestnut to Market streets, and from Thirteenth street to City Hall Square. A great improvement is now progressing, namely, the erection of a twelve-story steel building on the present site; the northwestern section (125 x 270 feet) of the old structure having been removed to make room for the new steel columns now being placed, and it is expected that the new store will be completed within four years."

Mr. Wanamaker's letter heads read: "John Wanamaker, City Hall Square, Philadelphia; New York, Broadway, 4th Avenue, 9th and 10th streets; Paris, 44 Rue des Petites Ecuries." I have for a long time been an admirer of John Wanamaker. I believe, taken all in all, he is one of the greatest and best men in the country.

My friend, Mr. Jones, gave me the name of the party in charge of the North American building, which is not far from the store of Mr. Wanamaker. I took the card over, but the gentleman was out, and Mr. A. L. Grass received me in his place. He gave me permission to visit the top of the building, which is a paved court at the top of the twenty-second story. Then he showed me each room filled with machinery of the most [illegible] "Philadelphia North American." This building was erected to accommodate this paper by the son of John Wanamaker. At that time this was the highest building in Philadelphia. Since then a building near by has been carried up three stories higher. It is claimed that the North American is the greatest American daily newspaper. At any rate, it can claim as its home the tallest house of any other. Mr. Grass was very courteous to me, and I wish to express my thanks for his courtesies. I predict for him a high place in Philadelphia journalism before he is very old, as now he is quite young.—

JESSE A. JONES.

Our Boys and Girls

A Few Pages from My Life.

AS TRANSLATED BY ELLIS WILSON.

I was so very small when I was a puppy that I was given a name big enough to make the name and myself together a good average. "John Alexander." I was christened, and "John Alexander" I have remained ever since.

My mother had a very flighty disposition, cared nothing at all for her family, and objected to our receiving any attention from people. She wanted all of that herself. Her dislike for her five rollicking puppies became so great that the family we lived with thought it would be best, for our own safety, to give us away, so we went, one by one, into other homes.

There was a regular blizzard on the day I departed, but I was tucked snugly into a flannel-lined basket, with a hot-water bag, and reached my "home-to-be" in fine condition. Immediately upon emerging from my basket before a cheerful grate fire, I realized that I was a lucky dog indeed, and only hoped that my brothers and sisters would fare as well as I. There were no children about, but at that time I had no knowledge of the world, so did not know what jolly playmates boys and girls are, and, therefore, did not miss them.

After greeting my new owners affectionately, I found an empty spool and was having a fine time with it on the hearth rug, when a strange creature bounded into the room and up to me.

"O! Pussy, Pussy!" cried my new mistress.

"Hester! Hester!" exclaimed my master, but before either of them could stop her, the cat (I learned the next day what she was), had turned me over with her paws and was gently licking my face with her tongue in the most soothing manner. I snuggled close up to her fur, and it did feel good against my bare skin. I am a Mexican dog, you see, and have no hair of my own. Hester purred out, "O, you cunning little thing!" and I knew right away she would take good care of me.

Although Hster was very much grown up, she was always willing to have a romp with me, and when I was tired of playing, there was no cosier place for a nap than against her warm, furry side.

I did not romp and play all the time, for I soon learned that I had duties to perform. My bed was in the basement on one side of the furnace and I had to be up every morning bright and early to meet my master at the head of the stairs when he came down to fix the fire. He must have been very glad to have my company, for it was so dark until he lighted the gas that he must have been afraid. Anyway, he always looked very cheerful the minute he set eyes on me and said, "Top o' the morning to you, John Alexander," at which I would jump about and most trip him down stairs.

It was my intention to train myself for a fine watch-dog in return for the good care I got, but things do not always turn out as you plan.

Hester was a little lazy and I generally went over to her box, which was under the basement stairs, to say good morning to her before I went to meet my master. One morning I went as usual and was surprised to hear a funny little whimpering sound, and then suddenly Hester sprang on me in a terrible rage and gave me the first whipping I had ever received. As soon as I could get away from her, I made off as fast as I could, greatly dismayed at the change in her nature. Then I noticed my master sitting at the bottom of the stairs laughing like everything. He picked me up and tried to comfort me and then took me over to Hester's box. To my amazement, there with big Hester were five copies of her.

"Me-o-w! Spitzzz!" said Hester, spitefully, and I understood that my company was not welcome. My master laughed harder than ever, and said:

"Your nose is broken now, John Alexander. Hester is giving you to understand she has no use for you, now that she has five kittens to lavish her affections upon."

I made up my mind then and there that I would never go near Hester and her family, but notwithstanding that, life became very hard to bear from that day forward. I was supposed to spend my time in the basement, chiefly, for it was yet too cold to play out of doors, and that is where the trouble came. Twice a day, without fail, Hester would find me out, even if I had hidden in the darkest corner, and whip me unmercifully, and there was nothing for me to do but to stand it, for I could not bark for help, because I never could learn how to bark, cannot even do it now, and my squeals were not loud enough to be heard upstairs. For a few days my master and mistress could not understand why I was getting so scratched and bitten, but they watched and soon found out that Hester was whipping me twice a day.

"John Alexander is a very mild fellow now, but Hester wants him to understand that he's got to stay that way. She's going to kill any spirit that might be in him ready to crop out at any moment."

Well, I came to look like a veteran on the Russian side of the present war, and my owners decided that the only thing to do to save my life was to send me away. They could not send Hester away, because cats always come back, you know. So I was packed up, bag and baggage, and brought here to my present home, and I certainly am happy here.

There are lots of children here and the biggest yard, where we romp and play all day long,—that is, when I am not busy keeping intruders out of the yard. There, now! Please excuse me, I must chase those chickens off the lawn.

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The Associate Secretary of the Board.

Prominent in the report of the Committee on Extension of Work made at the Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions were the following suggestions:

1. That another Secretary be appointed to assist in the General Office in Nashville, Tenn., to travel in the interest of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in our foreign fields, as circumstances may make advisable, and, with the Corresponding Secretary, visit as many annual meetings of the Conference Societies as possible, as well as district meetings and auxiliaries; strengthening the work as well as organizing and reviving.

2. That said Secretary have her headquarters in Nashville, have salary and expenses of travel allowed from the contingent fund.

3. That said Secretary assume the duties of the office September 1st, when Mrs. Hargrove's itinerary is over and her salary begin when Mrs. Hargrove's ends. The creation of this office was highly approved by all the members of the Board and cannot fail to make an era in the forward work.

For this important office Mrs. J. B. Cobb, of Macon, Ga., was chosen. Mrs. Cobb is a lady of culture and consecration to the mission work since its organization. That she is progressive, her work in her own Conference Society testifies. In her new office she will undoubtedly open to the Board greater possibilities of advancement in the home as well as in the foreign fields.

"We rejoice that this action was so prompt and unanimous, and that Mrs. Cobb has been led into conditions which harmonize so well with the necessities of this work."

A Good Book.

Among the books recently issued by the Methodist Publishing House is, The Life and Letters of Laura Askew Haygood. This book is one which should be in the hands of every auxiliary and a small contribution from each member would secure a copy. "What missionary have we had since our organization more beloved, more valuable than Miss Haygood? She truly laid down her life for Christ. With twenty-five engravings, with fine literary work, done by Dr. O. E. Brown and wife, who were well prepared to devote time and thought to one so much beloved, the book needs no indorsement to insure ready sale. After meeting the expense of publication. Dr. Brown and wife, who gave the literary work to our Board devote the rest of the fund from the sale to the Laura Haygood Memorial." Orders for the book to Smith and Lamar, Agents, Methodist Publish House, Nashville, Tenn., will receive prompt attention. Price, $1.50 cash.

Among the Indians.

In reading the reports from the foreign fields, made at the Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting we note the appeal for more work among the Indians of this country. After giving some of the needs and difficulties of the school at Anadarko in Oklahoma Territory, Rev. J. J. Methion adds: "I do not believe the church sees and appreciates its opportunity and obligation to the Indians. Of all people, we are most responsible for these. If the gospel through our ministry as a church and our work as a society cannot save the Indians at our doors and in our midst, it seems like a grim joke and a waste of means to offer it through the same channel to the Chinamen and Japanese across the water so far away. To meet here our obligations this work needs strengthening."

This suggests to us some figures we saw recently in regard to progress among the Indians:

The latest statistics give the Indian population of the United States exclusive of Alaska, as 260,250. Of these the number of Indians who are church members (communicants) is, according to partial reports, estimated at 31,000, about 12 per cent! Exclusive of the five civilized tribes 98,199 Indians wear citizens dress, and 32,846 in part, 46,044 can read, while the number who can use English for ordinary purposes is 57,975. There are enrolled at the various schools 28,610 Indian children. These figures are interesting as showing some progress, at least.

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Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries.

Let me remind you that we are now at the end of the second quarter. I trust full and encouraging reports will be in the hands of our Conference Corresponding Secretary before the 10th of September. She asked me to call attention to the importance of prompt and accurate ones, and I believe everyone of you will be glad both to help the work and cheer our faithful sister.

Auxiliary Treasurers.

Please redouble your efforts and strive to bring up the collections in full for this quarter. It must be confessed with mortification that sometimes there is difficulty in collecting dues in the summer months. While we rest and recreate, shall we forget our great cause? I hope those in arrears at home will pay in full at once, and those away will forward entire amounts to their respective Treasurers, and so enable them to send large and correct reports to our Conference Treasurer, thus rejoicing her heart and the hearts of all who love the work.

Auxiliary Third Vice President.

I am sure you desire your next reports to be the best we have yet had, and so stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance now. You know the great good that has been accomplished by the children's many mites, and I earnestly trust no little innocent will be overlooked in your efforts for the Baby Roll and the Florine McEachern Mite Box Brigade. "And a little child shall lead them."

Auxiliary Press Superintendents.

Have you and I done our best, dear sisters? I believe we have tried, and am glad there is still a little more time for us in this second quarter, and I beg everyone who has not already sent me a full report to please do so at once. It is important for me to know every Auxiliary that uses the Bulletin in the regular monthly meetings. I am keenly disappointed whenever I am compelled to leave out a name in my list for Mrs. Cook, our fine Board Superintendent of this Department. I also desire to be told of every article that has been published in any paper for the advancement of Home Missions. Let me gratefully thank those who have kindly helped me; they have been a tower of strength and a sweet dependence.

I cannot believe we would underrate the high dignity of our position, or fail to realize its great usefulness. Let us continually recall this favorite quotation. "Without information there can be no interest, without interest there can be no prayer, without prayer there can be no victory."

Future Ambassadors for Christ.

Mr. Shiramuza, a Japanese Christian of our Alameda School, expects to enter the Sue Bennett School very soon, his expenses to be paid by a generous Home Mission woman.

Mr. Murnaka, of our San Francisco School, has arranged to enter Central College at Fayette, Missouri. Both of these gentlemen were converted through the influence of our schools, and both expect to go back to Japan as missionaries. How dear it is that Home Mission workers may have a part in evangelizing the whole world! And is it not, also a happy and blessed thought?

A Correction.

In the minutes of the annual meeting there is a misplaced credit on Durham District. This amount of dues, credited Main Street, belongs to Carr Church, and should read

Carr Church—
Dues $11.55
Baby Roll 3.00
Brevard 11.57
Main Street—
Brevard $63.85

Main Street Auxilary was organized during first quarter of present fiscal year, and no dues had been reported.

MRS. S. I. HARRELL.

Mt. Tabor Auxiliary.

We welcome with glad congratulations this new Auxiliary, having valued letters from Miss Emma Rhew, of the interest in missions at Mt. Tabor. It is a great pleasure to tell that the faithful pastor was largely instrumental in its organization. May the Auxiliary prove a great blessing to his church and to the community.

Let me introduce the officers:
President, Mrs. J. W. Umstead.
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Editorial

THE SOFT ANSWER.

A contributor to a popular magazine of recent issue remarked that the day of bitter controversies was past. Indeed, to one who is at all acquainted with the record of the battles of the saints, the quiet of the present time is like the calm that follows the shrieking tempest. And yet, once in a while someone says something that provokes a reply from someone else, and the result is not always the most pleasing. Defenders of what is held to be religious truth are perhaps always little self-righteous; which is to be explained, and, perhaps, to a degree excused, on the ground that one is inspired with a sort of righteous indignation against any who would dare to assail his position in religious matters. Let that be as it may, I think that every one will agree that, in the defence of any position, and particularly in a matter of religion, there is no place for the harsh word that carries with it the power to wound the weak conscience.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger." Now what makes a word grievous? The ill-concealed assumption of superiority, first of all. Whether the tones are gentle or not, the one who shows that he holds his questioner in low contempt utters the grievous word. The use of sarcasm also deprives human speech of the quality of softness. Sarcasm is a weapon that any man may handle; but the one that can employ it to a purpose is not often seen. Most men should let it alone, therefore. Then there is the attempt, too frequently made, to cast down and humiliate an antagonist by bringing against him "railing accusations." Of all the methods employed in controversy, this is the least dignified, the most destable.

Let the man who is called upon to reply to a question sincerely put ask himself what is to be his purpose in giving an answer. Is he going to try to correct an error in the questioner's mind and win him to his own point of view? or is he going to try to drive the questioner farther from him? If the first alternative be selected, there will be no grievous word in the reply; if the second, why, of course, the respondent will make his fancied superiority quite as formidable as possible, he will sharpen his blade of sarcasm on both edges, and he will vigorously assault the inquirer with various heated affirmations, the majority of which are most often false judgments which we are commanded most explicitly to abhor.

Now at first blush, perhaps every respondent would deny that he ever intended to drive his questioner from him. But let him frankly reread his reply and determine for himself whether it is full of that charity that "heareth all things," "endureth all things," "hopeth all things?"

THE STATESBORO AFFAIR.

The Statesboro lynching has given rise, as was natural to expect, to all kinds of criticism, good, bad and indifferent. It is not strange either that, in certain quarters, there has been exhibited a spirit of unfairness in the judgments pronounced. And it seems that this unfairness has been taken a good deal to heart by many Southern people. Certainly it is offensive to have a whole section blamed for what a few fellows of the baser sort accomplish in the way of devilry. But who is it that thus blames an entire community, the best citizens equally with the worst, when a tragedy like that at Statesboro is enacted? It is safe to venture the reply that the magazines and papers at the North that represent the best public opinion are not the ones that sweep the whole South with scathing criticism upon the slightest provocation. It is preposterous to believe that the "best citizens" in any particular section would include the "best citizens" of any other section in a wholesale denunciation of a crime. Here is a case in point to support this statement:

An editorial in the last number of the Outlook, August 27th, on the Statesboro affair, begins with these words: "Statesboro, Georgia, furnished last week examples of the best and the worst in public sentiment." Then follows a history of the events that led up to the lynching, in the beginning of which the highest praise is bestowed upon the element represented by Rev. H. A. Hodges and Judge Daly. In speaking of the mob that finally triumphed in the unspeakable cruelty, the Outlook declares: "We do not believe that the people who composed that mob were made up of the 'best people' of the community." And here is the closing paragraph:

"Horrible as the outcome was, the evil that the mob did can in no respect deprive those who did their duty in court and on guard from one particle of merit. And if other communities will learn from this incident that those who obey the law are honored in this land, the Rev. Mr. Hodges and Judge Daly will not have faced the mob in vain. The real victory may yet be won for law and order."

But what is to be said in answer to the abuse that is heaped upon the South without discrimination? Nothing at all. Consider the source, and let it go. A plain statement of the facts in the case will help those who care to form a correct judgment in the matter. An appeal, or a command, to others to cease from their unjust incriminations will serve no other purpose than to invite additional unpleasant remarks. It is on the same principle that a cruel uncouth boy delights all the more to torture a victim when the victim protests against the harsh treatment. I believe that we can make ill-informed and uncouth editors ashamed of their foolish utterances better by ignoring their opinions than by showing resentment toward them.

THE LAST JUDGMENT.

Preachers have long since ceased to alarm people by presenting to them terrible descriptions of the last judgment. This fact, instead of saddening us, ought to give us a brighter view of the future. When people refuse to be frightened by fanciful descriptions of possible future disaster, it is a good time to appeal to their interest in the things that fill up this big NOW in which we live.

"The world and life are too big a thing to be taken as a dream." Thus chanted Browning. We are just beginning to seize, with feeble grasp, the significence of the poet's song. We have too long looked upon life as a sort of troubled dream, out of which we expected to be aroused to the first great reality, which we call Judgment Day; but the movement of human life, the march of actual hard events, the uncertainty in regard to a future life at all, have awakened us to an appreciation of the present as in itself a reality.

It is remarkable that the only two representations of the final judgment given by Jesus Christ gather their significence entirely from the simplest affairs of the average life. In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, no cause is assigned for the painful plight of Dives, save that he failed to establish a vital, personal relationship with the beggar Lazarus. In the description of the second coming of Christ given by Matthew, the ground upon which many are rejected is declared to be that they did not give food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, clothes to the naked; they did not visit the sick and those that were in prison. Closely corresponding to the language of this calm but convincing condemnation is the plain and simple statement by St. James, that "pure and undefiled religion" consists, first of all, in visiting "the fatherless and the widows in their affliction."

If you, who read these lines, were called to stand before the Master to-day, what, think you, would be the questions put to you? How jealously you defended the faith? How faithfully you guarded personal purity and family honor? How eloquently you spoke of Jesus and his love? Nay, none of these things would be required of you. The test applied to Dives, and to the multitudes in the picture of the last day would be, without fail, applied to you.

Dives, when he was on earth, received his good things and Lazarus his evil things. It was because Dives never thought it was worth while to share his good things with Lazarus, that he was sent to hell. You, reader, have your good things to-day. Do you seek to share them with those who have no good things, or do you, with the pagan selfishness of Cain, excuse yourself by asking, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

There is a little house within reach of many who read this page, where an unfortunate family lives in poverty of rags, mean food, and filthy surroundings. There is a sick one there, lying upon a bed whose covering is yellow with soil and stain, in a room whose floor is foul with the accumulated dust and refuse of many days, with only an unskilled and decrepit companion for an attendant and a weak child for a support. Attracted by the unwholesome surroundings, a plague or flies torments the sufferer all day long, taking away the possibility of repose. Is it strange that in the night watches, a pest even more terrible, keeps sleep and rest at bay? Where are your good things? Why are you not offering them to these children of God? Clean linen you might bring for the bed, and a clean garment for the sufferer; you might superintend the cleansing of the room. You might brighten the dull, never-changing prospect with a handful of fresh flowers, whose fragrance would be such a relief from the foul ordor of the sick room. You might spend an hour some afternoon keeping the flies away from the sensitive flesh of the stricken one. You might prepare a delicacy that would be the beginning of new life for the frame emaciated by long deprivation of proper food. You say, "If such a case were within my reach, I would make the cause of the sufferer my own." I bid you, in God's name, to go out across the street, around the corner, into the next ward, almost anywhere, and you will find victims of man's sinfulness and your neglect. The case I have described is typical of scores like unto it.

Our Boards of Charities, our visiting committees, our Rescue Circles, are damning us because they are dulling our sense of personal responsibility for the suffering and misery of our brothers. Priests, as well as people, are most profoundly indifferent to such conditions as are indicated above. The preacher who thinks that his greatest service to his people consists of his work in the pulpit needs to hide these words of Christ's in his heart: "Happy are ye if ye know these things and do them." Let us not forget that upon our conduct toward the weak and the infirm, will be based the final word that the Master will speak to us on that last day. Shall it be, "Welcome, ye blessed of my Father," or "Depart, ye workers of iniquity?"

THE SIMPLE LIFE.

The powers that be in the social world have decreed that the simple life is good-form. The splendor and luxury of the wealthy class has increased by leaps and bounds, surpassing the wildest dreams of Lucullus, until the pendulum seemingly can swing no farther without disruption. The return to sanity will bring a sigh of relief to those who noted the frantic efforts of the inner circle to make it impossible for the "lower classes" to imitate them. Many worthy persons allow these things to trouble them, forgetting that the wild extravaganees and asinine performances belong only to a very small class who absolutely have no part in shaping the destiny of this country except involuntarily. Aping the rich has been the downfall and disgrace of thousands, and many happy homes have become infernos. Envious of wealth and angered beyond endurance by the flaunting of riches often obtained by their oppression, many laboring men have fomented strife between labor and capital. Let the simple life propaganda have full sway and encouragement, and many social and civic ills will lose much of their evil.

Methodist Mention

State.

Dr. R. H. Whitaker conducted a series of meetings at Pleasant Grove on his circuit last week.

Rev. R. C. Craven, of Tarboro, and Rev. J. H. Buffaloe, of Elm City, held a meeting at McKendree's church last week.

Rev. E. M. Hoyle, of the Durham City Mission, has just closed a successful meeting at Warren's Chapel. Several souls were added to the church.

Mr. James Southgate, who left home sometime ago on account of the bad state of his health, writes from the Catskill mountains that he is greatly improved.

Rev. Dr. Moore, of the Raleigh District, called at the office Saturday morning. The Doctor is looking well, and appears not to be tiring a bit as the Conference year draws to a close.

Old Tucker's Grove church, which used to be on the Brooklyn and Macedonia mission, and is now connected with Epworth church, is being overhauled from the roof to the foundations.

Miss Addria Chreitzberg, a daughter of Rev. H. F. Chreitzberg, of the Western North Carolina Conference, was married to Mr. Lawrence Le Gare Hardin in Winston-Salem last Thursday afternoon.

An interesting camp-meeting is reported to be in progress at Hicky Grove Methodist Church, W. N. C. Conference. The pastor, Rev. W. L. Nicholson, is being assisted by Rev. Walter Halcomb.

Rev. M. L. Hooper, a local preacher from Charlotte, was a visitor to the Advocate headquarters last Saturday. On Sunday evening he preached a good Gospel sermon to a splendid congregation at Epworth church.

Mr. Washintgon Duke, who was quite ill a week or so ago, and upon his recovery went to Chase City for his health, has returned home. He was benefited by his stay in Chase City and is now getting along very well.

On Wednesday evening, August 24th, in the Methodist church at Smithfield, Miss Mabel Coletrane, daughter of Rev. N. E. Coletrane, was married to Mr. R. A. Merritt, superintendent of the Turlington Graded School.

It is announced that returns in Person County indicate that Hon. J. A. Long will be the Senator from that district in the next Legislature. The Advocate extends warmest congratulations to the county and to the Senator-elect.

Immediately upon the dedication of the new Methodist church at Bessemer City, a series of meetings was begun. Last Sunday morning Dr. Kilgo preached the dedicatory sermon and at the evening service Rev. Plato T. Durham occupied the pulpit. The new building cost $10,000.

Rev. R. F. Taylor sends in two new subscriptions and adds some interesting information about his work. He says: "I closed a very successful meeting last night at Central Cross Church, on this circuit, with eighteen accessions and twenty-three professions. I was assisted by Rev. J. T. Stanford, of Rich Square. I have succeeded in doubling our membership there this year. To God be all the praise."

Rev. L. S. Etheridge writes from Pamlico Circuit: "We protracted our services from the 3rd Quarterly Conference. Dr. Swindell remained with us and preached instructive and edifying sermons. The meeting was a blessing to the church. No accessions. The people about this church (Broad Creek) are members of some church. We are engaged in a meeting at Stonewall. Brother Becton is with us. He is a man much liked by this people. We are praying for success."

A good report from Millbrook Circuit was brought in Monday morning by the pastor, Rev. G. R. Rood. The revival fires that have been burning at other places on the charge have broken out anew at Millbrook, and the pot is beginning to boil vigorously. Rev. N. L. Seabolt has rendered some assistance in the meeting. There have already been six accessions to the church, and the interest is steadily growing.

Rev. B. C. Allred sends the following report from the good old Warren Circuit: "We have had good meetings at Cokesbury, Shady Grove and Bethlehem. Between thirty and forty were converted and thirty-three were added to the church. Some others will join. Rev. W. W. Rose did the preaching at Cokesbury, Rev. C. W. Robinson at Shady Grove and Rev. J. M. Daniel, a local preacher of this circuit, at Bethlehem. All did faithful work and the Lord blessed their efforts. Four other meetings to hold. Pray for us.'

Connectional.

Bishop Wilson, acting on the advice of his physicians, has gone North for his health.

Rev. W. R. Peebles, Presiding Elder of the Fayetteville District, Tennessee Conference, died August 5th.

Rev. J. M. Shafner, pastor at Brewton, Ala., is endeavoring to establish an industrial school for girls near Brewton.

Dr. S. C. Rankin, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, went as a delegate to the Texas State Convention recently.

Bishop Candler was at Wesley Grove through nearly the entire encampment, and preached repeatedly with power and effect.

Mr. Sang Owaga, a Japanese ministerial student of Randolph-Macon College, lies ill in Dixie Hospital, Hampton, with typhoid fever.

Rev. Jno. W. Cline and wife, who went out from the Little Rock, Ark., Conference to China seven years ago, are enjoying a rest in their native land.

The Magazine number of the Epworth Era for August, is before us. The cover design is the same that is used every month. The front space on the inside of the cover contains an announcement of the Reading Course for 1904-5, with a most liberal offer to new subscribers in clubs of ten of one full set of the Reading Course in paper covers, all for $7.50. The editor also gives a bold challenge to Leaguers and pastors to do "half what they ought to do" for the Era, and he will give to the church a "great weekly of thirty-two to forty-eight embellished pages."

If the present number may be taken for an earnest of what we might expect, surely there is every reason why the Leaguers and pastors ought to hasten to accept Dr. DuBose's challenge. The first article is one of the "Unpublished Stories of the Kentucky Pioneers," by A. M. Barnes. It describes in vivid language an attack made by Indians on a party of pioneers on the Monongahela River. The Editor contributes an instructive and very readable article on "Two New States in the Old World," having reference to Tibet in Asia and the Congo Free State in Africa. Two other contributions of general interest are "Echoes from the Land of Syria," by Rev. P. L. Stanton, and "In the Woods of Tennessee," anonymous. The remaining pages of the Era are filled up with matter that is peculiarly adapted to the needs of the Leaguers.

If coming events cast their shadows before them, then the Southern Methodist Church is soon to have the very best League organ in the country.

Dr. Dean Richmond Babbitt, of Brooklyn, uses the occasion of the lynching at Statesboro, Ga., to say some alarming things about the growth of the mob spirit in America. "In the shameful cowardice of the Georgia militia, where American soldiers were disarmed by a mob," he sees a prophecy that "the next step will be to invite the judge from the bench," and install Judge Lynch permanently.

General Notes

Dr. Frances E. Clark has made four round-the-world trips in behalf of the Christian Endeavor movement.

Bishop Vincent will deliver four addresses to the students of the De Pawo University at the opening of the school year.

Rev. R. J. Bateman, pastor of Fayetteville Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, has resigned his pastorate there to take charge of the church in Mount Olive.

The nineteenth annual convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod convened in the Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church in Burlington Friday afternoon, August 26th. A large number of delegates was present.

Raleigh had as visiting preachers on Sunday two eminent Baptist divines. These were Rev. John E. White, well known throughout North Carolina, a native of this county, now pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Atlanta, who preached at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, and Rev. M. V. McDuffy, of Baltimore, who preached at the First Baptist Church. Both preachers were heard by large congregations, and their sermons were strong and forcible ones.—News and Observer.

A GRACEFUL TRIBUTE TO DEAN MORDECAI

(From the Pen of R. L. Gray in News and Observer.)

The dean of the new Trinity College Law School has been found in S. F. Mordecai, Esq., of Raleigh, a lawyer of long practice whose equal in scholarship, in legal technique and in familiarity with the basic principles of the Common Law and Equity can scarcely be found either within or without the State of North Carolina.

That the selection was a most happy one in every respect every lawyer in the State and every person, regardlesss of profession, who has come into social or business contact with Mr. Mordecai, will be ready to concede. In addition to preeminent ability as a lawyer, the new dean possesses in addition the judicial temperament to a marked degree. His carefully prepared cases have always gone down to the tap root of the quetsion at issue, and in discussion and argument he is as thoughtful and thorough as a sage and as clear in exposition as an epigramatist. For years he has been sought by his fellow members of the profession and by the judiciary as a thorough and careful adviser, and his standing as an upright and learned jurist has always been at the top of the list.

When, in addition, it may be truly said that personally Mr. Mordecai is a quaintly humorous philosopher, a warm and true friend and a man devoid of chicane or hypocrisy, who is possessed of a broad-hearted Catholic sympathy, it will be seen that Trinity is indeed to be congratulated on the selection made.

For four years Mr. Mordecai has been a professor in the School of Law at Wake Forest, devoting several days of the week only to the work. In this way he has come into an intimate knowledge of the practical problems of legal instruction which makes him even more valuable than he would otherwise be. He is one who appeals strongly to the ideas and ambitions of young men and who rapidly gains their affections. For the position he has been called on to fill he is uniquely fitted.

The above may seem to savor of fulsome praise to some who do not know "Sam" Mordecai; to those who do know him, it will seem to be but an inadequate appreciation.

It is understood that Trinity's new department is built on broad lines, is to be handsomely equipped and its plans contemplate one of the foremost law schools of the South. In that event, Mr. Mordecai is the man for its head.

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Day is Breaking.

In a recent issue of the Advocate we complained that though the League columns were being read the Leaguers were not acting upon the suggestions offered. In the same issue of the paper appeared an article from the pen of Dr. Ivey, for which I wish sincerely to thank him, and immediately followed communications from two Chapters. We look upon these as the roseate fingers of dawn that precede the breaking of the day.

It has been, and still is, our desire to make these columns a clearance house of League interest in the North Carolina Conference; a bond of union between the chapters.

When this end is attained then new Chapters will follow in rapid succession, general interest in League work will increase, and Chapter work will be intensified.

We have labored with the notion that he is the greatest success who does not the work of ten, but arouses ten to action.

Brother Secretary, you will find that the members of your Chapter will be interested in what you say of your own work, and then they will become interested in what others are doing. A friendly competition will be aroused at first which will sooner or later be followed by a lively interest in the work itself.

If you are at all sceptical as to the truth of the foregoing statements put them to the test. Send all items of League interest to the editor of these columns at Goldsboro, N. C.

What Others are Doing.

From time to time in our "notes" we have called attention to some special work the Chapters of other Conferences are doing.

The League idea is growing. Not only are the Leagues of other Conferences alive to their Chapter work, but as Conferences they are uniting on some special work. And this does not satisfy their ambition (?) they are over leaping Conference bounds in assembly work. Three or more Conferences center upon a suitable location and erect an assembly building in which they purpose annually to hold meetings upon the basis of the missionary meeting to be held in Asheville next year.

The time has perhaps not come for North Carolina Leagues to undertake an alliance with other Conferences in assembly work, but they should most gladly take the first step in that direction by a hearty co-operation in the support of a League missionary. A few stalks of cotton in the corner of the garden would produce the required amount. A few hours of work at odd times would secure it, or the Chapter might vote to contribute twenty-seven cents from their treasury for this purpose.

We have already cited the fact that several League Conferences had made taken some special work. Now the North Texas Conference at Gainsville the last week in July pledged $1,000 for the erection of a League Chapel for the Settlement Home at Dallas.

There are few Conferences in our Southern connection that are doing nothing as a Conference toward the furtherance of the cause of Christ. That is as it should be. It is an evidence of growth. Are we not strong enough not only to stand alone but also to help others?

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Notes.

Five new Chapters have been organized since January, but the Era reports only three charters as having been issued to North Carolina Conference. Are the two other Chapters still without charters?

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As you organize Chapters, brethren, kindly send me the names of your officers, and write the central office at Nashville, Tenn., for charter and literature. Also send a list of subscribers for the Era.

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Lesson for September 4, 1904.

Elijah at Horeb.

(1 Kings 19:9-18. Memory verses 15-18.)

Golden Text: Fear thou not, for I am with thee. (Isa. 41:10.)

Time.—Forty days later than the events of the last lesson. Say 909 B. C. biblical, or 858 B. C. Assyrian.

Place.—A cave in Mount Horeb, the mountain where Moses gave the law, situated in the granitic region of the Sinaitic peninsula. The region is characterized by tremendous masses of rock, with wonderful color effects.

Persons.—Jehovah and Elijah, with mention of Hazael, Jehu, Elisha. See the notes which follow.

Alone in the wilderness, with his load of responsibility lightened, Elijah has been measurably restored to himself by rest and food and divine ministrations. But he is still in need of solitude and rest and communion with God. He visits a locality celebrated for its sacred associations, and especially for the wonderful manifestations of himself which Deity has there made.

What doest thou here, Elijah? (V. 9.) What could have been more startling than this sudden inquiry? It brings a fellow up standing to be asked that question, even when he is doing his best. But how many hours there are in most lives when an honest answer would bring a blush of shame to the cheek, or a throb of terror to the heart. What are you doing here? Grumbling, loafing, cheating, abusing your privileges, losing your opportunities, bringing your parents' gray hairs in sorrow down to the grave? What are you doing here? This is no place to be idle. You were sent into the world to accomplish something. Wherever you are in the world, there ought to be something doing. What are you doing? It makes a great deal of difference. Some people are tearing down, others are building up. Some people are planting thorns, others are planting flowers. Have you ever asked yourselves that question seriously, and honestly tried to find out what was the actual nature and result of your life activity? Who dares go and ask a jury of twelve honest men and women, "What, in your honest judgment, is the exact influence of my life on the course of human history?"

And he said, I have been very jealous for Jehovah. (V. 10.) It would be an unfeeling heart that was not touched by that answer. I have been very jealous for God. Jealously for ourselves is a sin, for another a glory. It was this very morning that a young girl told me that when her uncle praised her for singing, a young cousin of her own age went into the hall and cried. We may pity the poor, unhappy girl, but we cannot help condemning her. She was jealous for herself. But when Jim Brousson's eyes flashed, and he made Tom Blackmore "eat his words" for speaking disrespectfully of his sister, he was jealous for another. To be jealous for our friends, our church, our city, our country, our God, is noble. Elijah's heart rose hot within him at the slightest word of disparagement for Jehovah, the God of hosts, and I wish I had a hundred boys in my Sunday-school who felt that way.

And I, even I only, am left. What reformer has not had that feeling? It may be the result of vanity, and then it is contemptible. It may be the result of limited information, and then it is blamable. It may be the result of discouragement, and then it is inexcusable. No good man was ever "the only pebble on the beach." Nothing is more absolutely certain than that a man cannot be so good but he may find seven thousand men better than himself,—within cannon reach, if not within gunshot. To cherish the thought that you are the only person devoted to the highest interests of the community is to make yourself an egotist and a fool. A blackbird feeding amidst the tall grasses of a marsh imagines itself alone until somebody fires a gun, and then up goes a flock.

Jehovah passed by. (V. 11.) There are two great lessons here,—that God manifests Himself much in all things, but most in least things. Your spiritual education is not complete until the divine presence is discovered in tempests, earthquakes, conflagrations, and still small voices, but in the latter more than all. Train yourself to discover the Supreme Being in the wind sighing among the strings of an Aeolian harp, as easily as the raging of the storm through the naked timber of a forest. Learn that the inaudible whispers of conscience are still more certainly his voice than the rolling thunder.

Go, return on thy way. (V. 15.) What? Had he abandoned the path of his personal duty, his own individual way? Then there was nothing else left him but to return. Return, go back. How I have always hated to turn back over a road just traveled. It is a heaven-implanted antipathy. "Forward" is the watchword of life. It is as much the impulse of a man as of a river to rush onward. But rivers cannot take wrong routes. And if they could, God has not made them capable of repentance and return. The highest glory of humanity is the ability to go back and begin over.

And when thou comest, thou shalt anoint Hazael. (V. 15.) At the end of every journey there lies a duty. It may be to anoint kings or dethrone kings or be kings; it may be to make button-holes or wash clothes or add figures or tend doors or sweep crossings; it is always to do something. Your ways may lead through wildernesses or deserts, over plains or mountains,—the destination is the same, to a duty.

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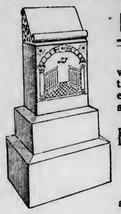

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Here and There.

Having failed to get an appointment abroad for the second Sunday, I went to hear our own beloved pastor, Rev. N. L. Seabolt. Promised to preach for him at night; but was rained out. Proposed to go to see my old friends at Zion and Jerusalem on the Ridgeway Circuit on the third Sunday. But Sunday a 'phone message from Bynum bringing the sad intelligence of the illness of my wife's mother, Mrs. Martha Atwater, turned me to that little town upon the Haw. Thanks to a kind Providence, she had rallied. Brother Bailey kindly gave me permission to preach to his people. Rob is always kind. That best of Sunday-school superintendents, Carney Bynum, gave me permission to talk to his Sunday-school at 5 p. m.

That circuit, the old Haw River, will be the third to join in supporting an orphan. Bynum and Hann's Chapel and Merrell's Chapel are already taking their collections. What circuit will be next?

Planning.

We take all the suggestions that we can get when we approve of them. It has been suggested that there were ten persons in our Conference that would give us one thousand dollars each on our main building. We approve of that, and will open our books for the subscribers. We will keep a roll. Who will head the list?

It has been suggested that one hundred persons will give us one hundred dollars each for the same purpose. We approve of that also. The books are already open for that. Who will head that list? Can't each of these numbers be reached by Christmas? I believe that the pastors of our churches could get that amount if they would try.

It has been suggested that we form an "Orphanage Association" for current expenses. I heartily approve of that. The Presbyterians have one. Let one thousand persons give their names, pledging themselves to give ten dollars annually for life, or as long as they are able, as a kind of endowment fund for current expenses. That will support more than one hundred needy orphans. Send in the money.

It has been suggested that provisions ought to be made for the orphan children from six years under. I approve of that also. Why not take Bailey's suggestion of a building to be known as the "Angel Baby Building"—memorial—and provide for these little ones in that. So many fathers and mothers have little ones in heaven that would be glad to memorialize them in that way. Have a picture room in it where they may hang up the babe's picture. It is already started. Who will come in next?

One more suggestion of which we approve, and we are done for the present. There are many afflicted orphans. What of them? Why, a hospital of course. Not an infirmary; but a place where they may be provided for permanently and have a chance for life. Who are taking care of these most helpless ones now? Let some big-hearted soul start it.

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Who will make the next suggestion?

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Murfreesboro, Sept. 11, 12
Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept. 24, 25
Williams on and Hamilton, Williamston, Oct. 1, 2
Rich Square, Pliner's, Oct. 8, 9
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, Oct. 15, 16

FOURTH ROUND.

Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, Aug. 21, 22
Harrellsville, Harrellsville, Aug. 27, 28
Scotland Neck, sept. 4, 5
Conway, Providence, Sept, 10, 11.
Murfreesboro, Sept. 11, 12
Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept. 24, 25
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, October 1, 2
Rich square, Pliners, Oct. 8, 9
Battleboro and Whitakers, Whitakers, Oct. 15, 16
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, 22, 23
Warren. Shady Grove, Oct. 29, 30
Warrenton, Warrenton, Oct. 30, 31
Littleton, Littleton, Nov. 3, 4
Weldon, Nov. 6, 7
Garysburg, Seaboard, Nov. 5
Roanoke Circuit, Smiths, Nov. 12, 13
Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, Nov. 13, 14
Kidgeway, Union, Nov. 19, 20
Henderson, Nov. 27, 28

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Dover Circuit, Webb's, Sept. 10, 11
Mt. Olive, Bethel, Sept. 3, 4
St. John, Sept. 7

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Onslow, Swansboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Burgaw, September 10, 11
Grace, September 13

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FOURTH ROUND.

Edenton, Sept 4
Kennekeet, at Chicamacomico, Sept. 8
Hatteras, Trent, Sept. 10, 11
Hertford, Centre Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Perquimans, Oak Grove, Sept. 24, 25
Pasquotank, Newbegun, Sept. 25, 26
Camden, McBride's, Oct. 1, 2
North Gates, Savage, Oct. 8, 9
Gates Harrells, Oct. 15, 16
Kitty Hawk, Currituck Inlet, Oct. 22, 23
Currituck, Ebenezer, Oct. 23, 24
Moyock, Perkins Chapel, Oct. 29, 30
Dare, Mann's Harbor, Nov. 5, 6
Roanoke Island, Nov. 6, 7
Elizabeth City, First Church, Nov. 13
Elizabeth City Road, Nov. 13
Columbia, Nov. 19, 20
Pantego and Belhaven, Nov. 25
Roper, Nov 26, 27
Plymouth, Nov. 27

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FOURTH HOUND.

Robesonville, Mt Zion, Sept. 3, 4
Washington, Sept. 11, 12
Nashville, Sharon, Sept. 17, 18
Farmville, Farmville, Oct. 2, 3
Aurora, Oct. 8, 9
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter, Oct. 12
Fairfield, Oct. 13
Mattemuskeet, Nebraska, Oct. 15 16
Bethel, Bethel, Oct. 22, 23
Tarboro, (night) Oct. 23
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, Ocracoke, Oct. 29, 30
Greenville, (morning) Nov. 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Shilmerdine, November 6, 7
Spring Hope, Hornes, Nov. 12, 13
Wilson Station, (night) Nov. 13
Wilson Circuit, (Ledge Street) Nov. 14
Fremont, Fremont, Nov. 15
Rock Mount, Nov. 16
Bath, Bath, Nov. 19, 20
South Rocky Mount and Marvin, Nov. 22
South Edgecombe, Elm City, Nov. 27, 28

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FOURTH ROUND.

Roberdel, Roberdel, Sept. 3, 4
Rockingham Station, Sept. 4, 5
Lumberton, Barker's, Sept. 10, 11
St. John and Gibson, St. John, Sept. 15, 16
Laurenburg, Sept. 16, 17
Richmond, Steele's Mill, Sept. 24, 25
Maxton and Caledonia, Oct. 1, 2
Hamlet, Ham ct, Oct. 8, 9
Rowland, Rowland, Oct. 15, 16
Robeson, Asbury, Oct. 22, 23
Mt. Gilead, Wadeville, Oct. 29, 30
Montgomery, Capeisle, Oct. 30, 31

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FOURTH ROUND.

Smithfield, August 27, 28
Selma, Selma, August 28, 29
Edenton st., September 3, 4
Franklinton, Grove Hill, September 10, 11
Clayton, Elizabeth, September 17, 18
Oxford Circuit, September 24, 25
Central, October 1, 2
Brooklyn, October 2, 3
Milbrook, October 8, 9
Granville, October 15, 16
Wakefield, October 20
Kenley, October 22, 23
Cary, October 29, 30
Epworth, October 30
Oxford Station, November 5, 6
Youngsville, November 12, 13
Louisburg, November 19, 20
Tar River, Plank Chapel, November 26, 27

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

FOURTH ROUND.

Trinity Church, Sept. 11, at 11 a. m.
Carr Church and Brauson, at Carr, Sept. 11 at night
Chapel Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Durham, McManen, Sept. 24, 25
Mangum Street, Sept. 25, at night
Leasburg, Salem, Oct. 1, 2
Hillsboro, Cedar Grove, Oct. 8, 9
Roxboro, Concord, Oct. 15, 16
Milton, New Hope, Oct. 22, 23
Yanceyville, Bethel Oct. 29, 30
Mt Tirzah Circuit, Nov. 5, 6
Burlington, Front Street, Nov. 13, 14
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, Nov. 13, at night
Burlington, Shiloah, Nov. 18
Alamance, Phillips Chapel, Nov. 19, 20
Main Street, Nov. 27, at 11 a. m.
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NIXON—GIBBS.—At the parsonage, August 7, 1904, Mr. B. F. Nixon and Miss Lottie Gibbs, Rev. B. H. Black officiating.

FOSTER—MACON.—At the home of Mr. Ollie Macon, July 27, 1904, Ingleside, N. C., by A. L. Ormond, Mr. Nathaniel D. Foster to Miss Lizzie Macon.

BALLENTINE — BARHAM. — At Fuquay Springs, N. C., August 3, 1904, Mr. W. J. Ballentine and Miss Lizzie J. Barham, G. W. Starling officiating.

FUSSELL — SAVAGE.— At the parsonage, Kenansville, N. C., on the 27th of July, 1904, Mr. Asa Fussell to Miss Vida Savage, both of Rose Hill, N. C., Rev. W. D. Sasser officiating.

HOLTON—WINSTEAD.—August 10, 1904, at the home of Chas. Flowers, by Rev. L. S. Etheridge, Mr. Herbert Holton to Miss Freddie May Winstead.

MARSHALL — GIBBS.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. A. S. Gibbs, Englehard, N. C., August 10, 1904, Mr. Thomas W. Marshall and Miss Katie Gibbs, Rev. B. H. Black officiating.

LEONARD — CLEMMONS.—By Rev. N. H. Guyton, at the home of the bride, Mr. W. H. Clemmons, Mr. Walter Leonard and Miss Maggie B. Clemmons, all of Brunswick County, N. C., on August 3, 1904.

Obituaries

Obituaries containg not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

SMITH.—On August 2, 1904, Mrs. Kittie A. Smith, wife of Mr. B. F. Smith, Sr., ceased from her suffering in this world and went to her eternal rest. She had been a patient sufferer for several years and a devout Christian in the M. E. Church, South, for nearly twenty years. Her faith was like the current of a deep river—strong, noiseless, steady and changeless. Just before her spirit left she seemed to have seen messengers ready to bear her away to the home of her Saviour. She lived well, and, therefore, she could die well. May we all meet her with the redeemed. W. D. SASSER.

HARRINGTON.—John T. Harrington sojourned with loved ones on earth for more than sixty years. It pleased the Lord to bring this pleasant association to a close at midnight, Aug. 18, 1904. He was one of a large and prominent family. Was a good citizen and loved by all. He gave his heart to the Lord in boyhood days under the preaching of the sainted Isaac W. Avent. He was a faithful member of Cokesbury church, from which his mortal remains were laid to rest in the midst of a large gathering of relatives and friends.

Brother Harrington had been a great sufferer for ten years, and for months past he anxiously awaited the call from on high. The end was peace.

All the bereft ones have our profound sympathy in this sad hour.
G. W. STARLING.

HARPER.—Mrs. Viola Harper, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Moore, was born in Green County, N. C., October 3, 1874, and died of typhoid fever August 3, 1904.

Sister Harper was married April 9, 1893, to Mr. L. S. Harper. To them were given four bright, beautiful girls. Those who knew the deceased intimately say she was a devoted wife, a fond mother, a kind neighbor, a true friend and a consistent exemplary Christian.

This elect lady was endowed with remarkable energy, fine judgment and great business capacity. Few women could manage so wisely and perform well so many difficult tasks. In all her duties she carried light and hope. To her, doubt and despondency were strangers. Her sphere was her home. Here she gave her love, life and labors, to which was linked a faith which united all to the mansions above.

Sister Harper bore her long illness with Christian fortitude, and closed her short useful life in peace.

May a gracious Father keep the bereaved husband and precious children unto eternal life.
W. H. TOWNSEND.

BEAMON.—After lingering several weeks with typhoid fever, Linwood O. Beamon, aged twenty-one years, departed this life at his home in Gates County, N. C., July 17, 1904. The light of a promising life went out just as the first rays of the morning sun brightened the earth. But it was a triumphant death. Happy several hours beforehand, speaking of a band of angels coming to meet him.

After praying for himself and others, he offered an earnest prayer for his pastor.

He joined the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. C. W. Robinson in 1897, and was a consistent member until his death.

About two years previous to his death he left home and became a clerk in a clothing establishment in Suffolk, Va., where he was highly prized by his employers for his business abilities and the large patronage he commanded.

His life was short but full of labor and sunshine—one that will be greatly missed.

Our prayers and sympathies go out for the bereaved parents, brothers and sisters, and we pray God may speedily restore to health the four brothers and sisters now ill with fever. W. H. BROWN.

Memoir of Walter Clark.

Walter Clark, the son of Joseph B. Clark and wife Elizabeth, was born in Hyde County, near Lake Landing, February 13, 1840, and died July 31, 1903.

He entered Trinity College in 1853 and completed the course in 1859. While at Trinity he was converted and joined the church.

On April 3, 1866, he was married to Miss Augusta E. Simmons, who, with six sons, survives him.

Brother Clark was elected steward in 1873, in which capacity he served until the close of his life. It is worthy of note that his father before him, was a consecrated man and a liberal and active steward.

Brother Clark was for thirty years a member of the quarterly Conference, by virture of the fact that he was both steward and trustee. He was also secretary of the quarterly Conference and recording steward.

We, the members of the quarterly Conference, realize that in the death of Brother Clarke we have lost one of our most liberal and faithful members.

He was a public-spirited man and a leader in educational interests in his community. He was hopeful, cheerful, sympathetic in his disposition, always ready to speak a word of encouragement. Few men are more liberal to the church and willing to support needy causes than was Brother Clark. Such a benevolent spirit can but be missed.

The quarterly Conference of Pantego and Belhaven charge, in ordering and adopting this memoir, wish thus to express their highest esteem of Brother Clark as a Christian gentleman in his community, and to show their appreciation of his faithful service as a member of this body.

Respectfully submitted,
W. E. BROWN,
WILLIAM CREDLE,
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SUMMER RHEUMATISM

The idea that Rheumatism is strictly a winter disease, that comes from exposure or cold, is wrong; a spell of indigestion, torpidity of the liver, inactive state of the kidneys, or sudden cooling of the body when over-heated, being frequent causes of an attack. Rheumatism is due to an over-acid condition of the blood and bad circulation. As it flows through the body the blood deposits an acrid corrosive sediment in the joints and muscles, and the circulation grows sluggish because of the constant accumulation of acid impurities, and when the system is in such condition Rheumatism is liable to come out at any time, winter or summer. It is hastened and provoked by exposure to cold, damp air, sudden cooling of the body when over-heated, a bad spell of indigestion, or anything that is calculated to further derange and depress the system; but these are only exciting and not the real cause of Rheumatism. It is in the blood, and when this vital fluid becomes overcharged with the acid impurities and is running riot in the veins, an attack is sure to come, whether in summer time or the cold, bleak days of winter. You are a slave to pain as long as the blood is tainted with acid. Liniments and plasters are helpful and useful, but it takes something more than rubbing and blistering to drive away this demon of pain. S. S. S. goes to the seat of the trouble, enters the circulation, neutralizes and filters out of the blood the acid poisons. It enriches and strengthens the weak, diseased blood; the general health improves under its tonic effect, and when rich, pure blood begins to circulate through the stiff joints and sore, tender muscles, pains and aches vanish, and the longed-for relief comes to the nervous, pain-tortured sufferers. S. S. S. contains no minerals, but is guaranteed purely vegetable. Write us if in need of medical advice, which is given without charge. Our book on Rheumatism, telling of the different forms and varieties of this pain-racking disease, is mailed free.

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Resolutions of Respect.

Resolutions adopted by the quarterly Conference, July 30, 1904, at Pleasant Hill Church, Pittsboro Circuit:

We desire to express and admit to record in the journal of this Conference our admiration for the character and appreciation of the labors of Bro. Hezekiah Henderson, late a member of Brown's Chapel Church and its official board.

Brother Henderson was eminently a man of God consistent and faithful in his views. His conception of the duties of life, both as a citizen and a Christian, was high. He loved the community in which he lived and to it his life was a benefaction. He loved his church, and made liberal offerings to it of his time, his labor and his means, and at its altar he communed in the faith and simplicity of a child. He loved his home with an ardent devotion. In the welfare of his family, he manifested the deepest concern in life and left to them that noblest of legacies—the heritage of a good name, which is to be chosen rather than great riches.

We desire simply to express our love for the memory of our departed brother and to record our estimate of his virtues; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That in the death of Brother Henderson the community loses a citizen of sterling worth, his church loses a loyal, consistent member and his family a devoted husband and father.

2. That a copy of these resolutions be kept in the journal of this Conference, a copy be sent to the Raleigh Chritsian Advocate and the Chatham Record with request to publish, and a copy to the family of Brother Henderson.

WM. J. WOMBLE,
N. A. PERRY,
Committee.

Whereas, it has pleased our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, to take from us our beloved brother, William Watts Burnhill; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That while in his death we, as the Methodist church and Sunday-school in Hamilton, have lost one of our most valued members, we bow submissively to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

2. That we are grateful for the influence of his young Christian manhood, his noble examnle and his faithful devotion to duty.

3. That we extend to the bereaved father, sister and brothers our deepest sympathy and pray God to be their Comforter in sorrow, and salvation to come.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, also to the Raleigh Chritsian Advocate and to the Enterprise for publication.

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One of the main points to be considered in going to the exposition is the route used. Both the Southern and the Seaboard are offering routes and inducements that are only characteristic of these great enterprising lines so ably managed. But my route this time was via the C. and O.

"Sic juvat transcendere montes" was the motto of the Knights of the Golden Horeshoe, as they made their way from the alluvial sections of Virginia in the direction of the frowning ramparts of the Alleghanies which seemed to beckon them onward. Spottswood and his cavaliers never fully made good their motto. But their descendants did. They crossed those mountains and overflowed the Mississippi plains, leaving their rude and enduring monuments in a thousand mountain caves and smiling valleys. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad followed in their track, leaving behind the parallel iron bands to mark the highway of commerce.

The C. and O. is a great road stretching from Norfolk, Va., to Cincinnati, Ohio. It carries the traveller across the Alleghanies, through the coal and mining sections of West Virginia, down the smiling Ohio valley to Cincinnati, wrapped in its smoke and throbbing with its material power. No finer mountain scenery than that seen from the train as it passes through the Piedmont and Rockbridge valleys. The section between Clifton Forge and Charleston is interesting on account of its associations connected with the French and Indian and the Revolutionary War. At Cincinnati we took the Big Four which carries the C. and O. cars. It takes one through the great corn sections of Indiana and Illinois. The statement was made a few weeks ago in the newspapers that corn would break its record this year. When I saw the immense fields of Indiana and Illinois, I was prepared to believe the statement. But every North Carolinian may have the assurance that he can find nowhere any finer corn fields than are found this year in North Carolina.

FIRST DAY WITHIN THE GROUNDS.

First let me try to give some idea of the bigness of the exposition. I say "some idea." An adequate idea cannot be given from the point of tongue or pen. It must be caught by the idea and that too from a considerable altitude. The best view of the exposition, that is a coup d'oeil view, was obtained I imagine by the two balloonists whom I saw start from within the grounds on Saturday afternoon in a race for Washington. One, poor fellow, had to "drap" only about twenty miles from St. Louis.

Imagine a plot of ground one mile long and nearly one mile wide. This covers over 1,200 acres, nearly all occupied with some kind of a building. There are nearly one thousand buildings, small and big. One of these buildings, the Palace of Agriculture, covers twenty-one acres and covers more exhibit space than the whole of the Pan-American Exposition contained. If some of our corpulent friends in North Carolina who are trying to "walk down" their flesh would only try the aisles of the Agricultural building they would find a walk sufficiently long. They would have to walk only nine miles. The ride on the Intra-Mural Railroad is abou ten miles long.

I was impressed with the strength and ornamentation of the buildings. Many of them seem to be built for permanent use. One cannot help noting the difference between them and the buildings of the World's Exposition at Chicago. I was talking with a veteran from California who had seen all the expositions in the last twenty-five years on both sides of the Atlantic. He said that the buildings were too well built. I saw at once that he had his eye on "filthy lucre" when he gave me his reason for making such a statement. He said that on this account the exposition managers would have to get their money back by faking the public. I doubt very much if the exposition managers ever had an idea that they would get their money back in a direct way. Primarily the exposition is educative. Secondarily it is to be used for the advancement of the section to which it belongs.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE PRESENTS.

These were the first things I saw. The reader must not wonder at this. I was with a woman—a little golden haired girl whom I had been sending to school for nearly ten years, but whose intellectual training had not made her less than a woman, else she had not earnestly insisted that we see first the glittering presents of Queen Victoria. Really it is a great sight. It will not be seen again by the public on this side of the water. The presents are contained in large numbers of handsome glass cases about six feet high and four feet wide. Of course these cases are securely locked. Now I am not going to try to describe these presents. A member of the press-gang naturally knows but little of jewels and gold and silver. Costly woods and stones, ivory, agate, gems of all kinds, gold and silver, make a display which fairly dazzle the eye. Ten million dollars will not represent the intrinsic value of the whole display. Of course the visitor from North Carolina must not fail to visit this exhibit in the administration building. As you pass Pike-ward from the administration building be sure to enter the anthropological building. It has a dry and uninteresting name, but you will be fully repaid by an inspection of the beautiful Mosaic work; also of the Egyptian relics.

TRANSPORTATION.

When I was a little boy, I would run half a mile to see go by a stage coach drawn by four horses. I thought that if I could ever develop into such a man as the driver who flourished so proudly his whip, I would consider myself fortunate. Since that time I had a passion for seeing things "moving." The greater the speed the greater my excitement. So I had my inning this time, and we next visited the great palace of locomotion and the transportation building. Here is the place where you can see what progress in vehicles of transportation this great country has made in the last decade.

At the Chicago Fair the bicycle had the post of honor with the railroad engine. Here the bicycle is in the background. The automobile is the center of interest. Ten years ago an automobile was a great rarity. The display of automobiles is enchanting.

The visitor can see enough to realize that it is only a question of a short time when electric locomotives will be whizzing over our lines of railroad. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is now using electric locomotives weighing 165 tons to haul its trains through the Montclair tunnel. Steam is rapidly giving way to electricity. This fact is clearly seen in the transportation building.

SUNDAY AT THE SHOW.

There is no Sunday at the show. The gates are closed, and this fact is the greatest lesson on Sabbath observance this country has learned in a long time. In another sense there is no Sunday on the outside of the grounds, and this fact is a reproach and shame to the city of St. Louis. The stores are wide open. All kinds of games go on. It is the great revelling day of sin. In the morning, I went down to St. John's church at the corner of Washington and King's Highway. It is the finest church in the city. I went to this church not because it is the finest, but because my new friend, Dr. W. Lee, is pastor. I was disappointed in finding that every seat in the auditorium and vestibules was crowded. I heard that all of the churches of the city are crowded every Sunday with exposition visitors. So in this fact much comfort may be gained by those whose hearts are saddened by the thought that the continental Sabbath seems to bet getting nearer to us. Thousands of visitors who come here bring God with them.

St. Louis, August 30.

A Rule for Happiness.

Make a rule, and pray to God to help you to keep it, never, if possible, to lie down at night without being able to say: "I have made one human being at least a little wiser or a little happier or a little better this day." You will find it easier than you think, and pleasanter. Easier, because if you wish to do God's work God will surely find you work to do; and pleasanter, because in return for the little trouble it may cost you, or the little choking of foolish, vulgar pride it may cost you, you will have a peace of mind, a quiet of temper, a cheerfulness and hopefulness about yourself and all around you such as you never felt before; and, over and above that, if you look for a reward in the life to come, recollect this: What we have to hope for in the life to come is to enter into the joy of our Lord. And how did he fulfil that joy but by humbling himself, and taking the form of a slave, and coming, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his whole life, even unto the death upon the cross, a ransom for many! Be sure that unless you take up His cross you will never share His crown; be sure that unless you follow in His footsteps you will never reach the place where he is. If you wish to enter into the joy of your Lord, be sure that His joy is now, as it was in the Judea of old, over every sinner that repenteth, every mourner that is comforted, every hungry mouth that is fed, every poor soul, sick or in prison, who is visted.—Charles Kingsley.

Contributions

A Picturesque Army.

REV. J. H. M'CULLAGH.

The American Sunday-school Union recently completed its eightieth year's work for the neglected children of our country, and is furnishing the press with some interesting facts. Being an undenominational work, helpful to the churches in every State, its success will give widespread satisfaction.

If we could take all the scholars and teachers who were enrolled in the schools organized by The American Sunday-school Union last year, and form them into a column, standing five abreast in ranks, allowing three feet to each rank, in good marching order; we would have a picturesque Sunday-school army arrayed in solid phalanx more than eleven miles long.

If we were strong enough to walk eleven miles along this vast host, we would be surprised to see so many bare-foot boys, and girls with calico dresses and subonnets. While plainly clad, most of them have intelligent faces. We would observe they had been supplied with good literature. More than 27,000 Bibles and Testaments might be counted in their hands, also about the same number of song and library books, and many thousand lesson papers.

To review this great Sunday-school army, 97,800 strong, which The American Sunday-school Union recruited, organized and equipped all in one year, would be an impressive sight. Many decisive battles of the world's history have been gained by a force not so large. To hear this army of children sing, would be inspiring and cheering.

If we should take those who were converted in the Sunday-schools organized by the Society, and stand them side by side, in single file, allowing two feet to each, this line of young converts would reach nearly four miles.

The American Sunday-school Union has been called the pioneer and recruiting agency for the churches. If we could take all the churches which grew out of Union Bible Schools last year, and stand them end to end, allowing 40 feet to each, we would have the imposing sight of a line of churches reaching one mile.

Many of them are neat and tasty, some very plain. Among these 133 new churches may be found many representatives of the various denominations.

Imposing as the foregoing columns are, other features of the Union's work are equally as impressive. If we should take all the schools which the Society strengthened during the year, and place them side by side, allowing 30 feet to each, we would have a solid line of Sunday-schools seventy-two miles long.

The multitudes who attended the 450 public addresses delivered each week by missionaries of the Society, and the young people in Union schools who resolved to seek a higher education, would also be an interesting sight.

The men who did this wonderful work, would form an interesting procession. The 259 faithful missionaries employed by the Society, some in their little wagons, some on horseback, others on foot, all enduring hardness, to evangelize the destitute.

During the year, missionaries of the Union visited thousands of homes, many of whom have rarely, if ever, been entered by a Christian minister. By words of admonition and circulating good literature the hearty co-operation of many parents in the good work was secured.

If we could take these 221500 homes visited by the missionaries, and place them side by side, allowing 20 feet to each home, we would have a line of homes 830 miles long, extending over hill and valley, further than from Philadelphia, Pa., to Louisville, Ky.

Note these salient points: 1. Vast as this labor was, it should not be regarded as something new or unusual, for the Society is doing substantially as much, year after year, as there are yet about 12,000,000 children and youth in our country who have not been enrolled in any Sunday-school; a number larger than all the standing armies of Europe combined, we can readily see how greatly this work should be enlarged.

2. Many communities where these schools were organized, will not be able to support churches for years to come. This is all the greater reason, why they should now have good Sunday-schools.

3. In perfect loyalty to the churches, the Society provides for the children who are not reached by any other agency. Nothing has been found which takes the place of Bible instruction, for establishing noble principles in the minds of the young and uplifting the true standard of morals.

The American Sunday-school Union desires to furnish full particulars regarding the method expense and results of its work.

"Many Masters."

The seemingly obscure passage in James in which this phrase occurs needs to be expounded in our day. Like most of the contents of this valuable Epistle, it is intensely practical. Why should so many of you wish to teach? says James. You seem to forget how responsible a calling that is. It gives everybody a chance to pass judgment on you. Now even in ordinary affairs a man who, in what he says, never exposes himself to criticism is a wise man. Few of us are there who never in anything slip. Especially few are they whose tongue does not sometimes betray them. "For the tongue"—then follows that half-humorous, wholly modern passage about the "unruly member."

The apostle does not again return to the thought with which he began, but we wish to do so, for a moment; for touching the risks and the responsibilities of public utterance there is much to be said. It is indeed difficult enough to avoid saying in our private conversations things that may do harm. The man who has uttered it feels himself committed to a foolish or wicked word. Those who have heard it are, often involuntarily, sharers, if not in the sin, at least in the harm done. The power of the uttered word is a sinister thing. It is akin to those mysterious laws of suggestion and association which sway our thoughts, often when we would not. Like the ever-widening ripples which a single pebble may cause upon the surface of placid water, the thoughts called up by a word—noble or ignoble, pure or degrading, good or evil—drift on and on. "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!"

Knowing this concerning the words spoken in private, will not any man hesitate before taking upon himself the still weightier responsibility of public speech? If in the ear of one or two a word is so potent for good or harm, and the speaker of it so bound by the possibilities of what he may do or undo, far graver are the interests involved when he addresses himself to a multitude.

First is the danger which James mentions of captious and hostile criticism. In a large number of our fellow-men whose attention may chance on any occasion to be directed to what we say, there are sure to be some who had rather misunderstand than understand, whose hostility to the speaker is disappointed if he does not leave somewhere a point open to attack. Publicity itself is a thing which is naturally resented by many people. The obscure especially are already enemies of the famous. And not a few of our race proceed always on the principle of the Irishman at Donnybrook: "If you see a head, hit it." Unintelligent, unsympathetic, unnecessary unfeeling criticism is the certain portion of every man whose words reach any large number of his fellows.

But that is not the worst. It is not undeserved criticism that cuts, but that which is merited. "Ay well, ay well," says the spitfire heroine in Tennyson's Idyll, "far worse than being fooled of others is to fool one's self." It is indeed, and the man who more or less continuously for certain months or years delivers his written or spoken opinions upon the public without occasionally making a fool of himself is an exceptional man.

Take so apparently simple a matter as telling the truth. A preacher, for example, or the editor of a religious paper, will allow that truthfulness is a first principle in his calling. He ought to be able to leave it and go on to perfection. But that very phrase raises a warning signal. He must not "depart from the truth." Yet he will often be sorely tempted. The preacher, having no fear of immediate contradiction, states the views of those whose position he challenges in a way more favorable to the argument he intends to make against them than is consistent with facts. Or he illustrates some point with a narrative which in many parts his auditors know to be apocryphal. The editor tries to be consistent with himself. Yet the deadly parallel between what he said this year and last, or this week and two months ago, will often be against him. In the hurry of the moment both editor and preacher make assertions that ought not to be ventured without investigation.

Then there is the matter of accuracy in the use of words. Words are edged tools—double-edged, many of them. The man who handles them recklessly will rue it. So too will his readers or his hearers. Strictly extemporaneous utterance is often a great evil. And extemporaneous writing is not at all more commendable than extemporaneous speaking. This should be remembered by all, preachers or people, who are prone to think that a discourse written and read is sure to be better studied than if spoken ex tempore. Many men are far more hasty and careless writing in their study than they would dare be speaking in the pulpit. In both speaking and writing the essential thing is that words be weighed. The morality of self-possession and of self-restraint is not more evident in any province of life than in the choice and use of words.

The speaker and the writer must be keenly alive to the effects of his utterance on other people. He assumes a great responsibility. To forget this or to disregard it is inexcusable. Let those only undertake this function who can come to it weighted with a sense of its grim significance. The evident suffrage of others is needed to animate for such an undertaking any thoughtful man. He who is bursting with words which nobody cares to hear has mistaken his calling. And where religious teaching is involved the call of men even is not enough. The men who write that unending stream of thought which the whirling presses of our periodicals are continually pouring into the public mind, and still more the men who Sunday by Sunday stand up to hold the attention of gathered congregations, ought to be serious men. The jangling voices and discordant thought of "many masters" are but too familiar to this generation. Better for many of them had they remained silent. Having set up to teach, they have received "the greater condemnation."—Nashville Christian Advocate.

A Good Meeting.

At Purvis church, on the Rowland Circuit, two weeks ago, the good Lord was pleased to bless us in granting a splendid meeting.

Brother Willis, a Baptist minister of South Carolina, did some very effective preaching. There were more than twenty-five conversions; seventeen accessions to our church, with perhaps others to join, and some to join the Baptist church. We give God the glory for it all, and pray for His saving power with us next week at Centenary in a like meeting.

We are not yet pledged out on Conference collections, but will show up all right at Henderson in November.

There is a lot of work to be done between now and then. We will meet you then, God willing.

Respectfully,

J. W. BRADLEY, P. C.

Rowland, N. C.

The passion of Christ is the power of Christianity.

Five Days in New York.

BY J. V. WILLIAMS.

After an absence of about seven months, I am again in New York City, taking in all that I can of the good and cutting out all I can of the evil.

The first night in New York I attended the "Old Jerry McAuley Mission"—the best work of the kind in the world. It was here, about thirty years ago that Jerry McAuley started the work that has made a name to live while this old world stands. Jerry was a man with ideas. He did not know anything of books, hence he had to fall back on his own ideas rather than the ideas of others.

The idea on which he succeeded was, that every convert should testify to God's saving grace; that others hearing his testimony would gain hope and begin to pray. If a drunkard and thief like himself was converted, he was expected to tell it out—all of it—in his testimony that other drunkards and thieves might know that God could save such.

If a woman was converted from drunkenness, "and all the rest that goes with it," as they say, she was expected likewise to testify, so that other fallen sisters could see a ray of hope.

Jerry always confined them strictly to a personal testimony, and when a brother would leave this for an exhortation, Jerry would say, "Brother, when did you get your license to preach? Preaching is a good thing, but we want testimonies here, and nothing else. Now confine yourselves to a personal experience if you've got any."

Most any night there are thirty to forty—sometimes more—who are ready to testify to God's saving grace, so you see one minute each would be forty minutes taken up with this form of service: so if you were to allow exhortations, only a few could talk and the purpose of the meeting would be defeated.

Jerry used to lead off in the testimony meeting, saying: "I'm so glad that God can save a drunkard and a thief. I didn't know this when I was in the old life, but when I heard 'Awful Gardner' (my companion in drunkenness and stealing) tell how God saved him, I opened my eyes to the fact that there was power to save a poor drunkard.

"Look at me! In the old life I never had decent clothes; I'm clothed now. In the old life my mind was always clouded by whiskey; I'm in my right mind now. In the old life I never got a square meal; I get beef steak now. In the old life I slept out of doors on the ground, now I sleep in a warm house and a good soft bed. In the old life I associated with thieves and robbers; but now I keep company with bankers and preachers. Then they called me 'Jerry the bum;' now they call me 'Brother McAuley.' It pays? Well, I should say! I've got everything. Get salvation, boys; other things will follow. Trust God and He will trust you."

After a testimony of this kind from Jerry and many others, you would see the front benches crowded with dirty, ragged bums crying bitterly for salvation.

More than thirty years has passed since Jerry led in the "rescue work," but the old place is run just the same now as then.

Samuel H. Hadley succeeded Jerry about twenty years ago. He is a man saved from the gutters; a man of fine gifts in song and exhortation, and God has made him exceedingly popular in this line of work, and to-day he is sought for from every part of the country where big meetings are being held. He is a local preacher in old John Street Methodist Church and is loved by all the brethren.

He has recently written a book on the work at the Jerry McAuley Mission, entitled, "Down in Water Street," and it is having a fine sale, and no doubt will help many souls toward the kingdom.

I started out to write of six missions in New York, but will have to write of the others later, as this is long enough.

Bless God, "He came to seek and to save that which was lost."

A Deeper Realization.

C. H. WETHERBE.

To many people it may seem to be untrue that those persons who had led an honorable, moral life before their conversion to Christ, now have a deeper realization of sin in themselves than do those Christian whose former life was grossly immoral; but such a statement is evidently true to facts. And I think that the main reason for the fact that those who were formerly degraded in inquity have a smaller and weaker sense of sin than the other class do is because their moral nature became deeply blunted by sin, and hence they are not now so sensitive to the presence of evil in them as are those whose nature was always refined, delicate and conscientious. This is a philosophical view, and it is perfectly reasonable. The late C. H. Spurgeon, in a sermon to his people, said:

"A venerable servant of God, whom most of you know and respect, has made a remark which I fully endorse. He says that he has noticed that the deepest convictions of sin do not come, as a rule, to men of coarse life, but to those who have been of upright character. My own observation has taught me that, very often, drunkards and other persons who have lived openly evil lives, when they are converted, are brought on a sudden to Christ and made to rejoice in Him; while some of us who were kept from such sins as they have committed have had a far greater sense of horror and terror inflicted upon us than they have ever experienced. I have many times found that the deepest sense of sin has been felt where the actual sin has been the least. There are, no doubt, exceptions to this rule, but I believe it is the rule; and the explanation is that the ungodly man, by a long life of sin, has so seared his conscience that, even when the Spirit of God comes to him, he has not that delicate, acute sense of sin which another man has who, by God's grace, has never been permitted to blunt the edge of his conscience."

My own observation confirms that view. I have been amazed at some professed Christians, whose former life was grossly sinful, when I saw how indifferently they regard sin. I am sure that a really pure heart is keenly alive to its sinful acts.

Why Not?

I have been looking for some one to refer to Rev. Bundy's wise suggestions in his letter on the subject of education in the Advocate of some weeks ago. The readers of the Advocate will remember that Elder Bundy referred to Methodist schools that were being taught by Baptist principals. Now, I have no complaint to make against such teachers as teachers; rather I glory in their spunk. The blame lies entirely with the trustees of such schools, and to those let me admonish: Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. I will suggest, if you want a Methodist teacher, advertise for one. By chance a periodical fell into my hands, not published by Methodist people either, and they were in need of teachers, and the kind wanted was asked for.

Whatsoever things ye desire when you pray, believe that ye receive them, and you shall have them. This is an educational era and the people who educate are the people who will in future be heard from. Awake, thou that sleepest! and be cautious whomsoever you employ. A Methodist lady was employed to teach a school (at least she turned out to be a Methodist after she was employed), and all the patrons were perfectly delighted; but when it was known that she was a Methodist, one among the most influential of her patrons, a Baptist, actualy took his horse and buggy and canvassed her patrons and would have broken up the school but for the fact that she was such a worthy and efficient teacher, and her patrons were not all Baptist, so they exercised their better judgment, and the good lady was allowed to teach out the session.

I love liberality; it is Christian; but liberality to a fault, I despise.

A. C. THOMPSON.

Ashpole, N. C., August 3, 1904.

New Hope.

Dear Doctor:—Without dinner on the ground, but by the pure preaching of the Word and the prayers of the faithful of the church, the Lord gave us the best revival at New Hope Church since the days of Frances Asbury. On Monday, August 8th, I baptized thirty-seven adults and received into the church seventy-five members; also at that place I baptized thirty-one children. The meeting ran but eight days. I went from there to Oak Grove Church and received on profession of faith twenty-five new members—not one of these by certificate at either place. The church members put to work in earnest in each place. We had preaching morning at 10 o'clock, men's meeting in the grove at 7 a. m., and the ladies' prayer-meeting in the house at the same hour; preaching at 8 p. m. At least seven-tenths of the conversions were at night. In the two meetings there were more than one hundred and forty converted, or professed to be. Rev. A. J. Parker gave us three of his most excellent sermons at each place, which did great good. Besides that, I had no ministerial help. But how my faithful church folks helped! There was no dissipation of time nor wasted forces, nor squandering of energies. And whether we had crowds or not souls were saved by the scores. At one service at New Hope as we came in from the grove meeting some boys fell at the altar and before Rev. Parker could preach at all there was 22 converted. After the sermon ten were converted that night. Many of these are from the families that take the Advocate, others will take it soon (notwithstanding your notion of all-day dinners to the contrary). Now take that for it. If you hire folks to come to church by feeding their stomachs you will never reach their souls. That's been well proven all through this country for years. Now for a change back to Methodist usages—services morning and night, and no frolic nor dissipation of time and talents on the church ground. It is the very seed sowing of irreverence for the place of worship, having a high holiday and a big time for a week on the church ground at the expense of church people. That expense should be put into church enterprises. But enough for this time. The Lord be praised for the gracious victory given us.

Fraternally,

F. L. CHURCH.

Bascom's Chapel.

We held our meeting at Bascom's Chapel the week following the first Sunday in this month. Owing to the heavy rains and high waters, many were kept from the church, but the meeting resulted in much good in reviving the church and many being brought to a knowledge of their sins.

On the second Sunday we began our meeting at Tabernacle, closing the following Saturday evening. The church was greatly revived, a number were converted and seven added to the church. We have just closed a ten days' meeting at Smyrna. Brothers Troy and Lawrence, of the Christian church, were with me part of the time. We believe much good was done. We do not know how many were converted; twelve joined the church. Secured two subscribers to the Advocate and we hope several family altars will be erected.

During these meetings we have baptized thirty-five adults and infants.

On Sunday evening, the 21st, we laid to rest in Smyrna church-yard little Daniel Curtis Horner, son of Daniel and Vannie Horner. He was a bright little fellow and a member of Smyrna Sunday-school. God saw fit to take him, for such is fit for the kingdom of heaven. May the Lord's blessings be with the bereaved.

J. W. HOYLE.

Hemp, N. C., August 31, 1904.

The reason that so many people fail is that they are always imitating somebody else who failed before them. Demand something original of yourself.

The Field

Church Extension Notice.

Let all who expect to make application to the Board of Church Extension for aid write to E. Pope, Jonesboro, N. C., for blanks.

All applications must be in the hands of the secretary the first day of Conference, or they will not be considered.

Application blanks issued prior to the meeting of our last General Conference are out of date and will not be recognized by the Board.

E. POPE, Secretary.

September 2, 1904.

Duke Circuit.

Dear Bro. Ivey:—A word from Duke Circuit may not be amiss. We are in the midst of very gracious revivals, and have been for three weeks. Souls are being saved and God's people are being built up. Our meeting at Pleasant Plains began the second Sunday at 11 o'clock, with a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and continued at every service, day and night, till Saturday night at 10.30. Uncle Betts was with us in four services. At Duke, Bro. L. B. Pattishall was with me, and is here this week at Elevation. It seems there is no abatement; the revival seems to move from one place to another.

"The Lord of hosts is with us," to whom all praise is due.

Truly, W. A. FORBES.

Elevation, N. C., August 30, 1904.

Carthage Circuit.

Cool Spring is now one of the fine churches constituting this charge. This church, organized twenty years ago by Rev. W. B. Doub, of precious memory, grew out of an old field school-house appointment, capturing a swarm from dear old Fair Promise, at the present a part of the Siler City Circuit. From fewer than sixty members in the beginning, the enrollment has reached nearly three hundred, and this number includes twenty-four bright converts received at the close of a most gracious revival, Friday, August 26, 1904, making our present membership two hundred. Among these are several very aged persons whose faithful attendance upon the meeting was an inspiration.

This church was painted anew last year, and met all of the financial obligations otherwise. Of the twenty-five country churches it has been my good fortune to serve, not one has been more loyal than Cool Spring. God is leading us on, and to Him be all the glory.

R. H. BROOM, P. C.

September 2, 1904.

Mt. Tirzah Circuit.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—I will write a few lines for your excellent paper relative to my work. We have just closed a series of meetings in the charge with good results. At Allensville we were aided by Bro. J. H. McCracken, who did all the preaching, and it was first-class from first to last. He lifted us up nearer to God and put new inspiration in all our hearts. We had several conversions, and the whole membership was greatly strengthened. Some joined other churches as a result of this meeting. Some, I think, will join our church in the near future. We then held our meeting at Mt. Zion, and we had with us J. H. M. Giles, of Newport, N. C., who did all the preaching, and he did it admirably, and in the strength and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. He simply captured our people. He is a Nimrod in the pulpit, for he can kill sinners with the Gospel shot-truth. The result of the meeting was nine accessions. We then held our meeting at Trinity—the result was thirteen accessions. I was aided by Bro. G. T. Brown, one of my local preachers, and one of the best of his class. I then protracted at Webb's Chapel, aided by Brother Brown. We had "an all round" meeting, and two joined. We then pitched our tent at Mt. Tirzah, and the Lord was was in our midst from the beginning to the end of the meeting. We had four accessions, and the church considerably revived. Bro. C. P. Jerome, from Durham, did all the preaching for us. He is an elegant expounder of the Gospel of Christ, and he seems to be guided and under the spell of the Spirit in moving men to feel and realize their obligations to God. We believe all our meetings have been a great uplift to our people. Our purpose is to bring up everything in full to Conference. The thought of having to leave this good people this fall is going to get close to us. We will write more later. We mean to bring up a full report for the Raleigh Chritsian Advocate. M. D. GILES.

Succession of Good Meetings.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—According to your request in your paper, I shall give you an account of the meetings that have been held on my charge thus far this year.

Our meeting at Parker's church began with our third quarterly meeting on the third Sunday in July. Brother Underwood preached for us Sunday and Monday. Bro. H. M. North, of City Road, Elizabeth City, came to us and remained during the week, doing all of the preaching for us after Monday.

Brother North is an earnest and persuasive preacher, and his labors among us drew us nearer to God and put into many of us new determinations. The good he did will live long after he has passed into eternity. The visible results, besides the above-stated, were nine conversions. Six of these were received into our church and two others will be later.

On the fourth Sunday in July we began a meeting at Kittrell's church. The revival had begun early in the year and one soul had been converted in the prayer-meeting the week before the protracted service.

On Monday afternoon, Bro. W. G. Parker, of Whaleyville, Va., came to our rescue. Tuesday the writer was attacked by fever and for several weeks was unable to leave his room. Brother Parker took the meeting into his own hands and ran it on until Saturday. They say that Parker is a fine preacher, and they were all delighted with him.

The meeting was said to have been one of the best this church has seen for many years. We are unable to say just how many were converted, but there were at least ten or twelve. As we have not had a preaching service since, on account of my sickness, we have been unable to receive into the church any of those who were converted.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed us this year. We have two more meetings to be held, both during the month. W. H. BROWN.

Mental Full-Dress.

A young girl, joining a group of waiting friends on their way to a dinner party, apologized for a moment's delay by explaining that she had stopped to re-read a letter for an amusing story. "You know how the dear old Colonel relishes a joke, and it is sure to fit in somewhere during dinner. I am not brilliant or original, but I can borrow from those who are," she finished, laughingly. We understood then why this comparatively plain young woman is a welcome guest. As a friend said of her: "Alice dresses her mind with as much care as she does her body when she goes into company." But the point is not merely in the accumulation of good stories; it is in the taste and tact which discern exactly where they will fit in. Stories succeed only when we make them our own and fit them to their new environment. But the habit of preparing the mind for company is one which will certainly add both to social charm and ease. The preparation for social gatherings should not all be made by the entertainer and the dress-maker. No form of entertainment takes the place of the fine art of conversation.—**The Congregationalist.**

The Wealth of Old Man Jones.

There is one thing that I can't understand," said my friend with a questioning mind.

"What is that, Hanson?" I asked.

"About old man Jones, down there at the foot of the hill. If there are any Christians in this country, he is one. He has prayed twice a day for forty years, and proved his faith by his works. He has worked hard, and has been ambitious to lay up something for his family, yet he is exceedingly poor, has always been poor—often his family lack the bare necessaries of life. That little cabin with the rocky patch of ground around it is all that he has to show for a life of drudgery. Yet the Bible says, 'All things work together for the good of those who love God,' and, 'To him that asketh it shall be given.' How do you explain it?"

"Let us go down and talk with him about it," I replied.

The old man warmly welcomed us into his simple cabin, and set chairs for us by the open fireplace, for it was a frosty November day.

"I'm glad to see you, Will." He always called me Will. "I have been waiting to tell you about a letter I got two weeks ago from Dave. Dave has professed religion and joined the church."

The old man's eyes grew bright, and his voice shook a little.

"I've been praying for that boy for many years, and I knew the Lord would save him."

The light on his face, furrowed by care and toil and age, was good to see.

"I'm perfectly happy now," he continued. "Mary married a good man, and they have a good home. Sam is preaching the Gospel, and now Dave has chosen the better part. The Lord is wondrous good to His servants, and I can say with David, 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.'" And he repeated the whole psalm.

"But haven't you often needed things that you did not get?" inquired my friend.

"Oh, yes, certainly; there have been many times in our lives when we did not have all the worldly goods we wanted, but some way we pulled through," replied the old man, cheerfully. "Perhaps it was the result of bad management; perhaps it was best so, but that matters little. The Lord has made us so rich in everything else we do not mind a little poverty."

As we climbed the hill my friend was silent. When we reached the summit we looked back at the little cabin at the foot.

"I understand now," said my friend.—Sunday-school Times.

The Marriage Vow.

And so the words are spoken and the indissoluble knot is tied. Amen. For better, for worse, for good days or evil, love each other, cling to each other, dear friends. Fulfill your course and accomplish your "life's toil." In sorrow, soothe each other; in illness, watch and tend. Cheer, fond wife, the husband's struggle; lighten his gloomy hours with your tender smiles and gladden his home with your love. Husband, father, whatsoever your lot, be your heart pure, your life honest. For the sake of those who bear your name, let no bad action sully it. As you look at those innocent faces, which ever tenderly greet you, be yours, too, innocent, and your conscience without reproach. As the young people kneel before the altar-railing, some such thoughts as these pass through a friend's mind who witnesses the ceremony of their marriage. Is not all we hear in that place meant to apply to ourselves and to be carried away for everyday cogitation?—W. M. Thackeray, in Florida Christian Advocate.

The Alexander Coppersmiths are busy to-day—little hinderers and obstructors of the work of others who have the mind of obedience. Give them room to blow megaphones and assault the air with pudding sticks and paper balls; but you—go on with your work. You will be yourself when the fanfaronade is over.

The Family

Twilight.

MRS. V. G. RAMSEY. (84 YRS. OLD.)

Sunset and the evening shadows;;
The clouds and the depening night;
I wearily sigh
As the hours creep by
And I watch the vanishing light.

But this twilight so drear and lonely
Has visions the day did not see;
Lights gleam from afar
Like the beams of a star,
And the past comes back to me.

The beautiful days of childhood
And youth with its sunshine and flowers;
The smiles and the tears
Of those far-off years
Are mine in these evening hours.

Fair faces look out of the shadows,
Sweet voices are heard in the gloom.
And I stretch out my hand
To the phantom band
In my solitary room.

I remember no more the shadows
Which the years have around me flung,
And again, I sup
The enchanted cup
Which I drank when I was young.

I am glad of the pleasant memories
That makes the evening bright;
But I watch and pray
For the dawn of the day
That will bring the perfect light.

The day that shall open the portal
Of the world where my loved ones abide
And give me there
In that realm so fair
A place with the glorified.

—Selected.

The Dangers of Discourtesy.

I think that it was Rev. Stopford A. Brooke who once uttered these wise and true words: "The power of being able to keep a household from fretting and complaining and from violent tempers, the power of being able to encourage, nourish and stimulate the freedom and growth of others, is gained from there having been built up in the minds of all in the house, as the first motive of life, the great Christian law—Christian because entirely human. Think of others more than of yourself, and of others' happiness more than of your own unhappiness. Of this law the best definition to remember is a word of St. Paul's: 'In honor preferring one another.' This is true courtesy. It is its very flower; it is the essence of Christ's teaching set to music in daily life. It will bring out all the good in others; it will bring out what is best in yourself; it will make your home like very heaven."

Of all the mischief-making elements that creep into many homes, discourtesy in one of the most common and most fatal in its results. When a wife begins to speak sharply and rudely to her husband, and when she finally descends to the low estate of "nagging" him, she is in a fair way to lose both his love and his respect; and when a husband begins to be less courteous to his wife he is in danger of losing both her respect and love.

The rock of discourtesy is the rock on which many a matrimonial bark has stranded. If the father and mother are discourteous to each other, it is not to be expected that the children of the home will be gentle and polite. There is no greater imitator than a child, and there is no one more alert. The child takes note of everything, and it is susceptible to the general atmosphere of the home.

If the father is fault-finding and generally irritable, the child is likely to be of the same disposition. If the children are not taught courtesy in the home, it is not to be expected that they will be courteous outside of the home.

There is a story told of an old German who was engaged in the back part of his place of business when one of his clerks came and told him that there was a lady waiting to see him in his office. He had thrown off his coat and the work he was doing had soiled his hands.

Hurrying to a basin he washed his hands, threw on his coat, straightened his tie and made himself as presentable as possible before going forward to meet the lady. Returning a few minutes later, he said, with an aggreived air, as he threw off his coat:

"I put on my coat und make myself clean for noding. Dot vas youst my vife."

Now there are a good many intelligent, entirely respectable and well-meaning men, who do not feel it to be incumbent upon them to observe the ordinary rules of courtesy towards women, when the woman in question is "youst my vife." And so there are wives who fall into the habit of negligence regarding their personal appearance and who are indifferent to many of the ordinary little courtesies of life, when there is no one around but "just my husband."

It is an evil day in any home when the husband feels that he can be less courteous to his wife than to other women, and it is an equally evil day when the wife feels that she can put aside many of the little courtesies.

No household can be kept from fretting and complaining, no household can be kept free from an atmosphere of unrest and general depression, if the great law of kindness does not obtain in that household. And kindness is the foundation of all real courtesy. Is it true that "life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindness and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort."

Nothing will secure greater comfort in the home than habitual smiles and kindness, combined with the courtesy that is not based on mere "good form," but that is the outgrowth of moral force, self-respect and kindly consideration for others. Could there be any better motive for self-control, patience, forbearance and kindness than a desire to make home happy?—J. L. H., in the Household.

A Thousand Boy Corn Grower.

In his article on the agricultural exhibit at the Fair in the August World's Work, M. G. Cunniff tells this significant story of corn-growing in Illinois: W. B. Otwell was president of the Farmers' Institute of Macoupin County. The thought struck him that if the farmer boys throughout his county could be induced to take an interest in the effort, Macoupin County would produce the finest corn in the world. He persuaded the institute to offer a prize for the best ten ears of corn grown by Macoupin County farmer boys. Each boy made application to him, and received a package of selected seed—Yellow Dent and Boone County White. Hundreds applied.

In the fall the boys sent in their corn. The prize—a bicycle—was awarded. Mr. Otwell went down to see the boy who won, expecting to find him the son of a prosperous farmer. The boy proved to be the fourteen-year-old son of a poor widow inhabiting a little prairie cabin. All summer the boy had "toted" water from the well to his corn patch in bucketfuls. His industry had been remarkable. He was invited to the next meeting of the Farmers' Institute. Mr. Otwell lifted him upon a table. This, said he, turning to the assembled farmers, as he pointed to the little barefoot youngster in his blue-jean overalls, "is the boy who won the prize." The cheers that greeted the boy were louder than those which later on greeted the Governor of the State when he came down to make a speech; for, when these contests had continued several years, the Governor became interested. Mr. Otwell had conceived the idea of extending the contest to the boys of the State, and showing at St. Louis the corn they produced. The Governor subscribed. So did other citizens. One offered a $1,000 Holstein cow for first prize. Other prizes were offered—wagons and plows and windmills. Seventeen thousand boys wrote for seed and information. Two farm wagons would not contain all the letters. The State went into wild enthusiasm—over corn.

And now return to the World's Fair Palace of Agriculture. In the Illinois section is a mountain of huge yellow ears of corn, row upon row, tier upon tier, of little symmetrical pyramids of ten ears each. Before each pyramid is the photograph of the Illinois farmer boy whose corn it is. The selected output of 8,000 Illinois boys is represented. Can you imagine what this means? Eight thousand boys aroused to a pitch of enthusiasm for scientific farming. Seed corn enough to plant the whole Illinois corn belt. If a bountiful crop sprang from the fertile soil last year, a more bountiful crop will leap forth this year.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

Home Affection.

The family bond has its subtle and incommunicable sentiment, into which the stranger entereth not. One may disapprove of certain family peculiarities, and even censure certain individual relatives with considerable force of conviction, but one does not suffer the outsider to second these opinions and expressions. Instantly, when some one not of the clan, ventures on fault-finding or criticism, the dominant loyalty awakes, and flings itself into the breech. People stand up for their own, and we all expect it of them, and are amazed and resentful if they do not. Away back in the Shulamite's day, she summed up her tale of blessing and independence by declaring to the prophet, "I dwell with my own." The blood tie holds and it is a significant recognition of this world-wide feeling that among barbarous tribes, when an alien is accepted as a brother, the oath of adoption is emphasized by an actual exchange of drops of blood, drawn from the veins of the one and mingled in the tide of the other.

Home affection is not merely innate. It is cemented by a thousand sweet associations, surrounded by a halo of uncounted traditions, and built up day by day by the accretion of little things that in their result are great things. Little acts of self-denial, little words of love, little gifts, little surprises, little endeavors, how the little nameless things make up the sum of the large and beautiful whole, which makes home the magnet of the wanderer, and the very dearest place on earth.

"You passed all the big houses and all the splendor, and the people who were waiting to give you an ovation," said a gray old father to a son who in the world-battles had won distinction and renown, "and came hurrying back to the old place, my boy. We hardly expected you so soon."

"Ah," laughed the bronzed and manly fellow who had done his duty without wish for acclaim, "what did I care for a lot of shouting people whom I did not know. I could not wait an hour after I was free to come home to you and mother. I tell you," looking round on the old kitchen, the old porch, the old barns, "I tell you, father, it's good to be at home again!"—Margaret E. Sangster, in American Messenger.

Nothing worth Being Angry Over.

A writer says: A dear lady of my acquaintance confided to me an excellent piece of advice when I asked: "Now, tell me, how do you manage to keep so unruffled a temper?"

"Ah," she replied, "there are very few things in this world worth being angry about, so when I feel annoyance rising within me I ask myself quite judicially: 'Is this worth being angry over?' and in nine hundred and ninety cases out of a thousand my common sense answers: 'Oh, dear, no.'"

If you want your husband to love you to his life's end, if you want him to turn to you as his best friend, if you want to keep him your devoted lover, if you want to make him a thoroughly happy man, be amiable, even if it is rather an effort and does not come to you by nature.—Selected.

Our Boys and Girls

Lumberdale, N. C., Aug. 22, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I thought I would write to you for my second time. My pets are a calf, pig and a little kitten. My calf's name is Kate, my pig's name is Nellie and my kitten's name is Pink.

Now I will answer Eva Lassiter's question: Joseph had eleven brothers. With best wishes.

MARSHALL THOMPSON.

Shallotte, N. C., Aug. 20, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl six years old. Papa takes the Advocate and I do enjoy hearing him read the little boys' and girls' letters.

I go to Sunday-school every Sunday that I can. Miss Mary Rourk is my teacher, and I do think so much of her.

I will answer Annie Westbrook's question: Elijah was fed by the ravens.

Your little friend,

LUCY SWAIN.

Pollocksville N. C., Aug. 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As I have never written to your paper before, I thought I would do so. Papa takes the Advocate, and I love to read the boys' and girls' letters. I go to Sunday-school when I can. My teacher is Mrs. Clara Cox, and our pastor is Rev. D. C. Geddie, and we like him very well.

I have three brothers and two sisters. I will close with love and best wishes to the orphans.

Your friend,

NELLIE SCOTT.

Winterville, N. C., Aug. 26, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a small boy fourteen years of age. My sister takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the children's page.

We have no M. E. Church here, but have the lumber sawed for one. Rev. B. E. Stanfield is our pastor.

I will answer Annie Maud Westbrook's question: Elijah was fed by the ravens.

Now I will ask one: How long did Elijah stay in the wilderness?

It is late, and I will have to close.

Your unknown friend.

BRUTON BRYAN.

P. S.—I send ten cents for the orphans.

Merry Oaks, N. C., Aug 26, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—This is my first letter to the Advocate. I love to read our church paper, and especially the children's letters and the orphans' page.

I go to Sunday-school at Buckhorn. Our pastor is Mr. Starling, and we all love him dearly. My superintendent is Mr. Joe McIver, and my teacher is Cousin Ollie Lawrence. I go to every-day school also. My teacher is Mr. Clarence Judd. He is real nice and a good man. We love him dearly. We are going to move away and I hate to leave our Sunday-school. We have organized a Sunbeam Band. We are going to have a picnic sometime.

I will ask a quetsion: How many of the children that reads the Advocate that knows the Ten Commandments?

I will close, with much love to the Advocate.

LIZZIE HUNTER.

Character was made of prime importance to the orator by Plato and Quintillian. Cato, the elder, defined the orator as "an upright man who understands speaking."—Selected.

Sinners, All.

Mrs. Adams was a very young mother, but she had no hesitation in laying down the law about her first baby. This, says the Chicago News, was her most thrilling announcement: "The baby is not to be rocked, not under any circumstances. I know, mamma. Of course you will say you rocked me; but I have attended ten lectures on the way to bring up a baby, and this child is not to be rocked. The lecturer said rocking a child joggles its brains. I'm sure you don't want your child to grow up an imbecile, do you, Harry?"

"Certainly not," said Harry firmly. He had an idea that it would be fun to rock the baby, but of course Marie must know.

Mrs. Adams had every rocking-chair removed from her room. When it was time for the baby's nap he was simply laid on the bed and left to himself. If he cried, he had his cry out uncomforted. At such times the baby's grandmother would retire from the scene in wrath.

"What's a baby for if not to take a little comfort with?" she asked the nurse; but the nurse, smiling, said nothing.

When the baby was four weeks old grandma carried him up into a vacant bed-room on the third floor. Her daughter was taking a nap. Her son-in-law was down in the libary. There was a glitter in her eyes and a red spot on each cheek. She drew a rocking-chair into the middle of the floor, adjusted the wondering baby, and rocked fiercely, triumphantly. After about ten minutes of this indulgence she was brought to an abrupt pause by a voice from the doorway.

"He seems to like it, doesn't he?" asked her son-in-law.

When she saw the covetous glint in his eyes, the erring grandmother took heart. Without a word she got up, laid the baby in the young father's arms, and motioned to the chair. "You try it," said she.

For the next two weeks their guilty secret drew the two very near together. As often as possible they slipped away and rocked the baby. They marveled at the young mother who had the courage to carry out her Spartan theories.

One day Mr. Adams came home early. There was a low, melodious hum from his wife's room, and he crept to the door. There she was in a low chair, rocking back and forth, her baby in her arms. It was a charming picture. She blushed guiltily, and then took on a look of bravado. "I—I couldn't help it," she faltered.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

A Dog With a Grudge.

Eureka is a small dog, very much devoted to her master. Occasionally her master takes an early train for New York, returning at night. On such occasions "Reke" sits on a box at the window and watches him out of sight; and when the whistle blows for the evening train, she takes her place again to watch for his return.

One evening he did not come; but, seeing another gentleman coming up from the station in the dusk, she mistook him for her master, and, whining for the door to be opened, she ran out, wagging her tail and manifesting her joy in every known way until she had nearly reached the stranger.

When she perceived her mistake, she turned with an expression of extreme disgust and ran back, head and tail lowered, and looking as sheepish as possible.

When he laughed at her, she withdrew to a corner and lay there for the rest of the evening.

Since then she never allows that gentleman to pass without barking at him; and once, when he came to the house on business, she made such a time that she had to be put out. Evidently she thought he had insulted her.—Selected.

The character which you are constructing is not your own. It is the building material out of which other generations will quarry stones for the temple of life. See to it, therefore, that it be granite and not shale.—A. J. Gordon.

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To Auxiliary Societies.

Dear Sisters:—I feel impressed to call your attention to the resolutions on Juvenile work passed at our annual meeting at Elizabeth City. Those present on that occasion and all who have read our minutes should be furnished with them. But probably none of us realize as we should how irrevocably we are committed to the Pledge expressed therein. By the action of the Conference Society each one of us is under solemn obligation to foster and encourage the interests of our Juvenile work and to "co-operate in all plans for its advancement." Are we doing it? If so, what rapid advancement will be made before our annual gathering at Louisburg! But if we have allowed ourselves to become indifferent to our sacred obligations let us study our Pledge with renewed interest and ask God to help us to come up to the full measure of our individual duty. That you may have the resolutions before you without having to look them up, I give them below:

RESOLUTIONS ON JUVENILE WORK

As the importance of this work, and its far-reaching results, become more apparent, we desire to impress the necessity of stronger effort to awaken and foster a deeper interest in all that pertains to it; therefore

Resolved 1. That we as auxiliaries keep the work of the children before our members, impressing its importance, and co-operating in all plans for its advancement.

2. That as workers we pledge our influence and aid to keep our children engaged in this work.

3. That we recommend entertainments for the children of a nature in harmony with our work as a means of securing interest among both children and parents thereby raising money for our pledge.

4. That we heartily endorse the Little Worker, and try to insure its existence.

As the farmer carefully stores and vigilantly watches over the seed corn for future harvests so let us, my sisters, with loving care and untiring efforts, see that the dear children are early inspired with a love for foreign missions, and properly trained to carry on our work when we shall be called to our Eternal Home.

Lovingly,

L. M. HENDREN.

God's Work Must Be Done.

A poor field negro with a wooden leg hobbled up to the collection table to lay his offering upon it. He took from a pocket a handful of silver, and said: "That's for me, massa"; from another pocket another handful. "That's for my wife, massa;" and from still another pocket yet another handful:: "That's for my child, massa." The pastor remonstrated with him for giving so much. "O massa!" said he, "God's work must be done, and I will have a part in it."

Commenting on this incident Ida Q. Moulton says: "You and I want a part in it. Heaven's treasures will be given us throughout the eternal ages for a brief life of self-denial and self-sacrifice here, out of love for our dear Master. Take this motto to your strong, true, loving heart, fellow Christian: 'God's work must be done, and I will have a part in it.'"—Exchange.

To Corresponding Secretaries.

With the end of the quarter the reports from each auxiliary are being made for the District Secretaries. Will not the Corresponding Secretaries let these reports suggest to them a letter for our column in the Advocate, which all may enjoy? It will only require a few minutes in addition to your regular duties to give us an insight into your auxiliary life. Of course your District Secretary will make mention of your work in her report, but that is not enough. She has several auxiliaries to speak for, and hence is obliged to omit many things which you, as Corresponding Secretaries, may write about. Let us have these reports. You will help and cheer each other with them.

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"TITHING."

Abraham's Example.

In considering the question of proportionate and systematic giving we find the scriptural tithing system a subject of interest.

In Gen. 14, Abraham, without question, explanation or requirement, hands a tenth of his spoil over to God's high priest Melchisedek. This was as early as 2,000 B. C.

THE EXPERIENCE OF JACOB.

The next record we have is in the story of Jacob at Bethel. As a result of the vision by which he was made to realize that he was alone with God, he cried out, "How dreadful is this place." He at once sets up a pillar and consecrates it; adding his vow of future service, and, without any allusion to the tenth, on the part of the angel, he says of his own free will, "Of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee."

MOSES, OUR TEACHER

The next mention of the tithe is the law as given by God through Moses, recorded in Liviticus 27:30-33. "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seeds of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord." He does not say it shall be, but it is! Twenty years after this God appointed the tithe for the Levites, as in Numbers 18:24-28—"But the tithes of the children of Israel I have given to the Levites to inherit," meaning that His portion should be assigned to the priests, adding: "For this is your reward for your services in the tabernacle of the congregation." He still further adds: "Ye shall offer up a peace offering of it to the Lord, even the tenth part of the tithe." So we see that the priests were also included in this system of tithing.

MALACHI S WARNINGS.

But we find that in succeeding years when God's chosen people wandered from Him and went into idolatry, the system of tithing fell into disuse.

God through the prophet Malachi calling His people to repentance, says: "Will a man rob God? Yet he have robbed me." "But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." And he adds the following command: "Bring ye all the thithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

EXCUSES WITHOUT FOUNDATION

There are some who excuse themselves from the duty of paying tithes by saying that this law was only given to the Jews; but we find Christ himself saying in the New Testament: "I came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it."

TRUE HAPPINESS.

Many of our members have realized the happiness that comes from obedience to God's word in regard to this method of giving. The number of tenth givers among our membership is 2,997, and we are sure that many of these do not stop with the tenth.

EFFECTS, GREAT AND FAR REACHING

The universal adoption of this method would mean the solution of all financial problems of the church, and the hastening of the millennial days.

ST. PAUL'S ADVICE

The words of St. Paul to the Apostolic Church touching the matter of giving are also worthy of our notice in this connection: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." And in another chapter he tells us of the Macedonians who gave themselves to the Lord. When we reach this point we will not withhold from our Heavenly Father that which justly belongs to Him.

The Old and the New Testaments are full of evidence that the duty of giving, or Christian liberality, is just as binding as any other Christian duty.

WORDS FOR ALL TO REMEMBER

"He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly." "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" These have become household words, and many other texts might be given to substantiate the duty of Christian liberality. And, doubtless, there is a "cloud of witnesses" ready to bear testimony to the satisfaction they have experienced from obedience to the "law of the tithe."

MRS. J. G. FEARING.

This fine paper was read at our Annual Meeting by Mrs. Fearing, and I am glad to give it a wide circulation, believing that it will be very helpful to this important Department of our work.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of urine difficulties. If it did there would be few children that would do it. There is a constitutional cause for this. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 23, Notre Dame, Ind., will send her home treatment to any mother. She asks no money. Write her to-day if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child. The chances are it can't help it.

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Editorial

A conference of Democratic editors will be held in New York September 6th. Editor Josephus Daniels has been designated as chairman of the Committee or Editorial Conference, and is in New York to organize for the work of the Conference. The chairman has sent out 5,100 invitations to this event, and it is expected that there will be fully one thousand acceptances.

In sharp contrast to the vulgar accounts of the vulgar fight between Jeffries and Monroe that have lately filled the papers, is the account of the first Olympic Marathon race ever held in this country. The race covered a course of twenty-four miles and one thousand five hundred yards. The winner was Thomas J. Hicks, of Cambridge, Mass. The distance was run by Hicks in three hours, twenty-eight minutes and fifty-three seconds. It is a good sign that America is beginning to patronize such clean and healthful contests. It is gratifying to every lover of decency that the crowd at the recent pugilistic encounter was far below the expectations of the promoters.

The classes of law students that come up each year before the Supreme Court to be examined have steadily increased to such proportions as to make it burdensome for the judges of the court to conduct the examinations. The work entails the looking over of from 3,500 to 6,000 questions, and the grading of the papers requires a week of exhausting work by the members of the court right at the beginning of the fall term, when the docket is necessarily condensed. It is thought that a bill will be introduced during the next session of the Legislature to take this matter out of the hands of the court, and provide for a committee of examiners to be selected from the bar of the State.

A professor in the University of Virginia has recently made a very interesting and equally valuable discovery. Dr. Paul Barringer is the lucky man, and this is what he found. Some time ago, at the sale of the effects of the late Judge Victor Barringer, of Charlotte, Dr. Barringer purchased what he thought was a mass of molten metal, which the Judge had bought for a trifling sum in Egypt years ago and had kept for a curio. One of Dr. Barringer's children the other day dislodged a small piece from the mass, which, upon polishing, the Professor discovered to be a silver coin of ancient Rome. Over one hundred and fifty coins have already been extracted from the lump, some of them bearing the date 14 A. D., and others showing the stamp of the heads of the Emperor Nero and his wife Pappaea. The whole find is thought to be worth many thousands of dollars.

DRESSING ROOMS FOR CHURCHES.

Yes, that's just what is meant—rooms conveniently located where women may leave their hats, and rearrange their hair, when necessary, before they enter the auditorium. It is no use to urge that the hats be left at home. The women need some head covering on the street; and then, also, they ought to be indulged to the extent of allowing them to show their head dress on the public thoroughfare. But to encourage them to go uncovered in church, that's what needs to be done. There are two scientific reasons for this. First, it is utterly impossible for the congregation to get the best benefits from the sermon when half of them must have their view of the pulpit obstructed by one or a dozen large, feather-decorated hats. Second, the preacher is at a tremendous disadvantage when he has to look down upon a "sea of hats" instead of a "sea of upturned faces." Without a felt response from the people no speaker can have liberty on the platform. In a country church, where the custom still prevails that the women must occupy one side of the room and the men the other, the preacher was noticed to stand most on the side of the pulpit where the men faced him. When criticized for it, he replied that he did so because it helped him to look into the faces of the men, while to face the imposing array of millinery on the women's side had a most chilling, depressing effect upon him. Who can answer the preacher?

It is already a practice among women to remove their hats in a theatre, if they do not leave them at home altogether. Will the sacredness of the sanctuary be violated if the same practice is introduced there? Why should we be so willing to further the success of a play and the comfortable enjoyment of an audience in a theatre, and in the church refuse to make conditions equally favorable? In this matter again the sacred proverb is fulfilled that the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light.

A SENSIBLE WORD.

Much has been written in regard to the new order of worship, the most of the contributions to the subject being of doubtful value. It is refreshing, therefore to read the following from the pen of Dr. H. M. Du Bose, editor of the Epworth Era:

"The new order is best adapted to the needs of universal Methodism. Many of the most spiritual and active churches have along been asking for an enriched service. Others have been satisfied with the older form, endeared by hallowed associations of the sanctuary. The new order satisfies both. Almost invariably additions had been made by usage in the city churches, sometimes inappropriate, but giving evidence of this instinct of worship. The new order provides a sufficiently enriched service for those who desire it—dignified, simple, of pure teaching, allowing ample room for spontaneity sufficiently flexible to meet all emergencies. Those churches in which no need has been felt for a change may continue the older form with but slight and insignificant modifications. The only distinctive feature required by the new order is that the people stand during the singing of the second hymn. There can be no good reason for standing while the first hymn in being sung that is not valid for the second. If the collection is taken during the hymn, the pocket can be reached more easily while standing. Probably the reason for the sitting posture is that originally an offertory was "said or sung," not a hymn at all, and the posture remained as a survival after the hymn had taken the place of the offertory sentences. When an enriched order is demanded, let the optional parts be used; when there is no such demand, they may be omitted; but let us avoid crude attempts at service-making for ourselves, and respectfully conform with what the Church in her wisdom has provided.

THE OLD FOGY.

The old fogy is ordinarily a man or a woman, considerably past middle age. The hair is almost always frosted with the snows of winter. The step is stiff and measured. The eye is calm, though weak, from the strain of long service. This person's dress is not strictly fashionable, neither do his ways correspond to the ways of the younger generation. There is a pathetic loneliness in his life, all the companions of former days having already tottered down the hill; or lost the positions of influence which they once held.

To those who do not think that there ought to be any check upon the advancing car of progress, this character, if not a nuisance, is to be endured with ill grace. To those that believe that the present grows out of the past until it becomes itself the past, the old fogy is one of the bulwarks of society. Certainly he does not fall in with every new-fangled departure. He does not believe every spirit, and may be, of course, disposed to think that all the good existed in the days when he was young and influential. But think for a moment into what reckless extravagance the present generation might plunge, if it were not restrained by just such a presence. What if young America could always have its way without struggle, without opposition! The prospect is too terrible, even to allow the imagination to linger over it.

At the St. Louis Exposition there is a plant called the Locomotive Test. A powerful engine is run out upon a projecting platform, with its wheels resting upon a stationary set of wheels. The engine is attached to a firmly-fixed mass of rock and cement. The steam is turned on, and the monster begins to go through all the movements that cause it to run when it is on the track. By a system of brakes, the stationary set of wheels may be made to offer resistance, at the pleasure of the operator. Thus it is possible to determine the pulling capacity of the locomotive, and to observe its defects while in motion. And just so the "old fogy," as we have inappropriately named him, acts as a resisting force against the impetuous youth of the country. He retards the swift machine, and obliges the influences that are moving against him to win every step of the way, and to give up the defects that would mean disastrous failure, if carried on into the future.

All honor to the old fogy, the conservator of the true liberty of his people, the land-mark standing in the path of duty that is so often the way to glory! Let us reverence the cause for which he suffered in his prime; let us deal gently with his prejudices, and be grateful for his spirit of conservatism.

AN IMPORTANT ITEM NEGLECTED.

Just at this time when so many young men and women are going away from home for the first time to attend school, and many, perhaps, into strange communities to seek employment, a word of admonition to parents may not be out of place.

With all the pre-arrangement that parents make for sending their children into new surroundings, there is one consideration which is very vital and which is most grievously neglected. It is a matter of religious interest that is slighted. Not many a father would think of allowing his boy to leave home for college without notifying the college authorities of the fact, yet he rarely takes thought also to inform the pastor of his church at that place or some influential Christian layman. The result is that the boy has no encouragement to attend church. If he attends Sunday-school, he goes unannounced and must be treated as a stranger. It takes him a long time to get acquainted with the pastor and with the young people. Frequently, being timid, he allows these considerations to keep him from showing himself at all. He forms bad companionships. He begins to neglect church duties. He goes home, perhaps a moral wreck. Then his father wants to blame the college for it. Or you may note like results with the same treatment of young men that must seek employment away from home.

Save yourselves anxiety and your children embarrassment by writing a letter ahead to the pastor or to the superintendent of the Sunday-school, or to some influential lavman whom you may know, advising him that your son will arrive in his town on a certain day. The results of such a simple act of forethought will not be slow to make themselves felt.

PROFESSOR J. F. BIVINS DEAD.

Prof. J. F. Bivens, headmaster of Trinity Park High School, was killed the morning of September 5th by falling from a train on the Seaboard Air Line, about six miles from Durham. Five days before he had been united in marriage with Miss Fannie Carr; and they were returning from their bridal tour.

In the absence of the editor the foregoing note is made. Professor Bivens was one of the most useful and promising young men in the Methodist ranks; and his death is a heavy blow. And the circumstances of it touch every heart.

Methodist Mention

State.

Rev. A. J. Parker and wife have gone to the St. Louis Exposition.

Rev. N. M. Watson and wife are back at their post of duty in Wilmington after a sojourn at Jackson Springs.

The veterans have re-elected General Julian S. Carr Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans of North Carolina.

Dr. B. F. Dixon is at his desk in the Auditor's office again, and is reported to be looking more fit for hard work than he has for some time.

Mr. W. E. Coletrane, son of Rev. N. E. Coletrane, left Smithfield last week to resume his duties as principal of Manteo High School, on Roanoke Island.

Mr. Joel V. Wilson, father of City Clerk Wilson, of Raleigh, died last Wednesday, August 31st. His funeral was held the following day from Edenton Street Church.

John S. Huyler, of New York, offers to pay half the cost of establishing a big undenominational college for young women in Asheville, N. C., and half the cost of maintenance, if the city will pay the other half.

The following from Rev. F. B. McCall is very encouraging: "We closed on August 26th a meeting of thirteen days in Carr church, during which over forty persons professed peace with God. Rev. J. A. Dailey, of Milton, N. C., was with us during the last five days of the meeting, and greatly endeared himself to us all by his strong sermons and genial spirit."

Rev. S. A. Stewart, of Monroe, who has for the past two years been Professor of History in Trinity Park High School, was interested enough with the Advocate to come into the office last Wednesday during a few hours stay in the city. Mr. Stewart will be in Durham until September 27th, when he will leave for New Haven, Conn., to enter the Yale Divinity School.

Rev. G. B. Starling reported at the office Saturday morning, with the information that he had just closed a great meeting at Ebenezer on his charge. He said he did the preaching when he was not kept from doing so by the shouts of the newly saved. There were nearly forty conversions. Twenty-seven joined Ebenezer church. At the same time that the twenty-seven adults were baptized, three infants were also consecrated to the Lord by the same sacrament. In explanation of the meeting, Mr. Starling said that it was due to the fine Sunday-school that is conducted at Ebenezer and to the fact that the congregation is "always in grace."

Connectional.

A movement is on foot to build a superannuate home at Guin, Ala., in the Jasper District.

Bishop Galloway is reported to have reached Yokohama, Japan, safe during the week ending August 19th.

The temperance people won in an election on local option at Mayfield, Ken., recently by a vote of 593 to 267.

Rev. J. N. Huggins, of Lexington, with his family, has gone to the Exposition and to visit relatives in Missouri.

The Missouri Board of the United Synod of the Lutheran Church in the South convened in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Charlotte, August 31st.

Immediately upon his arrival in New York from England, Bishop Hoss hurried to New Mexico to the bedside of his son Sessler, who is afflicted.

Rev. W. G. Harlin is writing a serial in the New Orleans Christian Advocate entitled, "The Apostle to the Americans." The "Apostle" is Asbury.

Dr. S. S. Keener announces the gift of $1,000 from Mrs. McLeroy to the Endowment Fund for the widows and orphans of Louisiana Methodist preachers.

Goodnight College, of Texas, located on the Southern Pacific Railway, has been endowed with 650 acres of land and 500 buffaloes. The donor is Charles Goodnight, for whom the college is named.

It is said that many of the sufferers from the General Slocumb disaster in New York harbor have lost faith in God, and have ceased to take any interest whatever in St. Mark's Church. They blame the church for the tragedy.

The pygmies of Central Africa now on exhibition at the St. Louis Exposition were persuaded to come to this country by Rev. S. P. Verner, a Presbyterian missionary. He traveled 26,000 miles, 800 of the distance on foot, in his effort to secure the men.

Georgia Methodism is to be congratulated that she furnishes another missionary for our foreign field—a preacher's daughter, Miss Mamie Myers. Rev. H. P. Myers and wife are honored in the decision of this young woman. They have wrought well in their own home.

Wofford College Lyceum will present to the public next season a course which for variety and strength will be unexcelled, according to J. A. Gainewell, in the Southern Christian Advocate. The Lyceum is a permanent feature of Wofford, with a reserved fund of nearly $7,000.

Dr. J. P. Mahaffy, of Trinity College, Dublin, whose books on Greek history and literature have won fame for him, is about arriving in this country. He is going to Chicago to deliver a series of lectures on his favorite subject of Hellenism. He will also speak at the International Congress at St. Louis next month.

Granbery College (Texas) has changed it name to Granbery University Training School, has adopted the course of study prescribed in the Fitting School of Southwestern University, correlated with Southwestern in every respect, and the prospects for a most successful career under the new plans and management are most flattering.

The prospects for unprecedented crops in the Indian Territory are fine. There will be the largest yield of corn and cotton ever known. With our inexhaustible bed of coal, vast oil and gas fields, and numerous other resources, this country is a veritable El Dorado. We must hold this field for our Christ and Southern Methodism.

Rev. W. E. Mumford, who was for several years a member of the South Georgia Conference, and agent of the Conference Orphan Home, but who later located and founded the Industrial Home for orphan children at Macon, died on August 11, at his home in Macon, after a lingering illness. He had at the time of his death about one hundred and fifty children in his home. His place will be difficult to fill.

Mr. Sangi Ogawa, the Japanese ministerial student of Randolph-Macon College, whose extrme illness at Hampton, Va., was noticed last week, is dead. Mr. Ogawa was born in Kobe, Japan, on January 1, 1882. His father is a Buddhist, but young Ogawa was converted to the Christian faith when a child under the inuence of Mrs. Lambeth, our missionary in Kobe. He had been at Randolph-Macon since the summer of 1902.

President W. W. Daniel, of Columbia College, South Carolina, for women, contributes some heart-cheering information in regard to the college to the Southern Christian Advocate. A proposed new building for the college, having a site embracing forty-six acres, will be erected two stories high, and contain one hundred and fifty-three dormitories, ten class rooms, large dining-room, commodious chapel, parlors, offices, gymnasium, two literary society halls, an art studio, science hall, a number of music rooms, kitchen, pantry and laundry. While we are rejoicing over the rebuilding of G. F. C., we wish to congratulate Columbia.

General Notes

General Kuropatkin is said to be deeply religious. When at home he always attends religious service, and has a chapel in his own house.

Murad V., former Sultan of Turkey, is dead. Three months after he became Sultan, in May, 1876, he was dethroned and imrisoned in favor of the present Sultan, Abdul Hamid II. All these years he has been confined in prison.

The Methodist preachers of Philadelphia have recently made a canvass of their city in behalf of their Methodist church paper. Seventy-two pastors in but a few days' systematic work added 1,745 full-year Advocate subscribers to the list. "This bears out," says the Christian Guardian, "what we have often said—the circulation of the church paper depends largely upon the pastors," and we fully agree with it.—Western Christian Advocate.

Dr. Charles B. Spahr, of Kings Bridge, New York City, editor of two magazines of New York, and a well-known writer on economic topics either fell or jumped overboard from the steamer Prince Albert, at about 5 o'clock in the evening of August 30th. Mr. Spahr was making a tour of Europe for the benefit of his health. Mr. Spahr seemed to have been much improved by his trip, and his traveling companion said he never for a moment suspected that he would attempt to commit suicide.

A copy of the New Testament was recently found upon the dead body of a Japanese soldier before Port Arthur. The agents of the Bible Society have preserved this book as a precious relic, and as a token of the new Japan. This brings to mind that about 200,000 Bibles were distributed in Japan last year, about seven-eights of which were disposed of by sale. The tract societies and publishing houses put out about three-quarters of a million volumes of religious books, and a union hymnal has been issued by the Protestant churches. Another indication of religious progress in this country is that there are enrolled 43,000 members of Protestant churches and 50,000 Sunday-school scholars.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

In reviewing a book of sermons, Bishop Henry W. Warren recently said: "We are really surprised that in so many sermons there should be no one treating specifically of that grandest possibility of human nature—the new creation of a sinful soul into the image of God. It is a most glowing and fascinative theme for every kind of a man. That there should be a life so high that good blood, careful, early religious training, best culture, high civil authority, and the great respect accorded the ruler of the Jews could not secure it, but it must be born from above, born of the present working spirit in creating energy, makes it a theme of transcendent interest. It is much to save a life imparted so high that death cannot touch it. This is presumed to exist in nearly every sermon, but how could any one leave out the fact and the process in eight printed sermons?"

The New York Churchman has issued a very beautiful supplement to the regular number, entitled, "The St. Louis Exposition, Its Significance," by Charles Rollison Lamb. Mr. Lamb is very well known in the religious world generally, as the artist-architect associated with the firm of J. & R. Lamb, of New York, and also on account of his efforts towards developing a reverent and artistic feeling in church decoration. In the Churchman article, which Mr. Lamb has written as a member of the National Advisory Committee of the Department of Art on the St. Louis Exposition, he has given the history of the artistic side of the Exposition. The illustrations in the article are numerous and very beautiful. Altogether it is a valuable addition to the serious literature on the subject.

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League Critics.

There are few young people taking part in chapter work who might not be greatly helped by friendly criticism. Errors of pronunciation, voice, posture and emphasis are common and might be easily corrected in the young if their attention were called to them.

Every chapter should appoint a committee of three wise, competent critics who should note all errors, and at the close of the meeting, or at some more convenient time, hand privately to those taking part in the evening's exercises the result.

I say hand privately to those taking part because it would prevent embarrassment, and at the same time accomplish the desired end. Many a speaker to-day might be more effectual had some one called his attention to his faults when he first began to exercise in public. Who has not known a good composition to fall ineffectual because it was spoken too fast or too slow, in too high a key, or so low that many words were indistinct, or because there were glaring errors in pronunciation, or in some other way marred in the rendering.

The League Board.

Such is the importance of the Epworth League that those only who have an abiding interest in its workings should be elected members of the Board. So long as only three or four out of a membership of seventeen are present at any meeting of the Board we may not expect any general awakening. From year to year laymen have been nominated and elected as members of this Board who have not attended a session of the Conference save, perhaps, on Sunday for twelve years. And there are clerical members who have not met with the Board during that time. These may have an interest in the League, but their interest in the work of some other board or committee, of which they are members, is greater.

Why, in a Conference so large as ours, some men are on two and three boards and committees is, to us, inexplicable except under peculiar conditions.

In a matter involving so much as the Epworth League, more attention should be given to the nomination of the Board, and if possible men who have at heart the interest of this cause should be nominated. An enthusiastic League Board would insure a forward movement of the League in North Carolina Conference.

Seventeen men, scattered as they are through the Conference, thoroughly alive to this interest, would make themselves felt in a quickening of a League conscience throughout our borders.

True, it is yet three months to Conference, and some time before a new Board is to be elected, and it may seem that this article is premature, but it may serve to arouse from their apathy some whose interest in the matter should be keenest. So mote it be!

Notes.

One of the great objections to the modern novel is the long-drawn-out scandal. The novelist seems to think it an essential to the success of his book. Whether he be preacher or layman, he must paint vice as laughingly peeping from behind a gauze curtain; and our young people too often estimate a book by the shock it gives to their moral sensibility.

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Some editors of League columns leaving home for a week or two would expect to find many communications awaiting their return because of the interest of their constituency in the League work.

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What shall we do with the word "only?" It is more frequently out of joint than any other word. A highly cultured gentleman is just as apt to say, "He only had one son," for "he had only one son," as anybody else.

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If you would be helpful to prisoners, inmates of asylums, hospitals, helpless invalids, or any who are kept, for any cause, from attending church, write to Rev. J. Marvin Nichols, Gainesville, Texas, who has a plan on foot for their benefit.

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When we read of whole Conferences being thoroughly organized, with not a district unorganized, and continuous Conferences uniting in assembly work, it is with sadness we contemplate our own unorganized condition and the apparent indifference to League work in general. But this state of things is not going to continue. The time will be when every district in the North Carolina Conference will be organized and holding district Leagues, and when as much interest will be had in a Conference League as is now manifested in an Annual Conference.

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Sunday School

Lesson for September 11, 1904.

Elijah Taken Up to Heaven.

Golden Text: He was not; for God took him.—Genesis 5:24.

We come now to the closing scenes in the life of Elijah, the Tishbite, well named the "prophet of fire." The sacred historian does not give us a closely connected record of his life, but rather selects the most striking events in his career, and weaves them into the history of the people of Israel. So in regard to the close of Elijah's life, we are not told of what led up to his translation, but are presented with the dramatic scene of today's lesson quite apart from any connection with preceding events.

Elisha with Elijah.—Elijah's last hours upon this earth were spent in company with his disciple Elisha, upon whom he had thrown his prophetic mantle in accordance with the divine direction referred to in our last lesson. Elisha on his part had accepted the divine intimation thus given, and had become an ardent follower of the great prophet, to whom he looked up as to a spiritual father.

Elisha's persistence in remaining with Elijah is a striking feature of Elijah's last hours, and suggests in its outcome the reward that comes to those who abide faithful in any loving ministry upon God's servants.

Crossing the Jordan.—Peculiar interest always attaches to the last things in the life of any great man. So the crossing of the Jordan by an act of miraculous power, which reminds us strongly of Moses crossing the Red Sea, and of Joshua crossing the Jordan is well worthy of notice.

It is characteristic of Elijah's career that miracles seemed to be his constant credentials as a representative of the true God. While other prophets preached by their spoken words, Elijah was constantly presenting divine truth by some act of miraculous power.

A Parting Request.—It is a striking though often a much misunderstood request which Elisha makes of Elijah in response to the prophet's bidding, "Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee."

The gift of a double portion of Elijah's spirit did not mean, as it is often mistakenly interpreted that Elisha should be twice as great a prophet as Elijah. The request was based upon the Deuteronomic provision that a father may, if he so desire, give a double-portion to a first-born son, so that he may have twice as much as each of the other sons. So Elisha asks that he may receive "such a blessing as will show that he is esteemed as the dearest member of that band (the sons of the prophets) whom Elijah had most trusted."

Into Heaven by a Whirwind.—The manner of Elijah's departure from this earth was in fitting accord with his life. His had been a rugged, strenuous career, he had walked in close company with Jehovah through all the days of his prophetic activity. Hence it was appropriate that he should ascend to heaven in a blaze of glory, and with manifest tokens of God's presence with him in his passing away.

Lessons from a Great Life.—1. Elijah was a man of great faith. The mantle which he used with such wonderful results was but the outward symbol of an inward faith, which God honored by enabling him to triumph over the greatest obstacles.

2. Elijah was a man of great courage. He stood alone on Mt. Carmel, and to a certain extent he stood alone throughout his whole career, and this required the truest kind of courage.

3. Elijah was a man of prayer. He was ever in close communion with God, and herein lay the secret of his greatest power.

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Ten day coach excursion tickets: Goldsboro, $20.00; Selma, $20.00; Clayton, $19.50; Raleigh, $18.50; Durham, $17.00; Greensboro, $17.00; Oxford, 17.00; Henderson, $17.00; Salisbury, $17.00; Charlotte, $18.30; Statesville, $17.00; Morganton, $17.00.

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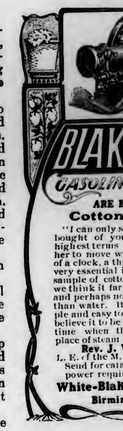
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STATE.

Four hundred students have already entered the A. & M. College at Raleigh.

President Venable says that he does not think the talk of consolidating the different State colleges under one head amounts to anything.

Mr. John Upchurch, representing the Audubon Society, has instituted suits against several parties in Goldsboro for violating the game law.

The meeting of the North Carolina Confederate Veterans at Asheville was a big affair, and the old veterans are high in their praise of their entertainment.

The A. & M. College opened last Friday with morning prayer in the Pullen auditorium. Services were conducted by Rev. Alfred H. Moment of the First Presbyterian Church.

Prof. Ernest P. Mangum, eldest son of the late Prof. Adolphus W. Mangum of the State University, died at Rex Hospital in this city, on the morning of September 5th, at 8 o'clock. Professor Mangum was a nephew of Senator Lee S. Overman.

The Durham Hosiery Mill is trying the experiment of working colored help. A mill has been fitted up with several machines, the old furniture factory being occupied, and negroes are doing the work. The experiment will began work Saturday. If successful this will be the only hosiery mill in the United States in which colored help will do all the work.

Mr. E. M. Armfield, of High Point, has given the University $5,000 as an endowment for the library of English philology. This gift, coming from one of the younger alumni, is very gratifying to the friends of the University. It supplies a pressing need in the English department, making it possible to form a collection of books which will be exceedingly useful for study and research and for the development of the department.

The Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad was leased to the Howland Improvement Company, of Asheville, for a term of ninety-one years and four months, by the stockholders of that road at a meeting held in New Bern last Thursday. The following was the stock vote for the resolution to lease: By J. A. Bryan, 147; Craven County stock, 185; Lenoir County, 56; Demsey Wood, 310; C. M. Bushee, 8; by H. R. Bryan, Jr., 37; by E. C. Duncan, 208; T. J. Jarvis, 8; total private stock, 908; State proxy, 350; total for lease, 1,258. Against lease: by J. A. Bryan, 2; Pamlico County, 26; by Demsey Wood, 15; by C. E. Foy, 51; L. G. Daniels, 3; total, 97. As chairman of the State Board of Internal Improvements, Governor Aycock was present, and with Mr. B. W. Ballard outvoted the third member of the board (Mr. B. C. Beckwith), thus throwing the State's 350 votes in favor of the lease. The rental is 3 per cent on the capital stock for the first ten years, 3 per cent for the second ten years, 3½ for the third ten years, 4 for the fourth ten years, 4½ for the fifth ten years, 5 for the sixth ten years, and 6 per cent for the balance of the term. The Howland Company assumes and pays the bonded indebtedness of the road as it falls due, and if the debt is refunded it shall be at the lowest possible rate of interest, and in no case shall Howland pay more than 6 per cent on these bonds. Howland agrees to spend within the next three years $250,000 in permanent improvements. He has deposited $100,000 in United States bonds with the State Treasurer to guarantee the faithful performance of the lease.

GENERAL.

The shipment of currency West and South to move crops has begun vigorously.

The United Garment Workers voted down a resolution committing the union to Socialism.

Senator C. W. Fairbanks made his first speech of this campaign at White River Junction, Vt.

Hon. David B. Hill has announced his intention to retire from politics on the first of January next.

Manchester spinners urge the trade of all countries not to buy cotton during the month of September.

The whole State Democratic ticket was elected in Arkansas Tuesday. None of the candidates had opponents except Governor Davis. His majority was reduced considerably.

The Republicans carried the State of Vermont in the State election Tuesday by a greatly increased majority—25,000. The Senate is solidly Republican, while the Republicans will have 141 out of 143 in the lower branch.

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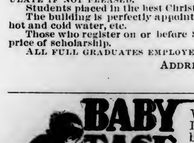

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What of the Old Preachers' Home? Have you given it up? Not at all. We have had so much on our hands in putting up our Main building, that we could not divide our strength. These dear old men—the roll of honor, are still on our hearts. They are on the peoples hearts.

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Receipts up to April 1.

Plank Chapel, support for an orphan, $2.65; Kittrell, support for an orphan, $1.40; Ebenezer, support for of an orphan, $2.95; A. E. Fuller, $2.00; O. E. Fuller, $2.00; Salem, $12.70; Oxford, $26.51; Haw River Circuit on subs., $1.55; Haw River Circuit, on support of an orphan, $2.95; Miss Eva Mann, $2.00; Mrs. Susan C. Hunt, on subs., $2.00; Mrs. D. N. Hunt, on subs., 50 cents; Miss Sarah E. Hunt, on subs., $1.00; the Little People's Aid Society, Airlie, one bed, $15.00; the Little People's Aid Society, Airlie, general fund, $3.00.

Donations in kind:

A pair of white Wyandotte chickens from Bro. D. H. Hooker, Fremont, N. C.

The Opening.

Most of the children returned August 31, and the session opened on the first of April. It had been intended to have a public opening, and Miss Emma Page was invited to come and give us a Bible reading or lesson in the Catharine Page Chapel as the opening service. But she did not find it convenient to do so. We had no public service. The children and Miss Lucy Reeks, and Miss Mamie Jenkins, and the Matron, and the Superintendent met in the Chapel and held a short service. Singing, reading the Word, a prayer, and a short talk, constituted the exercises. The children are all in good health and looking remarkably well. Their friends seem to have taken good care of them. We hope that they brought no reproach on the Institution. They are a goodly sci.

That Collection.

I wonder if all the preachers will take a collection in every congregation for the Orphanage between now and Conference. I wonder if every Superintendent of Sunday-schools will get his school to do something once a month for the orphans.

Brother preachers don't put everything off for Thanksgiving. If you do, at least five hundred churches will not have an opportunity of giving anything to these little helpless ones. It will be a great loss to them. How easy to give everybody a chance. They want it.

A member of the Primitive Baptist Church, a very poor man, came to me and said: "I want to give something to that. Anybody will give to that cause."

Applications Coming In.

Quite a number of applications have come in. But provisions have been made for but very few. Not a single child has been provided for except by the intervention of the Superintendent for nearly two years. I wonder if the pastors and the superintendents of the Sunday-schools will ever take it in hand. They could provide for a hundred before Conference, if they would. Maybe they will. It would be a pity for that grand building to stand there empty, for years to come, for the want of a little attention to that matter. Then there are so many needy cases. They are just begging for admittance.

We will have to take the most needy, and the others will have to wait until provision is made. My Lord, send help!

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Quarterly Meetings.

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Scotland Neck, Sept. 4, 5
Conway, Providence, Sept. 10, 11
Murfreesboro, Sept. 11, 12
Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept. 24, 25
Williams on and Hamilton, Williamston, Oct. 1, 2
Rich Square, Pioneer's, Oct. 8, 9
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, Oct. 15, 16

FOURTH ROUND.

Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, Aug. 21, 22
Harrellsville, Harrellsville, Aug. 27, 28
Scotland Neck, sept. 4, 5
Conway, Providence Sept, 10, 11.
Murfreesboro, Sept. 11, 12
Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept. 24, 25
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, October 1, 2
Rich Square, Pioneers, Oct. 8, 9
Battleboro and Whitakers, Whitakers, Oct. 15, 16
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, 22, 23
Warren. shady Grove, Oct. 29, 30
Warrenton, Warrenton, Oct. 30, 31
Littleton, Littleton, Nov. 3, 4
Weldon, Nov. 6 7
Garysburg, Seaboard, Nov. 5
Roanoke Circuit, Smiths, Nov. 12, 13
Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, Nov. 13, 14
Ridgeway, Union, Nov. 19, 20
Henderson, Nov. 27, 28

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Dover Circuit, Webb's, Sept. 10, 11
Mt. Olive, Bethel, Sept. 3, 4
St. John, Sept. 7

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Onslow, Swanboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Bargaw, September 10, 11
Grace, September 13

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Edenton, Sept 4
Kennekeet, at Chicamacomico, Sept. 8
Hatteras, Trent, sept. 10, 11
Hertford, Centre Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Perquimans, Oak Grove, Sept. 24, 25
Pasquotank, Newbegun, Sept. 25, 26
Camden, McBride's, Oct. 1, 2
North Gates, Savage, Oct. 8, 9
Gates Harrells Oct. 15, 16
Kitty Hawk, Currituck Inlet, Oct. 22, 23
Currituck, Ebenezer, Oct. 23, 24
Moyock, Perkins Chapel, Oct. 29, 30
Dare, Mann's Harbor Nov. 5, 6
Roanoke Island, Nov. 6, 7
Elizabeth City, First Church, Nov. 13
Elizabeth City Road, Nov. 13
Columbia, Nov. 19, 20
Pantego and Belhan, Nov. 25
Roper, Nov 26, 27
Plymouth, Nov. 27

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

FOURTH HOUND.

Rebecsville, Mt Zion, Sept. 3, 4
Washington, Sept. 11, 12
Nashville, Sharon, Sept. 17, 18
Farmville, Farmville, Oct. 2, 3
Aurora, Oct. 8, 9
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter, Oct. 12
Fairfield, Oct. 14
Mattemuskeet, Nebraska, Oct. 15 16
Bethel, Bethel, Oct. 22, 23
Tarboro, (night) Oct. 23
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, Ocracoke, Oct. 29, 30
Greenville, (morning) Nov. 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Smitherdine, November 6, 7
Spring Hope, Hornes, Nov. 12, 13
Wilson Station, (night) Nov. 13
Wilson Circuit, (Lodge Street) Nov. 14
Fremont, Fremont Nov. 15
Rock Mount, Nov. 16
Bath, Bath, Nov. 19, 20
South Rocky Mount and Marvin, Nov. 22
South Edgecombe, Elm City, Nov. 27, 28

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Roberdel, Roberdel, Sept. 3, 4
Rockingham Station, Sept. 4, 5
Lumberton, Barker's, Sept. 10, 11
St. John and Gibson, St. John, Sept. 15, 16
Laurenburg, Sept. 16, 17
Richmond, Steele's Mill, Sept. 24, 25
Maxton and Caledonia, Oct. 1, 2
Hamlet, Ham et, Oct. 8, 9
Rowland, Rowland, Oct. 15 16
Robeson, Asbury, Oct. 22, 23
Mt. Gilead, Wadeville, Oct. 29, 30
Montgomery, Capeside, Nov. 5, 6
Red Springs, Red Springs, Nov. 12, 13
Pekin, Concord, Nov. 19, 20
Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Nov. 26, 27

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Franklinton, Grove Hill, September 10, 11
Clayton, Elizabeth, September 17, 18
Oxford Circuit, September 24, 25
Central, October 1, 2
Brooklyn, October 2, 3
Milbrook, October 8, 9
Granville, October 15, 16
Wakefield, October 30
Kenley, October 22, 23
Cary, October 29, 30
Epworth, October 30
Oxford Station, November 5, 6
Youngsville, November 13, 13
Louisburg, November 19, 20
Tar River, Plank Chapel, November 26, 27

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

FOURTH ROUND.

Trinity Church, Sept. 11, at 11 a. m.
Carr Church and Branson, at Carr, Sept. 11 at night
Chapel Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Durham McManen, Sept. 24, 25
Mangum Street, Sept. 25, at night
Leasburg, Salem, Oct. 1, 2
Hillsboro, Cedar Grove, Oct. 8, 9
Hexboro, Concord, Oct. 15, 16
Milton, New Hope, Oct. 22, 23
Yanceyville, Bethel Oct. 29, 30
Mt Tirzah Circuit, Nov. 5, 6
Burlington, Front Street, Nov. 13, 14
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, Nov. 13, at night
Burlington, Shiloah, Nov. 18
Alamance, Phillips Chapel, Nov. 19, 20
Main Street, Nov. 27, at 11 a. m.
West Durham, Nov. 27, at night

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Goldstone Maroneys, August 27, 28
Sampson, Bethel, September 3, 4
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 10, 11

FOURTH ROUND.

Dunn, Sept. 25, 26.
Cokesbury, Cokesbury, Oct 1, 2
Elise, Tyrn. Oct. 7
Carthage, Oct. 8, 9
Haw River, Bynum's, Oct. 14
Pittsboro, Zion, Oct. 15, 16
Siler City, Oct. 22, 23
Goldston, Oct. 23, 24
Jonesboro, Poplar Springs, Oct. 28
Sanford, Oct. 29, 30
Hope Mills, Nov. 5, 6
Newton Grove, Nov. 11
Duke, Benson, Nov. 12, 13
Buckhorn, Cokesbury, Oct. 18
Lillington, Nov. 10, 20
Sampson, Nov. 25
Fayetteville, Hay Street, Nov. 27
Fayetteville, Hoit's Hill, Nov. 27

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A little grave within a churchyard set,
And over it the soft and grassy sod,
And carved upon the marble gleaming white
These words—"From God to God."
—Katharine Jewell.

PLATT.—After a protracted illness of nearly two years, Miss Hattie Platt died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Platt, June 7, 1904, in the twenty-second year of her age.

Of kind disposition, reared in a Christian home, and converted in childhood, she presented to her family and church a character unsullied by worldliness and an influence which counted only for good. She was ready to meet the summons which called her to a better land.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved.

W. T. USRY.

THARRINGTON.—Mrs. Emily Tharrington was born in Franklin County, N. C., August 14, 1843, and died August 9, 1904.

At the age of twelve years she joined Ebenezer M. E. Church, in Franklin County, N. C., but afterwards moved her membership to Trinity church, four miles north of Louisburg. She was married to Allen P. Tharrington, December 21, 1865. In 1884 she, with her husband and seven small children, moved to Warren County and settled two miles from Arcola, and moved her membership to Bethlehem church. Her husband died in less than a year after they moved to Warren County, leaving her with a family of seven children to raise. She was a good woman, a faithful Christian, was loved by all who knew her, and was ready to answer the call to "come up higher." She leaves four daughters and two sons. They will miss her, but may the grace of God be with them.

G. W. D.

MERRITT.—Hon. J. S. Merritt was born in Person County, N. C., November 15, 1860, and died May 28, 1904.

He was a lawyer, and spent the last years of his life in Roxboro, N. C., in the successful practice of his profession.

Brother Merritt had many friends throughout his native county, a great multitude of whom were present at his funeral.

He was prominently identified with much of the material progress of this community, and was deemed a useful citizen. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and was also a Mason.

He was buried according to the burial service of his church and the Order or A. D. and A. Masons.

Brother Merritt was the devoted husband of a brave, true wife, and the affectionate father of five bright, interesting children. In their desolate grief these bow in sorrow unspeakable till that time when they shall meet again.

When Brother Merritt realized that the time of his departure from this life was approaching, having come to a view-point not attained before, like many of us shall have to do, he frankly confessed that he had not followed his Lord as he should have done, and he deeply deplored the mistakes of his life. But God who is always plenteous in mercy gave place for repentance, and by deep and true repentance our beloved brother found an abundant pardon and died in the full assurance of faith.

So may he rest on the bossom of our Lord until we shall see him again.

God bless the bereaved and sorrow-stricken family.

K. D. HOLMES, P. C.
Roxboro, N. C.

WEST.—These lines are to record the triumphant death of a young Christian wife and mother. Sister Fannie West passed out from her earthly home on July 26, 1904. She was born at Thompson Ridge, Orange County, New York, on July 31, 1872. When fourteen years old she came to Elizabeth City, N. C., where she spent the remainder of her life. She gave her heart to God in girlhood and lived a consistent life in the Methodist church. She was more than a nominal Chritsian. The Master's service was her chief delight, and He himself was a constant guest in her home. The memory of her work in the Sunday-school, the choir and in the church will ever be an inspiration to those with whom she labored.

Although a young woman, she had set her house in order and was waiting in hope and patience for the change to come. Her mother, Mrs. Crawford, and her husband, were the faithful watchers by her bed. These and Evelyn, the little daughter, are left behind. There are also three sisters and one brother, all of whom have families. What a pleasure for them to remember her devoted life and triumphant fearless death. May the Holy Spirit fill the saddened home with His abiding presence.

H. M. NORTH.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, it has pleased almighty God to remove from our midst our beloved young friend, Miss Sue Davis; therefore be it resolved, by the members of the Woman's Home Mission Society of Henderson M. E. Church:

1. That while we bow in humble submission to God's will, yet we feel keenly the loss of our faithful friend and co-worker.

2. That the sweet influences of her Chritsian life shall be to us an inspiration to larger usefulness, greater devotion and sacrifice.

3. That we hereby express to the bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy and prayers in this deep affliction.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and to the Advocate for publication, also recorded in the minutes of our Society.

MRS. H. C. SPIERS,
MISS MATTIE DANIEL,
MISS NORMA BRITT,
Committee.

At the monthly meeting of the New Bern Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society August 5th, the announcement of the death of Mrs. Pauline Brooks brought sorrow to its members.

She, who had organized and served in this Society, won her way to the hearts of all, who were privileged at that time to be members of this Auxiliary. She inspired them to labor for the glorious cause of missions, and her influence still lives.

Whereas, it has been the will of an all-wise providence to call to her final resting place our beloved friend, Mrs. Pauline Brooks; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That the church and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has lost one of its truest friends.

2. That in the death of our friend a sad vacancy has been caused in the ranks of our missionary workers, which, while bowing to the will of God, we greatly depore, and that in this, our loss, we desire to unite with the family in their sorrow, and wish to express to them our sympathy in

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Eczema drives its victim almost to the verge of distraction by its intolerable itching, stinging and burning. It seems to set the skin on fire, and the tormented sufferer rubs and scratches till the flesh is raw and the skin is torn and bleeds. Nothing applied externally does much good, for the disease is internal; the blood is aflame with acid poisons, that are forcing their way through the glands and pores of the skin, causing it to redden and swell and break out in splotches, pustules and pimples, from which a clear, yellow, watery matter exudes, hardens and dries, and then peels off in scales or fine particles like bran. Eczema kindles a fire that water will not quench, and that lotions, salves, powders and soap cannot smother. As warm weather comes on and the system is reacting and the blood making extra efforts to throw off the accumulated poisons, Eczema attacks with redoubled violence, and the sufferer is almost distracted by the fearful itching and burning. It is the most uncomfortable and aggravating of all skin eruptions and a terror in warm weather.

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3. That a page in our record book be inscribed to the memory of our departed friend, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

MRS. J. A. MEADOWS,
MRS. C. A. BANGERT,
MR. GEO. HENDERSON,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Woman's Home Mission Society at Stantonsburg, N. C.:

Whereas, the all-wise God has called from labor to reward our beloved sister and First Vice-President, Mrs. J. T. Graves; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That in her death our Society and church has lost one of its most consecrated members and the community a true friend.

2. That while we shall miss her sadly, yet we would be resigned to the will of our heavenly Father, knowing it is well with her, for she has only exchanged the sorrows and cares of life for the joys and triumphs of the redeemed and the presence of her dear Saviour whom she so faithfully served.

3. That we will try to follow her as she followed her Lord so that when the "Great Reaper," who gleans all fields, shall come to us, without warning, as He did to our sister, we, too, may be ready to meet our God.

4. That we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family, to whom her love was so strong and tender, and by whom she is so sorely missed. But we rejoice that they sorrow not as those without hope, knowing their loss is her eternal gain.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy be sent to the bereaved family, one to the Wilson Times and one to the Raleigh Christian Advocate.

MRS. ORA L. BARNES,
MRS. E. C. EXUM,
MRS. H. E. THOMPSON,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by the church Conference of Oaky Grove Church:

In memory of our sister, E. Meto Jones, who has been taken from our midst by the angel of death, and translated by the power of God to the realms of glory, there to be in the company of Jesus, her Saviour, and all her friends who have preceded her to the better land, we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved 1. That we, as a church, desire to record our appreciation of her exalted Christian character and her sweet spirit. We all feel that we have been made better by association with her, and while we deplore our loss, we rejoice in the hope of meeting her over on the other side. We tender our heartfelt sympathies to her husband and children and all her friends.

2. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her bereaved family, be spread upon the minutes of the church conference and also a copy be sent to the Raleigh Chritsian Advocate.

M. MIAL,
L. L. DOUB,
MISS ELIZA S. POWELL,
Committee.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS.

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AT THE EXPOSITION.

(Editorial Correspondence.)

I have been at the Exposition for nearly a week, and in this time a very peculiar dissatisfaction has developed within me. The more I have seen the more I have realized there is to see that cannot be seen by the visitor who expects to return home this side of December 1st. It takes a big show to develop this kind of feeling in one, and the feeling is sure to bring a kind of pleasing dissatisfaction. At the other fairs, each day of sight-seeing brought me nearer the goal. Now each day carries me farther from it. The St. Louis Exposition is simply too big for two classes of people—those who have only a few days to spend, and those who having more time are unable to select exhibits and concentrate attention. Unless you can do the latter, do not by any means comes unless you can spend three months. A few days aimless walk through the Exposition will simply give you a blurred vision whose memory will be only that which you have of a view through a kaleidoscope.

But I wish to emphasize the fact that a visit to only one of certain departments of the Exposition will repay the visitor. Take for instance

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL ECONOMY.

In the first place there is a building with a floor space of 290,000 square feet, and costing fully $400,000. It is a dream of architectural beauty, and is said to be the most beautiful building on the grounds. What an honor paid to education—that which up to a few years ago never received any attention at a State Fair or an Exposition! For the first time in the history of the world education has a home on Exposition grounds. This looks as if the world were moving on to the sunrise.

It would pay every school officer and teacher in North Carolina to visit the Exposition just to see the educational exhibit. He would learn more than he could learn at a half-dozen summer schools and institutes. He would carry back with him a broader vision of that field which is just beginning to be considered rich enough to claim the toil and devotion of so many teachers.

O course I am not going to try to catalogue the wonderful exhibits. The United States, England, Germany, Sweden, and France are represented. Several respectively of the New England, the Eastern, the Central and the Western States are represented. No South Atlantic State, I believe, is represented. The common school and the college and university are intelligently and practically illustrated in a hundred lucid ways. Germany, judging from its exhibit, leads the world in educational spirit, method, appliances and equipments. The fact will be driven home to the consciousness of every open-eyed visitor that the American public school of to-day is far different from that of even ten years ago. The school taught in miserable shanties by inexperienced teachers whose prime function seemingly was to "hear" lessons in the three "R's," call "books" and "turn out" for the day, has given place to the school taught in buildings as carefully constructed as private homes, and by teachers who regard their work as a profession. It is evident from the display in the Educational Building that hereafter the pupil in the public school is to be taught not only how to read and write and cipher, but to know things around him and to do things with brawn and hand.

The college and university exhibit should be unusually interesting and valuable, but it is not. It will be at the next great Exposition. Several of the higher institutions display the books written by members of the faculties. No bad idea, but one which is full of very valuable suggestion.

I wish to repeat that it would pay every man and woman who is interested in education to visit the Exposition for the sake of the educational exhibit alone. Nothing of the kind has ever been seen before, and probably never will be again.

Another building which greatly interested me was the

AGRICULTURAL BUILDING.

My experience in farming has been limited to a few days' plowing years ago, and to desultory work which I have essayed to do in the garden. Yet I like everything pertaining to agriculture. What is seen in the Agricultural Building is surely sufficient to interest every man, woman, and child in the land.

The building is a mammoth. I have spent a large part of two days in it, and there is quite a number of aisles which I have not traversed. The exhibits are similar to those seen at former Expositions. New varieties of grains and other products constitute, however, a pleasing feature.

The cereal ornamentation was a wonder to me. Very few of our people realize what can be done with cereals in an artistic way. I saw wheat straw used on the sides and over the doors of booths so as to resemble gold decorations. I saw corn and wheat and sections of corn cobs made into the most seemingly elaborate pictures, which at a distance resembled oil paintings. I saw what to me was a new use of the ground pea. It was made into the most beautiful bead drapery which would adorn any hall of the most handsome residence. Why do not some of our Eastern North Carolina housekeepers in those sections where the festive goober flourisheth utilize the idea? Perhaps the edible property of the ornament would generate in the stray visitor an appetite which would master his aesthetic faculty. Who can tell?

Let no visitor to the Exposition fail to see the butter display in the Agricultural Building. The sculptor's genius has simply done as artistic work in butter as was ever done on marble and granite. This statement, of course, is made from the standpoint of a crude admirer who has never "sculped," and who cannot be accepted as an authority.

Let me give you a few things done in butter as yellow as gold and kept all the time below freezing point: busts of noted men; a milk-maid leading her cow to the pasture; a boat containing three men; a girl milking and sending the white fluid into the mouth of a cat greedily sitting near. Remember that all these objects were life-size. I have been through the Art Department and I saw there nothing more beautiful (to me) than the work done in butter in the Agricultural Department.

Right here, without waiting any longer, I wish to say something of North Carolina at the Exposition.

The first place at which I came upon North Carolina was in the Horticultural Hall. The display of apples was a failure as compared with the display of fruits from other States. When I remembered what I saw last fall at the State Fair, and then looked at the inferior display in Horticultural Hall, I could not but feel that a mistake had been made in making any display at all. Later in the day I ran on the North Carolina exhibit in the Agricultural Building. It was in the hands of a North Carolinian, Mr. Green, busy in his place preparing for the jurors who are to make the awards. The exhibit had a familiar appearance and looked somewhat sober and conservative, but the real thing was there, and I felt that North Carolina had nothing to be ashamed of. Further down the aisle the State held her own in the display of tobacco. I noticed the following large sign prominently displayed: "Pitt County grows more bright tobacco than any other county in the United States. Greenville, with its seven warehouses, sells annually 18,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco." This was a great stroke of enterprise on the part of Pitt County, and suggests what North Carolina should have done in the way of making a general display at the Exposition. The blankets displayed by the Chatham Manufacturing Company, of Elkin, are beautiful, and excite the admiration of every beholder. There was also a commendable display of North Carolina cotton.

THE PEOPLE I SEE

The crowds attending the Exposition are daily growing larger. The most interesting occupation I have is that of watching the volume of humanity surge by. This is not an idle occupation, but a very useful one. The people are really one of the most entertaining and valuable exhibits of the Exposition. If you wait long enough you will see a representative of almost every nation on the globe. A crowd of Patagonians was viewing the sights a few days ago. The Filipinos, of whom I will write in another letter, excite an interest which is abnormal. In passing up one of the streets to-day, I saw quite a group of people, mostly young ladies, gathered around some object which I could not see. On pressing close, I saw that the excitement was not caused by a fainting person, but by a simple and foolish-looking young Filipino, who was evidently thinking that he had gotten into a strange land.

You will always find a large number of people on the Pike, of which I will write later, and you may form the idea that the majority of the people are attracted to the Exposition by the amusement feature, but in this you will be mistaken. While that immense throng is surging through the great amusement thoroughfare, you will find Festival Hall packed to hear an organ recital or people in the Aeronter section listening to a recital on a certain kind of wind-mill. You see people with earnest intent faces, with note-books, and with purpose written in their features.

You will find good humor everywhere. Even the young husband wheeling the baby through the throng wears a smile. An Exposition is a great place for learning lessons in good humor.

Contributions

Some Wayside Thoughts.

G. F. SHERRILL.

Christ did not bring Christianity in the world as some new discovery or invention is made, which after it is once revealed is independent of the originator. The discovery of America and of the circulation of blood and the use of steam are all now independent of Columbus, Harvey, or Watts. Christianity is not independent of Christ. It is His presence in the hearts and lives of men. The law of gravitation no longer needs a Newton. Telegraphy will exist when Morse and Edison are no more. It is not so of Christianity. It is the Christ-life in men. What the earth's light and vegetation and life are to the sun, Christianity is to Christ.

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God's greatest glory is a good man. Not the starry heavens by night nor the central sun by day nor all the sweep of His power seen in all the planetary distances can reflect so much of the glory of God as a soul redemed by Christ into the likeness of the Father. Man's greatest glory is the vision of God. Moses at the Bush; Paul this side Damascus; John on Patmos; saints in His unveiled Presence at the White Throne.

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"Our Father". Sonship is the basis and inspiration of all true prayer; God's name reveals His nature. "Hallowed be thy name": That is our first and foremost prayer, the sanctity of God's name. "Thy kingdom come": That is the Father's divine purpose. "Thy will be done": The Divine Will overshadows all; our purposes must be God's if the heart prays aright. "Our daily bread": God's Name and Kingdom and Will must come before our needs. "Forgive us": We must be at peace with God to hallow His name, advance His kingdom, and do His will. "Lead us not into temptation": The Divine Providence overshadows His child. "Kingdom, Power, Glory": How great is God! He is able to do all we pray for. "Kingdom": Christ is king; we are His loyal and loving subjects. "Power": to overcome every temptation and to meet every duty. "Glory": Begun here in the soul in the formation of the Christ-life and continued in that state of endless progression towards the Infinite and Eternal God where Enoch and Elijah and Paul have gone.

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Christ is the revelation of God. He is also the revelation of man. The Son of God is also the Son of man. "The highest arch-angel never saw so much of God before,"—nor so much of man. Christ reveals the Father's eternal love and purpose. He also reveals the possibilities of our manhood. Christ shows us what God would have every man think of Him as a Father. He also shows us what He would have every man think of Himself as His child.

Another mystery of Christ's life was its unselfishness. He pushed aside the proffered crown and chose the Roman cross. He who could have saved Himself, walked daily in the shadow of the cross. His last miracle was to heal the ear of Malchus' servant who was in and of the mob that came to arrest Him. His miracles were not selfish but social. The Throne He came from to represent to men, was not marble but mercy.

"Love took up the harp of His life,
And smote on all its chords with might,
Smote the chord of self which, trembling,
Passed in music out of sight."

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At the top and bottom of society the worst crimes are seen. Two kinds of women drink, the "fallen" and the "smart set." Agar's prayer is good: "Give me neither poverty nor riches." The common people are the yeomanry of the land. They constitute the nation's moral strength. Lincoln said: God must love the common people—He made so many of them. It is said of the Supreme Teacher that the "common people heard Him gladly." Yet some of the saintliest have been from the ranks of the poorest and richest. Job and Abraham were immensely rich. Lazarus was poverty itself. God has closed to no soul the pearly gates to life's best. Character is in Christ and not in circumstances.

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Religion is reciprocal. It is a spiritual reciprocity. It is both giving and receiving. Man surrenders to God by faith and love, and God gives His grace and holiness. When religion is at its highest and best, God and man give their best. This our God is always willing to do; and is limited only by the sin and selfishness of man. "God gave His only begotten Son." "Son, give me thy heart."

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Man is both religious and rational. These are distinctive notes of his being. Take them away and we have not a man but an animal. Had he no mind, the Bible would be a useless gift. Had he no religious nature, the Bible would never have been given. Man in his rational and religious nature has a capacity for God, as the flower has a capacity for the sun. Some hearts dwell in the spring time of love. Others in the winter of doubt.

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Religion is native to man, as seeds are native to the soils. He who has put seeds in the soil has put a sense of God in the soul of man. Each must be cultivated. The devil will sow tares in both fields. Weeds are false religion. Flowers and fruits, the true.

"Stop and Pray."

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"Stop and Pray." Such is the soothing and suggestive invitation that is found on some church doors in our large cities. It is more than a welcome to the house of God at the stated and regular service. It is an acknowledgment and public confession that the church, like the Sabbath was intended for man and not man for the church. If the command is laid upon our very nature to "pray without ceasing," then we should have the privilege of our Father's house, and so of our house, every day of the week and any hour of the day. This is the true "open church" whose doors stand ajar every hour bidding the tempted and weary heart to "stop and pray." Happily an increasing number of souls, regardless of denominational views, can be found who gladly avail themselves of such helps.

Nor is this gracious invitation confined to those churches which require "the order of morning or evening prayer daily throughout they car." This noble form of service was intended particularly for the spiritual help of clergymen, with such daily selections from the Scriptures as should keep the minister in his devotional reading not more than twelve months distant from any and every part of the Bible. It is the privilege of any visitor, whether parishioner or not, to be present at the hour of daily prayer and join the minister in his daily devotions. In the great English cathedrals with their large endowments several clergymen usually attend together, with a skilled organist and a sweet-voiced choir. It woos the mere sight-seer to "stop and pray," whatever his creed. Lowell speaks for more than himself as he tells his experience in "the cathedral:"

"I entered, reverent of whatever shrine
Guards piety and solace for any kind
Or gives the soul a moment's truce of God."

But it is not of the daily service alone that the invitation speaks, but it is of the hourly privilege of God's house for private devotion. The authoress of "I love to steal a while away" first added "from children and from care," as the explanation of her solitary evening walks for devotion. Her crowded and noisy home was without a "closet" where she could enter in and shut the door. The soul craved the privilege of silence that she might hear the still voice of God. How grateful would have been the privilege of her Father's house "which shall be called of all nations a house of prayer" when her twilight walks brought suspicion and censure. Let the door of our Father's house be ever ajar for every troubled spirit to stop and pray.

It is needless to say that all this is something quite different from the confessional. The answer of Protestantism to the confessional is the family altar, with its sacred and helpful memories. Nothing can substitute it as a sweetener of home life, whether before or after "the child has loudened to the boy." God's first church was the "church in the house." This, too, was the apostolic church no less than the patriarchal church. Let every temple be destroyed and they shall be builded again from the home altars. It is the memory of such altars that illuminates our Lord's words, "Believe me, the hour cometh when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem shall men worship the Father." That hour has long since come.

The worship of God has many sacred places. There are many "mountains of God." Even Tyndal was found on his knees in the Alps, despite his "Prayer Test," and when surprise was expressed he said, "I always pray in the Alps." Men pray, too, in the desert and on the sea. Vastness lifts one's thoughts to God. But sustained worship such as the home altars prompts is something more than the religious sentiment which stands so closely related to the perception of the sublime, and may even be kindled by it, as it may be also stirred by a new sense of responsibility which comes to the parent, or to a chief executive of a State or of a nation.

It is still true that we do not make enough of the church even though we scarcely guard the home altar. Two or three hours of service in seven days do not justify our great investments in stone and stained glass. The "returns" would not justify such large expenditures to any other "house," which, erected at a cost of from one to several hundred thousand dollars, is kept open for business but at best some four or five hours a week. Let us give God our best architecture and most substantial structures, but let us make more use of them as ours as well as his. It is ours in their adaptation to our deepest human needs that shows them to be divine in their origin and aim. Like God's air and sunshine, let the soul bask in them and use them when and as they are needed.

How much the church is to the soul that makes the most and best use of it, be he Romanist or Protestant! It preoccupies and fills the mind and heart with its sacred opportunities, whether for public or private worship. In these days of commercialism and materialism how often the church door is locked and barred to some perplexed professional or business man whose foot has well-nigh slipped as they have seen the prosperity of the wicked whose eyes stand out with fatness and whose set their mouth against the heavens. As they think on these things in the cheerless business streets and seek to know the meaning of the problem of life, it is too painful for them unless they can, like the psalmist, go into the sanctuary of God. Like the perplexed mariner, they get their bearings again from the stars. The "summit view" is the only safe view, whether for mariner or merchant. The weary and heavy-laden with this fresh view of God cry out: "Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none on earth that I desire beside thee."

Old Trinity cannot be spared from lower Broadway as she looks down on Wall Street and bids men—men making haste to get rich and staking all on the hazard of an hour—bids them "stop and pray." Not only are her noonday Lenten services crowded during the busy week days but there is scarce an hour of any business day when some bended knee does not tell of a refreshed spirit who can go out with a firmer step, saying of the heedless ones in the mad race for wealth, "Surely thou didst set them in slippery places." So, too, in that wonderful square mile called "the city" of London, hard by its Royal exchange, are churches that could tell of souls saved from suicide by finding their open doors when despairing faces were turned toward the Thames.

"Are you a communicant here?" was asked of a business man with a peaceful countenance as he passed out of one of these churches whose doors are never closed. "No," was his response. "but my soul would be crushed within me if I did not have this cool place of retreat and succor in the fierce conflict of business life. I always come here to pray." The noble Scriptural mottoes on the great public buildings of the commercial capital of the world bid men learn more of God. Lombard Street has its St. Paul's as Wall Street has its Trinity. Does the tenement district need less the open door of our Father's house? "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy-laden and I will rest you," said Jesus as he saw the multitudes in the supreme hour of his self-revelation.

It is not "bread and games" that people need in God's house, however they may want them. The "institutional church" fails if it be not the true "open church" as well where troubled souls may be fed and set at peace. It is only the God who satisfies the soul's deepest needs who can claim its unwavering allegiance and not the God that simply brought his people out of Egypt and gave them bread in the wilderness. Probably among the mob that crucified our Christ were some who fed of the loaves and fishes and were filled, but none that sat at his feet to learn of him, keeping and pondering in their hearts the things that he said. These chose the good part that should never be taken from them. "Morning, noon and night will I call unto thee," said the devout king whose safety amid the cares of a city was the open door of the sanctuary, like the open door of a city of refuge to the pursued soul.

Two men of my acquaintance went up to the temple to pray. One was the secretary of a great church board. His desk was filled with correspondence relating to the business interests of the church. A thoughtful and eminently useful minister, he kepth imself from becoming secularized, even in the midst of church work, by the reminder which came to him daily as he went to lunch, as a friendly church door bade him "Stop and Pray." What mattered it that this easily swinging church door did not bear the name of his own church that he served day and night. It did not bid those of any one sect. It was the Lord's house, where he found rest unto his soul. His catholicity of spirit, so much admired by all Christians, was developed by his being able to comprehend with all saints what is the length and breadth and depth and height, and so to know the love of Christ.

The other man was a busy physician whose skill was known on many a battle-field of the Civil War, and who, after making a large contribution toward building a church, asked that he might have a duplicate key. Once every day, but at different because of his heavy practice, his horse might be seen standing sentinel at the church door while "the beloved physician" talked with God within. It was a Protestant church, too, but the able surgeon, who had been converted from the papal faith, had not forgotten one of the helping influences of his childhood. Would others claim the privilege of a dupliecate key? Would not a better way be that every church be known as "The Church of the Open Door?"

Missionary Collections.

My last missionary report was made on May 4. The collections on that date were on hundred per cent in advance of what they were the same date last year. From a report recently received from the Treasurer I find that there has been a corresponding advance since that date. On August 20, last year, the Treasurer had received $4,513 for Foreign and Domestic Missions. On the same date this year he had received $9,457. The collections in every District are considerably in advance of what they were last year. The Elizabeth City District is now in the lead, having paid $2,008. The New Bern District comes next with $1,517 paid. The amounts received from the other Districts are as follows: Durham, $1,459; Wilmington, $1,427; Raleigh, $1,098; Washington, $636; Warrenton, $549; Fayetteville, $458; Rockingham, $302.

I regard this as a very encouraging report. There is still much work to be done, however. Conference is less than three months off, and not half the assessment for missions has been paid. With the progress already made we can bring the Conference out in full this year, but there is yet much work to be done.

R. H. WILLIS,
Conference Secretary of Missions.
Morehead City, N. C., Sept. 8, 1904.

A Church Property Decision.

The history of Protestantism in Scotland is long and complicated. The independence which has always characterized Scotch thinking has led to many divisions in matters religious and the establishment of numerous Church organizations. In 1843 the discussions and dissensions of something like three centuries culminated in the establishment of the Free Church of Scotland, a body which has enjoyed an unusual degree of prosperity up to the present time. It began as a secession movement, and, consequently, started without churches, manses or colleges, as all of these had been surrendered to the older body from which the Free Church seceded. But loyalty and self-denying liberality have supplied these things until the wealth of this denomination in Church property is estimated at sixty-five million dollars.

The United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, while older in its establishment, has had a similar history to that of the Free Church.

Four years ago plans for the union of the two bodies under the name United Free Church of Scotland were completed, and this long-desired union was effected. Nearly the entire ministry and membership of the Free Church favored this movement, and gave it their cordial support. The only opposition to union was manifested by some twenty-five ministers of North Scotland, pastors of small congregations, and most speaking the Gaelic language. These protested against the union with the United Presbyterians, and set up the claim that those who entered into the union had thereby seceded from the true Free Church and had forfeited all title to the property held by the said Church.

The great body of the Free Church paid little attention to this claim, and the recalcitrant Highlanders appealed the matter to the Scotch courts for settlement. The decisions of the courts went against them, and the leaders of the union movement thought that the matter was ended. But not so; the pugnacious Gaels appealed their contention to the highest court of the realm, the House of Lords. This august body had a rehearing of the case in May and June of this year. By a majority of two England's highest tribunal decided that if a church changes its creed it forfeits its title and its identity. This view of the subject sustains the contention of the Highland ministers that they are the true Free Church, and are, therefore, entitled to all Church property acquired by this organization since its beginning. This means that some twenty-five clergymen and the small congregations that they represent in North Scotland become the sole custodians of all the property recently possessed by the Free Church. This decision has precipitated what has been described as "one of the most serious religions and social crises in British history.—Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate.

When grief shall come to thee
Seek not to flee,
For grief's steady pace
Shall win the race,
Nor drive her forth with mirth,
For at thy hearth
When mirth is tired and gone
Grief will sit on.
But make of her thy friend,
And in the end
Three lovelier than she
Will visit thee:
Calm Patience, Courage strong
And Hope—crelong. —Selected.

Soul Food

Painful memory can only be obliterated by the full flood of joy. When happiness is complete there is no room for sad recollections; when there are no brooding moments, the past is kept at bay; where there is no cause for remembrance, there is no opportunity for remorse.—Hugh Black.

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It is no marvel if that day in which you suffer drowsiness to interfere with prayer be a day in which you shrink from duty. Moments of prayer intruded on by sloth cannot be made up. We may get experience, but we cannot get back the rich freshness and strength which were wrapped up in those moments.—Frederick W. Robertson.

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The interpretation of life depends altogether upon the motive that inspires it. As men and women who purpose in our hearts to serve God we should place ourselves under the mystic spell of the highest motives, and then enter upon the execution of these motives with courage and joy, and in the strength of God.

Be strong!
We are not here to play, to dream, to drift.
We have hard work to do and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle—face it; 'tis God's gift.

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"Have you and I to-day
Stood silent as with Christ, apart from joy or fray
Of life, to see by faith his face,
And grow, by brief companionship, more true,
More nerved to lead, to dare, to do
For him at any cost? Have we to-day
Found time in thought, our hand to lay
In his and thus compare
His will with ours, and wear
The impress of his wish? Be sure
Such contact will endure
Throughout the day; will help us walk erect
Through storm and flood; detect,
Within the hidden life, sin's dross, its stain;
Revive a thought of love for him again;
Steady the steps which waver; help us see
The foothpath meant for you and me."
—Selected.

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An exemplary Christian life is the greatest magnet in the world to draw sinners to God. It is better than floods of eloquence and cyclones of entertainment. Just be good deep down in your heart, and all the way through, and your power to attract people to the God who saves you will be boundless and unceasing. Men have sought out many inventions, but they have not improved on New Testament piety as a means of commending religion. An ungodly person respects a straightout righteous life more than anything else under the sun. He may affect to ignore it, or even to despise it, but in his secret soul he honors it more than can be told. By depth of integrity and uncompromising loyalty to God, compel your associates to believe in you, and you hold them as by silken cords. They cannot get away from you, nor forget you. The chances are that, if faithful, you can lead them to Christ. We say again, nothing draws humanity to God and truth like holy, happy living.—Religious Telescope.

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In one of his helpful little volumes Rev. Dr. J. R. Miller tells of a young lady who purchased a book and read a few pages, but failed to become interested in it. But some months afterwards, he goes on to relate, she met the author and a tender friendship sprang up, ripening into love and betrothal. Then the book was dull no longer. Every sentence had a charm for her heart. Love was the interpreter. Seeing beauty in God's Word is much conditioned in the same way. The Bible has infinite value in itself; but to reveal its richest treasures it needs love as an interpreter. To those who do not know Christ personally it may seem uninteresting but to those who know and love him its every page becomes like a casket of jewels, glowing with beauty and light; yes, even better, like a letter of love, quickening the heart-throbs, and filling the soul with rapture and with fresh and holy resolve.

The Field

Burlington Circuit.

My Dear Bro. Ivey:—It gives me very great pleasure to report that we have had several gracious revivals on our work. Forty-four conversions and twenty-seven added to the church on profession of faith and fourteen by church certificate. My brethren in the ministry have been very kind indeed in helping me in my meetings. Brothers McCall, Caviness, Dailey, McCracken and Hoyle have done faithful and efficient service for us, and a service that was enjoyed and appreciated by us all. I have one more meeting to conduct.

I feel that all of our churches are being built up spiritually as well as numerically. All praise to Him who doeth all things well, for He hath heard and answered our prayers and greatly blessed our church and our people this year.

All over our work the people are being blessed in barn and in store. Beautiful crops are to be seen on every road throughout my work.

Financially speaking, we are in good shape. Our Foreign and Domestic Missions were paid in full at our District Conference. I have a large per cent of the other Conference collections in cash and in subscription, and feel sure we will be able to report all paid in full at the Annual Conference.

Our people are getting on very well indeed in regard to the pastor's salary. At our last Quarterly Conference at Prospect we were all delighted to see our dear Presiding Elder in such a good humor. In his closing remarks, among other pleasant things, he said: "Brethren, I feel good over the results of this meeting and the condition of affairs on your work." I have a good people to serve and a work that I have learned to love.

Everything is bright and flourishing at the parsonage. We have plenty of both Irish and sweet potatoes, green corn, apples, pears, tomatoes, chickens, etc.

We have a delightful community to live in. Our neighbors are very kind and sociable with us.

I close with love for all.

Very respectfully,

S. F. NICKS, P. C.

Rich Square Circuit.

Dear Bro. Ivey:—Some months have passed since I wrote you last. It is not because we have nothing to tell you, but that we are kept so busy doing things we have no time much left to put the things done into print.

We are very sorry that you had to leave us so early during the session of the District Conference. Many things happened which you failed to report in your columns. The later half of the Conference was even better than the first. Bishop Smith remained with us over Sunday and dedicated our Rich Square Church. We enjoyed so much having the Bishop with us. The impressions he made for the uplifting of humanity will remain in this section while many generations pass away. The Bishop is truly a fisher of men, and his success along this line has indeed been wonderful. As a fisher of fish, I can't say quite so much for him, for I have been with him on the bay near Norfolk since Conference and he caught only one fish.

Brother Smith, our Presiding Elder, made a very fine impression upon the Conference as a director of affairs. No one would ever suspect that he is a new Presiding Elder judging from the way he handles a Conference. He had a "very present help" in the person of his Cousin Coke (Bishop Smith). We were very much gratified to have the preachers of the District with us. Being on the Committee of Public Worship, we tried to give our people an opportunity to hear as many of the preachers as possible so that they might make a selection, as our time expires sometime in the future. If our editor was in the regular ranks, I think he would soon have a call from our people. Many fine sermons were preached by our brethren.

Our work in general is in very fine condition. We have a bright prospect for closing a very fine year's work. Our Sunday-schools, Missionary Societies, Epworth League and Bible classes are all doing a very fine work. Our missionary programs are well prepared and well rendered. Our Children's day exercises were splendid.

Our Woodland church has made quite a change in the inside appearance by getting new lights, putting down a new carpet and rearranging the pews. Our prospects were never brighter for full Conference collections.

We have held only one protracted service. We have three more to hold. We had a very fine meeting at Pinners. Bro. R. F. Taylor was with us and preached some very fine Gospel sermons. We had a large number of conversions, and eighteen accessions to the church on profession of faith and some by certificate. There is a bright future before this circuit, and only a few years of work will be necessary to place it in the front ranks of the North Carolina Conference.

My people are very kind indeed to their pastor. No one appreciates kindness more than a bachelor. After all the kind advice of the Bishop, the Presiding Elder and the editor, I find myself all alone in a well-furnished seven-room parsonage. We have only ten or twelve other bachelors in this small town. I believe bachelorism is a disease and that it is contagious, and that we are having an epidemic.

I hope to make another fine report on the progress of my work. We will hold our meeting at Lewiston next week. Bro. B. C. Thompson, of Ahoskie, will assist me. We are praying for a good meeting.

J. T. STANFORD.

September 5, 1904.

Two Bereaved Families.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—Two Methodist preachers' homes in Rocky Mount have been saddened this week. Bros. J. D. Bundy and W. S. Rone have been called upon to go through waters that have indeed been deep, and sorrows that have been almost enough to overwhelm them. But it is well with them, for they have to sustain them the comforting grace of God which they have so often offered to others.

On last Monday Brother Bundy came home and found his little four-year-old Annie dying from an attack of meningitis. He left her well on Friday, but two hours after he reached her side the little spirit took its flight, removing one more tie that binds the fond parents to earth and making a new tie to bind them to heaven.

Oh how lonely those parents are! They can no more hear the patter of those little feet in the halls. They can no more hear the little one calling to them. They can no more feel those little arms around their necks and hear her say, "Mamma, papa, I love you." Instead, her little feet are pattering on the golden streets of the New Jerusalem; her little voice is helping to swell the heavenly chorus as it is sung around the throne of God; her little arms are clasped around the Saviour's neck as she rests in His arms, and methinks I can hear her say, "Jesus, I love you because you gave me a home without my having to fight life's battles." Her body was taken to Laurinburg and buried by the side of the other children that God has taken from these, His servants.

On Thursday Brother Rone received a telegram from Texas bringing the sad intelligence of the death of his daughter, Miss May. This news was not unexpected, but, nevertheless, it was a shock to her parents and the entire community. Some months ago it became known that consumption had laid its hands upon her. Everything possible was done to stay its ravages. She was carried to Southwest Texas in order that she might have the advantage of that dry climate and the care of a specialist. Her friends and loved ones hoped in vain. God willed contrary to their desires and she died there far away from home.

Thus has heaven claimed another bright and lovable Christian just at a time when life promised most. She was cultured and intelligent, and her prospects were very bright. Miss May was not long in Rocky Mount, but in that short time she had won the hearts of all who had the honor of her acquaintance, for "to know her was to love her." Less than a year ago she she, herself almost a stranger here, with a warm hand-clasp and bright smile, welcomed this writer to a strange community. Since then he has deemed it an honor to think of her as a friend, though the acquaintance was limited. Thus she won the hearts of all. Her duty was to bring sunshine, and she brought it.

Miss May will be sadly missed by all. No human being can fill the vacancies in the hearts of fathers, mother, brothers and sisters. She was buried at Charlotte.

May God bless these stricken homes. May they be comforted by remembering that their loved ones are with the Lord, and may they be reminded that—

"Earth has no sorrow
That heaven cannot heal."

ROBT. E. HUNT.

September 9, 1904.

Bishop Potters "Tavern" Again

In company with Mr. N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, yesterday, I went to see the "Subway Tavern," and give it a thorough inspection.

The only difference I can see between that saloon and others, is that the "Tavern" has a soda fountain in front to accommodate those who have not sunk low enough to drink at the bar. Why they call it a "Tavern," is more than I can make out, as the thing is a regular hell-hole like other saloons in the city.

They have the usual vulgar paintings hanging around to please the religious gentlemen (?) who patronize this door to hell.

They have the free lunch counter where the common drunkard can fill up on grub after drinking the large schooner of beer—about four times as large as the usual glass. We called at about 3 o'clock p. m., and the typical bar-room fellow was hanging around, drinking large schooners of beer and eating "free lunch."

One of the attendants told us that men were not allowed to get drunk there. We asked him how many drinks would one be allowed to take? He seemed confused, and said: "Well, about five drinks." One of our party remarked, "That would make me quite drunk." I suppose that he meant "five drinks" of whiskey. They would be allowed to drink beer all day and all night.

They say that they will only pay 5 per cent on the stock, balance of profits will go to extend the business—open other "Taverns."

Nothing new about this. Banks and large corporations generally pay only 5 per cent or 6 per cent, and leave balance of earnings to accumulate.

The whole thing is wicked and born of corrupt politicians.

J. V. WILLIAMS.

167 Reade Street, New York City.

Notice.

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me to say through the Advocate that I have just sent out blank reports to all the Sunday-school superintendents of the New Bern District, whose names and address I have, on which to make reports of their schools to the District Sunday-school Conference to be held at Newport on the 27th and 29th of September, 1904. If any fail to receive these blank reports they will please notify me at Kinston, N. C., and I will supply them. We wish to have a report from each school in the District.

Yours truly, Y. T. ORMOND,
Secretary.

Don't talk when you are in ill temper or suffering under a sense of wrong. You are sure to speak harshly. Think and pray over it all first, and even then deal sparingly in speech.

A Visit to Greensboro.

To the Editor:—Last week I had the pleasure of spending a few days in the city of Greensboro. I had heard quite a little of the activity and progress of this city, but was hardly prepared for the great thrift so apparent, and which was evidently not confined to one portion of the city but was general from the centre radiating out in all directions. Now this was all gratifying to a native North Carolinian who loves his whole State, but one thing that took my eye and held my rapt attention was the new building of Greensboro Female College. Not only was this a matter of pride to me as a North Carolinian (and by the way North Carolina can never pay its debt to that grand old institution), but as a member of the denomination known as the Methodist, I could not but have a pardonable pride and joy as I stood several times in front of that magnificent oak, hickory and elm grove, than which there is not a more beautiful to be found in the State, and as I watched the throng of busy workmen hurrying, driving, rushing, timber, brick, mortar, and slate into that building, I could but exclaim, "What hath God wrought with the fidelity and unanimity of a few people?" And I just wished our people as a whole could see and appreciate what a valuable plant we have here. If they could, I am sure that in another year there would have to be a new building erected, and yearly have to be repeated in order to accommodate the women who would crowd those dormitories in search of the help of a useful education that the directors are preparing to give our people the benefit of.

THE APPOINTMENT.

I have already spoken of the grounds; I cannot do them justice. A few hundred dollars spent on them would place them in a condition to defy competition as to future beauty, even as they now excel all that I have seen in any other place.

THE BUILDING.

Renewed, enlarged, improved, modernized, when completed it will excel in appointments any school or college building that I know of in the South. The improvement in the exterior is very marked, and changes the appearance entirely, while the interior makes it almost perfect. The president's office, which is situated immediately in front of the central dome, gives a complete supervision of the entire plant. The dining room is enlarged and with ventilating stacks running out through the roof it will always be comfortable, even on the warmest days, while in winter the large windows on either side make it one of the best lighted and ventilated large rooms I know of. The chapel is a beauty; the floors have been inclined so as to give the rear audience a chance to see and hear, while the regular stage arrangements enable the instructors to present the most difficult sitting with the best effect. The halls are lighted from sky-lights and end windows, making them a delightful place for indoor exercise in bad weather.

THE LIBRARY.

This is just over the president's office of the second offor, and adjoins the parlor, which is circular in form, and one of the handsomest rooms to be found anywhere, while the art room, which is just over the parlor, is a complete circle, and is lighted from above and will enable the college to do a work for which it has long been noted in even a better manner in the future than in the past. The plan has twenty-two porcelain-lined bath-tubs, with all modern improvements distributed on each floor to suit the students, while the whole building is to be heated by two large steam boilers in the rear, outside of the building. Every part of this is new, with ample margin for enlarging the plant whenever it is desired. I mention the boilers being outside of the building because the management is determined that as far as human provision can forsee they do not intend this building ever to burn, as there will be no fire inside the building at all. But in order to prevent any accident ever happening, they will install large steel fire escapes on every side of the building which, with the numerous exits in the ways of wide steps, will make it almost impossible for a severe accident to occur to anyone in this building by fire.

In conclusion, I wish to exhort our Methodist people throughout the State to stand by our college and patronize and pray for it, and in three years we can have five hundred girls there under the best surroundings of any school in the State, and at a cost as cheap as any first-class institution will furnish it.

Yours truly,

MILES O. SHERRILL.

Raleigh, N. C., September 8, 1904.

North Carolina Conference Brotherhood.

List of clerical members of the North Carolina Conference Brotherhood who have paid Assessments Nos. 18, 19 and 20, and are therefore members in good standing up-to-date. Assessments were for Brothers Harrison, Rice, and Sanford.

J. M. Ashby, A. D. Betts, B. C. Allred, H. B. Anderson, R. H. Broom, A. S. Barnes, G. T. Adams, J. D. Bundy, J. E. Bristowe, B. H. Black, C. C. Brothers, R. Bradley, R. W. Bailey, J. M. Benson, F. A. Bishop, J. J. Barker, W. H. Brown, L. M. Chaffin, W. L. Cunninggim, W. F. Craven, N. E. Coltraine, J. N. Cole, D. N. Caviness, J. M. Culbreth, J. T. Draper, R. L. Davis, J. A. Dailey, E. H. Davis, F. E. Dixon, W. S. Davis, H. M. Eure, E. W. Fox, D. C. Geddie, J. H. M. Giles, A. J. Groves, R. R. Grant, N. H. Guyton, J. T. Gibbs, T. J. Gattis, H. A. Humble, J. A. Hornaday, J. H. Hall, B. B. Holder, T. N. Ivey, R. B. John, C. P. Jerome, J. G. Johnson, W. A. Jenkins, L. H. Joyner, J. C. Kilgo, W. H. Kirton, J. M. Lowder, G. D. Langston, J. A. Lee, J. W. Martin, W. H. Moore, W. C. Merritt, L. S. Massey, J. H. McCracken, F. B. McCall, A. McCullen, H. M. North, A. L. Ormond, G. A. Ogglesby, J. Y. Old, A. J. Parker, J. D. Pegram, J. W. Potter, W. H. Puckett, J. J. Porter, M. T. Plyler, D. B. Parker, W. A. Piland, J. M. Rhodes, W. W. Rose, G. F. Smith, W. S. Rone, E. E. Rose, F. M. Shamberger, N. L. Seabolt, T. H. Sutton, F. D. Swindell, T. A. Smoot, G. T. Simmons, J. H. Shore, G. W. Starling, G. B. Starling, J. E. Saunders, C. W. Smith, L. E. Sawyer, J. B. Thompson, B. C. Thompson, J. E. Thompson, L. E. Thompson, A. P. Tyer, Wm. Towe, R. F. Taylor, D. H. Tuttle, J. E. Underwood, N. H. D. Wilson, R. H. Willis, R. A. Willis, N. M. Watson, E. R. Welch, E. H. Davis.

The following lay members have paid Assessments Nos. 18, 19, and 20, of the North Carolina Conference Brotherhood called for Brothers Harrison, Rice, and Sanford:

T. M. Anderson, E. B. Borden, W. H. Borden, M. J. Best, J. L. Borden, Edwin Borden, W. B. Cooper, C. C. Covington, F. A. Daniels, C. Dewey, Z. W. Evans, Etta H. Evans, Mrs. Albert Forbes, Miss Blanche Fentress, T. A. Green, J. W. Goodson, T. J. Gill, L. Henry, T. R. Hood, W. H. Hughes, Y. E. Harris, A. J. Hester, Geo. D. Hawks, T. J. Hackney, J. C. Hadley, B. S. Jerman, J. M. Lamb, J. A. Long, H. S. Ledbetter, J. P. Leak, T. C. Leak, Sr., J. W. Leak, Mrs. R. W. Le Grand, E. B. Moore, H. B. Mayo, O. C. Norment, Y. T. Ormond, R. N. Page, H. A. Page, W. L. Parsons, T. R. Robinson, W. E. Springer, C. G. Smith, J. H. Southgate, Miss M. Jessie Simpson, J. D. Spiers, H. N. Snow, Z. E. Smith, E. W. Smith, J. B. Troy, B. G. Thompson, Miss Lola Lee Troy, F. Ulrich, J. B. Walker, J. L. Whitmore, Mrs. F. L. Wall, Chas. S. Wallace, Joe K. Willis.

Paid Nos. 18 and 19 only: J. F. Bruton, J. G. Brown, Rev. P. M. Briggs, Wiley Brown, T. H. Best, C. C. Covington paid Nos. 18 and 20; E. A. Darden, W. C. Leak, L. G. Roper, W. F. Steed, J. Bedford Thompson, Geo. H. Wainright, W. J. Young, Jr.

Paid No. 18 only: R. P. Watson, L. L. Smith, J. P. Stancil, Frank Page, J. S. Jones, E. J. Holt, C. V. Home, Josephus Daniels, J. J. Baxter, W. V. Boyle.

Paid No. 20 only: J. B. Edgerton, J. S. Carr, and Mrs. Clara Branson.

"Can I Attend the St. Louis Exposition?"

For the benefit of those of limited means who may wish to attend the great Fair in this city, I would call attention to the advertisement of the Newstead Avenue Hotel, found in this issue of the Advocate. The railroads are offering low rates for a ten-days' trip, and this hotel is giving low rates for board and lodging. One can come from North Carolina for some $18 or $19, the round-trip, and the manager of this hotel will board and lodge one, giving two meals a day, for $8.75. And he offers the reduced rate of $6 a week to preachers. One could stay here nearly or quite a week on a ten-days' ticket. Reaching Union Station at any hour between 6 a. m. and 11 p. m., he could, without any expense besides one street car fare reach the hotel in about a half hour. Then he can take the car in front of the hotel and without change and for one fare, reach the Exposition grounds in about 35 minutes. And, by taking the car out here, he could always get a seat. I am staying at that hotel and find that they have clean rooms and bedding and give good fare for the price. The proprietor is a Methodist layman and the manager is a member of the North Texas Conference whose health will not permit his taking regular work. I write this on my own motion and for the benefit of any who may, at comparatively small cost, wish to come to the Fair. A party of ten or twelve could engage adjoining rooms by writing the Rev. I. T. Stafford, 4139 N. Newstead Avenue, St. Louis. Don't bring any trunk unless you are willing to pay $3 for carrying it to and from the hotel. Any one wishing to come should cut out the advertisement and follow the directions about reaching the hotel.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN R. BROOKS.

St. Louis, Sept. 8, 1904.

Heredity.

BY BISHOP O. P. FITZGERALD.

Every natural law works for the man who does the best he can where he is and as he is. "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. As I live, saith the Lord, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. . . . . The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezek. xviii. 2-4.) Every man will stand or fall according to his own choice, and the responsibility of each one is measured by his opportunity. That is a ray of Old Testament light that shone in a dark place.

We have a word from St. Paul (Romans viii. 28) which outweighs all the "ifs" and guesses of doubt and unbelief in this our day: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." In "all things" we may include heredity. This word illuminates the whole heavens to the eye of faith.

Conundrums.

What time is it when the clocks strikes thirteen? Time the clock was fixed.

On what did Noah live when he was in the ark? On water.

What key is the hardest to turn? Donkey.

If a pig wanted to build himself a house, how would he set about it? Tie a knot in his tail and call it a pig's tie (pig-sty).

What ship has two mates and no captain? Courtship.

Why are tears like potatoes? Because they spring from the eyes.

What is the keynote of good manners? B natural.

What is the difference between a child and an envelope? One you lick with a stick, and the other you stick with a lick.

Why is the letter O the most charitable letter in the alphabet? Because it is found oftener than any other in doing good.

In what month do men talk the least? In February, because it is the shortest month.

What was the longest day of Adam's life? When there was no Eve.

Why are fowls the most economical creatures that a farmer keeps? Because for every grain they eat they give a peck.—Peninsula Methodist.

Our Boys and Girls

West Durham, N. C., Sept. 1, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy three years old. I go to Sunday-school most every Sunday. My teacher's name is Miss Lillie Parker. I like her very much. I will close for fear of the waste basket.

Your unknown friend,
BLUEFORD WRIGHT.

West Durham, N. C., Sept. 1, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl seven years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Every-day school will soon start. My teacher is Miss Maggie Holloway. I will close for this time.

Your unknown friend,
GRACE OSBORNE.

Conway, N. C., Sept. 4, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl thirteen years old. I go to Sunday-school most every Sunday. Mrs. H. L. Lassiter is my teacher, and I like her very much. Mr. B. O. Blythe is our Superintendent. Rev. W. C. Merritt is our pastor, and I like him fine. This is his last year with us. I do hate it.

My papa takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little girls' and boys' letters.

I will close with best wishes to all. Now I will ask a question: Who was the oldest man?

LUCY LASSITER.

Practical Jokes Among Animals.

BY J. MAYNE BALTIMORE.

Do birds, animals, etc., ever play practical jokes, and do they possess any sense of humor? These questions might be answered in the affirmative.

A wealthy gentleman living in San Francisco, Cal., has a small private menagerie in his large, handsome grounds. This collection of animals is principally for the amusement and pleasure of the gentleman's little girl and boy. In one large, airy cage were kept two magpies, a parrot, a crow, and a little squirrel (chipmunk). As a usual thing, they all dwelt together in a certain degree of harmony. They were, however, continually playing practical jokes among themselves. Everybody knows what natural thieves the magpies are. These birds will covertly pilfer everything that may be carried away. After stealing all sorts of little articles, the magpies will carefully secrete them somewhere. They are like the Western wood rat in their propensities. Apparently they steal just ont of pure mischief. The two magpies in the large cage were up to all sorts of pranks. Generally these tricks were played at the expense of the old crow. The latter had a habit of burying a part of his food. All that he could not devour at one time the crow hid away for future use. And now his troubles began. The magpies would stealthily watch the crow and discover where he cached his stores. Then when old Corvus was dozing away on his perch or not observing, the magpies would sneak over, dig up the food, carry it away, and secrete it elsewhere in the earth or in some nook or corner. Now when the crow looked for what he had buried, he could not find it. Then the two thievish magpies would have their fun. They would slyly watch the crow and enjoy his puzzled disconfiture. He would stride around, searching with a wise, mystified air. All this would set the scoundrelly magpies screaming and chattering in glee.

One day the wary old crow nodded with his eyes half open, and that was the way he caught the two thieves. He instantly retaliated by giving the rascals a good, sound thrashing. After that, there was no end of sport. Both magpies had to sleep, and while they snoozed the crow got even. He would dig up and carry away what the magpies had carefully hidden. Then the magpies would look puzzled, and the old crow would have his quiet chuckle off in one corner. So from day to day this went on.

This sport helped to demoralize the chipmunk. At first the little fellow seemed honest enough, but finally yielded to bad examples and took to stealing. He didn't take sides, but pilfered from the other three.

Crows and magpies are very fond of bright, brilliant things, and, to add to the sport, the children often tossed such little articles into the big cage. This only increased the general piracy, in which Mr. Chipmunk took a lively part.

Now all this was extremely funny for the parrot. From her high perch Polly watched the proceedings, sometimes with the gravity of a judge. It was much too far below her dignity to participate in such stealings. However, occasionally Polly would chatter, chuckle, and scream like a fiend at the four arch-conspirators, when the game grew very warm. And so the quartet war waged on.

Practical jokes generally end badly. So they did in this cage. War was finally declared between the magpies and the crow, and the chipmunk was also drawn into the brawl. From fun they fell to fighting over the thieving reprisals, until the three birds had lost nearly half of their plumage. Nor did the hapless little squirrel escape unscathed. Finally the gentleman was forced to separate the belligerants in the interest of a common peace. The magpies were placed in a cage with some Guinea pigs and white mice, while the old crow was thrown in exile among a flock of wild ducks and quails. Among their new associates the crow and the magpies had no encouragement to further practice practical jokes; while the chipmunk, having no companion but dignified old Polly, ceased from his pilfering.

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United Study of Missions.

At the International Conference of Woman's Boards held in 1901, a committee of five was appointed to outline a course of united study on missions. This committee stood for each of the following churches: Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Protestant Episcopal.

The books adopted by them for this course are: Via Christi, by Louise Manning Hodgkins; Lux Christi, an Outline Study of India, by Caroline Atwater Mason; Rex Christus, an Outline Study of China, by Dr. Arthur Smith; Dux Christus, an Outline Study of Japan, by Dr. William Elliott Gupps; and Christus Liberator, an Outline Study of Africa, just now ready for delivery. Any of these books may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board.

While the various studies have been published in the order given, and were intended to follow each other in order, any one of them will form the basis of twelve or more thoroughly interesting meetings. They deal with subjects vital to mission work, and, with the helps given each month in the Woman's Missionary Advocate, cannot fail to awaken interest in all who read them. Those auxiliaries which have failed to adopt this course of study are missing much genuine pleasure and information. An exchange says: "The great success of the plan of United Study of Missions is shown by the fact that since September, 1901, the publishers have sold upward of one hundred and twenty thousand copies, and forty Boards are using them."

There is no better time to begin a course of study than the fall months when every one is rested by the summer holidays, and the attendance is increasing. Get your books now and outline your work for the next year.

Dear Mrs. Dixon:—Perhaps some account of our little Society at Anderson Church may interest some of the workers in this vast field of Woman's Work, and may encourage some who like ourselves work under disadvantages.

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Our meeting for August on the third Sunday was a precious occasion. Every member save one (detained by sickness) was present. The day was very warm and all with one exception had some miles to travel, but so much interest was manifested that two hours slipped around unconsciously and some of the members remarked a whole day would not be too long. We gained one new member.

The Annual Report and the Missionary Advocate, which is read by every one, gave us much to think of and talk about. After reading the report of last year's work and the good results from our small offerings, the Doxology was sung.

The plan for work this year was discussed, and an estimate of amount to be raised by pledge taken. I feel assured we will be able to do as well as last year and I hope better.

We are so anxious to have all the sisters in the church become interested and join us, and are trying to devise some means of reaching them. The social feature is not without good results.

As our meetings must be on Sunday we have never attempted serving light refreshments, but may have an all day or lawn meeting some time.

Our meetings are rather informal. The study part of our programme, and all take part willingly, and the day of meeting are looked forward to with anticipation.

If only all our sisters could realize the blessing to them in this work, for them individually, they would not be long in obeying the command, "Go teach," or send the Word to our heathen sisters.

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An Appeal to the W. H. M. Society.

Out on the border land far away,
I hear a voice which seems to say,
"Come and help us harvest souls."
"Come and help," the echo rolls.

"We've left our homes and many friends,
We'll work for Jesus till life ends,
To seek and save to earth He came—
We now bear tidings in His name.

"O'er untrod soil our pathway lies,
The Christ we preach our want supplies;
But souls are dying every day,
O come and help us on our way!

"In sheltered homes, safe and secure,
You know not what we oft endure;
The way is long and hard and cold—
'O come and help,' the echoes roll.

"But tho' the way be hard and long,
'Lo, I am with you,' is our song.
Nor would we lay our burdens down,
E'en to receive an earthly crown.

"O come and help us while you may,
Let souls be brought to Christ today;
This earthly life will soon be past,
Then we'll receive our crown at last."

MRS. E. M. ANDERSON.
Durham, N. C.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Anderson here and rejoice that she is using her talents for the advancement of our work. Her graceful lines will be read with interest and admiration; they were prepared for Trinity Auxilary, Durham, and Mrs. S. I. Harrell kindly sent them for our column.

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QUESTIONS CHRISTIANS SHOULD ASK.

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Editorial

A GRAVE PERIL TO WOMANS'S EDUCATION.

It is to be hoped that the new Greensbor Female College will set a higher standard of scholarship that the majority of women's colleges in the State have attained.

There is a deplorable tendency toward the commercial spirit, even in colleges that have the support of the churches in their work. For instance, young women are encouraged, beyond all reason, to hasten to prepare themselves for a business career. By spending a few months at almost any one of our schools, they may receive a certificate in some special department. This is not so bad for the girl whose opportunities and means are straitly limited; but the fact deserves serious consideration that increasingly large numbers of young women with ample means and every other encouragement to higher effort, are content to be specialists in exceedingly limited fields of service, and the trouble lies, it seems to me, in the policy that we are pursuing in our educational methods. In order to get patronage, we try to offer in many of our colleges everything that may be obtained in a commercial school; and the evil effect is enhanced by the the fact that many young women would rather have a certificate from an institution of recognized literary standing than from a merely commercial institution.

The quetsion arises, Is it the best that church schools can do to hold up before the young women of the church such a low ideal? Does it not make the church a partner to the commercializing of the young people of the State? And ought there not be set in operation influences strong enough to correct this very tendency?

Last May, at an honored institution for women, the platform was almost crowded with young ladies who were going to take certificates in special departments. Of these, a number had equipped themselves for a purely business career. There were only two full graduates who received diplomas. Now the young ladies who received certificates, it is reasonable to suppose, did not intend to return to pursue their studies further; and yet they felt themselves almost, if not quite, the equals of the young ladies who had completed the full course.

If we would look calmly upon some of the results that flow from such a policy, I believe we would call a halt before we go too far to retrace our steps. It may be safely asserted that the young woman with ambition to excell in the marts of trade, has a blunted sense of domestic responsibility and felicity. Her ruling passion is not home-making, but money-making, and she is willing to sacrifice possible positions of power and prominence in the future for a consideration of dollars and cents in the present. If later, she becomes persuaded to undertake the responsibilities of a domestic life, she is obviously ill-fitted for the position. We must train home-makers for the future generation. Making a living is the easiest, and therefore the last thing to be considered. It would be better for our young women to equip themselves for the highest possible positions in church, in State, and in society; later to shine in such spheres of influence as they might thus climb into and be content for the present to have less money to spend. They should refuse to be unequal competitors with men in trade, and aspire to reign queens over theirb rothers and husbands in every estate. It has been stated that the reason why a large number of young men are slow to marry is that they are not earning enough to support a family, and their earnings are meagre because they must compete with women who will work at their sides for a much smaller wage than the men would otherwise command.

There is another tendency that our church colleges ought to strive hard to arrest, and that is, the tendency toward inhospitality. It has been remarked that in one of the strongholds of Methodism in our State it is exceedingly difficult to get entertainment for a body of delegates to a conference—and this because of the scarcity of servants! Is it going to be revealed that our boasted Southern hospitality depended upon a horde of black folk, who were once our slaves? We must produce a generation of young women who can converse intelligently upon any current topic and who can also prepare a good dinner with a cheerful and willing heart without fretting over it as poor Martha did. It ought to be noted that between the polite idleness of Mary and the exasperated effort of Martha, there is a happy medium. It is a hopeful sign that many schools are beginning to realize that large numbers of young women are dependent upon them for all the training they receive in domestic arts.

Greensbor Female College has been second to none in equipping young women for service, and more, perhaps, than any other institution of like grade, it has succeeded in impressing upon its students the duty of service. Her graduates have borne the torch of learning into the great dark places of our State. They have illuminated society wherever they have gone with a high Christian ideal. They have made the best mothers that are to be found in the nation, and created the sweetest homes.

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J. M. C.

A CLOG IN THE LEAGUE WHEELS.

In conversation with one of the most successful League presidents in our Conference, some days ago, I was told that the most serious hindrance to successful League organization and activity was the lack of educated leaders. By educated leaders was meant, not young people who had an average education, but young men and women who had pursued such studies as would arouse in them an interest in such work as the League proposes to do.

Now it seems to me, that the young people themselves are not entirely to blame for this state of affairs. There are men in every congregation who are able to give their sons and daughters a finished education and who should insist upon the pursuit of such an attainment on the part of their children. The fact, on the contrary, is that the young are either allowed to do as they please or the father is so greedy of gain that he will not invest in their mental development, and even claims from them large contributions to his source of revenue. The man who follows this course is guilty of burying his talent and deserves the severest condemnation that may be administered upon him by an intelligent society. Think of the incalculable force that is locked up by his thus holding the truth in unrighteousness!

When we scoff at Christian education and thorough equipment, we ought to contemplate, with a degre of shame, the crippled condition of the higher interests that require our attention. As the colleges are just now opening, I beg you fathers to consider this matter and select a school for your boy that will train him to be an effective soldier of the Cross. And do not squander your means and palsy high instincts by fitting him to make money and to "care for none of these things."

The Christian college should deal tenderly with a student who is an honest doubter and is struggling toward truth and God. "Honest doubters," however, are rarely found. The wilful, selfish, blatant skeptic in a Christian college should receive the treatment accorded to a certain skeptic of this kind who had the temerity to "tackle" the late Master of Balliol. Jowett, after taking the measure of the young skeptic's intellectual bore, said: "Find God within twenty-four hours, or pack your things and leave."

DEATH OF TWO YOUNG EDUCATORS.

Methodism, the cause of Christian education, and the whole State were greatly bereaved last week in the death of two young men, who had rendered faithful and distinguished service in the field of education. They wielded far more than an ordinary influence, and their loss is painfully felt.

Prof. E. P. Mangum, son of the late Dr. A. W. Mangum, and for the last eight years, Superintendent of the Wilson Public Schools, died in Rex Hospital on Sunday morning, September 4th. Professor Mangum had been a member of the M. E. Church since early childhood. For the last six years he had been Superintendent of the Sunday-school at Wilson. He was always faithful to his church and was a large factor in Christian work in the town of Wilson. He was one of the brightest lights in the educational field of the State, having conscientiously made teaching a profession.

On Monday morning, September 5, Rev. J. F. Bivins, Headmaster of Trinity Park School, fell from the rear end of a train which was nearing Durham, and was almost instantly killed. He had been married only a few days before to Miss Fannie Carr of Durham, and they were returning from their bridal trip. It was, indeed, a very sad death. Professor Bivins was one of the brightest of the State's young educators, having, as Headmaster of Trinity Park School, established a most enviable reputation. He was an able preacher, and was popular with his students and with all with whom he came in contact.

We bow in sorrow over the loss of these two young servants of the church and the State, and extend with thousands our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved.

OFFER EXTENDED.

To all who renew their subscription between now and October 1, we will send a beautiful souvenir in the shape of the Marked New Testament—a handy little volume clearly printed, durably bound and with significant and valuable verses, conveniently marked so as to attract the eye. This is one of the most valuable souvenirs we have yet sent out. The renewal must be for a year.

We would say that all the Testaments will be delivered by October 1. Those who have not received their Testaments will understand that they will receive them by October 1.

In two late numbers of the Outlook, Mr. George Kenan, the war correspondent for the Outlook in the Far East, gives some surprising information in regard to the military conditions that exist in Japan. At Kure, the Japanese maintain a naval station where fifteen thousand men are employed making canon, battleships and every conceivable variety of projectile. Every man that goes into the navy is thoroughly trained for his position. The significance of this statement is appreciated when it is pointed out that even the stokers are drilled in their difficult work by being set to shoveling rocks about the size of lumps of coal into a furnace arranged for practice work.

There are two large schools in Japan for the instruction and training of naval officers. One is situated at Tokio, the other at Yetajima. The former is "a place of instruction for officers, who, after graduating from Yetajima, have had several years of sea duty." At Yetajima there are five hundred students. Among the requirements in the entrance examinations, English is a sine qua non. The object lesson method of teaching is extensively employed, every lecture room being supplied with just the objects the instructor wishes to speak about. None of the athletic sports so much enjoyed by naval students in this country are allowed in the Japanese school. A peculiar kind of wrestling contest gives a suple quickness of movement to the body and hardens the muscles. A noisy sort of sword play is another form of recreation, and a contest over a pole furnishes the future admirals with something more violent than foot-ball and strikingly more akin to boarding an enemy's ship.

Methodist Mention

State.

Do not forget to send us an account of your meeting.

Rutherford College has opened with the largest matriculation in its history.

We rejoice to hear of so many gracious meetings in different parts of the Conference.

A handsome new pipe organ has been received at Wilson for use in the beautiful new Methodist church.

Dr. A. D. Betts has lately been visited by his son, Rev. W. A. Betts, of the South Carolina Conference.

Less than three months until Conference. It hardly seems more than three months since we met at Goldsboro.

The Asheville District will hold an Epworth League Conference in Haywood Street Church, Asheville, September 20-22.

Dr. E. A. Yates delivered an address before the students of Louisburg Female College on last Friday evening. There is a large attendance on this institution.

Rev. J. M. Benson, P. C. Nashville Circuit, writes that he has held two of his meetings, with the result that the church has been greatly revived with ten accessions.

The opening of Trinity College and Trinity Park School is reported to be the best in the history of these institutions. The dormitory room of the latter is already crowded.

As will be seen from an article on the fourth page, two of our preachers, with their families, of Rocky Mount, have been greatly bereaved. Brothers Rone and Bundy have the deepest sympathies of all their brethren and friends.

We have received a copy of the Church Messenger, an interesting publication edited by Rev. L. A. Falls, pastor of Brevard Street Church, Charlotte, N. C. The new church will be a very handsome structure.

The corner-stone of the new building of Centenary Church, Greensboro, was laid with imposing ceremonies on last Thursday. The new church will be very handsome. This church was organized December 28, 1886, with fourteen members.

Rev. J. C. Humble, P. C. Littleton Circuit, reports that four of his six meetings have been held, resulting in one hundred and eleven conversions and fifty-three additions to the church. Two more to hold yet. A new church nearly closed in, and everything in fine shape.

Elizabeth City District, North Carolina Conference, has decided to establish its school. Rev. A. J. Parker, appointed agent to carry forward this work, has secured $3,500 in addition to which Elizabeth City pledges $5,000. This assures the building of the school.—Exchange.

The following note comes from Rev. R. H. Broome, P. C. Carthage Circuit: "Beginning on the fouth Sunday in August, I protracted our Carthage meeting till the first Sunday night. There was scarcely any demonstration of interest, excepting good attendance. One was reclaimed and two were converted, but there were no accessions."

The Executive Committee of Trinity College has elected Atwell C. McIntosh, of Taylorsville, N. C., Professor in the Law Department. Prof. J. A. Bivins, of Charlotte, was also elected Headmaster of Trinity Park Hill School to fill the vacancy by the death of his brother, Prof. J. F. Bivins. Services in memory of Prof. J. F. Bivins was held in Craven Memorial Hall at Trinity College, Sunday morning, September 11th. These services were conducted by President Kilgo, and they took the place of the usual opening sermon before the students.

Prof. George S. Wills, at one time an instructor of English in the State University, but for several years past of the faculty of Western Maryland College, has accepted the chair of English in the Greensboro Female College. Prof. Wills is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and of Harvard, and occupies a high place in his profession.—Exchange.

Rev. S. E. Mercer in deep water: Rev. S. E. Mercer came very near meeting with a fatal accident while crossing Lumber River at the new bridge. The water was unusually high, and he not being acquainted with the stream, drove in too far. Fortunately, by the timely arrival of a colored man, he succeeded in getting out alive, but wet.—Richmond Headlight.

The meeting at the Methodist church continues to grow in interest and the congregations at the evening services are large. Evangelist Comann attacks sin with telling effect at every service, and his powerful appeals to the sinners are not without results. The morning service at 10 o'clock, and the evening service at 8, will continue through the week and the public is cordially invited to attend.—Kinston Free Press.

Rev. Jas. H. Frizzelle, P. C. Pittsboro Circuit, reports as follows: "We had a very fine meeting at Brown's Chapel. Forty-five conversions, twenty-four accessions, and three infants baptized, and a fine communion service. Rev. J. H. Hornaday, of Greenville Station, was with us. Our people were simply delighted with him. We are closing up our fourth year, and will go to Conference with the best report we have carried up from here."

The directors of the Elizabeth City High School, to show their appreciation of the services of Rev. A. J. Parker, agent for the school during August, gave him a ticket to the World's Fair. We met him and his good wife in St. Louis and they were highly enjoying themselves. They are now visiting relatives in Denver, Colorado. On their return, they will spend a few days in Dublin, Indiana. They expect to return to Manteo October 1st.

Connectional.

The Danville Methodist, one of our brightest exchanges, has entered upon its thirteenth year.

The Missouri Conference is taking preliminary steps to provide for its own entertainment hereafter.

The Epworth Era, in its issue of August 25th, begins its eleventh volume. It constantly grows better.

Rev. C. A. Tagne, of the Japan Mission Conference, will not be able to return to his work on account of failing health.

The Holston and Tennessee brethren are still agitating the question of a great Methodist University for women in Nashville, Tenn.

The last issue of the Alabama Christian Advocate reported nearly five hundred accessions to the church in the two Alabama Conferences.

In the amount per capita given to Foreign and Domestic Missions, the German Mission Conference stands first with $1.35. North Carolina stands twenty-first with 34 cents.

Rev. J. R. Andews, pastor of Salem, Va., contemplates issuing a monthly congregational paper called Our Church Work, to be a medium of exchange between him and his large membership.

The number of Southern Methodist preachers now prosecuting the study course in the correspondence school at Nashville has increased to 350. This is an increase of one hundred over last year.

The Michigan Christian Advocate is not far from the point in the following: "In our churches we ought to raise about twice as much money as we do, and talk about getting money about one-half as much as we do. Perhaps, if we magnified Christ more, and put less stress on the collections and the salary, church revenues would increase."

General Notes

A Spanish Endeavor society of forty-six members has finished its first year very successfully, in New York City.

In the Southern States there are 27,000,000 people, and 17,000,000 of them are living under absolute prohibition.

Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., will be consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of East Carolina on All Saints Day, November 1, 1904.

The Protestant Episcopal Church year closes with August. Reports show 5,983 congregations and 765,000 communicants.

Rev. S. C. Swallow, who heads the Prohibition ticket, is the editor of the Pennsylvania Methodist, and resides at Harrisburg, Pa.

Mr. Robert Davies, a wealthy shipholder, has given $675,000 to the Welsh Methodist Missionary Society for the development of its mission work in the hill countries of India.

The International Epworth League Convention meets in Denver in 1905. Secretary E. M. Randall, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has already begun to lay plans to have his League worthily represented.

The dying words of President Paul Kruger are worth quoting as an evidence of the victory of Christian faith. On his deathbed Mr. Kruger said: "I no longer hate the English. It is a pity there was a war, but I believe that everything will come out right in the end."

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Statesboro, Ga., has passed resolutions unanimously calling upon every participant in the lynching of Reed and Cato last month to resign membership in the church unless "a public confession of wrong be made with expression of penitence and contrition."

The Columbian University at Washington, D. C., formally assumed the name George Washington University, on September 1. Although General Washington was not great as a scholar, the inspiration of his name should be greatly felt for good by the students who in future years may gather at that University.

The preliminary program for the convention of the Religious Education Association, which is to be held in Boston in March, is well under way. It is of a character to impress everyone who has seen it with the splendid results which are certain to come from so excellent a line of subjects presented by the men who have been selected to speak.

While in St. Louis, we had the privilege of being much in the office of the St. Louis Christian Advocate. Dr. C. C. Woods makes a royal host. He is an able preacher as well as editor. Dr. Palmore was in attendance on the Missouri Conference, but returned in time for us to catch a little more than a glimpse of him. Dr. Palmore and Dr. Woods are making a great paper.

The report of the Chief Secretary of the World's Fourth Sunday School Convention, held in Jerusalem in April of this year, shows a total of 260,905 Protestant Sabbath-schools, and 23,442,998 scholars in Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, and the various islands to which this institution has penetrated. The United States leads with 139,817 Sunday-schools, 1,419,807 teachers, and 11,493,591 enrolled scholars.

The reader will note that the Southern Special for the St. Louis Exposition which leaves Raleigh on September 20, and will carry a large party over one of the most attractive routes in the country will start from Goldsboro on Tuesday afternoon, September 20th, and will make connection at Selma with the Atlantic Coast Line and with the S. A. L. at Raleigh. This is a fine chance to visit the Exposition. Write at once to T. A. Green, C. T. A., Raleigh, N. C.

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Is It Worth While?

Is it worth while to save men? Then cause them to "Remember their Creator in the days of their youth." The most "convenient season" for conversion is in childhood before one reaches manhood or womanhood. There are many reasons for this, as one who thinks may readily see; only one of which, however, is within the purview of this article.

It is said that ninety-six per cent of the converts now in the churches were converted during the period of adolescence, or at least, before they reached the age of twenty-five years. And only four per cent are converted between the ages of twenty-five and fifty years. At the age of sixteen, or rather from twelve to eighteen, is the time of greatest susceptibility to divine impressions, and of most frequent conversions.

The above figures should not be ignored. They tell us what has happened, what is happening, and what will happen. They give us what the insurance companies would call the table of conversion—"expectancy." The vast business of life insurance is built upon the "expectancy" of human life; millions and millions of dollars are safe and vast corporations rest securely upon this expectancy. The only safe thing to do in reference to eternity is to seek the Lord early, for that is conversion—expectancy. Then is the time to labor to brings individuals to Christ. There is a disposition upon the part of young people to listen and yield to invitation of the gospel. They are in the most favorable condition possible for yielding to divine impressions. Then if parents, Sunday-school teachers, League companions, and pastors will do their duty with wisdom, patient sympathy, and affection, young people will yield themselves to **Christ.**

But let this age pass and the gulf between them and their Redeemer widens with accelerated rapidity. And as age advances, conversion, "expectancy" rapidly sinks until it is practically at zero. If ninety-six per cent of conversions are between the ages of twelve and eighteen then the greatest part of our effort to win to Christ should be devoted to that part of human life.

As the young are most successful, other things being equal, in winning the young to Christ, it is easily seen how important a well-trained League is during revival effort. In a four years' tenure of a pastorate like ours three years of the time may largely be spent in the training and development of League workers, with the hope of making the fourth year a year of ingathering. You will then not only save to the church many who might otherwise go astray, but you have developed workers whose worth to the future church is incalculable, while they help to make your pastorate an eminent success.

Is it worth your while to labor for such results? Will such an investment pay? Then organize and develop an Epworth League.

Hints for Leaders.

Rev. Francis E. Clark in a pamphlet to leaders of Christian Endeavor meetings quotes the following from E. A. Robinson in the Golden Rule:

1. Be prompt in opening and closing the prayer meeting.
2. Try to speak so that all may hear.
3. Stand, rather than sit, while reading the Scriptures, and offering prayer. (Methodists should kneel for the latter.)
4. If possible, select hymns that bear on the subject of the meeting.
5. Use only a short Scripture selection (four to six verses).
6. Always announce the subject of the meeting.
7. Try to add a word of your own to the Scripture reading.
8. Be brief in opening, and, when necessary, remind others that they should be brief also.
9. Always repeat the number of the hymn that is called for.
10. Pray for the meeting before you come, and remember it in prayer after it is over, and the Lord will bless it to His glory and to the good of all present.

Notes.

Texas alone has 20,000 Leaguers They want the International Conference for 1907.

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A call has been made to the Alabama Leagues to support one of their number who has gone as a missionary to Cuba.

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Asheville District League Conference will meet in Haywood Street Methodist Church, Asheville, N. C., September 20-22.

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Dr. Alonzo Monk's Leaguers have presented him with $150, with which to purchase a horse. Who can make Dr. Monk believe the League is a failure?

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Greensboro Female College will open October 5th. It will be well for members of the Epworth League who contemplate going to a first-class female college this fall, to correspond with the president, Mrs. Lucy Robertson.

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Maxton via Atlanta	38.65	32.25	26.25
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Raleigh via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Hamlet via Richmond	37.60	31.90	26.25
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Sunday School

Lesson for September 18, 1904.

Israel Reproved.

Amos 5:4-15.

Golden Text: Seek the Lord, and ye shall live. Amos 5:6.

A Character Study of Amos.—Amos, one of the so-called minor prophets, is a striking figure in the annals of Old Testament prophecy. He is described as a herdsman of Tekoa, a village situated on a high hill, about twelve miles south of Jerusalem. He seems to have been a man in humble life, called to perform an important ministry as a prophet of righteousness. Besides caring for his flock of sheep, he seems also to have derived his support in part from his work as a "dresser" of sycomore trees. The sycomore (not the same as the sycamore of our own land) was a tree bearing a fig-like fruit, sweet but watery, which was eaten only by the poor. The dressing of the fruit was a process whereby it was pinched, scratched or punctured to hasten its ripening.

Amos was evidently a man of deep feeling, of devout spirit, and of great zeal. He was not lacking in courage, for he dared to rebuke royalty itself, and drew down upon himself the wrath of Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, because of his condemnation of Jeroboam, the king of Israel.

The Prophecy of Amos.—The entire book of Amos may be read at a single sitting, and it will be well, especially for the older students, to take a bird's-eye view of the whole of the prophecy.

A careful analysis shows the book of Amos to consist of three well-marked divisions. The first two chapters contain predictions of woe upon the nations that surrounded Israel. Damascus, the Philistines, Tyre, Edom, the Ammonites, Moab, Judah, and finally Israel herself are arraigned for their wickedness. The next four chapters (3-6) are devoted to a stern condemnation of the sins of Israel, mingled at times with words of tender invitation to the people to forsake their evil ways and return unto the Lord. The last three chapters of the book (chaps. 7-9) contain a series of visions, interrupted by Amaziah's charge of conspiracy against Amos.

The Reproof of Israel.—The verses selected for our study are typical of the whole trend of the prophecy of Amos. Though Amos lived about a hundred years after Elijah, we see that many of the same evils which characterized the reign of Ahab flourished under Jeroboam II. Injustice and oppression were still rife in the land. Intemperance was one of the glaring iniquities of the time. The judges were corrupt, and the people were given to all manner of sin.

In the midst of such conditions Amos raised his voice in vigorous protest, and uttered his earnest entreaty to the people to seek the Lord that they might live.

The Modern Application.—Unfortunately we do not have to seek very far in our own country in this twentieth century to find many of the same evils which Amos pictured as existing among the Israelites. In various parts of our fair land we may find vice, oppression, injustice and intemperance rivaling anything that existed in Israel in the days of Amos.

There is a loud call for prophets of righteousness, laymen as well as ministers of the Gospel, who shall raise their voices in determined protest against the conditions of evil which prevail, and shall use all their influence to counteract and overcome them.

Lessons Taught by Amos.—1. Men and women in humble life may be God's prophets of righteousness. Endowment for spiritual service is a matter entirely apart from material wealth.

2. Laymen are often called to perform services, which are as valuable to humanity, and as important in God's eyes as any that can be rendered by ordained ministers of the Word.

3. Reproof and invitation should go hand in hand. While we warn evil-doers to flee from their evil ways, let us also invite them to return unto the Lord, who will abundantly pardon all their misdoings.

4. Intemperance is ever a root of evil. It was so in the days of Amos, and it will continue to be so, as long as men persist in using the intoxicating cup.

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Secular News

STATE.

Several of the striking seniors of the A. & M. College have re-entered.

The Supreme Court is hearing cases on appeal from the Third District this week.

There is quite a contest in Wake County over the chairmanship of the Democratic Executive Committee.

The Junior Order United American Mechanics are holding a street carnival in Wilmington this week.

At the Democratic primaries held in Wake County last Saturday, the so-called reform ticket was victorious.

Of 53 applicants who applied to the Supreme Court for license to practice law, 46 passed. Five negroes applied and three passed.

Mr. Odell, of Concord; Mr. Morgan, of Scotland County, and Mr. Duke, of Durham, among the wealthiest men in the State, are candidates for the Legislature.

A motion to dismiss the suit of J. P. Cuyler for a receiver for the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad will be made before Judge Thos. R. Purnell next Tuesday.

The Socialists of Forsyth County met at Vienna, Friday. Nine townships were represented, and there were about 50 delegates present. A county and legislative ticket was nominated.

The Confederate Reunion, held at Asheville last week was said to be the greatest gathering of ex-Confederates in this State since Johnston's surrender to Sherman. It is estimated that over three thousand veterans were present.

When a train loaded with the first regiment of North Carolina soldiers stopped at Reidsville Monday morning en route home from the army maneuvers at Manassas several of the men left the car and proceeded to loot some of the near-by stores.

George H. Brown, Jr., forwarded his resignation as Superior Court Judge for the First District, to Governor Aycock last week. He was nominated by the late State Democratic Convention as Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

The monument erected on the West Winston graded school lot by the pupils of the Winston graded school in honor of the late Dr. Calvin H. Wiley, the first State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was unveiled Friday. Superintendent Joyner made an address.

One of the most shocking accidents in the history of Southern railroads occurred shortly after 1 o'clock Friday morning, when the Seaboard Air Line passenger train, No. 41, plunged into a trestle two miles north of Catawba Junction, 25 miles south of Monroe. Four persons were instantly killed and not a soul of the ill-fated train escaped injury. To increase the horror of the occurrance, an extra freight engine which had been running behind the passenger train plunged into the wreck before the living passengers could extricate themselves. The dead are: Engineer Edward Barksdale of the extra freight; Fireman Edward Roberts of the passenger train; Mrs. T. F. Black, passenger, formerly of Asheville, and a native of Kentucky; Mrs. Thomas McManus, wife of the Superintendent of the Bell Telephone Company, of Wilmington, N. C. Twenty-eight persons in all were injured.

GENERAL.

Russians expect a big battle in the neighborhood of Mukden.

People in Tokio are still celebrating the Japanese victory.

An anti-Mormon political movement has been started in Utah.

There are many spectators at the military manoeuvers at Manassas.

A peculiar and unknown disease has attacked cattle in Campbell county, Va.

The Weather Bureau reports a general deterioration in the condition of cotton.

John Alexander Dowie, alias Elijah III., advocated the intermarriage of blacks and whites.

Ex-Governor Taylor, of Tennessee, was married; he was divorced from his second wife a few months ago.

The Japanese before Port Arthur are said to be getting ready for another assault upon the fortress.

A strong anti-Russian sentiment is developing among the Chinese in Manchuria with the advance of the Japanese army.

About 500 Democratic editors from all parts of the country attended a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City Monday night.

The Pope received a delegation of 1,500 French pilgrims, the first to visit Rome since the trouble between France and the Vatican occurred.

The Treasury Department is sending checks for prize money to the officers and men of Admiral Dewey's fleet who won the victory at Manila Bay.

Nearly all of the members of the Cabinet and some of the assistant secretaries are absent from their posts of duty and engaged in political work.

Thomas E. Watson, Populist candidate for President, made an address at the Labor Day celebration in Kansas City. The holiday was observed in all parts of the country.

The report of General Kuropatkin that the whole of his army arrived at Mukden without the loss of a gun relieved the anxiety which had been felt in St. Petersburg for the safety of the Russian army.

A tabulation of the Vermont returns compared with those of 1900, shows a net Republican loss of 444, and a net Democratic loss of 1,029. The next Legislature will be more completely controlled by the Republicans than for many years.

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Statesboro, Ga., passed resolutions denouncing the recent lynching near that place. The meeting first proposed to expel all church members who took part in the lynching, but later passed resolutions asking resignations. If certain resignations are not forthcoming in answer to the resolutions the names will be called and expulsions will follow.

WORKING OVERTIME.

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Be true to thy friend. Never speak of his faults to another, to show thy own discrimination, but open them all to him with candor and true gentleness. Forgive all his errors and his sins, be they ever so many, but do not excuse the slightest deviation from rectitude. Never forbear to dissent from a false opinion or a wrong practice, from mistaken motives of kindness; nor seek thus to have thy own weaknesses sustained; for these things cannot be done without injury to the soul.—Mrs. Child.

It is not the best things—that is, the things which we call best—that make men; it is not the pleasant things; it is not the calm experience of life. It is life's rugged experiences, its tempests, its trials. The discipline of life is here good and there evil, here trouble and there joy, here rudeness and there smoothness, one working with the other; and the alternations of the one and the other, which necessitate adaptations, constitute a part of that education which makes a man a man, in distinction from an animal, which has no education. The successful man invariably bears on his brow the marks of the struggles which he has had to undergo.—Selected.

Let not soft slumber close your eyes,
Before you've recollected thrice
The train of action through the day.
Where have my feet chose out their way?
What have I learnt, where'er I've been.
From all I've heard, from all I've seen?
What know I more that's worth the knowing?
What have I done that's worth the doing?

—Isaac Watts.

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—Thomas Moore.

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Where loving words are seldom heard;
And it will linger in the mind,
And gather others of its kind,
Till loving words will echo where
Erstwhile the heart was poor and bare;
And somewhere on thy heavenward track
Their music will come echoing back,
And flood thy soul with melody—
Such is love's immortality."

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Encouraging.

The collections in July and August did not run as low as they did last year. We hope it will not decline in September. These are the hard months for collections. The old money crop has given out, and the new crop has not yet come in.

Receipts up to September.

Johnsons Chapel, $10.00; return of over-paid freight, S. A. L. Ry., $1.53; Oaky Grove Sunday-school, $5.00; City Roads Sunday-school, $5.00; Lumberton Sunday-school, $10.00; Parkers Sunday-school, ...; First Church Sunday-school Elizabeth City, $33.00.

Donations in kind: Box of fine fish from Mr. E. B. Moore; three sacks guano from Caraleigh Phosphate Mills.

Loud Wishes.

I used to say to the Matron, that she could wish louder than any person I ever knew. She had wished so often for things, and they had come so quickly. So I wished for some guano in the last Advocate and before it reached me, the guano was here. But I never have been able to wish loud enough to get that striking calender clock. I will change the wish now. Will not some one send a calender clock for our new chapel, without the striker? Then some one else can send us a striking clock without the calender for the Matron's room.

There are many other wishes in the air, but I will not tell them now. Just send us anything that is wishable. A thousand dollar check is a very wishable thing. A hundred is better than nothing.

Our Friends Not Much on Memorials.

The other Orphanages have a great many memorial buildings and legacies. We have had but few of either. The Catharine Page Chapel, the Rev. and Mrs. Jeffrey H. Robbins Library, and some windows are all of the former, and that of Brother Sedbury of Fayetteville, and Brother Cross of Alabama, are all. There are so many nice chances here. Rooms from $2,000 down to $400; rooms to furnish from $250 down to $40; windows $4.00 and $2.00.

Five thousand dollars will build and furnish a magnificent memorial cottage, and twenty-five thousand will endow it. Wouldn't that be splendid?

By the by, I dreamed that friends had given us the money to build the "Old Preachers' Home." But alas! it was but a dream. It will be reality some of these times.

Garner.

Caught at home on Sunday last, we ran down to Garner, and worshipped with the friends there. Brother Starling, G. B., gave us one of his red-hot sermons. His good meeting at dear old Ebenezer had primed him for it—which the good Garner people seemed to enjoy. George has an aim in preaching, and drives for it. May he never miss his aim. Garner is growing some. But it needs a cotton factory to make it what it ought to be. The children, Nash, Paul, Malinda, and Bessie—our little Sunshine—enjoyed the little outing very much. The ride whetted our appetites for the good dinner that awaited us at home. May Garner's shadow never grow less. That is a goodly people. We got in two short talks for the Orphanage. We will expect the Sunday-schools on the Cary Circuit to support an orphan.

Sunday-School Again.

It would be a nice thing for the strong Sunday-schools in the cities and towns, that have been heard from this year, to send us dues up to date. It would help our finances very much. Give us a lift, beloved.

Some Sunday-schools are making up the amount to put a bed in the new building. Send us fifteen dollars if you wish to get on the roll. Individuals as well as Sunday-schools can get on that roll. It is cheap—only $15.00. Send check, P. O. money order, or registered letter.

Dottings.

All our children are home again. We are glad to have them. We are not so lonesome, you know.

There has been no death among our live stock this week.

Our ruta bagas are looking well.

The Purple Tops and Southern Prizes are coming up nicely since the showers came. We had almost given up all hope of ever seeing them above ground. We will put in our Seven Tops this week. The ground has been too hard for us up to the last rain.

The pea crop is poor. What is the reason why our land will not bring cornfield peas? Is it too rich or too poor? I put guano under them one year, and somebody said it was too rich. I put nothing the next year, and they did not get higher than my finger. They then said they needed manure. I put manure this year. But the peas are not there.

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THIRD ROUND.

Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept. 24, 25
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, Oct. 1, 2
Rich Square, Pinner's, Oct. 8, 9
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, Oct. 15, 16

FOURTH ROUND.

Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, Aug. 21, 22
Harrellsville, Harrellsville, Aug. 27, 28
Scotland Neck, Sept. 4, 5
Conway, Providence, Sept. 10, 11.
Murfreesboro, Sept. 11, 12
Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept. 24, 25
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, October 1, 2
Rich Square, Pinners, Oct. 8, 9
Battleboro and Whitakers, Whitakers, Oct. 15, 16
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, 22, 23
Warren, Shady Grove, Oct. 29, 30
Warrenton, Warrenton, Oct. 30, 31
Littleton, Littleton, Nov. 5, 6
Weldon, Nov. 6, 7
Garysburg, Seaboard, Nov. 5
Roanoke Circuit, Smiths, Nov. 12, 13
Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, Nov. 13, 14
Ridgeway, Union, Nov. 19, 20
Henderson, Nov. 27, 28

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C

FOURTH ROUND.

Mt. Olive and Faison, Mt. Olive, Sept. 17, 18
Jones' Circuit, Lee's Chapel, Sept. 24, 25
Goldsboro, Thompson's, Oct. 1, 2
St. Paul, Oct. 2
Craven Circuit, Asbury, 8, 9
Centenary, Oct. 9
Pmulico, Haybero, Oct. 15, 16
Oriental, Oriental, Oct. 16, 17

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Onslow, Swanboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Burgaw, September 10, 11
Grace, September 13

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Hatteras, Trent, Sept. 10, 11
Hertford, Centre Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Perquimans, Oak Grove, Sept. 24, 25
Pasquotank, Newbegun, Sept. 25, 26
Camden, McBride's, Oct. 1, 2
North Gates, Sunday, Oct. 8, 9
Gates Harrells, Oct. 15, 16
Kitty Hawk, Currituck Inlet, Oct. 22, 23
Currituck, Ebenezer, Oct. 23, 24
Moyock, Perkins Chapel, Oct. 29, 30
Dare, Mann's Harbor, Nov. 5, 6
Roanoke Island, Nov. 6, 7
Elizabeth City, First Church, Nov. 13
Elizabeth City Road, Nov. 13
Columbia, Nov. 19, 20
Pantego and Belhaven, Nov. 25
Roper, Nov 26, 27
Plymouth, Nov. 27

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Robesonville, Mt. Zion, Sept. 3, 4
Washington, Sept. 11, 12
Nashville, Sharon, Sept. 17, 18
Farmville, Farmville, Oct. 2, 3
Aurora, Oct. 8, 9
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter, Oct. 12
Fairfield, Oct. 13
Mattemuskeet, Nebraska, Oct. 15 16
Bethel, Bethel, Oct. 22, 23
Tarboro, (night) Oct. 23
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, Ocracoke, Oct. 29, 30
Greenville, (morning) Nov. 2
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Shilmerdine, November 6, 7
Spring Hope, Hornes, Nov. 12, 13
Wilson Station, (night) Nov. 13
Wilson Circuit, (Ledge Street) Nov. 14
Fremont, Fremont, Nov. 15
Rock Mount, Nov. 16
Bath, Bath, Nov. 19, 20
South Rocky Mount and Marvin, Nov. 22
South Edgecombe, Elm City, Nov. 27, 28

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Roberdel, Roberdel, Sept. 3, 4
Rockingham Station, Sept. 4, 5
Lumberton, Barker's, Sept. 10, 11
St. John and Gibson, St. John, Sept. 15, 16
Laurenburg, Sept. 18, 17
Richmond, Steele's Mill, Sept. 24, 25
Maxton and Caledonia, Oct. 1, 2
Hamlet, Hamlet, Oct. 8, 9
Rowland, Rowland, Oct. 15, 16
Robeson, Asbury, Oct. 22, 23
Mt. Gilead, Wadeville, Oct. 29, 30
Montgomery, Capeside, Nov. 5, 6
Red Springs, Red Springs, Nov. 12, 13
Pekin, Concord, Nov. 19, 20
Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Nov. 25, 27

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Franklinton, Grove Hill, September 10, 11
Clayton, Elizabeth, September 17, 18
Oxford Circuit, September 24, 25
Central, October 1, 2
Brooklyn, October 2, 3
Milbrook, October 8, 9
Granville, October 15, 16
Wakefield, October 20
Kenley, October 22, 23
Cary, October 29, 30
Epworth, October 30
Oxford Station, November 5, 6
Youngsville, November 12, 13
Louisburg, November 19, 20
Tar River, Plank Chapel, November 26, 27

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

FOURTH ROUND.

Trinity Church, Sept. 11, at 11 a. m.
Carr Church and Branson, at Carr, Sept. 11 at night
Chapel Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Durham, McManen, Sept. 24, 25
Mangum Street, Sept. 25, at night
Leasburg, Salem, Oct. 1, 2
Hillsboro, Cedar Grove, Oct. 8, 9
Roxboro, Concord, Oct. 15, 16
Milton, New Hope, Oct. 22, 23
Yanceyville, Bethel, Oct. 29, 30
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, Nov. 5, 6
Burlington, Front Street, Nov. 13, 14
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, Nov. 13, at night
Burlington, Shiloah, Nov. 18
Alamance, Phillips Chapel, Nov. 19, 20
Main Street, Nov. 27, at 11 a. m.
West Durham, Nov. 27, at night

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Goldstone Maroneys, August 27, 28
Sampson, Bethel, September 3, 4
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 10, 11

FOURTH ROUND.

Dunn, Sept. 25, 26.
Cokesbury, Cokesbury, Oct. 1, 2
Elise, Tyrs, Oct. 7
Carthage, Oct. 8, 9
Haw River, Bynum's, Oct. 14
Pittsboro, Zion, Oct. 15, 16
Siler City, Oct. 22, 23
Goldston, Oct. 23, 24
Jonesboro, Hoplar Springs, Oct. 28
Sanford, Oct. 29, 30
Hope Mills, Nov. 5, 6
Newton Grove, Nov. 11
Duke, Benson, Nov. 12, 13
Buckhorn, Cokesbury, Oct. 18
Lillington, Nov. 19, 20
Sampson, Nov. 25
Fayetteville, Hay Street, Nov. 27
Fayetteville, Hoit's Hill, Nov. 27

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Marriages

HEMPHILL—McINTOSH.— On the 21st of August, 1904, at the parsonage in Elise, N. C., Watson Hemphill and Rosa McIntosh, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony J. W. Hoyle officiating.

Obituaries

Obituaries containing not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

JENKINS.—"Aunt Winnie" Jenkins was born April 4, 1815, and died June 13, 1904, aged 89 years, 2 months, and 9 days. She was the oldest of our Carthage members—a whole-hearted Methodist, converted, probably, under Rev. J. B. Martin's ministry in her eighteenth year. Her devotion to pastor and family, church, and cemetery, was constant and beautiful. Born and reared in Carthage, she was the last of her generation, surviving her only brother some sixteen years.

Her fatal illness, which continued seven weeks, was patiently and submissively borne; she met death triumphantly, and her many friends believe that,

"Where the weary are at rest,
She is gathered into God."

R. H. BROOM, Pastor.

STUBBLEFIELD.—Mrs. Adeline Stubblefield (nee Siddle) was born June 23, 1839, died August 14, 1904.

She was one of eight children. All have preceded her to the home beyond save two sisters and one brother.

She has been a consistent member of the Methodist Church for many years.

It was a great shock to her dear husband, sisters, brother, and friends when in a moment she threw up her hands and said to her husband: "Oh, I am so sick," and fainted away.

There ended a Christian life of a pure and noble woman.

She was void of selfishness, for she lived for others, and no one doubts as to where she is now.

In a moment she fell on sleep and went to her eternal reward.

She did not have time for parting words, no farewells, yet we feel that her life warrants the hope of meeting her in the sweet by and by.

The dear husband and bereft ones have our depest sympathy.

J. H. McCRACKEN.

RICKS.—On the 7th day of August, 1904, at his home in Nashville, N. C., Bro. George Ricks departed this ilfe, in the eightieth year of his age. Brother Ricks was converted and joined the Methodist Church when about eighteen years old, and spent about 62 years in the service of his Lord. In his death the church and community suffer an irreparable loss. Truly a good and useful man has gone from us. For a year or more before he died he was a great sufferer at times, but manifested a spirit of patience and resignation. As a man and citizen he was honest and upright—the very soul of honor—full of integrity. As a Christian, his religion was real. He possessed the utmost confidence of all who knew him He filled the office of steward, trustee, Sunday-school Superintendent, class leader, and exhorter, and eternity will disclose the good done by this true servant of God, during his useful life. He was a man of more than ordinary information, was a constant reader of the Word. It was his delight to be in a revival of religion, and was a great help to the preacher. His earnest and soul-stirring prayers will long linger in the memory of this writer. He lived in an atmosphere of prayer. He erected a family altar several years ago, and kept it up as long as he was strong enough to do so. The last words he was heard to utter were: "Let us pray." His home was the preacher's home. It was my privilege to visit him often during his sickness, and I ever found him ready to express gratitude to God for His goodness. He loved God, and the greatest delight of his soul was to work in the cause of his Master. Ripe in age and experience, and rich in good works, he has gone to his reward, entered upon the life more abundant. His companion preceded him a few years to heaven. Nine children—four sons and five daughters—survive him, to whom he has left a rich heritage in the faithful training given them. It was beautiful to see the devotion of his two single daughters who lived with him, ministering to his every need with such tenderness and love. May the God whom he delighted to serve comfort them in their sorrow. We thank God for his pure, useful Christian life. Though dead, he yet speaketh. His memory will be a blessing.

J. M. BENSON.

PARKER.—It was a bright, beautiful day. The home of J. W. Parker and wife, Alice, of Farmville, N. C., was filled with the sunshine of gladness. Little Vira Lee was given a thrice-cordial welcome, and she at once became the idol of every heart.

As the opening of the tender bud, touched by the first rays of the spring-tide sun, so little Vira Lee came to this home on the 28th of February, 1904, effulgent with the sunlight of love and joy.

But, alas! not for long; for the Master hand touched this tender bud of only a few months, and on July 22, 1904, after an illness of several weeks, He took her to Himself, who said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me."

That she is dead, she is just away,
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand.
She has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since she lingers there.

L. E. SAWYER.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, on the third day of June, 1904, it pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from the church on earth to the church in heaven G. W. Pollard, a beloved member of this Quarterly Conference, Garysburg Circuit,

Resolved 1. That as a Quarterly Conference we feel most keenly the loss of this dear brother who was ever true and faithful, but humbly yielded to the Father's will.

2. That we extend to the bereaved family our sympathy in this, their sorrow, trusting that the Father of love and goodness may comfort and sustain them.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication, and a copy recorded with the proceedings of this Quarterly Conference.

J. G. JOHNSON.
R. L. REESE.
J. G. L. CROCKER.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has called from labor to reward Bro. G. S. Cole, who, for a number of years, was a faithful member of Jonesboro M. E. Sunday-school; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That while yielding with deep humility to the hand of an all-wise providence, we can but lament the death of one, who by his kindness and loyalty, had impressed us as a true follower of Christ.

2. That in his death the Sunday-school has lost a most faithful and loyal member, and a devout Christian.

3. That his life should inspire us to a more perfect service and greater sacrifice in our efforts to further Christ's kingdom on earth.

4. That we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved wife and relatives, and pray that they may be resigned to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the wife of the deceased: also recorded in the minutes of our Sunday-school, and a copy be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

G. W. AVENT,
PARMER DALRYMPLE,
MRS. S. A. CHOFFIN,
Committee.

Whereas, Miss Winnie Jenkins, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, one of the charter members of the Aid Society of the M. E. Church, South, Carthage, N. C., has been called to her eternal reward; and

Whereas, her removal entails great loss, both in noble example and wise counsel and material aid, upon our Society; therefore

Resolved 1. That we humbly submit to our Father's all-wise and ever-gracious purpose and providence, praying that we who are left behind may so emulate her superior virtues as ever to keep alive the memory of her long and useful life.

2. That we will earnestly endeavor to conserve her excellent graces in the enhancement of our own efficiency and usefulness individually, and the enlargement of our Society's sphere of doing good.

3. That this paper be spread on our Society record and furnished the Raleigh Christian Advocate, of which she was a devoted reader almost till the last, for publication.

MRS. W. T. JONES.
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Compass happiness, since happiness alone is victory. What you make of life, it will be to you. Take it up bravely, bear it on joyfully, lay it down triumphantly.—Gail Hamilton.

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Just to be good, to keep life pure from degrading elements, to make it constantly helpful in little ways to those who are touched by it, to keep one's spirit always sweet and avoid all manner of petty anger and irritability—that is an idea as noble as it is difficult.—Edward Howard Griggs.

A single gentle rain makes the grass many shades greener. So our prospects brighten on the influx of better thoughts. We should be blessed if we lived in the present always and took advantage of every accident that befell us, like the grass which confesses the influence of the slightest dew that falls on it, and did not spend our time in atoning for neglect of past opportunities, which we call doing our duty.—Thoreau.

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Editorial

THE MENACE OF THE "UNWRITTEN LAW."

There is among the various laws which, like avenging angels, safeguard our moral, social, and political interests, a grisly, terrible shape that now and then arises to slay that which it should defend. The avenging sword cuts with keen edge into that authority, whether moral or civil, which is the basis of all law. While this shape, holding in one hand a sword and in the other the unbalanced scales of justice, riots in unbridled license, Anarchy biding its time, waits patiently in the distance.

The "Unwritten Law" is the great menace to Christian civilization and forms one of its gravest perils. We do not refer to that unwritten law, which, on account of human limitations or other cause, has not been formulated and codified, but which nevertheless may be a true child of that authority which begets only legitimate and humane posterity. Such an unwritten law there may be, and doubtless is. We refer to that unwritten law, which in open, flagrant defiance of formulated positive law essays to perform its work of vindication and protection. What it would vindicate and protect is enmeshed among the very heart-strings of humanity, but its method dulls the edge of justice, overturns the foundations of authority and opens the flood-gates for that torrent which never rolls but to devastate.

The "Unwritten Law" is a bold usurper. It is an iconoclast of the most cruel kind. It lifts its bold front against authority of the State and the solidified sentiment and judgment of generations of the wise and good.

It is found in the domain of business, where in its unholy greed for filthy lucre, it shivers into fragments that decalogue which it wets with tears before the church altar. In the name of business it robs, cheats, defrauds, pauperizes, and damns. According to its prosaic, every-day ethics, everything is fair in that war in which the strong are arrayed against the weak to prove the doctrine of the survival of the fittest, the "fittest" being those who can accumulate the greatest number of dollars.

It is in the domain of politics. It glorifies election laws and exalts to the skies the priceless right of the freeman to vote as he pleases. Yet it winks at the most unblushing corruption, and justifies under what it calls "peculiar circumstances" the utter debauchery of the ballot box.

It is in our social life. It justifies in open court the crime for which the criminal has been arraigned by the officers of the written law. In the name of justice it tears the keys from the hands of the jailor. In the name of justice it batters down the prison doors. In the name of justice it robs the State of its own prisoner. In the name of justice it laughs at the law of the State. In the name of justice, it exhausts the inventions of cruelty in wreaking its beastly, devilish vengeance on a brute who with all his brutishness is subject only to the law of God and his country.

The "Unwritten Law" is to be reckoned with. It is smooth, specious and plausible, but it is deadly. It wears a mask of comeliness, but beneath are the raw-head and bloody bones.

It is but a truism to say that the best plan for disarming and rendering powerless the "Unwritten Law" is to administer promptly and completely the "Written Law." In order that this may be done, the exponents, protectors and vindicators of the "Written Law" must give forth no uncertain sound. No lawyer and other legal officer, either in defence or prosecution, by direct statement or intimation, should dare to defend that which the law of his country condemns. We were surprised to hear noted lawyers a few days ago, in a celebrated case, in pleading for the defendants, say that there is a crime for which the criminal should be shot down like a dog, law or no law. When the exponents of the "Written Law" speak thus, how can we wonder that the spirit of lawlessness is increasing throughout the land? All honor to the presiding Judge, who, in his charge, rebuked the sentiment which supports the "Unwritten Law," and pleaded for the vindication of the "Written Law" of his country.

The moral and religious influence of the country must be exerted against the baleful "Unwritten Law." This influence is powerful. That pastor of Statesboro, Georgia, who sent to every prominent religious paper in the land a letter condemnatory of the action of the devilish mob which burned at the stake those devilish negro brutes, did a wise and effective thing. The Methodist Church at Statesboro did still better, when it laid its heavy disciplinary hand upon those members who belonged to this mob.

We repeat: the "Unwritten Law" must be dealt with, or it will deal terribly with the hopes and interests of our Christian civilization. Among the menaces to Church and State the "Unwritten Law" looms dark and terrible. Let us meet our peril with calm judgment, earnest exhortation, fervent prayer, and with that adherence to law which is one of the prime conditions of freedom and righteousness.

THE MISS ABBOTT AFFAIR.

A Miss Abbott, of Cincinnati, taught in a mission school near Lenoir, N. C. During her vacation she conversed with a reporter of a Cincinnati paper, and in the conversation gave some instances of ignorance and destitution in the section in which she taught. The reporter described as general what Miss Abbott gave as exceptional instances, and really painted an awful picture of of the section. The people were represented as never having heard of George Washington or the Fourth of July, as living on dirt floors, as never having seen a piano, and as having to go thirty-five miles to hear preaching. All of which, of course, was supremely absurd.

The paper containing the write up found its way to Lenoir. It was published in one of the papers there, and, of course, aroused great indignation against Miss Abbott. When she returned to her school a few days ago, she found the feeling against her decidedly bitter. Her plea that she had been made the victim of a sensational and untruthful reporter was unavailing. After a clash between a few of her friends and the faction against her, she left the section last week.

This leads us to make a few observations.

People should be very careful in their conversations with unprincipled newspaper reporters. Such reporters, being on the hunt for news will create their game if they cannot stalk the real article. They generally add horns and cloven hoofs.

Newspapers should be very careful how they publish articles whose authorship and general truthfulness are unknown. The editor of the Lenoir paper republished the article in question with the best of motives. But it is the consensus of opinion among the best people of Caldwell County that the editor made a mistake. There would have been no trouble had this paper not reproduced the article.

Our people are too sensitive altogether. The reflections made against them cannot hurt anybody. Resentment does not do any good in the way of vindication, and only gives their real enemies an opportunity of increasing their capital of hate.

There is not more destitution and ignorance in Caldwell County and any other section in North Carolina than can be found in any State of the Union. All talk about North Carolina's being in any special sense missionary ground is absurd, and the less notice taken of such talk, the better.

THE DANGER IN SPECIALIZING.

This is the time of the year when the question of collections is uppermost in the minds of our preachers. It seems to be a foregone conclusion that the itinerant preacher must be God's tax-gatherer. Some preachers enjoy taking private and public collections. Others do not. We would warn the latter against yielding to their disinclination. To a majority of them their trial will develop them and prove a distinct means of grace. The great Georgia preacher, Simon P. Richardson, started out in his ministerial life with his heart set against taking up a collection, and, for several years, he did not take up any. He never succeeded much in winning souls until he threw away his pride and conquered his prejudice and became a prince among God's tax-gatherers.

The great danger with us as Methodists is not in specializing—that is in calling especial attention to any one interest. This must be done. But the danger is in specializing so that the concentration of interest and effort on one cause means a decrease of interest and effort in another direction.

A special effort has been made within the last few years to develop the missionary conscience and liberality of our Southern Methodist people. This is altogether commendable. We are afraid, though, that the cause of foreign missions has been emphasized at the expense of domestic missions. If this be the case, the situation is extremely unfortunate. No cause among all the collections should be emphasized at the expense of another. All the causes are vital, not excepting the Conference paper. Let all receive adequate attention.

Mr. A. A. Kern, son of our Dr. Jno. A. Kern, of the Baltimore Conference, has been elected professor of English at Millsaps College, Mississippi. Mr. Kern is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College and of Vanderbilt University, and for the last several years has been a student at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., for his Ph. D., degree.

Contributions

Mr. Crumpler Again.

In his book of Discipline, Mr. Crumpler says: "I was tried under the charge of immorality for breaking the glorious doctrines of Methodism when asked not to do so by a Methodist preacher." In his correction of my statement, he tells us he was acquitted. According to his own statements the committee of trial did not find him guilty of "preaching the glorious doctrines of Methodism."

This reminds me of an incident reported to have occurred at the close of the trial. As Mr. Crumpler was passing along the street a gentleman accosted him, saying, "Well, Mr. Crumpler, I hear that they have been trying you for preaching the Gospel." "Yes, yes, bless the Lord," said Mr. Crumpler. "And I understand they did not find you guilty." The apparent inference created a laugh at Mr. Crumpler's expense.

He states correctly when he said he was acquitted. But does that necessarily establish his innocence? Is the verdict of a jury incontestible proof of the guilt or innocence of the accused? Are juries infallible?

Who does not well know the frequent miscarriages of justice under the jury system? Many a criminal has gone unpunished because the jury failed to convict. The verdict of "not guilty" only means that in the mind of the jury the evidence was not sufficient to prove the guilt.

In the case of Mr. Crumpler, two out of five of the trial committee said he was guilty. The other three voted to acquit upon a construction of the law, which, if accepted as correct, would make the law practically useless. They defined the bounds of a circuit, or charge, to be the boundaries, or bounds surrounding the property deeded to the Methodist church. (See Mr. Crumpler's letter in the issue of August 10th.) With this definition of the law, as Mr. Crumpler's meeting was not held on the church grounds, they said he was not guilty.

Who does not see that if that construction of the law is correct, then any Methodist preacher could put up a tent just outside of the grounds of any of our churches and hold his meeting, and there is no law to prevent him. What good, or sense, was there on the part of the General Conference in inserting paragraph 301 in the Discipline? The preachers already had a right to control the services in the churches, and if the paragraph means what the three said it means, it was silly, as well as useless, legislation to enact the law. But I know that that was not the intent of the General Conference, for I heard the discussion over it as it was before that body, and voted for its passage.

If their construction was correct, then some of our preachers have six, some eight pastoral charges, and yet they have no members living within the bounds of their pastoral charges, for it is a very rare thing to find any one living on property deeded to the church, except the preachers themselves.

The incorrectness, and even absurdity, of the construction of the law by these three is apparent. If they had have construed the Discipline properly they would have had to vote for conviction instead of acquittal. Mr. Crumpler must have thought the place he was to hold the meeting was in Mr. Starling's Circuit, or else why did he write to him about it? Mr. Starling believed it was in the bounds of his charge or he would not have forbidden him to hold it.

Mr. Tripp and the two brethren he took with him after he had at first waited on Mr. Crumpler thought it was in the bounds of Mr. Starling's charge, or else they would not have taken the case in hand, for they could have had nothing against him. The investigating committee thought it was, or they never would have ordered the trial.

From the reports that came to me of the trial, the verdict of the committee was a surprise.

In view of these facts, and in view of the spirit and attitude of Mr. Crumpler during the disciplinary processes preceding the trial as given by one in a position to know, I made the statement that he wilfully and deliberately violated the Discipline. I would be glad to know that my conclusion is incorrect and unjust to Mr. Crumpler. I do not wish to believe evil things of any one, much less one who claims for himself so spotless and exalted Christian character that he has not sinned for years. But the facts force me to my conclusion that he knew he was violating the law of his church when he held the meeting.

His attempt at correcting me seems a shrewd move to call attention from the real fact at issue, namely, that he says he was tried for preaching the glorious doctrines of Methodism, when all the facts connected with the trial, together with the "charge and specifications," prove that he was tried for a violation of paragraph 301 of the Discipline. Did he make the incorrect statement in the Discipline because he could not really understand the cause of his trial, or because he wanted to create sympathy for himself and prejudice against the church?

F. D. SWINDELL.

Beaufort, N. C., August 24, 1904.

The New Greensboro Female College.

This term may not at first glance seem a welcome one to the college friends of "old G. F. C." But it is needless to say that the new college retains all that is best of the old, but the improvements will be so many and so noticeable as to suggest the above caption.

In the first place, the building will be virtually a new one. The plan is new and the work is being done under the supervision of a competent architect, in accordance with the most approved, modern ideas. One difficulty with which the old college had to contend was that it could not offer to the pupils all the modern conveniences which were provided in other institutions. This will be overcome in the new. The building will be elegantly equipped with every convenience necessary to health and comfort. It will be heated by steam, and provided with an abundance of bath rooms, lavatories, etc.

The college will share fully in the educational spirit that is abroad in the land. Not only will the building be erected in accordance with the most approved plans, but its work will also be planned in accordance with the soundest educational theories of modern times. It will in the future, as well as in the past, always seek at all times to do thorough, honest work.

Much of the criticism of modern education is unjust, but there is no doubt that a large amount of it is not without foundation. That there are instances in which pupils, at one school or another, are given a superficial training and sent out, wholly unprepared for the demands of life, cannot be questioned.

Greensboro Female College stands for thorough, honest work in every department. It realizes that it is of primary importance that its pupils be well grounded in the English language, and with that end in view, have secured the services of Prof. George S. Wills, who will have charge of that department. The record of Prof. Wills as a teacher, and his excellent equipment for the work which he will undertake, insures the fact that the college will at once stand in the very front rank in this respect.

The fine arts, so necessary in education of our young women, will also receive especial attention. The art studio is under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Porter, a teacher of many years' experience, who received her principal training in "the New York Art League" and Paris. Every department, from drawing, from cast and studies, from nature, to the latest decorative art are taught by her in the most thorough and artistic manner.

Signor Carlo Mora, the director of music, is a pianist of extraordinary ability, and has been associated throughout his musical career with some of the greatest musical celebrities of the world, having presented Madame Nordica in her first appearance before a London audience. He is also a master of the pipe organ and was chosen to play the grand organ at the opening of the Centennial Exposition. Many of his pupils have been among the most successful and brilliant concert players of America.

The school of expression, under the charge of Miss Blanche E. Shattuck, of Boston, is based on the course as taught in Dr. Currie's School of Expression, of which Miss Shattuck is a graduate, both of the general and teacher's courses. As a specialist in this department, Miss Shattuck is unsurpassed, her interpretation of various branches of literature being most highly finished in its rendition.

While presenting these new advantages, the fact that all was best in the old, that can, will be retained, goes without saying, and every branch of learning recognized as desirable will be embodied in the course.

Above all, the influence of the college will be such as to develop the pupils into noble Christian women. To develop a well-rounded character will ever be the aim of Greensboro Female College. The very fact that Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, who has been associated with the institution for many years, remains with it is a guaranty that the college will continue to offer to its pupils the advantages of a cultured, Christian home.

There is the opportunity for individual contact and personal interest, impossible among very large student bodies, which insures what is after alll, of the most importance in all educational effort, the development of Christian character.

Sincerely, NANNIE LEE SMITH.

Joseph F. Bivins: To His Memory.

Last Tuesday, September 6, 1904, we laid to rest the body of Prof. J. F. Bivins, headmaster of Trinity Park School. He sleeps in the beautiful cemetery on a hill overlooking the town of Albemarle, N. C., his boyhood home and the home of his mother. The host of people of all classes, the city's business prince and the farm's plain toiler, the college professor and the rustic worker that gathered to add a tear, each one, to the flowing river, speak of the large share he had in the affections of men and the depths to which he had cast the anchor of his life into the sea of humanity's need.

To the mother who nursed him in his tender years, to Trinity College that fed his mental aspiration, comes great honor in the princely life he lived; to the young bride whose mourning mingles with that of his mother and brothers, there comes the joy that the man whose heart she had won was worthy of a place by the side of the purest woman.

There had grown up an informal, yet clearly defined circle of men in our loved State, whose dreams and ideals and hopes and yearnings were one. In this circle, Joe Bivins, as we familiarly called him, was a prince, and we looked to him for leadership. We saw the swelling tide of his pure soul fast rising. We looked forward to seeing him at Trinity college commencements, at our church conferences and wherever the revolving changes of life might throw us together.

Now he is gone, we feel our leader has fallen. The tie was like that between Jonathan and David, or Tennyson and Hallam. We feel the loss deeply.

"But thou and I have shaken hands,
'Till growing winters lay me low;
My paths are in the fields I know,
And thine in undiscovered lands."

The lessons of his life are worthy of record; they are the lessons of a man worthy of imitation and may be held up as an example to the boys of North Carolina. God gave him great talents and he used them as a sacred trust, and

were as clean when he gave them up to God in his death as when they lay dormant in the babe on his mother's bosom. Large endowment is a call to service commensurate with the gift; happy the man who measures up to the requirements. We are sure our friend did this.

Purity was one of the facts in his character that should appeal to all. With much force and great beauty, Prof. Plato Durham said in his funeral eulogy: "You sent him to us at Trinity College a pure boy; we bring him back to you in his casket a pure man." He was never unclean in his life. He never soiled his soul by impure thought and vulgar words and sensual conduct. His life contradicts the false ideal that a young man must "sow wild oats" and afterward return to God. He carried out the true doctrine that the whole of life should be pure and devoted to high ends.

There is much more in this than a casual thought would reveal. The man who has devoted years of his life to sin must, when he begins to strive to do right, necessarily expend much energy in resistance which he needs for constructive work. He establishes a dual life, and in the contest between the higher and lower elements in his nature he loses much force he needs for building the best character. The river that sweeps along a granite-walled channel has free flow and comes with all its force on the wheel; the one that flows along a channel into which mud and filth have come, must lose power in overcoming these obstructions and reaches the wheel with lessened force. The pure life offers no bar to the great pressure of the infinite flood upon it. There are no losses in such a life as this, no steps to retrace, no weakened energies to be revitalized. It was said: "When the spotless robe of the judicial ermine fell on John Jay, it touched nothing less pure than itself." When the church put the hand on consecration on the head of J. F. Bivins he was as ready to receive it as the smiling babe the kiss of its mother.

He combined as a teacher the unusual power of being both simple and authoritative. He was a boy among the students, and they felt his sympathy; they also knew the presence of the man and gave that deference which is not forced, but which an innate royal soul commands.

"Ille regit dictis animos, et pectora mulcet." He was tender without being weak; he was strong without being tyrannical. Phillips Brooks said there must be a man behind the sermon. All felt that in the sympathetic life of Prof. J. F. Bivins there were the granite fibers of the true man. He was among the "foremost in the regal class."

He went through that period of soul ferment and doubt that is common to men who think. Questions arose in his mind and he followed truth fearlessly to triumph. He gave himself to the truth, and however much of the cherished beliefs of other ages was swept away by its imperial march, he preferred to obey its orders rather than the dictates of men. It is refreshing to meet a man large enough to be a heretic if the expansion of ideas demands one. Jesus Christ would not be bound by what the Pharisee and Scribe taught, "We ought to obey God rather than men." Joe Bivins cared nothing for the new simply to be novel; he was too honest to be bound to the past because it was old.

"He fought his doubts and gathered strength.
He would not make his judgment blind,
He faced the spectres of the mind
And laid them; thus he came at length

To find a stronger faith his own;
And power was with him in the night,
Which makes the darkness and the light,
And dwells not in the light alone."

He showed us that scholarship, that fearless criticism, that honest investigation are not opposed to holiness of life. He was a scholar, he looked into science and philosophy; but he was a reverent follower of the Christ. He knelt at His altar and gave allegiance to Him as divine, and worthy all his homage. He preached for the writer twice in July; his sermons were marked by love, by devotion and reverence. The crowning virtue of his life was consecration to our Saviour. Some one said of Clerk Maxwell: "He made faith in goodness easy to other men." We can say the same of our friend.

"I, from the influence of thy looks, receive
Access in every virtue."

His ambition was to be of service; our Master gave this as life's highest ideal. Professor Bivins was no happier than when rendering some service to others. A negro barber in Durham said that his presence in the barber shop made him feel that there was something for a negro to live for. Many hearts feel a personal loss, all who knew him feel that a real friend is gone. He dealt honestly with men. He faltered not to tell the rich of their sins; he was ready to aid the poorest; he was no sycophant at the feet of the great, nor demagogue to flatter the poor. He was a man. "He stood four square to every wind that blew." He was a manly man. As a school man, he dealt fairly with his fellow-teachers in his State. He would not build up Trinity Park School by disparaging other schools. He met men face to face and stabbed no man in the dark. His life increases our faith in the possibility of human nature. His manhood would have led him to the summit; but God saw best for him to take up his march through the eternal world and to gaze on the face of the "King in his beauty." He is a "mighty marcher on the sun road."

His death, his sudden taking off, is a baptism of sorrow. Our limited knowledge fails to pierce through the wall and to know the reason why. To be taken in the midst of the joys of newly-wedded love, to be taken just as he was ready to begin thew ork of a new scholastic year, to go away just on the threshold of a life of such wondrous promise, just as his power as a teacher had grasped deeply the lives of so many young men and women of promise, just as his tongue had caught the music of eternal harmony—these we do not understand. "Now I know in part."

We do know this death gives a baptism of sorrow to us all, and sorrow is the plectrum that strikes the deepest and sweetest music from the soul. The sudden death of President McKinley welded a nation, and made us feel the unity of our country. At the grave of those we love we lose antipathies. In the death of our Brother Bivins many souls are moved to deeper consecration, and in our tears we realize the brotherhood of man.

"For off thou art, but ever nigh;
I have thee still, and I rejoice;
I prosper, circled with thy voice;
I shall not lose thee tho' I die."

North Carolina has recently lost some of its noblest sons. In the death of the late lamented I. E. Avery passed the hand that yielded the most facile pen; in the death of Professor J. F. Bivins we have lost one of our men of greatest promise.

J. A. B. FRY.

Tambuurines.

I found the Salvation Army on Main Street with drum and tambourine and banjo, carrying the war into Africa. That is what I like about the Salvation Army. It comes to close quarters with the foe. It doesn't wait to "draw" a crowd, it goes to the crowd. I have always given it my hearty support. I used to vex Dr. Barbee's righteous soul when I was pastor of McKendree in Nashville by commending the Salvation Army, and sometimes preaching on the street myself. He thought I degraded the Church. So did others. The editor of the Advocate took a crack at me. I think most of the connectional men around the hub very cordially condemned me. Nashville is a great racing centre, and at certain seasons of the year there are a great many race men there. They congregate about the Maxwell Hotel and the Turf Exchange. I tried to get them to come to church, and not having much success in that, I resolved to go to them. So I had a box placed on the side-walk in front of the Turf Exchange, mounted it for a pulpit, and began to sing a hymn. A crowd soon collected and I explained to them that I was going to preach there. After a word of prayer, I read my text: "Wherefore seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run the race that is set before us." Just as I read my text a drunken man in the crowd staggered up in front of me, his hat on the back of his head, his hands in his pockets, and bracing himself, asked me if I was for Grover Cleveland. I said: "My friend this is not a political meeting. I am going to preach the Gospel. You keep quiet." He repeated his question, and I my remonstrance. A policeman stepped up to take him away, but I stopped him, and said: "Captain, I am the pastor of McKendree church. I haven't seen that man there. I have come here to preach to just such as he. He'll be quiet. Let him stay." The officer desisted and the man became as quiet as a lamb. I preached on the Christian race, never uttered a word of censure about the Nashville races, but made use of some of the rules and regulations of the track in illustration of my theme. The service closed with the benediction. Everything was orderly and dignified—an open-air Gospel service. The members of the Sanhedrin, however, censured me severely for it. One even quoted Scripture on me: "He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street."

Two or three years after that, I was on my way to Toronto to arrange for the International Epworth League Conference. While traveling through Ohio a gentleman came up to me on the train, and said: "If I am not mistaken your name is Steel." "It is," I said. "Did you ever preach in Nashville, Tennessee?" "Yes, sir, for four years as pastor of McKendree church." "Do you remember preaching once to the racing fraternity in front of the Maxwell Hotel?" "I do," I replied. "Do you remember being interrupted at the beginning by a drunken man?" "Very well." "Well, Mr. Steel, my name is So and So. I want to tell you about that meeting. I was one of the race men you preached to that day. I was raised by a good Presbyterian mother, but when I grew to be a man, I fell into bad habits, became a lover of the track, and had not been inside of a church for twenty years. When the crowd began to gather around you, I said to a friend, 'Well, let's go over there and see what is up?' When you read your text I nudged my friend and said, 'We had better get away now; he is going to shell the woods?' Just then the drunken man interrupted you, and I said, 'Hold on, let's see that through.' And when you wouldn't let the policeman take the drunken man away, I said to my friend, 'Let's stay; I want to hear that man talk.' I heard your sermon, and I want to tell you that I have not been to a horse race since. I quit that day, and have been running the race you talked about ever since. I am a member of the church, and owe my salvation to your preaching on the street that day and to your tender treatment of the drunken man."

Now that amply paid me for all the criticisms of the hierarchy. And if Dr. Hoss reports me as violating the Scriptures in my zeal, I am sure that man's old mother in heaven will intercede to have my fault overlooked since it saved her boy. The Salvation Army is right in taking the Gospel to the non-church going multitudes. The regular pastors have their hands full in the church, but when they can go out into the highways of sin, they ought to do so. The dignity of McKendree church indeed! Did Jesus confine his ministry to the precincts of the temple? Did not multitudes follow him through the crowded streets of Capernaum? Did he not lift up his voice in the street of Nain and raise the widow's son? Did he not lift up his voice in the street of Jericho and heal the blind men? The whole ministry of Jesus was a protest against that formalism that would limit usefulness to certain times and places. And whatever the prophecy meant that he should not "cause his voice to be heard in the street," it did not mean that he would not proclaim the Gospel anywhere and everywhere that opportunity offered.—Dr. S. A. Steel, in Work.

The Field

FURNISHING THE NEW G. F. C.

Report 5.

We are nearing the end. Have you read the names from time to time? These are some of the people who make the world go. They have given G. F. College a shove. Every name means thirty-five dollars—a few of them fifty dollars. Those at fifty are to furnish a few of the larger rooms.

Previously reported—51.

Miss Josie Griffin, Woodlawn, N. C.

A Sherrod, in memory of his wife, Mary Temperance, High Point.

The donations direct, and their value, from High Point, are as follows:

A. J. Rickel, one library table, $20.00.
Kerns Furniture Co., one dining table, $10.00.
Smith Furniture Co., one sideboard, $25.00.
Continental Furniture Co., one dresser, $15.00.
Tate Furniture Co., one dresser, $18.00.
Miss Nellie Dundas, one office chair, $6.00.
M. J. Wrenn, one dresser, $20.00.
Piedmont Table Co., one library table, $20.00.
Lindsay Chair Co., six office chairs, $12.00.
Myrtle Desk Co., one office desk, $40.00.
Globe-Home Furniture Co., one dresser, $40.00,
High Point Bed Spring Co., one bed, $15.00.

Southern Chair Co., one dressing stand for each girl matriculated on and before October 5th, 50 cents each.

The orders have been placed for the furniture at such low rates, through those desiring to aid the College, that fifty-three dollars worth of furniture at ordinary prices has been secured for thirty-five dollars. The two beds, dresser, table, chairs, wash-stand and set, window shade, etc., make the room all one could wish. Those taking part in this work have rejoiced in the opportunity to aid. To all my grateful thanks are extended.

M. T. PLYLER.

The Straits Circuit.

Springfield, though not the oldest church on this charge, is becoming a centre of religious life. Our people there are aggressive, and in the church work they are showing symptoms of financial health and spiritual betterment. In short, that church is living and growing. All demands for money are promptly met. The house of worship recently has been varnished inside and other improvements are soon to follow. The Sunday-school is doing splendidly for a country congregation. The Raleigh Christian Advocate comes there and is read.

I hesitate to speak personally. But I cannot close this note without mention of the revival series which, without pulpit help, I have been conducting at Springfield. This is admittedly the best meeting of the kind in the history of Springfield church. The spiritual tide ran high. Many sought and found God's pardoning love. I do not know the number of those thus turned to God. There were added to the church thirteen persons who are "being saved." The church in its inner life has been greatly helped and strengthened. Why these good results? It is the outcome of confident prayer and the simple Gospel message. We all, both preacher and people, have been 'renewed in the spirit of our minds." I cannot tell the joy that twenty-four consecutive efforts to speak to a crowded house the good Word of God have produced in me. May not the yoke of Christ work easy?

E. K. CREEL.

Teacher Wanted.

I wish to correspond with a lady teacher. I want a teacher for a term of eight months, at a salary of $40.00 per month. Her board and laundry will cost her $8.00 per month.

W. E. HOCUTT.

South Mills, N. C.

Memoir of J. M. Rice.

James Marshall Rice, the son of William and Sallie Rice, was born near Ashland, in Caswell County, N. C., on November 16, 1862, and died May 30, 1904. His boyhood days were spent near the well-known "Camp Springs" church. Here he attended church and Sunday-school and had the love and admiration of all who knew him. It was at this church in his early life that he gave his heart to God and from then on through life he had every evidence that God's will had become his will and God's purpose his purpose, and the love and loyalty which he ever manifested toward his church and his God showed forth in living valor in his own life the sentiment of St. Paul when he said: "It is not I that liveth, but Christ that liveth in me."

Soon after Brother Rice was licensed to preach he was admitted on trial at Concord, N. C., in the Western North Carolina Conference in the year 1890. In this Conference he served the following charges: 1891, Reddies River Mission; 1892, Sparta Circuit; 1893, Creston Circuit, and in 1894, Mount Airy Circuit. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Hendrix, at Winston, N. C., in 1892, and ordained Elder by Bishop Wilson at Statesville, N. C., in 1894. At the close of this year (1894) he was transferred to the North Carolina Conference and served the following charges: In 1895, 1896 and 1897, the Burlington Circuit; in 1899 and 1900, the Warrenton Circuit. It was on this work that his health gave way. He was given the Warrenton Circuit the third year, but was unable to return on account of a nervous prostration which rendered him unable to ever preach again.

The year in which Brother Rice was transferred to this Conference he was united in marriage to Miss Mamie E. Matlock on December 25, 1895. To this union there were given four bright children—Jessie, Katie, Grace and John, all of whom, with the grief-stricken wife, are still living. He has three living brothers and two sisters—George, Tom, William, Bettie and Liza.

Brother Rice attended school at what is now known as "Old Trinity," but was unable to finish his course on account of his failing health. His academic and college education and college education was quite limited, but he was, so to speak, a self-educator and thus reading and studying he attained preaching qualities which are said by many to have been far above the average. He possessed a very bright intellect which gave him a clear insight into human nature causing him to condemn sin fearlessly and boldly after the manner of him who walked into the temple with a cord in his hand and said: "Ye have made my Father's house a den of thieves." His pulpit ministration possessed such practical and close discriminating qualities that it always deeply impressed the thinking people and his natural magnetism attracted to him a host of warm friends wherever he went who loved and admired until the end. His connection with the Conference was short, but he gave evidence of deep and earnest consideration and entered joyfully into this loved employment as long as he was able. The great energy and undying perseverance of nature, of heart, body and soul swept him through life at a rapid rate, causing him to be old and broken down in life long before his time. Some one has truthfully said at forty-one he had lived a hundred years measured by the lives of many. In the year 1901, Brother Rice was superannated and retained this relation until his death.

He never grumbled or complained at his lot in life, but was submissive to the Lord's will from the first of his afflictions until the very last hour in death. Here he became very conscious that the change would soon take place and that he was nearing the holy ranks. On Sunday he called his wife to his side and said: "What a bright day this will be for me to go to heaven." Monday morning following the call came, but not unexpected, and he fell asleep safe in the arms of Jesus.

"Silently, peacefully, angels have borne him
Into the beautiful mansions above,
Free from earth's toilings forever;
Safe in the arms of the God he loved."

S. F. NICKS.

The Problem Solved at Last.

What problem? Why, the problem why more men do not attend church.

And what is the solution? It is simply this: The men and women who being members of the church profess to be the servants of Christ, and yet do not faithfully obey their Lord's command to go out and compel them to come in that his house may be full.

That is the chief reason. The membership of the churches do not diligently and persistently and repeatedly hunt up the non-churchgoers, and kindly, courteously, invite them to go with them, and keep on doing so.

The following incident, narrated in The Christian Herald, is proof of the correctness of the above declaration:

A business man was on his way to the prayer-meeting. His work had detained him so long that his dinner had been hastily eaten, and yet he was late for service. The sound of music floated down the street, and as the church came into view he quickened his steps.

On the pavement he hurriedly passed a stranger, who was gazing curiously up at the open windows. Acting on a sudden impulse, he turned back.

"This is our prayer-meeting evening. Will you go in with me?"

The stranger hesitated a moment.

"Why, yes," he answered.

Prayer-meeting ended, and the two went out together.

"I was very glad to have your company tonight," said the business man, as he parted from his new acquaintance, after finding out his name and where he lived. "May I call for you next Wednesday?"

The man, without much enthusiasm, replied that he "didn't care" if he did.

He called, and followed it up on succeeding Wednesdays, taking care to introduce the stranger to other men of the congregation.

That was the starting point. Prayer-meeting led to church services. The stranger finally, with his family, united with that congregation. He has become an active and efficient church worker.

"Do you know," he said to his first friend, recently, "do you know, I had lived in our city for seven years before I met you. I had not been in the city three days before grocers and dairymen had hunted me up: within three weeks the politicians had learned my political preferences. Yet in all those years you were the first man who ever said, 'Come, let us go into the house of the Lord.'"—Religious Telescope.

Mr. Spurgeon had a dream. He thought he went up to the gates of heaven, and there he saw a great company of men marching through the gates of the city. On inquiring who they were that received such plaudits of welcome, he was told that they were the apostles and their successors. "But," said Mr. Spurgeon, "I never was an apostle nor a martyr." Soon there was another vast procession that passed through the gates; then he was informed that that vast multitude, led by Zaccheus and Mary Magdalene, were the sinners that had confessed the name of Jesus. The great preacher said that in his dream he exclaimed to the angels, "Thank God, I can enter heaven with the sinners."

Learn life and summon up your grit
And concentrate your powers;
Let all the best that's in you sit
Crowned king, through all life's hours.

Thus with your purpose strong meet life;
Find place and do your best,
And then a halo in the strife
With guide to sweet success.

At the recent Salvation Army jubilee in London King Edward, Lord Rosebery, the Bishop of Hereford, Ambassador Choate, and other distinguished men were present, saying appreciative and encouraging words. The time for sneering at this great and serious effort to apply Christianity to the world's needs was never present to the intelligent; it is evident to all that it is not now.

The Family

God Knows, and That's Enough for Me.*

BY LAURENCE F. DEUTZMAN.

He knows the trials that you bear,
The hunger that you have for death,
And knows indeed your sad lone care,
Yes, bear in mind with every breath;
He knows it all, and let that be
A solace and enough for thee!

Now for what purpose are you here?
So little seems in future store,
And Life's vast prospect one too drear
(Your loved ones having gone before.)
Are there no things we cannot see?
He knows it all . . . . aye, more than thee!

Is there no one whom future days
Will bring to sue for all your gain
Of love and fond affection's rays,
Unused, now felt a constant pain?
Ah, know you this? How can that be!
I say, there's such a one for thee!

You wish that better time would come?
For you have lived so long a time!
Oh, God—how short the seasons run.
Yet do you their great length repine!
Assuredly some day you'll see,
That they are far too short for thee.

Oh, who can know and who can say,
The course and purposes of it all?
And if mayhap no other way
Should ever help thee bear withal,
Reflect . . . . Then say, "What e'er may be,
God knows and that's enough for me!"

And, meanwhile, what is there to do,
Awaiting for what Life may bring?
Are you to mope and be so blue
That heart at last will fear to sing?
Believe. That's no the way to be,
And it shows lack of trust to me.

Then sing—although the aching void
Seems stronger than the part you play,
And soon you'll find with loving word,
New happiness in Life's long day.
And kindness constantly dispersed
With sunshine will thy heart 'most burst!

If these be merely words in rhyme,
Let trial prove them so to thee.
But I believe some future time
Will see my thought proved verity.
So, once again, please say, with me,
"God knows and that's enough for me!"

*Written to a dear friend on the occasion of the death of a brother.

Prayer.

I cannot tell why there should come to me
A thought of someone miles and miles away
In swift insistence on the memory,
Unless there be a need that I should pray.

He goes his way, I mine; we seldom meet
To talk of plans or changes, day by day,
Of pain or pleasure, triumph or defeat,
Or of the special reasons why 'tis time to pray.

We are too busy even to spare thought
For days together of some friends away;
Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought
To read His signal as a call to pray.

Perhaps, just then, my friend has fiercer fight,
A more appalling weakness, a decay
Of courage, darkness, some lost sense of right—
And so, in case he needs my prayer, I pray.

Friend, do the same for me! If I intrude
Unasked upon you, on some crowded day,
Give me a moment's prayer, as interlude;
Be very sure I need it, therefore pray.

For Parents to Ponder.

A recent number of The Woman's Journal discusses in an earnest editorial an article that was published not long ago in the New York Evening Post on "Depraved Children." The subject is one which may well be taken serious cognizance of by every thoughtful person in the land. A great and growing danger menaces this country, whose boastfully sung glory is her "freedom" and her "bravery." That danger is the tendency in her children of retrogression from freedom to mere license and from bravery to ugly boldness, which finds its root in irreverence.

The writer in the New York Evening Post makes this statement, which, however it may hurt us, we dare not contest:

"We are ever anxious for the physical comfort of the little ones. Tenement laws seek to provide clean and wholesome lodgings—philanthropy busies itself in clothing them—the state is earnestly active in building schools—the church sets apart hours and days and willing men and women to provide for their spiritual wants; but there is a mass of well-clothed, well-sheltered children who are clean neither in thought nor speech, and lack reverence for any law human or divine, who seem to be beyond all these influences."

It takes but little leaven to leaven the whole lump and those who best know the average American child can testify to the alarming prevalence of this contagious "mass," from the strata of society called "poor" up to the wealthy classes.

The Woman's Journal says:

"The rude manners, disobedience, and general lawlessness of many American children are a cause of astonishment to foreigners of all nationalities. They are a cause of grief and concern to Americans themselves. The trouble seems to be growing worse. What is to be done about it? Revolutions never go backward. We cannot return to the rigid system of repression and iron parental rule which made the young lives of our grandparents miserable, and which still crushes down the children in most foreign countries so that they cannot compare with American children in energy or initiative. But the pendulum has now swung to the other extreme. The writer in the Evening Post has drawn the picture in somewhat dark colors, but there is a great deal of truth in it. What is to be done?"

It seems as if the colors for the picture could hardly be dark enough. The longer we study the question and the deeper we probe to find the causes which have filled our streets with this horde of "depraved children," the more alarm we feel, since we see how deeply rooted and multiplied these causes are. It would take a book to enumerate and explain them and the book would be an exhaustive study of the past century in the changes that have come upon American life and habit. When a piece of clean grass sod is cut out of a lawn and the space left open to wind and weather it is not grass that comes to fill the gap, but a crop of weeds. In the splendid developments of the century passed many an ugly hole has been gashed in the beautiful sod of our national characteristics. We have an alarming crop of noisome weeds, among them the "depraved children." Homes,—old-fashioned, strictly-ordered, roomy, ancestral homes, have given place to "suites," "apartments," hotel-life, flat-life, boarding house life. With the home has fled the nursery. Babies share and share alike with the life of the grown-ups,—eat at the same tables, keep the same hours, witness all that goes on in the adult affairs of the family, share in the conversations and propose to live the seemingly untrammeled adult life. Indeed, babies and children—as we knew them fifty years ago—are not. Something else has gone with them. Gone the old homes, gone the young children, gone the patriarchs and household saints—the grandmother in her insignia of cap and gown, the grandfathers, white-haired and wise, gone from the heart of the home and the corner by the hearth. The babies rush to be young men and women, the youth shuns old age and—flouts it. Yes. Just that—whether in its approach upon himself or whether in the burdensome presence of non-self-supporting old age in his home.

The Sabbath Day.—ah, how has its goodly green been cut in upon! Street-cars, splendid dinners, splendid toilets, company, pleasure excursions, newspapers, novels, late rising, loafing,—these and worse ills, invade the old-time, sweet, solemn, stern observance of the Sabbath Day.

We would take courteous issue with the statement quoted above anent the making "miserable" the "young lives of our grandparents." Stern discipline need not make miserable. It is the selfish rebellion against it that hurts.

All this summer we have been watching the life of a little girl of six—a very typical, American child on whose fair record the word "depraved" may even now be written. Disobedient, untruthful, sly, bold,—and even immodest—this little one is growing. Stern discipline would be her salvation, administered with love. The strength the child uses every day running wild, escaping from irregularly imposed commands, rebelling against sporadic rebukes, could well be harnessed to a regular, systematic, stern program of daily tasks which would develop and fill the hungry little mind and perchance save from future hurt the eager little body. Why should children run loose all day because they are not going to school? A child of six may well begin the life she ought to be leading at sixteen and twenty-six if she is to reap a white character at sixty. The "sampler" of our grandmothers was an aid to virtue, that the modern sewing school has not replaced. The child referred to above could well have "studied her book," sewed, weeded, dusted, prepared fruits and vegetables, sat still beside her mother for brief periods of sensible conversation. But it was play, play, play, all day long, with many a deserved (?) punishment for things that harmless holy work would have prevented.

The truth is we have degraded our American children by a lapse into foolish sentimentality and criminal carelessness concerning them. We are afraid of the "rod;" we are in such a rush to "get there" that we turn them on the streets for fathering and mothering; they are so "cute" in their mimicry of grown-up's dress and ways that we un-child them as it were; we are so young and foolish when we marry that we do not know how to teach and counsel them and the church, the school, the reformatories are trying to do our work for us. They never can.

Ah, you "depraved child!" You will meet us one of these days at a bar of judgment and cry out to us for your soul-loss! You will rebuke us and what can we say?

Mrs. Browning's matchless plea for the toiling child-slaves was never more needed than today. We need another plea for the unchildish child of the unhomelike home. The little one seems to stand before us and say:

"—how long,
O cruel nation,
Will you stand to move the world, on a child's heart,—
Stifle down with a mailed heel its palpitation,
And tread onward to your throne amid the mart?"

Mrs. Browning's neglected little toilers knew no other words of prayer "Except 'Our Father.'" Does the average "depraved child" of today know even so much as that?—Ram's Horn.

Honest Christians.

The man who is not just as honest in trading as he is in praying is not a Christian. It is not possible to be a sinner in business and a saint in religion. The thief in the board of trade is a hypocrite in the church. We do not believe that all successful business men are dishonest. It is a satisfaction to believe that in every department of trade and commerce there are men whose principles are as pure as gold. There are merchants, bankers, mechanics, farmers, and professional men everywhere who live as uprightly in their business transactions as they do in their domestic relations. There are men who would prefer poverty to ill-gotten wealth. Granted that a man might gain money by lying, what kind of reward is it, after all? Riches gained at the expense of conscience are like corroding acids; they eat away the foundations of life, and leave their possessor poor indeed. It never pays to lie. It matters not what the motive may be, the loss is always greater than the gain. Exemption from punishment or disgrace is a poor compensation for a tarnished conscience. Masses of wealth have no power to confer lasting joys. Titles, wealth, learning, honor and fame are trifles compared with a clear conscience.—The Angelus.

Our Boys and Girls

Hobucken, N. C., August 16, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little boys' and girls' letters. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday, and my teacher is Miss Mamie Sadler. I like her very much. I also go to every-day school.

Enclosed find five cents for the Orphanage.

ANNIE EMORY.

Middleton, N. C., Aug. 4, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am glad to know that Marie Bailey, Mollye Stephenson, Florence Hundnell nad Lota Leigh Draughon have decided to raise a dollar for the orphans by Christmas. Some day I hope we will know each other, and as we grow older become Christian workers. I hope many of the little boys and girls will join us in this work.

My birth-day was a few Sundays ago. I am ten years of age.

You will find enclosed ten cents for the orphans.

Your little friend.

LILLIAN BURNS.

Ocracoke, N. C., Aug. 14, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will write for my first time. I am a girl thirteen years of age. My cousin takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little boys' and girls' letters so much that I thought I would like to join them.

I like to go to Sunday-school very much. My teacher's name is Mrs. Howard, and I like her fine.

I will close by answering Maggie Dickinson's question: Rachel was the mother of Joseph.

Enclosed find five cents for the orphans.

Your friend.

NINA GIBBS.

Willeyton, N. C., Sept. 11, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl thirteen years old. My papa takes the Advocate and I like to read it very much, especially the children's page. Our pastor is Rev. W. H. Brown. This is his first year with us, and we all like him very much.

I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can; my superintendent is Mr. H. B. Cross, and he is a very good man. My teacher is Mrs. H. B. Cross. I like her very much; she is so good and kind.

I must close, with best wishes to the orphans.

Your friend.

EVA M. SMITH.

P. S.—I hope to see my letter in print.

The Sunbeams' Excursion.

When the three little Sunbeams made up their minds to do anything they generally did it.

One evening they told their father they wanted to see a little of the world, and that they thought he might give his consent for them to go on an evening excursion; he hesitated a moment, but at last said: "Well, you can go to-morrow night, but no more this summer, as the season is nearly over and I'll need you this coming winter I fear, for it promises to be a stormy one."

Little Sunbeam, the youngest sister, saw old Mother Glowworm and asked her to furnish the light; so the old lady saw Pappy Lightningbug and persuaded him to let about 500 of his children sit on the upper deck, while at their feet would be just as many young Glowworms.

"Now, I have fixed that up for our search-light, and I've done my part I think Slant Sunbeam ought to see about music," said Little Sunbeam.

Slant was a bright one, and had no trouble. Uncle Mosquito offered to send a detachment to hum things, but Slant said when any humming was to be done, she would get her active and brilliant young cousins Wingey Hummingbird and Restless Hummingbird. No! she wanted music. So she secured some bright-throated Larks, a lot of Wrens, their friend, Robin Redbreast, and a host of other ones. Then Katy Did and Cricket offered their services, which were gratefully accepted.

So the next evening at 7.30 o'clock they started. It was not a big boat they were on, but it was an odd one.

My, but the boat was crowded. The Sunbeam girls had no idea they had so many friends; but there they were, each eager to contribute his share to make the affair a success.

Let us see if we really can tell who were there. Well, the Bee family, including old Queen Honeycomb and King Wax, brought on board loads of honey for their part. Then the twenty-five sisters Bovines came along with milk. Old Mr. Orchard sent his sons Peach, Apple, Pear, Apricot, Plum, Crabapple, Quince, Cheery and their sisters Damson, Grape, Huckleberry, Blackberry, Raspberry, Melon and Canteloupe.

Along came young Mr. Buckwheat, and hanging on each arm were the Misses Wheat and Corn.

"Don't want any policemen aboard!" yelled out old Mr. Sunray, as he pushed Captain Thousandlegs and Lieutenant Tumblebug off the boat.

"This is a swell-up affair," said Daddy Frog as he sat on the lower deck talking to Wriggle Tadpole.

The boat was soon in the stream, and such a jolly crowd you never saw.

"Where do you want to land, young ladies?" asked Captain Bob White, of the Misses Sunbeam.

"Why, Captain, stop at Sleepy-town Wharf," they answered.

"Oh, my," they answered.

"Oh, my," cried Boatswain Snail, "that's a long ways off."

"Go to bed, now," yelled Mrs. Maltycat, "you always were slippery."

"Toot for a landing, Mate Owl," sang out the Captain, and in less time than it takes to tell it, they were tied up at the wharf.

Only one accident occurred on the trip down, and that was old Daddy Longlegs fell overboard, and if Master Turtle hadn't gone after him he might have drowned. Still it was three days afterward before he got home. He said Mr. Turtle's automobile was the slowest one on record.

At the wharf they were met by Mayor Cordiality, who took them up the main street to Queen Moon's palace. And such a reception as they had! The supper tables were loaded with the best their chef, Jack Frost, could get. There were mist cakes and dew trimmings; then came snow-white puddings, all frosted over; snowballs, with and without flavor; mint sticks and lemon drops. Everything they wanted, in fact.

Queen Moon ordered on an illumination, and in a twinkling everything was brilliantly bright. The Pleiades came down, and sang, and the Great and Little Bear danced; while the Big Dipper went over the Milky Way and secured a Little Dipper full.

Morning soon broke, and such scampering to get back to the boat. Steam was soon up and the tired crowd were rapidly nearing their old home, for Daddy Sun was on the bank yelling to his daughters, Sunbeams, to hurry up to their work.

It was a grand time. Don't you think so? Don't my little pets wish they had been on that excursion?—"Uncle Bob," in Baltimore Methodist.

The great Commission is more than a permission.

How Many Can You Guess?

Why is bread like the sun? Because when it rises it is light.

Which was the largest island before Australia was discovered? Australia.

What trade should be recommended for a short person? Grocer (grow, sir).

Why is the letter A the best remedy for a deaf woman? Because it makes her hear.

When is money wet? When it is dew (due) in the morning and missed (mist) in the evening.

If Rider Haggard had been Lew Wallace, who would "She" have been? She would have "Ben Hur."

If the alphabet were invited out to supper, which of the letters would get there late? All those letters which come after "t."

Which is the most dangerous season of the year to walk in the woods, and why? In the spring, because the trees shoot, the flowers have pistils, and the bulrush is (bull rushes) out.

What is the difference between the Prince of Whales, an orphan, a baldheaded old man, and the gorilla? The first is an heir apparent, the second has ne'er a parent, the third has no hair apparent, and the fourth has a hairy parent.—Great Thoughts.

A Humorous Horse.

In the summer of 1896 Lieutenant Forsyth—now Captain Forsyth—of the regular army of the cavalry department, rented our house, we reserving a suite of rooms for our personal use. His troop was then stationed at Yellow Stone Park, and had been for several years. He was an entertaining talker, especially when referring to his army life; was always conservative in expression. He frequently gave us scraps of his army experiences. One day he said to me: "Mr. Osborn, I believe there are some horses possessed of a sense of humor." Said we had a little pony horse who was one day eating hay at the end of the rack in the open campus. He had an old bull dog who bore the name of a great statesman, Jefferson Davis—abbreviated to Jeff—who was sitting on his haunches, with eyes closed, as is the habit of all old dogs. Forsyth said he was reclining hard-by, when he observed the pony occasionally ceased eating and take a survey of old Jeff in his seemingly blissful attitude. Finally the pony seemed to realize that it was up to him to have a little fun by giving a little expression to his horse humor. When he reached down with open mouth, grabbed Jeff by the back of the neck, gave him about three hearty shakes, dropped him suddenly, and promptly resumed eating hay, as innocently as if nothing had happened. It was needless to remark that Jeff was surprisingly and severely shocked. He alertly looked about in every direction to discover from whence came the assault, but from his dog-point of view failed to reach a reasonable solution of the whyfore of the attack, but reasoning with canine sense, he promptly recognized the propriety and wisdom of a change of base. And the sooner that change was made the better would fare his dog-being, as the incident was liable to be repeated at any moment, so not scrupulous upon the order of his going, he tottered away to a retired point of the grounds. Forsyth said he thought, as Jeff retreated, looking apprehensively to right and left, he could see a smile creep over the face of the pony, at Jeff's discomfiture, and the success of his enterprise. He doubtless may have thought that Jeff had no business so near his presence, thereby intruding upon the society of his horseship, and that he would give him a little hint of his own approval of his impertinence a little chastisement of his audacity to dare move in the same social circle as himself. There doubtless was some pro and con reasoning going on by both parties.—Wm. A. Osborn, in Wesleyan Advocate.

Brazil has been making a great stride in Christian Endeavor, and now reports forty-five societies, with more than fifteen hundred members. One eminent lawyer, Dr. Antonio Teixeiro da Silva, has abandoned his profession to preach the Gospel and organize societies of Christian Endeavor.

A true saint never needs to seek persecution.

The only way to insure happiness is to deserve it.

A good thinker knows better than to worship his tools.

SURE OF ITS VICTIMS.

Dr. D. M. Bye, of Indianapolis, Ind., the great cancer specialist, who has cured over six thousand cases of cancer within the last ten years with soothing, balmy oils, says that one time he selected a list of five hundred names of persons who had written to him relative to taking treatment, but who, from some cause, had neglected to do so, and wrote to them several months later inquiring after their condition. To his surprise and grief he learned that nearly 20 per cent had died within five months from the time they had written their letters of inquiry. If left to itself cancer is always cure of its victim. Book sent free, giving particulars and prices of Oils. Address Dr. D. M. Bye Co., Box 462, Dallas, Texas.

A GROWING CITY.

The city of Lynchburg, Va., has, within recent years, made astonishing growth in its commercial importance. For a quarter of a century it has been a prominent wholesale shoe market, but during the last few years the development in that line of business has been astonishing. Out of 150 cities in the United States having a population greater than Lynchburg, there are only half a dozen cities which do a greater shoe business. The leading shoe house of Lynchburg is the Craddock-Terry Co., makers of the widely known brands of Southern Belle, Autograph and Southern Girl shoes. The sales of the Craddocy-Terry Co., during August, aggregated $358,617.15. Lynchburg's shoe business has grown from $300,000 a year, fifteen years ago, to more than $6,000,000 a year now and is developing more rapidly than ever. The gain in the Craddock-Terry business during August, over the same months of a year ago, was over $150,000. This progressive house has forged to the front as the leading shoe house of the South. Thirty-five traveling salesmen cover every part of the Southern States and a large portion of the middle States. The high class of goods made by this concern has established its reputation and laid the foundation for great development in the future. The Southland Shoe Factory, owned by the Craddock-Terry Co., is regarded with pride by the Lynchburg people. Its product exceeds 2,000 pairs of shoes per day.

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A Vote of Thanks.

Miss Daisy Baily Waitt gave her time and thought to the supervision of this column in a most satisfactory manner for the past three months; no doubt all our sisters have enjoyed the "fruit of her labors," and unite in extending to her their grateful thanks.

She made many valuable suggestions in the prosecution of our work, chief among which we would emphasize that to the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries. Has there been a response to her request for items of news from the Auxiliary reports?

Greeting.

To the sisters of the Foreign and Home Mission Societies, here is a happy greeting, after an absence of nearly three months! During this interim there have been the changing scenes from illness to restored health; from city water to the sparkling, health-giving draughts from the mineral springs of "old Cleveland;" from the heat and dust of the city to the cool, clear atmosphere of the mountains, whose ozone has such wonderful regenerating power.

The companionship of old friends beloved rendered these changes more pleasant and beneficial; and we return to our duties with fresh strength and interest. Now let us get down to real, earnest work in all of our missionary enterprises.

District Secretaries.

In writing the above words, there arose, in imagination, a panorama of varied scenes, all marked with strenuous effort. In what department of our work is there not a demand, either direct or remote, for the service of the District Secretary?

As she is conversant with all the Auxiliaries in her District, we appeal to each one to suggest to her Presidents the necessity of their sending to our column, through the Corresponding Secretary, if thought best, some news from the work and condition of each Auxiliary.

How many District Meetings have been held? Let us have notices of these—when, and at what place they are to be held, etc.

The Woman's Missionary Advocate.

There is a sense of pride, as well as of appreciation, as we enjoy the monthly visits of our organ. We are proud of its success, as we recognize its growth from time to time.

A thorough study of its contents each month cannot fail to make the reader more intelligent and more enthusiastic in missionary work and workers, at home and abroad; and we suggest to the Auxiliary agents an extra effort to put this valuable periodical in every home possible.

The remarks of Mrs. Kate T. Decherd will be endorsed by every reader of our Advocate: "I enjoy the Woman's Missionary Advocate, and read every word in it, from cover to cover; some articles I read two and three times. I think the May number one of the best. The article one page 427, 'What Can I Do for Missions,' is fine; and one on page 429, 'The Philosophy of Effectual Prayer,' to me is worth the fifty cents paid for the magazine for one year."

Among the many interesting and instructive articles in August and September numbers, there was peculiar pleasure in reading, "The Symphony of Prayer," by Bishop Hendricks, and "The Transfiguring of Our Lives," by J. R. Miller.

The September number should find the "right-of-way" to the heart and appreciation of every member of our North Carolina Conference Society, for the lovely face of our own Elizabeth Davis adorns the first cover. How appropriate that her picture is placed immediately below the motto: "She hath done what she could!"

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The Week of Prayer.

The time appointed for this gracious season is October 10th to 16th, and it will soon be here. The programs have been sent to the Auxiliaries, and, as usual, are comprehensive and complete, testifying to the intelligence and piety of the committee which prepared them. The subjects arranged for each day, if studied carefully, will give full information of every branch of our work, and the devotional exercises will give sweeter patience and brighter faith, thus increasing our spiritual strength. I urge every Auxiliary to observe the week, carrying out the exercises as far as possible, and I hope to receive many welcome accounts of the services. I earnestly hope the collections will be large, for there is great need of funds in several departments.

A Severe Loss.

I am sorry to tell you of a recent heavy loss at the Sue Bennett Memorial School. One of the cottages has been burned. And it was occupied by a large family; the children to be educated there. Every heart must sympathize with that ambitious, self-sacrificing mother in her disappointment. Oh that the gifts during Prayer Week could be large enough to warrant the rebuilding at once! What an incentive to redouble our efforts and treble our offerings!

Thirsting for Knowledge.

During vacation two fine girls painted the inside of the Brevard building, and two or three young men the outside. They are working their way through school and have given good jobs. They put to shame the lack of appreciation sometimes shown by more favored sons and daughters, and make us rejoice anew in our fine mountain material. May their noble efforts be crowned with highest success.

Deaconess Candidates.

These glad words have recently come from our General Secretary: "The Committee on Deaconesses have recommended nine young women to enter the Training School this year as deaconess candidates from the Baltimore, Indian Mission, North Georgia, Alabama Mission and South Carolina Conferences. Where is the North Carolina candidate? We rejoice in our sister who enters the Scarritt School this fall to be trained for the foreign fields, but we long to have another there for the Home work.

An Urgent Call.

There are only five available scholarships in the Scarritt School. How shall we provide for the other four necesary for these Deaconesses? Is there not some one who, unable to go herself, will gladly pay the expenses of one of these young women, making her a happy substitute? In a short while the double sacrifice would, doubtless, yield a large harvest of richest blessings.

From the Homer Toberman Deaconess Home.

The latest news from the able superintendent, Mrs. C. Price Brown, is most cheering. It is growing in favor with every one, already proving that it is a blessing to the church and to the city. Most of the rooms are furnished, and everyone of the eight inmates is a Christian. Miss Maria Elliott has charge of the Chinese Night School, with helpers for each night from the different churches, and the school is growing and improving. A children's sewing class is succeeding finely, and through this many mothers will be benefited. Does it not enthuse you to think of this? I feel that every member rejoices in her share in it.

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The third edition of the "Life and Work of Lucinda B. Helm" is now ready. The price is $1.00, and after paying expenses, the proceeds go to the general work. Our Board Secretary, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, of Nashville, Tenn., desires to sell four hundred copies within two months. I hope many will order. Every Auxiliary should own a copy, or have the use of one. The style is delightful (Mrs. Alexander does honor to the subject and to herself), and the history of one heroic leader arouses the sensibilities, inspires the soul and opens the heart.

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THE EXPOSITION.

[BY THE EDITOR.]

In my last, I was speaking about the different kinds of people seen on the Exposition grounds. When you see one wandering around by himself, you can generally detect a lonesome look on his face. There is no sight so cheering as that of a familiar face. There is no feeling so lonesome as that which comes from the consciousness that in all the surging throngs around you there is not a single one you know. A man came to the Exposition on last Thursday from a point nearly four hundred miles away. He changed his sixty dollars into nickles and dimes to insure himself against losing his all, spent $10.10 during the day in little nothings, got very lonesome amidst the howling of Pike barkers and clash of competing bands, went into a restaurant to get a beefsteak, and on being charged twenty-five cents for a lilliputian portion thereof, experienced his climax in lonesomeness, and the next morning he was at his home again. He told his friends at home that he had seen nearly everything that was worth seeing except a few houses up on the hills.

Speaking of restaurants, I would say that their name on the grounds is legion. I am sorry to say, however, that the prices charged are a great many sizes too big for the variety and quantity of the food. I have nothing to say against the quality. You can get anything you want from pumpkin pie to frog legs.

If it were not for losing too much time, it would pay any one in dollars and cents to go down town for his meals. You can get twice as much for your money down town. There is a first-class restaurant at 921 Olive Street where you can get for twenty-five cents what you would have to pay fifty or sixty cents for on the Exposition grounds. The best restaurants I have found on the Exposition grounds are those which are marked by a flag with the picture of a red steer. There are nine of these restaurants. They do not put on any airs. You are left to take care of yourself, but you get the real article at a moderate price. If you should ask me what the cost of your meals, wholesome and ample, would be per day, I would say "seventy-five cents." Of course you can get the same food exactly for $1.50 per day.

SUNDAY AT THE FAIR

Comparatively, it is as quiet as a graveyard. The noise of the spieler is hushed. The gates are practically hermetically sealed. A large contingent of visitors go to the down-town churches. Some go on excursions either down the river, or out into the country. Others frequent the parks where beer floweth like water and the shout of the base ball player is heard. I know something of New Orleans, San Francisco, Chicago, and Denver, but in open, defiant violation of the Sabbath day St. Louis is far ahead. Of course there is something wrong with the city government. The dominant party in St. Louis and the State of Missouri is too strong. If I were a citizen of Missouri I would vote for Folk, but I would pray for a legislature so nearly evenly balanced politically that good laws and the enforcement of them would be insured.

The Exposition management is to be commended for adhering strictly to the agreement not to open the gates on Sunday. Last week one of the shows on the Pike, taking advantage of a legal technicality, announced that it would thereafter be open on Sunday. A special gate was made. At the protest of the fair officials, this show snapped its fingers, evidently thinking it had what is called a "cinch". I have just read that the Fair officials have loosened the knot and broken the buckle of this bold enterprise by prohibiting people from travelling on the Sabbath the only thoroughfare leading to the show—The Tyrolean Alps. The visitor to the Exposition would miss but little in letting this show severely alone.

A BEAUTIFUL CORNER OF THE GROUNDS

If you grow weary of the great buildings with their sights and sounds, of the long vistas where the statuary gleams and the human currents unceasingly roll, of the tens of thousands of glowing electric lights, and the thundering cascades, just go for a few hours to that part of the grounds which you enter through the Inside Inn gates. There the ground breaks into graceful swells. The grass is like emerald and the huge trees look down benignly and the contrast of their whispering leaves among which the birds sing and the brazen noises of the great thoroughfares is pleasant in the extreme. It looks like some mountain watering place. Here is the majority of the State buildings, built in various styles of architecture. Really the most interesting sights are seen in these State buildings. Objects of great historical interest are in these buildings. The Mississippi building is very restful to the eye. It is a replica of Beauvoir, the home of Jefferson Davis—a typical ante-bellum home of the Southern planter. On its broad porticoes you may close your eyes and almost see the great cotton fields whitening away in the distance or catch the gleam of a distant river and the blue shimmer of the Great Gulf miles and miles away. In this corner is the true Plaisance of the Exposition, the place where are born the suggestions of a dolce far niente among the maddening Babels of Twentieth Century progress.

THE EXPOSITION'S PROPHECY FOR WOMANHOOD

I have said that this Exposition may be used as a kind of gauge by which to measure the world's progress for the last decade. The measurement shows a great many things in which woman should rejoice. There is no Woman's Building at St. Louis Exposition. She is now a man—in some respects. She is no longer set apart in a glass case as a delicate, scented rara avis. She takes her rightful place as a distinct factor in the "federation of mankind, the Parliament of the world." So for the same reason that no judicious commencement speaker at a woman's college dares to deliver an address on "Woman," the management of the Exposition has not provided a Woman's Building. Every building is hers and in every single one of them may be found monuments to her worth, the signs of her progress, and prophecies of many glad days.

Electricity is revolutionizing the whole earth. The star-eyed spirit has come as a ministering angel to woman. A voice at the Exposition tells her that the "jocund day" of her liberation from the thralldom of the cook is standing "tiptoe on the misty mountain top."

Now let me explain. No house hereafter need be without dust pipes. Just turn a switch and all the dust and every cob web will be drawn down those pipes into the cellar as irresistibly as a summer maiden is drawn to a soda fountain on a hot day. The dishwasher is here manipulated by Queen Electricity. There is now a dining table cook stove. The stove is no longer to sit in the Plutonian realm of the kitchen where the sable greasy cross-eyed goddess of wrath presides, but on the table in the dining room. No culinary odors will mingle with the scent of the roses nodding in their crystal home in the centre of the table. Electricity cooks the meal in a few minutes, uncorks the bottle of coffee, and tells just how much to use. No servants are around. Drudgery has been banished. Let every woman who wishes to take a peep into her Paradise just ten years ahead, visit this Exposition. She will go back to her home with new ideas and a new song in her mouth.

ORDER ON THE GROUNDS.

And the tender, sympathetic heart of woman is in evidence at this Exposition. As you turn westward from the grand union depot you will see displayed in a prominent place a sign directing every unprotected woman where to go in order to find sympathy, protection, and employment. This sign may be seen at different places all over the city. Lecherous sharks are thus evaded in hundreds of instances. There are more of these sharks than pickpockets. In fact, the grounds seem to be comparatively free of the latter. I have not yet heard of anyone's being robbed. There are no gambling devices allowed on the grounds. When I remember the saturnalia of gambling and thieving on the Fair Ground at Raleigh last October and think of the absence of this on the Exposition grounds here, I cannot help feeling that our State Fair can, with a little systematic precaution, get rid of its disgrace on the Midway. It is due the State that this should be done.

The sanitary conditions of the grounds are kept in perfect order. No filth or refuse is allowed to remain in any building or thoroughfare. As I sat on one of the porches of a building a few days ago, I saw two men engaged in removing every visible scrap of refuse. They told me that they were then on their fourth round, and it was then about 2 o'clock p. m. Men are detailed in every building for this purpose.

The perfect system used on the grounds may be illustrated by what I saw the other morning. There had been a heavy rain the night before and mud had been washed over many passage ways along the more uneven parts of the grounds. Hundreds of workmen were busy early in the morning removing this mud.

In every building there is a supply for every legitimate need. Settees are numerous. The thirsty one by dropping a penny into a slot may obtain in any part of the grounds a glass of clear ice cold water from the Ozark mountains. If you grow weary you may hire a wheeled chair pushed by a guide on a bicycle attached to the chair. Most of those who push these chairs are students who are working their way through college. They are uniformly polite, intelligent, and efficient. The Jefferson Guards, of whom there are hundreds, are always around to repress any disorder or give information to the visitor. It is very evident that the Exposition is in the hands of officials who know their business. I have seen no evidences of looseness and incompetency.

THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

"Uncle Sam" has done his part by the St Louis Exposition—nothing more, nothing less than he has done at other Expositions. This Exposition is emphatically one of processes, and therefore the Government Building contains an exhibit far different from that seen at Chicago and Buffalo. The building itself is not striking or elaborate. On entering you are impressed with the absence of the ornamental. Nothing but the bare rafters and the roof meets your eye as you look upward. The system of the U. S. Mail Service is shown in all its completeness. The articles, many of them, which have found their way to the Dead Letter Office, are conspicuously displayed in glass cases. These objects are very interesting. They include a large board a foot wide and two feet long on which is written a very tender love letter; letters written on collars and cuffs; a live rattlesnake, horned toads and centipedes; a dead infant; and a collection of dainty baby clothes.

Of course there was a large crowd around the section which contained the force making money. The processes are very interesting and should not be passed by. The fish display was larger and more elaborate than any I had seen at a former Exposition.

Methodist Mention

STATE.

Rev. J. O. Guthrie reports that the new church at Princeton will be finished by the middle of October.

Hon. T. J. Jarvis will deliver the address on Benefactor's Day in Craven Memorial Hall, Trinity College.

Rev. N. L. Seabolt, P. C. Millbrook Circuit, left this week for Aurora, N. C., where he will assist Rev. J. M. Lowder in a meeting.

Not fewer than one hundred and fifty persons professed conversion at the late meeting conducted in Statesville by Rev. E. C. Glenn.

Prof. H. B. Craven, formerly a member of the faculty of Greensboro Female College, has accepted the position of Principal in the Graded School of Wilson, N. C.

Rev. S. A. Stuart, one of the faculty of Trinity Park High School for the past two years, will leave September 27th, for New Haven, Conn., to enter the Yale Divinity School.

The editor of the Richmond Headlight speaks in high praise of a sermon preached by Rev. J. H. Hall, at Rockingham, on the second Sunday in this month, from Ephesus 4:31-32.

Dr. F. D. Swindell, we are glad to say, has recovered from his recent sickness. He and his family have returned from their summer stay at Beaufort to Goldsboro, his present address.

The reply of Dr. Swindell to Rev. A. J. Crumpler which appears in this issue, should have appeared several weeks ago. On account of the absence of the editor, there has been a delay in publication.

Rev. Albert S. Barnes, pastor Methodist Church at Clinton, arrived in Southport yesterday, and is the guest of Rev. E. McWhorter. He will deliver a lecture each evening this week to the local Epworth League on the Study of Missions.—Southport Standard.

Mr. Jos. G. Brown, President Citizens National Bank, Raleigh, N. C., made a most favorable impression by his speech, delivered before the Bankers' Convention in New York last week. That speech was eloquent and convincing. Brother Brown generally manages to capture the meeting on all occasions.

Our meeting at Chatham Church closed Friday evening. Rev. Thomas White, a minister in the Christian Church now on a vacation from Porto Rico, preached twice for us. There were ten conversions and eight accessions. The church is in fine condition. We have two more meetings to hold.—Jas. H. Frizelle, P. C., Pittsboro Circuit.

We have received from Rev. J. W. Bryan, president, the programme of New Bern District Sunday-school Conference to be held at Newport, September 27-29. He requests those schools which have not already done so to elect delegates and provide for their attendance; also that delegates send their names at once to W. S. Bell, Newport, N. C.

Dr. J. C. Kilgo will dedicate Macedonia Church, Brooklyn and Macedonia Charge, on the first Sunday in October. All former pastors are invited to be present. Rev. N. L. Seabolt, P. C., is looking forward to a great occasion. He says that much credit is due Rev. M. M. McFarland, for the faithful service which made the new church possible.

Rev. T. A. Sikes, formerly of Charlotte, who was recently called as pastor of the Methodist Church here on account of the death of Dr. J. Sanford, who had been pastor of this church for near four years, has made a deep impression on our people. In his short stay here he has made many friends who will do all possible to secure his services for another conference year.—Siler City cor. Charlotte News.

His friends will regret to learn that Mr. Richard Webb's health has failed, and he has been obliged to give up his work in Central College, Mo., and is now traveling in Colorado. Prof. W. A. Webb, whose place his brother was supplying while he pursued his studies in the University of Berlin, has been recalled to take up his work at Central. Mr. Webb has been in Germany for fifteen months, and did not expect to return before next summer.

The following note is from Rev. W. F. Craven: A good revival meeting at Pleasant Grove on our work last week. Several professions, a good part of our members quickened and strengthened. Six new members were added. Rev. H. M. Jackson, of Pantego and Bell Haven, did the preaching. His sermons were a blessing to us. They were profitable for doctrine, for reproof of sin, and for instruction in righteousness. The spirit of God accompanied them.

Mr. J. S. Spencer, one of the most prominent official members of Tryon Street Church, Charlotte, died at his home in that city last Friday, September 9th. His death was very sudden and unexpected. His health had not been good for some time, and he had spent a few weeks at Blowing Rock recently, returning home some two weeks before his death. He was sitting in his chair when the summons came, and expired before he could be laid upon the bed.—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Rev. C. O. DuRant writes: I have recently closed meetings at Mizpah and Midway. At Mizpeh, we had ten professions and reclamations, and at Midway forty-six. We did not have a large number to join at either church. I think the larger part of the work was among those who had been converted before. At St. Paul's the Methodists and Baptists united in a meeting, and we had a good many conversions and reclamations, and about an equal number joined each church. We had a good meeting.

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CONNECTIONAL.

The lay membership of the Missouri Conference is now 44,708, an increase for the present year of 1,372.

Rev. L. F. Beaty, of the Sunday-school Department, who has been so long and so dangerously ill, is now so far recovered as to be in his office again.

Dr. S. S. Keener announces the gift of $1,000 from Mrs. McLeroy to the Endowment Fund for the widows and orphans of Louisiana Methodist preachers.

Dr. S. C. Rankin, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, went as a delegate to the Texas State Convention recently, as, under the circumstances, he had a right to do.

Dr. Ley, editor of the Florida Christian Advocate, who has been recuperating at a Sanatorium in Michigan, is about ready we are glad to learn, to resume his editorial duties.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth expected to sail from Brazil to England on September 6th or 11th. He will spend a few weeks in London and return home about the middle of October.

John J. Tigert, Jr., son of our Dr. J. J. Tigert, sails for England September 27th, to enter Oxford University on one of the Rhodes Scholarships, which he won in competitive examination.

The Baltimore Southern Methodist has nearly 5,000 subscribers. This is remarkable, since the paper was established as the organ of the Baltimore Conference only a few months ago. The Baltimore-Richmond Advocate has received nearly 1,200 new subscribers within the last few months.

We understand that Bishop Candler and Dr. J. S. Frazer spent Sunday, September 4th, in Pensacola in the interest of the endowment fund of the Southern University and the Alabama Conference Female College. They secured in Pensacola and Brewton about $1,200.—Alabama Christian Advocate.

General Notes

October 21 will be Congregational Day at the World's Fair. Addresses will be delivered by Justice David J. Brewer, Dr. N. D. Hillis, Dr. C. E. Jefferson, and Dr. Lyman Abbott.

After an unsuccessful fight against the packers, lasting nearly two months, the butcher workmen have at last acknowledged themselves beaten, and are returning to work as rapidly as they are reinstated.

Bishop Smith, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, sailed from New York, September 3rd, to take charge of the missionary work of his denomination in South Africa, where he has already traveled extensively.

The Board of Managers of the Protestant Episcopal Missionary Society has received two gifts—one of $10,000 and another of $5,000—from communicants in Pennsylvania. The former of these gifts is the largest single donation the Board has received in a number of years.

It has been announced that there are five Wesleyan ministers who own stock in breweries. Such a state of things would not be tolerated a moment in any Methodist Church of the United States or Canada. The British Wesleyan Conference has gone on record against this practice.

The Rev. G. Campbell Morgan says very decisively: "Show me a church that is not evangelistic, and does not go forth with the evangel of Jesus Christ, and I will show you a crowd, but not a Church; a company of souls that are seeking their own heaven, but will not find it."

Dr. Edmund James James has resigned the presidency of the Northwestern University, which he has successfully filled for two and a half years, to accept the presidency of the University of Illinois at Urbana. Prior to his election to the Northwestern he was a professor in the University of Chicago.

A Jewish year book just issued for the period from September 10, 1904, to September 29, 1905, the Jewish year 5665, contains statistics showing the Hebrew population of the world is now 10,932,777. Of this number Russia has 5,189,401; Austria-Hungary, 2,076,378 and the United States, 1,253,218. Germany comes next with 586,948, and then Turkey with 466,351. Of the 600,000 Jews credited to the State of New York, about 500,000 are residents of New York city.

OFFER EXTENDED.

To all who renew their subscription between now and October 1, we will send a beautiful souvenir in the shape of the Marked New Testament—a handy little volume clearly printed, durably bound and with significant and valuable verses, conveniently marked so as to attract the eye. This is one of the most valuable souvenirs we have yet sent out. The renewal must be for a year.

We would say that all the Testaments will be delivered by October 1. Those who have not received their Testaments will understand that they will receive them by October 1.

The name of Rev. J. W. Jenkins should have appeared last week in the list of those who have paid Brotherhood assessments, 18, 19 and 20. The name of Judge W. R. Allen, should have appeared in the list of laymen who have paid all assessments.

Perhaps the most newsy announcement to the people of the Baltimore Conference that has come to them this summer is the fact just given out that Calvary Church, Baltimore, has been sold to the University of Maryland for $9,000. The sale was at the unanimous request of the congregation, when the offer was made. The congregation had long removed far from the church, and the sale is considered the beginning of a better day for Calvary and Southern Methodism in Baltimore.—Exchange.

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Goldsboro, N. C., Sept. 13, 1904.

On Monday evening, Febrnary 15, 1904, a little band of sixteen young people assembled at St. John M. E. Church and organized themselves into an Epworth League. Seven months have elapsed since that time, and we now have an enrollment of thirty-six active members and one associate member. This may seem a rather poor record to some but, nevertheless, when we consider the many disadvantages we have labored under, and the numerous difficulties we have overcome, we must think it is a very remarkable record indeed.

Especially are we confirmed in this belief when we are daily receiving applications for membership, and our old members are proving at every meeting their increasing interest. In fact, I venture the assertion that never before in the history of this church has there been such an enlivened awakening of interest among the young people in any religious work as now.

We are, I think, past the critical stage, and have now only to look forward and work to the end that we may become the strongest and most influential Chapter in the "Old North State." Perhaps this is a very high "castle in air" for us to attempt to build. However, this is our intention, and only very hard work on the part of other Chapters can prevent us.

Our officers and committees are certainly in earnest, and are giving much time and attention to their work. Every meeting proves more interesting than the one preceding it.

Now, fellow Leaguers, of the fifty odd Chapters in this Conference, why is it that we cannot in some way get in touch with each other in this grand work? Really it seems to us that the editor of the League columns in the Advocate is, to use his own words, "as lonely as a single sparrow on a house-top."

Why can't we make these columns a medium through which every Chapter in the Conference can be reached and kept in touch with the work of other Chapters? Why is it we cannot make them a bond of union between these Chapters? I am sure this is the wish of him who edits these columns.

After reading Dr. Ivey's splendid article in the Advocate of August 17, I could not refrain from asking these questions: Are we to suffer the stinging reproach to remain over us that the Epworth League in this Conference is a "waif among us," and "its wondering and weeping and shivering and begging is pathetic in the extreme?" Surely not. Think over the matter, brethren, and send in a short article for publication in the League columns telling us of your progress in your own League, and do so at once. Let us also begin now to remove the stain from the League in this Conference.

It is true that we are "going to succeed in the North Carolina Conference," because God is with us; but let's hasten to do our part.

Why is it we have no District or Conference League Rallies? Are we to continue long in this state of apparent lethargy? Our sister Conferences, in this and other States, have these meetings where all the Leagues in the District or Conference are represented. Again I ask, why it is that we cannot have these assemblies? Certainly it cannot be said of us that it is impossible to do these things. What is it a thorough "Tar Heel" cannot do?

Several months ago our League here at St. John's challenged the various other Chapters in the Conference to support a League missionary in the field, and took steps toward the collection of the amount designated as our share. In behalf of our League, I again make that challenge and hope to be immediately taken up by every Chapter in the Conference. Correspond with the editor of these columns in regard to this matter, and do it now. Why wait even another week?

Lend us your help and let's hasten the day when it can be truthfully said that we are advancing rapidly and will soon reach the height of perfecting in this Conference.

Yours for work,
LESLIE L. JOHNSON,
Third Vice-President.

Notes.]

Dr. Du Bose reports the California State League an eminent success.

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We are arranging to hold a League Conference in connection with the Sunday-school Conference at Newport. Let every League send delegates. As many as will go, the better the results. Let us have a full attendance.

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We are glad to publish the names of officers of the Nashville (N. C.) League so kindly furnished by Rev. J. M. Benson, the pastor. He reports the interest as increasing with every meeting. This seems the rule whenever the League has the sympathetic co-operation of the pastor.

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The officers of the Nashville (N. C). League, the organization of which was reported in these columns a few weeks ago, are as follows:

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Sunday School

Lesson for September 25, 1904.

Review.

Golden Text: The Lord is merciful and gracious. (Psalms 103:8.)

1. The Kingdom Divided.—The evil results of headstrong action are conspicuously illustrated in the division between Israel and Judah, which was due primarily to the rash conduct of Rehoboam in treating the people of the northern part of his kingdom so harshly that rebellion was only the natural outcome.

2. Jeroboam's Idolatry.—Idolatry was the wicked expedient which Jeroboam adopted, with the design of preventing any reunion between the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. How much of disaster this act of Jeroboam brought upon the people of Israel can never be fully estimated.

3. —Asa's Good Reign.—It is refreshing to read of the good life of King Asa. Though he was far from perfect, yet his general record was such that he will always be remembered as one of the good kings of Judah. His goodness was not unrewarded, for the Lord prospered him greatly.

4. Jehosphaphat's Reform.—The story of Jehoshaphat's reign is a tonic for those who are discouraged over evil conditions. Jehoshaphat was a reformer whose faithfulness to Jehovah, and whose efforts to promote the knowledge and the worship of the true God of Israel are worthy of highest praise.

5. Omri and Ahab.—Like father, like son, is a principle that finds a marked illustration in the case of Omri and Ahab, both of whom are conspicuous for the way in which they made Israel to sin.

6. God Taking Care of Elijah.—Marvelously did God care for His faithful prophet both by the brook Cherith and in the home of the widow of Zarephath. With equal care and tenderness does our heavenly Father still watch over all His children.

7. Obadiah and Elijah.—Obadiah is a conspicuous illustration of fidelity to God under a most unfavorable invironment. There is a touch of heroism in his brave rescue of a hundred priests of the Lord from the murderous hands of Jezebel. Well for us all will it be, if, like him, we can say, "I fear the Lord from my youth."

8. Elijah on Mount Carmel.—Perhaps the most dramatic scene in all the Old Testament is this in which Elijah stands alone on Mt. Carmel in opposition to the four hundred and fifty priests of Baal. It is a majestic attitude which this rugged prophet of the Lord assumes, and he here proves as it has often been proved before and since that "one with God is a majority."

9. Elijah Discouraged.—In the picture of Elijah under the juniper tree we see an illustration of the perfect humaneness of this prophet, who so short a time before had defied practically the whole kingdom of Israel. It is well that the sacred narrative has preserved for us a picture of Elijah in his weakness, for we are thus enabled the better to understand him in his strength.

10.—God does not allow his servants to remain under a sense of overpowering discouragement. So when we are depressed, let us listen attentively for the still small voice, and we may hear our divine Protector saying unto us, "Fear not."

11. Elijah Taken Up Into Heaven.—The manner of Elijah's departure from this earth reminds us of Enoch, who walked with God, and who was not, for God took him. There is a sublimity in Elijah's translation from earth to heaven, which is in perfect accord with the sublime character of his earthly career as a prophet of the most High.

12. Israel Reproved.—The herdsman of Tekoa stands before us in this lesson as the bearer of the divine message of warning and of invitation. Humble in his station of life, he was yet a most effective servant of Jehovah. So there is always room for the lowly to work in the Master's vineyard.

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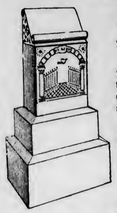

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Secular News

STATE.

The Winston-Salem Fair will be held October 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th.

The Republicans of Wake County have called their convention for October 1st.

A call for a meeting of hard yarn manufacturers has been issued to meet in Charlotte on the 27th inst.

Greensboro Female College, in its handsome new buildings, will open on the fifth of October. The outlook is for a large attendance.

Capt. W. H. Day who suffered a severe stroke of paralysis at his home in Raleigh, some four months ago, is again able to be out.

Considerable damage was done to crops last Wednesday by a severe wind storm which swept over the State. It amounted to a regular cyclone in some places.

Oak Ridge Institute has the finest opening ever known there. Its capacity is likely to be thoroughly tested this year. Over two hundred boys registered the first week.

Mr. Charles J. Bingham, a Confederate veteran, died at the Soldiers' Home on Sunday, and his remains were taken to Salisbury Monday morning for burial.

The trial of the White brothers for the killing of Mr. Sherrill for the seduction of their dead brother's daughter resulted in a verdict of murder in the second degree.

The East Carolina Truck Growers' Association will memorialize the State Agricultural Department to establish a soil test farm in the extreme southeastern section of the State.

A special term of court has been ordered for Cleveland County to try the negro Clark, who killed the chief of police of Shelby two weeks ago. Clark was badly wounded, but he is recovering. The court will be held the first week in October.

Gen. Julian S. Carr has accepted an invitation to be the orator of the occasion of the unveiling of a monument to the Confederate veterans, on October 29th at Tarboro, N. C. The monument is to be erected by the William Dorsey Pender Chapter of the Daughters fo the Confederacy.

The committee of ex-Confederate veterans, composed of Edward J. Hale, W. A. Montgomery, A. C. Avery and H. A. London, has been appointed to memorialize the Legislature to erect tablets in memory of North Carolina dead on the battlefields of Bethel, Gettysburg, Chickamanga and Appomattox.

The Wake Democratic primaries resulted in the renomination of the present incumbents in the courthouse. Mr. J. C. Ellington was nominated for the Senate; Alex. B. Stronach, R. E. Sentelle and Percy J. Olive were nominated for the House; Len H. Adams, W. F. Utley, J. T. Broughton, S. W. Terrell and J. T. Edwards were nominated for county commissions as the reform or "anti-machine" candidates.

Statesville Landmark: Not since the Civil War has a Presidential campaign been so devoid of interest or excitement as the present one. In years agone we began campaigns in North Carolina in Presidential years by the first of July and by the middle of September the campaign was at its height. This year, however, we have adopted the sensible plan of waiting until September to begin, and as a consequence, politics will excite little interest until next month.

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville is passing through an epidemic of typhoid fever. Tuesday morning there were seventeen cases at the infirmary, five of whom are convalescent. Seven others were discharged, making a total of twenty-four cases of typhoid fever to date.

Lessee Howland has begun the improvement of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. He is buying 100,000 ties to make the road safe until the new rail is laid. He will begin laying heavy rail in February at the rate of fifteen miles per month. It will require nearly a year to get all done, as 250,000 ties will be required.

GENERAL.

New Pacific liners are equipped with large canvas swimming tanks.

Ainu girls of Japan spoil their good looks by tattooing mustaches on their face.

Statistics show that the average number of persons to a family in the United States is 4.7.

One of a number of homing pigeons sent up from Nantes, France, boarded a ship 1,000 miles at sea.

A new Swiss watch contains a tiny hard rubber phonograph plate which calls out the hours loud enough to be heard 20 feet away.

There are still in use at Versailles cast iron water pipes dating from 1664 to 1688. The total length of these pipes is 15½ miles.

There are 44,000 hotels in the United States, representing an invested capital of over $6,000,000,000. These establishments employ 3,500,000 persons.

In Armenia children are not allowed to play with dolls. It is feared that if this were permitted the little ones would learn to worship them as idols.

The most frequented lake in Europe is the Lake of Lucerne; last year 20 steamboats plied on it and carried 1,520,000 passengers and over a thousand tons of baggage and freight.

To manufacture tobacco grown in Canada a factory is about to be opened in Winnipeg. Experts say that the Canadian tobacco is hardly distinguishable from the Havana product.

The Japanese system of letters is called Iroha, from the names of the first three letters, "i," "ro" and "ha," on precisely the same principle as that which gives to our own system the title "alphabet."

New York has the only fish hospital in the world. It has its surgeons and its physicians, its wards and its operating tables. It is located in the Aquarium and it investigates and treats fish diseases.

Co-operative stores play a perceptible part in supplying the necessaries of life to the industrial classes in Germany, though they have not attained so large a development as in England, where they originated.

The statues erected to Buddha are the largest of their kind in the world. There are several statues in the far east of more than heroic proportions, although the most remarkable of these is the famous Kyaepin, 100 feet tall.

An English thief was arrested the other day whose method was to induce little boys to take off their shoes in order to run a race, and leave him in charge of the shoes. When they returned, breathless, he and the shoes were gone.

If the entire production of coal in the United States during 1903 were loaded on freight cars with a capacity of 30 tons each the trains containing it would encircle the globe at the equator about three and one-third times.

The insurance companies have quoted 50 per cent additional for insuring the life of Prince Obolenski, who has succeeded to the post of governor general of Finland in the room of the late Gen. Bobrikoff, killed by an assassin.

A scientific engineer has constructed a refrigerating machine for freight cars, which forms an integral part of the car and does away entirely with the necessity of constantly refilling the refrigerating chamber with ice during its journey.

No red Indians were ever more callous to pain than the aborigines of Australia. Old Australian settlers are fond of telling a famous story of a tribal chief who walked 60 miles with a spear sticking clear through his body before he could get help to pull it out.

The treasurer of the United States on May 6, 1903, redeemed two half-cent pieces. This is the first time in the history of the country that any such coins have been presented for redemption. It is more than a century since the first half-cent piece was coined, and it is nearly 50 years since the government discontinued minting them.

The Forsaken Christ.

There are some features of Christ's death the deep significance of which is evidently overlooked by many who are familiar with the Bible story of the Cross. One feature which is intensely significant is the truth that Christ, as a substitutionary representative of sinners, experienced a sense of being forsaken by His Father. It is evident that that experience covered a period of three hours, during which darkness mantled the land.

That experience was typical. It typified the truth that sinners are spiritually separated from God. There is no vital union between God and the sinner, and Christ's experience on the cross was a practical illustration of this solemn truth. The Father withdrew Himself from Christ, leaving Him to endure a sense of awful loneliness, of spiritual desolation, of soul forsakenness, like unto that which the sinner feels when he realizes his true condition. The cross of Christ says that sinners are alienated from God, that they are vitally separated from God, and are in gross spiritual darkness.

Such is the lesson which comes from the cross. Christ, as the sinner's representative, was in darkness during the time of His being forsaken by God. It was when He emerged from that darkness that He again enjoyed the light of His Father's face and a sense of blessed union with Him. Separation from God is spiritual death. A union of soul with God is spiritual and eternal life; and that union is not effected until the soul submits itself to God through faith in the Christ who, on the cross, took the sinner's place.—Exchange.

The Fullness of Life.

The processions of the seasons pass on. The constellations march through space. Days die in serenity and are born in splendor. The universe lavishes its largest for your delight; yet, of the infinite that it gives, how little you take in, how much less you assimilates. In what poverty you abide! What scanty measure you give out! In what perception or faculty or emotion do you rise to the supreme fullness of life? You are haunted with the consciousness of what you miss—of what you have never reached. What dulls and deadens and irritates you this moment? Something—a petty or mean little something, doubtless; yet it is mighty enough to undermine resolves, to defraud you of the highest and finest essence of life; more—to rob you of possessions of your highest and sweetest self. Nor is the victim scarcely ever wholly to blame. The most exquisite flavor of daily existence eludes us chiefly thorugh the lack of of a prevailing and pervading courtesy in our constant intercourse with each other—through a careless lack of tender consideration for the temperamental differences and infirmaties which exist in all. . . . This lack of courtesy, of sympathetic kindness in little things, is surely the bane of average life. We see it, fel it, suffer from it everywhere. It is as culpably palpable in thch ighest council of the nation as it is in the humblest household.—Mary Clemmer Ames.

Life, Death and Love.

A woman lay with closed eyes and quiet breath waiting to welcome an angel whose presence seemed to overshadow the white-curtained room. A man knelt beside the bed, the woman's hand pressed close in his against cheek, while his lips moved as if in prayer.

In the room were Life, Death and Love.

"What have you given her?" questioned Death of Life.

"I brought her my best gifts," answered Life; "youth, health, beauty, joy and Love."

"Has Love brought her good gifts?" again asked Death.

Said Love, with wistful eyes: "I brought her brave, bright hours, sunshine, and laughter, happiness and glory in living, and then a heavy cross. The sunshine she shed all about her, even with the fading of Life's glory; the cross hidden deep in her soul cast out self, and made a new radiance and beauty there."

"Let her come to me," said Death. "Life had much to give, but peace and rest are not Life to bestow. Love would give all, but must reckon with the human heart. I will crown, and glorify, and bless her."

Life fled from the quiet room with a sigh, and one whispered, tender word; but Love lingered, brave even in the full presence of Death.

"What of him?" said Love, pointing to the kneeling figure.

"He made the cross?" Death asked.

"Yes," said Love, weeping.

"We must teach him," said Death, "what he could not learn from Life."—L. M. S., in The Outlook.

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Brother Nicks, of the Burlington Circuit, has taken the Orphanage collection. Brother Stanfield writes that he will take it soon. If they continue at this rate, more than a baker's dozen in the whole Conference will take it this year. Have our preachers really taken the Methodist Orphanage to their hearts? What say you, brethren. if each circuit would just prepare to support an orphan next year, how it would make the orphan's heart sing! Had five applications for blanks to-day and three filled out blanks. They come almost every day. Sometimes in troops.

Receipts up to September.

Red Springs Sunday-school for September, $2.50; Ormond's, second quarter, $7.50; Smithfield Sunday-school, $5.00; Gibson Sunday-school, $2.50; St. John's Sunday-school, $2.50; Roper Sunday-school, $5.00; Pittsboro, $1.50; Rich Square Circuit, for September, $5.00; Burlington, $1.35; East Burlington, $2.40; Burlington Circuit, $12.50; Mr. J. A. Albritton, $5.00; Mrs. C. A. Smithwick, $5.00; Miss E. M. Smithwick, $2.00; Western Union Telegraph Co., Goldsboro, $3.00; Junior Aid Society of P. E. Church, Ridgeway, .50.

Donations in Kind.—Box of clothes from Mrs. T. H. Pritchard, Scotland Neck.

Burlington.

It was pleasant to mingle again with the friends at Burlington. The Sunday-school of Main Street M. E. Church has so faithfully cared for our little Bettie McGirk that we have a warm side for Burlington. So, it was seemingly that we should give them an account of her. They seemed pleased. We ran in upon a goodly congregation at 11 a. m. there. They were not expecting the Orphanage man. But Caviness is always respectful to gray hairs. I worshipped with my young Brother Lance at East Burlington at night. That was a good congregation of good-looking people. I was glad to see so many boys and girls out; and they behaved so nicely. We shall expect that charge—East Burlington, Graham and Haw River—to support an orphan. Brother Lance will work it up. He was kind to the old man.

Is the Church Ready to Advance?

Is the M. E. Church ready for an advance movement all along the line? It does not seem so from the way they respond to the propositions that have been made. Greensboro Female College called on its friends to come forward and furnish it, and they fell in line, and hundreds of dollars have been pledged for that purpose. Only three rooms have been taken in the main building at the Orphanage. Churches and Sunday schools were called upon to provide for the children, but they are silent as the grave. Persons have been pleaded with to open their hearts and send us five dollars a month to support an orphan. But not one cent has been sent us on such a pledge. Will that magnificent building stand here empty for years because of the apathy of our Methodist people? So many children are begging to come!

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McClure's for October.

McClure's for October is timely in the best sense. It reads vigorously and intelligently some of the important lessons of the hour. In its serious articles McClure's does not deal with the cursory and the superficial, but with the vital, fundamental thing, and interprets its real meaning and application. It is impressing itself tremendously on the life and thought of the day by its weighty and authoritative way of doing things. In the dramatic story of Governor LaFollette and the fierce political war which is rending the State of Wisconsin, Lincoln Steffens has found material, not only for a stirring story, but for the presentation of facts and principles of the gravest significance to the Republic. The fight here, as elsewhere, he finds, is for self-government, representative of all the people. He keenly analyzes the opposing forces and defines the issues. In sharp contrast to this sordid history of "Enemies of the Republic," and the disturbing stories of civic and commercial disgrace which McClure's has published recently, appears an inspiring sketch of George William Curtis—"Friend of the Republic" the editor well styles him—by Carl Schurz. Here is a most attractive picture of the finest type of the American gentleman, the ideal citizen, written by one who knew and appreciated his great worth. It affords a welcome glimpse of the other side of the shield.

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WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept. 24, 25
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, Oct. 1, 2
Rich Square, Pinner's, Oct. 8, 9
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, Oct. 15, 16

FOURTH ROUND.

Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, Aug. 21, 22
Harrellsville, Harrellsville, Aug. 27, 28
Scotland Neck, Sept. 4, 5
Conway, Providence, Sept. 10, 11.
Murfreesboro, Sept. 11, 12
Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept. 24, 25
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, October 1, 2
Rich Square, Pinners, Oct. 8, 9
Battleboro and Whitakers, Whitakers, Oct. 15, 16
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, 22, 23
Warren, Shady Grove, Oct. 29, 30
Warrenton, Warrenton, Oct. 30, 31
Littleton, Littleton, Nov. 3, 4
Weldon, Nov. 6, 7
Garysburg, Seaboard, Nov. 5
Roanoke Circuit, Smiths, Nov. 12, 13
Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, Nov. 13, 14
Ridgeway, Union, Nov. 19, 20
Henderson, Nov. 27, 28

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N C

FOURTH ROUND.

Hatteras, Trent, Sept. 10, 11
Hertford, Centre Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Perquimans, Oak Grove, Sept. 24, 25
Pasquotank, Newbegun, Sept. 25, 26
Camden, McBride's, Oct. 1, 2
North Gates, Savage, Oct. 8, 9
Gates Harrells Oct. 15, 16
Kitty Hawk, Currituck Inlet, Oct. 22, 23
Currituck, Ebenezer, Oct. 23, 24
Moyock, Perkins Chapel, Oct. 29, 30
Dare, Mann's Harbor, Nov. 5, 6
Roanoke Island, Nov. 6, 7
Elizabeth City, First Church, Nov. 13
Elizabeth City Road, Nov. 13
Columbia, nov. 19, 20
Pantego and Belhaven, Nov. 25
Roper, Nov 26, 27
Plymouth, Nov. 27

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

FOURTH HOUND.

Robesonville, Mt Zion, Sept. 3, 4
Washington, Sept. 11, 12
Nashville, Sharon, Sept. 17, 18
Farmville, Farmville, Oct. 2, 3
Aurora, Oct. 8, 9
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter, Oct. 12
Fairfield, Oct. 13
Mattemuskeet, Nebraska, Oct. 15 16
Bethel, Bethel, Oct. 22, 23
Tarboro, (night) Oct. 23
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, Ocracoke, Oct. 29, 30
Greenville, (morning) Nov. 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Shilmerdine, November 6, 7
Spring Hope, Hornes, Nov. 12, 13
Wilson Station, (night) Nov. 13
Wilson Circuit, (Ledge Street) Nov. 14
Fremont, Fremont Nov. 15
Rock Mount, Nov. 16
Bath, Bath, Nov. 19, 20
South Rocky Mount and Marvin, Nov. 22
South Edgecombe, Elm City, Nov. 27, 28

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Roberdel, Roberdel, sept. 3, 4
Rockingham Station, Sept. 4, 5
Lumberton, Barker's, Sept. 10, 11
St. John and Gibson, St. John, Sept. 15, 16
Laurenburg, Sept. 16, 17
Richmond, Steele's Mill, Sept. 24, 25
Maxton and Caledonia, Oct. 1, 2
Hamlet, Hamlet, Oct. 8, 9
Rowland, Rowland, Oct. 15, 16
Robeson, Asbury, Oct. 22, 23
Mt. Gilead, Wadeville, Oct. 29, 30
Montgomery, Capeside, Nov. 5, 6
Red Springs, Red Springs, Nov. 12, 13
Pekin, Concord, Nov. 19, 20
Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Nov. 26, 27

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Franklinton, Grove Hill, September 10, 11
Clayton, Elizabeth, September 17, 18
Oxford Circuit, September 24, 25
Central, October 1, 2
Brooklyn, October 2, 3
Milbrook, October 8, 9
Granville, October 15, 16
Wakefield, October 20
Kenley, October 22, 23
Cary, October 29, 30
Epworth, October 30
Oxford Station, November 5, 6
Youngsville, November 12, 13
Louisburg, November 19, 20
Tar River Plank Chapel, November 26, 27

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C

FOURTH ROUND.

Mt. Olive and Faison, Mt. Olive, Sept. 17, 18
Jones' Circuit, Lee's, Sept. 24, 25
Goldsboro, Thompson's, Oct. 1, 2
St. Paul, Oct. 2
Centenary, Oct. 9, 10
Pamlico, Bayboro Oct. 15, 16
Oriental, Oriental, Oct. 16, 17
Hookerton, Rainbow, Oct. 22, 23
Grifton, Grifton, Oct. 23, 24
Dover, Oct. 29 30
Kinston, Oct. 30
Snow Hill Circuit, Jerusalem, Nov. 5, 6
Craven, Asbury, Nov. 11
Carteret, Harlow, Nov. 12, 13
Beaufort, Nov. 15, 14
Atlantic, Wit, Nov. 15, 16
Straits, Tabernacle, Nov. 19, 20
Morehead, Nov. 20
LaGrange Circuit, Nov. 26
St. John, Nov. 25
Mt. Olive Circuit, Smiths, Nov. 26, 27

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

FOURTH ROUND.

Trinity Church, Sept. 11, at 11 a. m.
Carr Church and Branson, at Carr, Sept. 11 at night
Chapel Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Durham McManen, Sept. 24, 25
Mangum Street, Sept. 25, at night
Leasburg, Salem, Oct. 1, 2
Hillsboro, Cedar Grove, Oct. 8, 9
Roxboro, Concord, Oct. 15, 16
Milton, New Hope, Oct. 22, 23
Yanceyville, Bethel Oct. 29, 30
Mt Tirzah Circuit, Nov. 5, 6
Burlington, Front Street, Nov. 13, 14
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, Nov. 13, at night
Burlington, Shiloah, Nov. 18
Alamance, Phillips Chapel, Nov. 19, 20
Main Street, Nov. 27, at 11 a. m.
West Durham, Nov. 27, at night

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Goldstone Maxoneya, August 27, 28
Sampson, Bethel, September 3, 4
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 10, 11

FOURTH ROUND.

Dunn, Sept. 25, 26.
Cokesbury, Cokesbury, Oct. 1, 2
Elise, Tyrn, Oct. 7
Carthage, Oct. 8, 9
Haw River, Bynum's, Oct. 14
Pittsboro, Zion, Oct. 15, 16
Siler City, Oct. 22, 23
Goldston, Oct. 23, 24
Jonesboro, Hopier springs, Oct. 28
Sanford, Oct. 29, 30
Hope Mills, Nov 5, 6
Newton Grove, Nov. 11
Duke, Benson, Nov. 12, 13
Buckhorn, Cokesbury, Oct. 18
Lillington, Nov. 19, 20
Sampson, Nov. 23
Fayetteville, Hay Street, Nov. 27
Fayetteville, Holt's Hill, Nov. 27

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Onslow, Swanboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Burgaw, September 10, 11
Fifth Street, Sept. 18
Market Street, Sept. 18
Town Creek, Zion, Sept. 21
Grace, September 25
Clinton, Keener, Oct. 1, 2
Bladen Circuit, Antioch, Oct. 7
Elizabeth, Wesley's, Oct. 8, 9
Magnolia, Carleton, Oct. 15, 16
Carver's Creek, Shiloah, Oct. 21
Whiteville, Cerro Gordo Oct. 22, 23
Shallotte, Village, Oct. 28
Waccomow, Bethel, Oct. 29, 30
Burgaw, Burgaw, Nov. 4
Kenansville, Warsaw, Nov. 5, 6
Onslow, Tabernacle, Nov. 9
Jackson and Richlands, Richlands, Nov. 10
Southport, Nov. 13
New River, Sneed's Ferry, Nov. 18
Scott's Hill, Scott's Hill, Nov. 19, 20
Bladen Street, Nov. 27.

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A Plea for the Bible.

BY DAVID J. BREWER,
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[It is a most significant fact that almost without exception the foremost men of America are Christians. One of the ablest is Justice Brewer, of the Supreme Court, for whose address reproduced below we are indebted to Professor White of the Bible Training School, New York City.]

A lawyer in the pulpit may seem out of place, and perhaps a preacher on the bench would be out of place, but it occurs to me that if there were more Gospel on the bench and perhaps more Law in the pulpit it might be better for us all.

No nation is better than its sacred book. In that book are expressed its highest ideals of life, and no nation ever rises above those ideals; neither does any individual rise above the level of his ideals. The fact is, the great lack is that none of us ever comes up to the level of his ideals. Each one of us has bright visions of a life noble, pure and useful, which we would wish to live, and yet how far short we all come of those ideals. Take the Turks, for instance. The Koran is their sacred book, and there are many precepts inculcated therein for highest living, but how far do the Turks come of realizing those ideals?

So in China. The writings of Confucius may be called the sacred book of the Chinese, and surely in those writings there are many things which we can all read with profit. His Golden Rule is not like ours. His is negative while ours is affirmative. "Do not do to others that which you would not have them do to you." Our is, "Do unto others that which you would have them do unto you." The great Chinese leader, whom General Grant declared to be one of the three greatest men he met in his travels around the world, is credited with having said he did not see there was much difference between the Golden Rule of Christ and that of Confucius, but there is a world-wide difference. You may live up to the demands of Confucius and pass unnoticed all suffering and sorrow. You can pass by the man in the pit and thus not do him any direct injury, yet you are avoiding doing what you would have him do to you. The Golden Rule steps in and says:: Do what you would have done to you. You must help wherever there is sorrow.

No nation has a sacred book comparable with ours. Above all the writings of Confucius, above the Koran, in the richness and loftiness and purity of its teaching is this Bible that we believe in. It is our Nation's sacred Book, yet does this Nation come up to the level of its teaching and mold its life in all things by pure and lofty precepts of this Book? I do not mean that as a nation we should have a State religion, or that by secular means we support any form of Christianity. But I do mean to say that this American nation, from its first settlement at Jamestown to the present hour, is based upon and permeated by the principles of this Book. The very first charters that were issued have as one of the reasons for their issue, that the Chritsian religion might be carried into this new continent, and all through our national life, from its beginning to the present time, there has been a constanf recognition of the Bible as our sacred Book. So it is that we are regarded among the nations of the world as a Christian nation. We do not, any more than any other nation, come up to the level of our ideas as expressed in this Book. While other nations are Chritsian nations, and this Bible is their sacred Book, it is true, comparing nation with nation, that those nations in which this Book is free, in which its principles reach through the great body of thep ople, surpass those nations in which the Bible is a closed Book or only partially understood. In other words, the more this Bible enters into the national life, the grander and purer and better becomes that life.

Well, how shall it be done?

One way, of course, is by circulating copies of the Bible everywhere, and if it were possible to put into the hand of every citizen of this Republic, or dweller in this country, a copy of the Bible, it would be a great blessing. For it is one of the beautiful things, the helpful features of this Book, that anyone of any intelligence can read it and find that which comforts and cheers and strengthens for life's duties. The language of most of it is so simple and clear that there are passages in it that are obscure, that puzzle even the wisest and call for the greatest study by the most learned, but for all that if you put the Book as it is in every man's hand you have made more than a beginning. I always admired the wisdom of that colored preacher who was unlearned (and many of them are not learned), in his exposition of the parts of the Bible that he read. Every once in a while he would come upon a passage that he could not explain because he did not understand it; and his invariable rule was when he came to such a passage, to say: "Brethren and sisters, this is a mystery, a great mystery. Let us look it boldly in the face and pass on." So when you find a great mystery, as you do find passages here and there that trouble you, look it boldly in the face and pass on to those you can easily understand.

But there is omething more than putting the Book into every man's hand. We have an illustration in the political campaign which is to-day commencing. Do the men that are launching that campaign sit in their offices and simply send out a few speeches here and there? Are they content even with circulating thousands and thousands of pages of campaign literature? They send out orators and speakers to awaken enthusiasm and get the people to read the documents that are sent. The truth is, mankind is inert, I might almost say, lazy, and from the mere fact that you put into the hands of one a book it does not follow that he will read it. You have to do something to draw his attention to its value and impress upon him that there is in that book something which means the best for him and his country. And so about Bible teachers. By sending out those competent to explain and expound and illustrate the Bible, it not only becomes visible as a book everywhere, but becomes potent as a force in the land. And the one that does this, who is engaged in bringing this Book, so potent in its influence upon the nation as a nation, home to the people of the nation is a patriot.

We are too apt to look upon the soldier as the single embodiment of patriotism. When we see the boys marching beneath the Star Spangled Banner to the tune of "Columbia," and think of them going into peril on the battlefield of the country, we say they are patriots. So they are, but the man who carries the Bible from place to place and brings its truth home as a power to people, to the circle in which he moves, is also a patriot. He is doing for his country that which will be far more for its enduring glory than all the victories won upon the battlefield; and if it were possible for any organization, or number of organizations, to so take this Bible and send it through this land until its teachings and precepts should be brought home and wrought into the life of every citizen of the nation, the results would be grander than all the victories won in all the wars since the beginning of time. The Bible means something more than even patriotism. It is the one Book, which more than all others comes to the toiling and burdened ones with words of comfort and cheer. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest," are words that have cheered and strengthened unknown multitudes of the toiling and burdened ones of earth.

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She loved and trusted Jesus and the thought of Him filled her life with sweetness, but now it is sweeter for His face to see and in His presence rest.

When she was eleven years old she gave her heart to Christ, and served Him faithfully fifty-five years.

She was a true, loyal member of Edenton Street Methodist Church, and when her health would permit, was delighted to attend public worship.

For many years she was an active worker in the Sunday-school and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of which she was Corresponding Secretary a long time.

She was of a retiring disposition, and it was in the home circle that her character shone brightest. In her the poor and helpless and suffering found a sympathizing friend. She never spoke unkindly of anyone.

The entire community sympathizes with the bereaved brothers and sisters. But her sister, Miss Narcissa Hutchings, will miss her most, for she was her almost constant companion.

Only another who has passed through a similar experience can understand her feeling of loneliness and sadness. But they will meet again, and will be more to each other in heaven than on earth.

"She has not quite left us, our friend who has passed
Through the shadow of death to the sunlight above.
A thousand sweet memories are holding her fast
To the places she blessed with her presence and love."

G. F. SMITH.

RIDDICK.—On the morning of August 7, 1904, the cause of Christ on earth lost an earnest and intelligent worker in the person of Mrs. Callie Wilkinson Riddick, wife of T. W. Riddick. Her membership was at Epworth Church, Hobgood Circuit, where she joined under the ministry of the writer in 1892. Her life was one of "faith and works," faith being at its best in the hour of her falling asleep in Jesus. She was a good and affectionate wife, kind and helpful neighbor, but excelled in devotion to her church, and extension of Christ's kingdom. Life can have no higher aim than to live for Christ's cause. Phil. 1:21. She was in the 34th year of her age, was born August 21, 1870. "It matters not how long we live, but how." Better solid service for a short life than shallow, half-hearted service for a long one. Another sheaf of mine is gathered to God's garner. May the husband and other loved one find comforting grace, till we all meet in heaven.

"It is for us, in reverent submission, to say, 'Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight,' and to wait for the reason of the stroke, until the time when from the mouth of every sepulcher the great stone shall be rolled away. . . . .

"But we are not left to hints and suggestions. We are Christians. Life and immortality have been brought to light. 'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.'

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Scotch Ecclesiastical Chaos.

Scotch opinion on the recent decision of the English house of lords in favor of the Free church against the United Free Church of Scotland was not available for the article in Public Opinion, August 11th. Since that time, however, Scotch and English exchanges have reached us and we are able to give the views of the organs of public opinion in the region most affected by the decision. The Glasgow Herald has "no hesitation in saying that it is positively monstrous situation:"

The union is presumably indissoluble; dissolution is inconceivable. Even if the link were broken, it is evident as an essential condition of enjoying the use of any part of the property, have to foreswear open-mindedness about the establishment principle, profess true-blue Calvinism, and one knows not what else. The question, then, resolves itself into one of compromise on very peculiar lines. It is unnecessary to say anything here about the spirit in which the subject of compromise should be approached, for we are well assured that the leaders on both sides are so alive to the gravity of the situation that they will absolutely ban recrimination. But given a disposition on either side to be amicable and divide the subjects in medio in a common-sense manner, it is necessary to face the fact that legally the United Free Church cannot hold any of the property which the Free Church might conceivably be willing to hand over.

A leader in the Scotsman, strongly defending the minority, concludes:

The judgment of the house of lords in the church appeal case can be likened only to an earthquake shock. It will move to its foundations the social and ecclesiastical structure of Scotland; and there is reason to believe that it will come most unexpectedly, as well as with the most paralyzing effects, upon those who are most immediately and most unpleasantly affected by it. It has now been laid down, or rather reaffirmed, as an unquestionable axiom of law, that "a body of Christians" do not, by calling themselves a church, escape from the duty of dealing with the property and funds placed under their charge on the same principles as apply to the administration of other trust funds. If, at their own instance and on their own authority, a majority of them alter, in essentials, the foundations of the institution, and the objects for which the trust was established, they part with their right to be considered the body to whom the name and the property rightly belong; and this rule of law and justice is not affected by the size of the majority:

The question now is, what is to be done about it? After saying that the majority are the victims of an almost unexampled miscarriage of justice, the British Weekly adds:

The church is bound to take practical steps for the recovery of her possessions. The best and happiest solution of the difficulty by far would be if the minority and the majority agreed upon an act to be passed through parliament. The minority are able to enforce terms which will amply satisfy their requirements, and the re-establishment of peace on friendly terms with the other consequences of this action opens up the best prospect we have ever seen of a real union between the Presbyterians of Scotland. It is, however, essential to remember that no settlement can be arrived at which interferes with the great principle of spiritual independence. There can be no compromise on any point where principle is involved.

Full of Glory.

William Dean Howells, the "dean of American letters," says that when his talented daughter Mildred was a child, she looked up suddenly from her breakfast one bright morning and said:

"Father, I am full of glory."

"What do you mean?" said Mr. Howells.

"Why," said the little girl, "a sunbeam just got on my spoon and I have swallowed it."

Comic and Curious.

A little girl's father had a round bald spot. Kissing him at bed-time not long ago, she said. "Stoop down, popsy! I want to kiss the place where the lining shows."

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Tourist: "I say, guide, what does that memorial stone commemorate?"

Guide: "I put it there. It was upon that spot a tourist once gave me five francs."

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Mrs. Newriche: "And who is this by?"

Picture Dealer: "That is a chromo, madam."

Mrs. Newriche: "Oh, yes, of course it is. Now that you mention it, I recognize his style."

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First Little Girl: "And isn't your cat afraid of mice?"

Second Little Girl: "Oh, no; not a single bit."

First Little Girl: "That's queer. And she's a lady cat, too, isn't she?"

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"Some scientist has made the discovery that every one is born left-handed."

"Well, I can go even further than that. I maintain that everyone is born with a predisposition to say, 'I done it.'"

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Teacher: "What are the three personal pronouns?"

Pupil: "He, she, and it."

Teacher: "Give an example of their use."

Pupil: "Husband, wife and baby."

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"One of our readers," says an English newspaper, "sends us a curious instance of physical agility which he culled from a serial story. The passage runs as follows: 'The stranger grunted, and I noticed that he smiled faintly, for the first time, but just at that moment he turned, and, catching sight of my back through the half-opened door, started slightly.'"

"Have you ever done anything for the church?" asked the Rev. Mr. Goodley.

"Have I!" replied Mr. Pompous. "My dear sir. It has always had my moral support. I say a good word for the Lord whenever I get a chance.

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"Josiah," said Mrs. Chugwater, "when one of the big battleships runs aground, how do they get it off."

"They pull it off with a tug of war," answered Mrs. Chugwater; "I should think you'd know enough to know that."

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The Sumner (Mo.) Star says a man called at the home of a farmer friend near Sumner the other day, and, finding a little boy in the yard, asked where his father was. The little fellow replied: "Papa's out in the pig-pen. You can tell him—he's got a hat on."

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The orator of the corner store was giving forth his views of a popular Congressman whose death had been chronicled in the evening paper. "I tell you," he said gloomily, "he's going to be a loss to all that have known him or known of him. He has died, as he has lived, unanimously regretted."

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Willie: "I met our new minister on my way to Sunday-school, mamma, and he asked me if I ever played marbles on Sunday."

Mother: "Hm! And what did you say to that?"

Willie: "I said, 'Get thee behind me, Satan!' and walked right off and left him."

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Singleton: "Dr. Pellet is certainly the most absent-minded man I ever saw."

Wederly: "Is that so?"

Singleton: "Yes; he was married last week, and during the ceremony, when he should have placed a ring on the bride's finger, he actually felt her pulse and asked her to put out her tongue."

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"What is the matter with our cherished infant?" inquired Mr. Blykins, as a series of prolonged yells reached his ears.

"Why, he's lost his temper, and he's standing in bed, clutching the foot rail of the brass bedstead with both hands, shouting at the top of his voice."

"Let him alone. He'll be a great political orator one of these days. He thinks he's on the rear platform of a train."

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At a recent debate among the members of a Philadelphia literary society on the question, 'Should Capital Punishment Be Abolished?' a speaker in the negative took the position that as the general sense of justice of mankind for centuries had justified the death penalty for great crimes, therefore those of this generation ought not to abolish it. "for," said he, "if hanging was good enough for my father, it is good enough for me."

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Editorial

RELAXATION'S DEADLY UNDERTOW.

The very word "relaxation," has a pleasing sound. It carries with it the idea of rest. It is associated with the lull that comes after the carnage of the battle. It brings the murmur of gentle waters, the whisper of cooling winds, and the glint of peaceful stars. It woos us with fine visions. It shows us the silver lining of the cloud. Its cornucopia is always full of life's best things.

Relaxation is a good thing. It is the slumber of energy. It is the reawakening of power. It is the garner house of vitality. It is the seed sowing when the soil is fecund and gentle mists mixed with sunshine enswathe the secret chambers of growth. Nature enjoys her relaxation and seemingly smiles in memory of the time when God worked as only God can work and then rested. She therefore tells man to pause occasionally in his toiling with body and brain and spirit, and promises him rest and restoration.

It is a pleasant voyage which one may make on the summer sea of relaxation. The winds are favorable and the safe harbor is always in sight. But it is a sad fact which cannot be too often emphasized that there is a deadly undertow which sucks downward and deathward and fills its hungry maw with strangled possibilities.

How sweet it is to the tired body with strained muscles to stretch itself on a soft bed and, wrapped in slumber, to absorb new energy as the bursting seed absorbs the dew! Yet in the very high hour of relaxation, somewhere between midnight and morning, when vitality has withdrawn its keen-eyed watchmen, the undertow manifests its most deadly power, and just "before the dawning" the wing of Death brushes nearest the cheek of mortality and the majority of human lives sink into the darkness of death.

All this has its analagon in the mental and spiritual life. When the brain has finished its task and the soul has reached its goal, the threshold of a brighter, stronger day of toil is in view. But danger is always nigh. The undertow is at work.

How awfully this truth was taught on last Saturday morning when two splendid trains on one of the roads of a great trunk system crashed into each other and destroyed scores of human lives and maimed scores whose lives were not lost! The conductor and engineer had run the train successfully for twenty years. They knew the road. They were on time. They had never had an accident. The sunshine was so bright. The wine of life flowed so freely through nature, and in the souls of those men and women and children who laughed and chatted while the September landscapes glided by. The conductor and engineer had reached the goal of success attested by an experience of twenty years. The spirit of relaxation was upon them. They forgot that they were to pass the other train at a certain place and they went on to bring about one of the most serious collisions known in the South. The deadly undertow of relaxation had done its work.

The one who claims to have reached the very highest point in his spiritual climbing feels that he has reached the point of absolute safety. But he is mistaken. He has just begun to face the deadly peril of relaxation. The next day so often finds him torn and bleeding at the foot of the supernal heights. To change the figure, relaxation's deadly undertow has done its work. "And the last state of that man was worse than the first."

The wreck on the great moral ocean does not so often occur between the starting point and the harbor as in the still waters of the harbor itself. It is so easy for the captain to rest after the still waters have been reached. It is so easy for him to loosen the bands of rigid discipline. It is so easy then for the deadly undertow to get in its work even when anchor chains are rattling and welcoming salutes load the air. This explains why so many men and women suffer moral shipwreck after they have reached middle life. They feel that they have reached the harbor with a full freight of heroic endeavor and well won victories, and a mature, seasoned character, but they forget the undertow which is always within the bar in the shape of that terrible enemy which is always watching for the complacent soul that has eased its watchful tension.

The most critical time for the Methodist itinerant is when he is ready to go to Conference and make the report of his year's work. He has been under high pressure during the year. He has been faithful and energetic in the discharge of his lofty, strenuous duties. He has prayed and watched. And now the Conference time has come. The harbor is sighted. Let him enjoy his relaxation, but let him look out for its undertow. If he does not watch, he will be less prayerful, less charitable, less happy in his communion with God than at any other time during the year. And this means that he will have for his next year's voyage a vessel more suited to the dry dock than a contest with waves and winds on the high seas.

Our hearts can know no resting,
Except in Thee;
Our barks the waves are breasting
On life's rough sea;
Body and soul and spirit are daily worn with care,
Tho "covert of Thy wing is sought—the needed rest is there;
And though the toil cease only
When life is won;
In Thee our rest remaineth,
O Christ, the Son.

The Tenth Annual Report of the Board of Education has been issued. The Secretary, Rev. J. D. Hammond, will send a copy of this report to any one on application. It shows that the value of buildings and grounds is $6,384,882, an increase in the past year of $671,450; the endowment amounts to $2,998,084, increase, $135,170; number of students, 16,981, increase, 5,320; teachers, 1,066, increase, 307. We have one university, twenty-two colleges, and one hundred and fifty-one secondary schools. This includes the mission schools of both Mission Boards.

An Episcopal Church organ says that the Archbishop of Canterbury "is as much the official head of Protestantism as his holiness the Pope is of the Church of Rome." Yet many a Methodist camp-meeting will proceed in complete ignorance of any such headship, and many churches will not even know that his grace is on a visit to America.

RITUALISM FROM A NEW STANDPOINT.

"Why men do not attend church," is a question much discussed by Edward Bok, editor of the Ladies Home Journal. The reasons adduced by Mr. Bok are in the main very familiar to the reading public. Some of these reasons are satisfactory and some are not. In the October number of the Home Journal, however, Mr. Bok treats from a new view-point the non-attendance of men upon church service. (Mr. Bok says "services," and we wish that he would stop it.) We give his statements for what they are worth. It is our opinion that he is on a hot trail after something real. He says:

"It can be put down here as a safe prediction that the more elaborate the church services shall be made, the smaller will be the attendance of men. It is a pronounced characteristic of men, as a sex, that their idea of religion is associated with almost primitive simplicity. The average man "has no use," to employ his own phrase, for the trappings of religious services. Men will not stand for "fuss and feathers" in any phase of their secular lives, much less in their religious worship. There is very little fuss about a man as a rule. His whole nature, by his very business training, is direct. His main idea is always to get to "the point." Whenever a preacher has successfully attracted men to his church it has always been in a church where the service or ritual was kept as simple as it was possible to make it. "Keep the ritual simple," was Phillips Brooks's watchword. Mr. Beecher's emphatic veto was always forthcoming at any suggested elaborations in the church services. 'Men don't care for such things,' was his terse explanation. It is the opinion of many men, even of those who attend religious services, that the church is failing to see its mistake in this tendency to elaboration of service. 'It may be all right for women,' is often heard. 'But excuse me.'"

Without saying anything against the new order of service in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, we would observe that now we have in our service all the ritualism that the most pronounced ritualist could desire. If there is anything in Mr. Bok's argument, there is an emphasized reason why more attention should be paid to the solidities, chief of which is the sermon. Let this be vascular, strong, and supreme, and there will always be men at our church service.

One of our ministers preached a sermon on Forgiveness a few Sundays ago. It was a plain, practical, evangelical sermon, without any frills and flounces. At the conclusion of the sermon two prominent members of the church who had been "at outs," met in front of the pulpit, shook hands with each other, and "made up." This is the way God honors His gospel when it is preached aright. There is no sense in hunting for abstruse, scholastic themes to discuss before a congregation as long as the Devil, in any shape, is in the heart of the church or the people around.

The third Sunday in October has been set aside by the Board of Missions and the Sunday-school Board as Rally Day for Foreign Missions in the Sunday-school. Programmes will be sent free of charge on application to G. W. Cain, 346 Public Square, Nashville, Tenn.

Contributions

Memoir of Rev. Z. T. Harrison.*

*Read at the Memorial Services at the Rockingham District Conference.

Zachariah T. Harrison was born in Rockingham County, N. C., May 10, 1849, and died at Roberdell, N. C., May 21, 1904. He was the youngest son of James and Mary Harrison. There were eleven children, and all were converted, in early life, and joined the M. E. Church, South. His father died in 1850 and left this large family when Z. T. Harrison was only nine months old; hence, the family training devolved on his mother, who early erected a family altar. She was a good woman, full of faith and generally cheerful, having one aim in view—the faithful discharge of duty and the proper training of her children.

Bro. Z. T. Harrison was converted at the age of thirteen years; after this event, he took part in family worship, which was thenceforward conducted alternately by mother, sister and brother. His family was in the middle walks of life, and being poor, the subject of this sketch did not enjoy the benefits of a liberal education. At the close of the war, he was thirsting for knowledge, feeling that the hand of God was resting upon him, and that he must preach the Gospel. The way was dark, but on one Sunday night in Leaksville, N. C., under the ministry of Rev. S. D. Peeler, preaching from the text, "Here am I, Lord, send me," he trembled, wept and prayed, feeling that God was speaking to him, and before he slept that night the question was settled.

The following week, the Messrs. Smith, who were at that time conducting a high school in Leaksville, offered him his tuition as long as he would attend their school. He accepted this kindness with gratitude, and attended this school for two years. From this time until he was twenty-two years old, he worked on the farm, taught school, and devoted his spare moments to the reading of good books.

He preferred living in the M. E. Church, South, but thinking the government oppressive, finally decided to enter the M. P. Church, of which many of his relatives were members.

He was licensed to preach on the 9th of March, 1871, and at the close of the year joined the M. P. Conference, and served the following charges: 1872-1873, Pigeon River Circuit; 1874-1876, Albemarle Circuit. At this, however, his health having failed, he took no work for 1877, but returned to his mother's home, as he thought, to die; but his health was so largely restored by March that he was able to take charge of Forsyth Circuit, whose pastor's health had failed. In 1878-1879, he served the Granville Circuit. During this term of service, for sufficient reasons, he decided to apply for admission into the North Carolina Annual Conference. In 1880, he served as a supply in our Conference and was formally received at its next session. He served in our church the following charges: In 1881, Coharie Mission; 1882-1883, Bladen Circuit; 1884, Clear Creek Circuit; 1885, Brunswick Circuit; 1886, Nashville Circuit; 1887, Swan Quarter Circuit; 1888-1890, Halifax Circuit; 1891-1893, Bertie Circuit; 1894, Garysburg Circuit; 1895-1896, Northhampton Circuit; 1897-1898, Carthage Circuit; 1899-1900, Robeson Circuit; 1901-1903, Red Springs Circuit; 1904, Roberdell Circuit.

Brother Harrison was twice married. In November, 1876, he was married to Miss Hattie L. Coghill, with whom he lived happily till November 26, 1885, when the death angel entered his home and dimmed its light. To this union were born four children, three of whom survive him. In 1886 he was married to Miss Mary C. Johnston, of Nash County, N. C., daughter of Rev. Jeremiah Johnston, who proved to be an helpmeet indeed. To this union were born six children, all of whom, with their mother, survive him.

With the training above indicated, Brother Harrison grew up a pious youth; he was humorous, cheerful and conscientious; he loved his fellow-men. As a husband, he was kind, affectionate and gentle, careful for all the interests of home, looking after the comfort and welfare of his dependents; as a father, he was loving, tender and positive; as a friend, he was true and confiding; he appreciated a favor, and never forgot a friend or a service rendered him. He was a good preacher, plain, practical and earnest; the love of souls burned in his heart, and the desire for their salvation was the inspiration of his life. He was a zealous and brave soldier of the cross. Many years ago, I heard him say: "I do not measure my religion so much by my feelings, but by what I am doing for Christ."

He recognized the fact that Christianity was more than sentiment; that its vital principle was doing the works of Christ in the spirit of Him who said, "I came to seek and to save that which was lost," and his ministry was honored of God in the conversion of many souls.

He said to me a few weeks before his death that he felt like his work on Roberdell Circuit was somewhat of an experiment, it being made up largely by mill population, but that he had determined to throw his whole soul into the work. Such was his purpose while the last enemy was stealthily approaching. He had made a fine impression upon those to whom he had been able to minister to the point where his inner life could be felt, and where his love for the Master and His people could be recognized in his life. During his long illness his sufferings were severe, but no murmur escaped his lips, he was cheerful and patient, and his sufferings were borne with Christian fortitude. He bade his wife be cheerful.

Writing to his sister some weeks before his death, he said to her: "If I get off, you will know where to find me." Brother Harrison lived well, and died well. His body rests in Eastside Cemetery at Rockingham, N. C., awaiting the resurrection of the just, when he shall live again.

Now, brother, rest thee from thy toils and cares,
No more shall stirring conflicts start thy fears;
Thy labors done, in Rock of Ages hide,
Lay all thy weapons at death's river-side.
Thy Master calls, the way will not be dark.
Obey the summons, fare ye well, but hark,
What voices, these I hear, they come from afar.
Look now thro' rented vail, the gate's ajar;
Thro' streaming light of the eternal day,
A band of angels makes their hurried way.
They'll bear thee to thy blissful home above,
Forever safe, rest in eternal love.

CHAS. O. DURANT.

A Sense of Sin.

C. F. SHERRILL.

A sense of sin is a creation of Christianity. In pagan lands sin gets in its deadly work, and men have no awful sense of it. Paul had such a sense of sin. So had Christ. Over Jerusalem He wept. By the grave of Lazarus He shed tears, when He saw how sin had brought physical as well as moral death into the world. On Calvary His heart broke. An abhorence of sin measures the majesty of a soul. None are so near Christ as those who see, in the light of God's holiness, sin as He sees it. "The pure in heart see God;" and with a record of soul from its pollution they see the awfulness of sin. These two visions go together: a vision of God's unstained purity and of sin's awful ruin. In this sense Isaiah was a true seer. So was Bunyan. So was he who had the vision on Patmos.

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How awful would be a sense of sin without a sense of grace. It is the splendor and sheen of divine love that makes sin so dark and loathsome. Were there no sense of grace, the sense of sin would produce despair in the soul. "Abandon hope" may not be above the gates of hell. It is the soul of all who enter the abode of "the damned cast out."

Grace streams from the heavens. It runs like a mighty river through all the plains of Scripture. It pours from Calvary in a thousand streams of light. All who will may be saved. The way of Bunyan's Christian at the Cross may be the way of every soul.

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But few look on sin as something permanent in their lives. Some day they will lay it aside. It is only for a time. So the consumptive thinks of consumption. A light estimate of this dread disease is no cure for it. Neglect consumption, and life is gone. Neglect sin, and the soul is dead.

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Frost at first does not appear to do its deadly work. It is when the sun is up that the ruin is seen. So of sin in the heart. The fair outward form may hide for a time the foul inward work. The light of the Great Day will reveal the ruin.

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The greatest thing in God is love. The strongest thing in the universe is law. The darkest thing in man is sin.

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God said of finished creation, "It is good." Christ on the cross said of the Atonement, "It is finished." Sin spoiled what was divinely good and lost the first Eden. Sin makes the cross of none effect and closes the gates of the Eden home.

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Sin reigns with ruin and havoc; but not with undisputed sway. Christ on the cross forever cries out against it. The voice of God in the conscience is a witness against it. Reason says it is irrational and suicidal. History is one long and continuous testimony of its ruinous reign. The Bible is a protest against its deceptiveness and brutality. The voice of each and all is that sin is the defiance of God and the ruin of man. It exists in the universe not under the smile and protection of God. It came among us by a misuse of the free will of man; and by the same means it is perpetuated. The devil commits no murder, swears no oath, blasts no life, and ruins no character except by human hands and lips. Every foul sin has a human author, though a devil stands in the rear.

The Glory of a Young Man's Life.

This is the glory of a young man's life. Do not dare to live without some clear intention toward which your living shall be bent. Mean to be something with all your might. Do not add act to act and day to day in perfect thoughtlessness, never asking yourself whither the growing line is leading. But at the same time do not dare to be so absorbed in your own life, so wrapped up in listening to the sound of your own hurrying wheels, that all this vast pathetic music, made up of the mingled joy and sorrow of your fellow-men, shall not find out your heart and claim it, and make you rejoice to give yourself up for them. And yet, all the while, keep the upward windows open. Do not dare to think that a child of God can worthily serve God's other children unless he does both in the love and fear of God their Father. Be sure that ambition and charity will both grow mean unless they are both inspired and exalted by religion. Energy, love and faith—these make the perfect man. And Christ, who is the perfectness of all of them, gives them all three to any young man who, at the very outset of his life, gives himself to Him. If there is a young man here who generously wants to live a whole life, wants to complete himself on every side, to him Christ the Lord stands ready to give these three, energy, love and faith, and to train them in Him all together, till they make in him the perfect man.—Phillips Brooks.

Repentance does not consist in austerities and penances, but begins in the love of God.—Luther.

It is not success, but obedience, that is the measure and conditions of a Christian's joy.—Rev. James Millar.

The Grace of Sympathy.

One of the most beautiful of the graces that have their root in the human heart is the Christ-like bond of sympathy. It is old as human need and wonderful in its constant power to soothe and heal.

Deep and sweet was the friendship of David and Jonathan and full of the fellowship which makes prosperous days joyous with mutual happiness and days of sorrow thrill with the depths of soul-stirring sympathy.

What bonds of mutual interest drew Christ to the little home at Bethany! What joy was in His coming! What regret tinged with sorrow each departure brought to the little circle! But when Lazarus had died deeper, stronger than before were the ties that bound them. They were bound now by a common sorrow—for "Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus," and there follows that shortest and most significant of verses, "Jesus wept"—wept in sympathy for the sorrow that He knew would ere long be replaced by joy, in the life of the brother who should be raised from the dead.

Over and over again in His life and His words our Savior commended this grace of sympathy to His followers. Passing here and there through this world of care and trouble and sorrow, we have all known some saintly soul who carried always in one hand a candle, kept alight with the warm fire of a sympathetic heart. Into many dark corners it shed its rays, revealing hidden needs and griefs, and pouring over them the healing balm of a wondrous sympathy.

Beautiful as we all think such a life, and even with a yearning in such hearts to follow closely in its footsteps, to many the grace of sympathy is a hidden talent, locked close in a warm heart. To draw it out, and offer it in spoken word or act, seems almost impossible to some natures. With this shyness, and perhaps as it foundation, is the belief that nothing one could offer would avail in the depth of sorrow we see before us.

What a mistake this is no one knows better than those who have passed over the fiery paths of trial and suffering.

The simplest sentence that carries a note of sympathy with it, a written word of consolation, the soft pressure of a child's hand, or the firmer grasp of an older friend, are each in turn a comfort beyond anything the act would suggest. The fellow feeling in trouble carries one at least for the moment out of that lonely barren waste, in the centre of which sorrow seems to place us. To be alone with our sorrow is the hardest side of any bereavement.

There are a few gifted people in this world whose pens express almost without effort the tenderest thoughts of their hearts for a stricken one. Such notes are a God-send, carrying comfort silently, and asking in the first sad hours for no answering word. But there are many whose hearts are full of sympathy, but to whom words do not come easily. Such a woman, speaking of a poor neighbor who had lost her only son, said: "I thought, suppose it had been my boy, and I could not say a word, but I went in and put my arms about her and we cried together." One is sure those tears soothed away, ta least for the moment, part of the ache from the poor sorrowing mother's heart.

Sorrow is an education. Much that has seemed unknown ground becomes familiar when we have passed over it ourselves. A simple custom which has gained way these last few years is that of sending or taking one's calling card, with a word of sympathy written upon it, to the home of an acquaintance who has suffered bereavement. Except in the case of very near friends, these cards are earlier messengers of sympathy than callers may be, and long before one has seen all the friends who come in time the little missives of sympathy have told of an ever-widening circle of tender-hearted and loving friends whose hearts are full of sympathy.

"Bear ye one another's burdens" is a command old as the burden. "Ye that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak" is a companion thought. How short a time it often requires for the strong and the weak to change places The hand that has upheld you today, the strong-hearted friend with the cheerful face and the ready word, may be bowed down with grief tomorrow. What more blessed privilege does the Heavenly Father put in our hands than that of comforting those who in their turn have comforted us, while to the comforted and the comforter sound the words of heavenly benediction.

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we are comforted of God."—Constance Conrad, in American Messenger.

In Perfect Peace.

The life of Christian is not freed from pain, but out of the pain comes rich blessing. The crown of thorns must be worn by the Master's friends who follow Him faithfully, but the thorns burst into sweet flowers as the light of heaven's morning touches them.

"God hath not promised,
Skies ever blue,
Flower-strewn pathways,
Always for you.
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.
But God hath promised
Strength from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love."

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee." There is music in these words of the old Hebrew prophet. Why can we get the music into our lives? Why do we not all have this perfect peace in our hearts? Why do we lose the quiet and the calm of our spirits so easily in the world's distractions and troubles? Let us see if we cannot learn the secret of peace which lies in the prophet's words. The secret is in two parts.

One is that the keeping is God's not ours. We cannot keep ourselves in peace. There is a majestic power in self-control, and we should seek to have that power. Not to be master of our own life is to be pitiably weak. We should learn to control our feelings, our emotions, our appetities, our passions, our desires, our temper, our speech. He that ruleth his own spirit is the greatest of conquerors, greater than he that captureth a city. No doubt perfect self-mastery has much to do with keeping the heart quiet in danger, calm and undisturbed in sudden trial. But this is not the real secret of peace. Our self-control reaches but a little way. One may have it and remain unmoved in the face of the most disturbing experiences, and yet not have the peace of God. Someone asks a question and then answers it. Here is the question:

"How shall I quiet my heart? How shall I keep still?
How shall I hush its tremulous start at tidings of good or ill?
How shall I gather and hold contentment and peace and rest,
Wrapping their sweetness, fold on fold, over my troubled breast?"
—James R. Miller.

At Esopus.

By invitation of Hon. Josephus Daniels, of the News and Observer, I joined the editors last Thursday on a visit to Judge Parker, the Democratic nominee for President of the United States, the highest position in the world.

There were editors present from almost every part of the United States; men of all ages and sizes, intellectually as well as otherwise.

I was delighted to meet the North Carolina delegation—R. T. Gray, of Raleigh, who was on the Advocate staff thirty years ago; Mr. Webster, of Webster's Weekly, and Hon. H. A. London, of the Legislature of 1902. These, and many more, of whom North Carolina has a just right to be proud.

It delights my heart to see pure, godly men leading in political matters. The time was—not long ago—when drunkenness and profanity was common in North Carolina politicians, but thank God to-day that sort is not wanted, and we find Senators Simmons and Overman side by side with the preachers in the cause of prohibition.

What a change!

Of course I saw and heard Judge Parker. He is very handsome. I never saw a handsomer man; and if he is not a good man, I'm no mind-reader, and that you know is my profession.

His voice was as beautiful and musical as his face; his neighbors love him and delight to do him honor. When I was introduced to him, I said: "Judge, I'm a Methodist preacher from North Carolina; we don't pray out of a book, but after February 4th, next, when you pray for the President of the United States, etc., we Methodist of the South will say, amen." "Good, good, good," said the Judge, with his face shining like the happy man that he is.

When I was introduced to his wife, I repeated to her what I had told the Judge. Laughingly, she said: "I think the amen belongs to the Methodists."

Joe Daniels was lionized by the biggest men in editorial work in the United States, and he was all smiles. I could not but help to offer a prayer for his good old Methodist mother who, by faith and prayer, raised three little orphan boys and placed them all among the first men of the "Old North State."

"He that worketh with wise men shall be wise."

Would that all our boys and young men could see this truth.

Odds and Ends.

On his hands—"I noticed that you were hoeing your garden yesterday. What were you raising?"

"Blisters, mostly."—Exchange.

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She (at the musicale): "That piece she is playing is very difficult."

He (bored): "I wish it was impossible."—Boston Herald.

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Noice: "I won't take that horse!"

Stableman: "Why not?"

Noice: "He hasn't any name to hang on by."—Eliegende Blatter.

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Singleton: "How did you come to fall in love with your wife?"

Littleton: "I married her for her money, and afterward discovered that she possessed twice as much as she claimed to have."—Puck.

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Dawkins: "And was it very hot in India?"

Jawkins: "Hot! Simply melting. Why, one of our fellows stayed out too long in the sun one day, and had to be labled back to his bungalow."—Washington Mirror.

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Taking Down a Bachelor.—Joseph Jefferson believes in early marriages. At Yale recently, he advised a group of juniors to marry just as soon as they could afford it. Then he went on:

"I abominate bachelors. The older they grow, the more conceited they grow. I took one down a peg, though, the other day.

"He was talking about this woman he had known and that woman he had known, and all these women, it seemed, had married.

"'Why, you,' I said, 'are in danger of getting left. Why don't you, too, get married, before it is too late?'

"'Oh, said the bachelor, with a chuckle, 'there are still plenty of good fish in the sea.'

"'But the bait,' said I—'isn't there danger of the bait becoming stale?'"—Selected.

The Field

Sunday-School Missionary Society.

The spirit of missions is still young among us. Five of our young people are in school now preparing for work in the foreign fields. Our Sunday-school Missionary Societies are active, enthusiastic, progressive. Last Sunday was the regular monthly meeting of the Brown's Chapel Society. Programme: Special prayer, missionary songs, a short talk from the pastor, and "Nearer My God to Thee," pantomimed by Miss Hattie Bradshaw from Alamance Circuit. I have never seen a congregation more impressed, as they listened, or rather watched, in breathless silence this talented, though deaf and dumb young woman. She seemed to enter fully into the spirit of the occasion and to be truly glad to take some part in the glorious work committed to us. She was indeed an inspiration to us.

After the calling of the roll and the payment of dues, which amounted to $5.77, on motion of Theo. H. Perry, the roll was recalled and a large number pledged themselves to pay just double per month what they have been paying.

This Society is in charge of Bro. Marvin Lindsay and an aggressive corps of officers.

I am convinced that if faithfully used the Sunday-school Missionary Society will solve the problem of a deficit in our mission funds, and will develop a missionary conscience that will save us from having to resort to questionable methods of getting missionary money.

JAS. H. FRIZELLE.

Statement of W. F. M. S., Second Quarter-June-September-1904.

Dues—		
Auxiliaries	$476.18	
Bright Jewels	125.61	
Total		$601.79
Pledge—		
Auxiliaries	74.37	
Thank Offerings	36.02	
Buds and Blossoms	2.25	
Mite Boxes	2.04	
Life Members	3.00	
Bright Jewels	82.61	
Total		200.29
Scholarships		25.00
Remitted Mrs. McTyeire		827.08
Missionary Candiate Fund—		
Balance forward	86.46	
Current Quarter	35.31	
Total	121.77	
Remitted Miss Lamb	75.00	
Balance on Hand		46.77
Conference Expense Fund—		
Balance Overdrawn	1.37	
Current Quarter	60.13	
	58.76	
Expense for Quarter	53.05	
Balance on Hand		5.71
Balance in Bank		52.48

MRS. B. B. ADAMS, Treas.
Four Oaks, N. C., September 20, 1904.

The Cyclone.

On Wednesday morning, just after 6 o'clock on the 4th inst., we were aroused to find ourselves in the track of a cyclone. After a moment's excitement we were able to take an inventory of the damages. The first thing calling attention was our new church, completely wrecked, two tenant houses were destroyed, one of them occupied; a darky's house next to the parsonage was taken from the blocks and very badly damaged; also the colored church was completely demolished and quite a good many out-houses were destroyed. The main track was not more than one hundred and fifty yards wide, but it destroyed nearly all the timber as well as the crops in its track.

We are hurt worst over our church, which was new. We have been using it just about a year. We will have a struggle to rebuild, as we had already strained every effort to put it here, but it must be rebuilt.

Perhaps the strangest thing was the parsonage escaped without injury other than the stove chimney was blown off, as it was in line with the church, and only about forty yards from the church. Why it was not damaged, we are not able to see. No one was hurt, of which we were very thankful.

We are hoping good things from Newton Grove Circuit this year.

Yours fraternally,
R. A. BRUTON.

Newton Grove, N. C., Sept. 23, 1904.

"The Mothers are with You."

An intelligent mother writes to me: "I felt so grateful for what you wrote on the subject of tobacco. The habit is so disgustingly filthy that I simply cannot understand its use by our preachers. Can a man, who cannot give up an unclean habit, be an example for our children? I want to teach my four children due reverence for the ministry. I must do this. I must also teach them not to defile their bodies. Now just see in what dilemma a Christian mother is placed. So continue to urge cleanliness. The mothers are with you." A. D. BETTS.

John Wesley's Silver Plate.

The effects of John Wesley's high thinking are still evident, but his plain living is more likely to be lost sight of. He gave liberally to the needy, and often denied himself that he might assist some poor invalid.

In 1776 the Government issued the following circular to John Wesley:

"Reverend Sir:—As the Commissioners cannot doubt that you have plate for which you have hitherto neglected to make an entry, they have directed me to send you a copy of the Lords' Order, and to inform you that they expect that you will forwith mark the entry of all your plate, such entry to bear date from the commencement of the plate duty, or from such time as you have served, used, had, or kept any quantity of silver plate chargeable by the Act of Parliament, as in default thereof the Board will be obliged to signify your refusal to their lordships.

"N. B.—An immediate answer is desired."

"Sir:—I have two silver spoons at London, and two at Bristol; this is all the plate which I have at present, and I shall not buy any more while so many around me want bread.

"I am, sir, your most humble servant,
"JOHN WESLEY."

Gold Dust.

The men and women that are lifting the world upward and onward are those who encourage more than criticise.—Elizabeth Harrison.

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"Good and reserved natures should remember that though not infrequently flowers may be found beneath the snow, it is chilly work to dig for them, and few care to take the trouble."

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"It is better to endure all the frowns and anger of the greatest on earth, than to have an uneasy conscience within our breast. Oh, let the bird in the soul be always kept singing whatsoever one may suffer."

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The years
Have taught some sweet, some bitter lessons, none
Wiser than this, to spend in all things else,
But of old friends to be most miserly.
—Lowell.

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I look upon that man as happy, who, when there is a question of success, looks into his work for a reply; not into the market, not into opinion, not into patronage. Work is victory. You want but one verdict; if you have your own, you are secure of the rest!—Emerson.

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I ought not to pronounce judgment on a fellow creature until I know all that enters into his life; until I can measure all the forces of temptation and resistance; until I can give full weight of all the facts in the case. In other words, I am never in a position to judge another.—Hamilton W. Mabie.

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"Talk happiness; the world is sad enough
Without your woes. No path is wholly rough;
Look for the places that are smooth and clear,
And speak of these to rest the weary ear
Of earth, so hurt by one continuous strain
Of human disontent and grief and pain."

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You will find it less easy to uproot faults than to choke them by gaining virtues. Do not think of your faults, still less of others' faults. In every person who comes near you look for what is good and strong; honor that; rejoice in it; and as you can, try to imitate it, and your faults will drop off like dead leaves, when their time comes.—Ruskin.

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To live in love is to live an everlasting youth. Whoever enters old age by this royal road will find the last of life to be very best of life. Instead of finding himself descending the hills of life, he will find it up-hill all the way, into clearer air. There the vision reaches further; here the sunsets are more golden and the twilight lasts longer.—Mrs. Mary A. Livermore.

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To hold one's self in readiness for opportunity, to keep the serene, confident, hopeful and joyful energy of mind, is to magnetize it and draw privileges and power toward one. The concern is not whether opportunity will present itself, but as to whether we will be ready for the opportunity. It comes not to doubt and denial and disbelief. It comes to sunny expectation, eager purpose and to noble and generous aspiration.—Lilian Whiting.

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This question then is ours—are we doing our part in the growth of the race? In the current of life are we moving forward? Do our years mark milestones in humanity's struggle towards perfection? Is the God within us so much more unrolled, when our development has reached its highest point? Can we transmit to our children a better heritage of brain and soul than our fathers left to us? Has the race through us gained some little in the direction of the law of love? If we have done our part in this struggle our lives have not been in vain.—David Starr Jordan.

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So live that your afterself—the man you ought to be—may in his time be possible and actual. Far away in the twenties, the thirties of the twentieth century, he is waiting his turn. His body, his brain, his soul are in your boyish hands. He cannot help himself. What will you leave for him? Will it be a brain unspoiled by lust or dissipation, a mind trained to think and act, a nervous system true as a dial in its response to the truth about you? Will you, boy of the twentieth century, let him come as a man among men in his time, or will you throw away his inheritance before he has had the chance to touch it? Will you let him come, taking your place, gaining through your experience, hallowed through your joys, building on them his own, or will you fling his hope away, decreeing, wanton-like, that the man you might have been shall never be?—David Starr Jordan, in "Call of the Twentieth Century."

The President of Greensboro Female College requests that all students reach the College on the evening of October 4th, as it will require that time to place the furniture in the building after it is turned over this week by the contractor.

The Insurance Press has looked into the causes why men default. In the South, according to the Insurance Press, card playing does the most harm.

The Family

Bret Harte's Last Poem.

In Harper's for October, Bret Harte's last poem, found after his death, is printed for the first time. It was written at the time of the death of Queen Victoria. The poem is reprinted in full.

"When your men bowed heads together
With hushed lips,
And the globe swung out with gladness
To eclipse.

When your drums from the equator
To the pole
Carried round it an unending
Funeral roll;

When your capitals from Norway
To the Cape
Through their streets and from their houses
Trailed their crape.
Still the sun awoke to gladness
As of old,
And the stars their midnight beauty
Still unrolled;

For the glory born of goodness
Never dies.
And its flag is not half-masted
In the skies."

Self-Dependence.

Weary of myself and sick of asking
What I am, and what I ought to be,
At this vessel's prow I stand, which bears me
Forwards, forwards, o'er the starlit sea.

And a look of passionate desire
O'er the sea and to the stars I send:
"Ye who from my childhood up have calm'd me
Calm me, ah, compose me to the end!

Ah, once more," I cried, "ye stars, ye waters,
On my heart mighty charm renew:
Still, still, let me, as I gaze upon you,
Feel my soul becoming vast like you!"

From the intense, clear, star-sown vault of heaven,
Over the lit sea's unquiet way,
In the rustling night-air came the answer:
"Wouldst thou BE as these are? LIVE as they.

Unaffrighted by the silence round them,
Undistracted by the sights they see,
These demand not that the things without them
Yield them love, amusement, sympathy.

And with joy the stars perform their shining,
And the sea its long moon-silver'd roll;
For self-poised they live, nor pine with noting
All the fever of some differing soul.

Bounded by themselves, and unregardful
In what state God's other works may be,
In their own tasks all their powers pouring,
These attain the mighty life you see."

O air-born voice! long since, severely clear,
A cry like thine in mine heart I hear:
"Resolve to be thyself; and know that he
Who finds himself loses his misery!"
—Matthew Arnold.

A Noblewoman's Wandering Boy.

At the recent Bible Conference at Winona Lake, Indiana, there were present a considerable group of rescue mission workers from the large cities of the country. Among the number was Rev. W. M. Bruce, Superintendent of the Hope Rescue Mission, of Louisville, Ky. I was introduced to Mr. Bruce by a mutual friend on one of the shady walks at Winona, and as an illustration of the wonderful and beautiful conversions which occur constantly at rescue missions, he related the following life story:

I have charge of Hope Rescue Mission of Louisville, Ky. Our mission combines the features of a good many other places, yet it is different from any other. We take a man, no matter what his antecedents have been, and if he evinces a desire to become a Christian, we apply to him through his physical necessities, following Christ's suggestion:

"For I was a hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; Naked and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

Thus we lead him to embrace Christianity and start him in the world again as a self-supporting member of society. In winter each Saturday night we give a free supper and the chapel is crowded with homeless, hungry men. We feed first, then pour out the Gospel message. There have been over 2,000 tramps, bums, and outcasts in the last six years, whose trend of life has been changed from sin to righteousness.

It was a cold, stormy night in November when a man, very poorly clad, and bearing every sign of dissipation, came in, but there was something about him that indicated his superiority to the ordinary tramp. He appeared to have had no food for a long time, and after the sermon I went and spoke to him and asked him if he did not desire to become a Christian. His reply at the time was, "That is impossible for me." I pleaded with him for a while, but I could make no further impression. I was strongly drawn to him and we took it upon our hearts to pray for him daily, Mrs. Bruce and I, especially. I hunted him up and found that he was employed to clean out the spittoons, scrub the floors and prepare the free lunch in one of the lowest dives in Louisville, where the depraved negroes and white men consorted together. I also ascertained that he was a man of excellent education. He was a graduate of one of the leading universities of Germany. He spoke fluently seven languages.

I met him frequently, but said little about Christianity for some time, as I came to the conclusion that I must first reach him by personal friendship. I told him whenever he needed a friend or a home either temporary or permanent I would be pleased to furnish it, for I could see that he was fast losing his health. I often spoke to him of the necessity of making preparation to meet his end.

It was about six or eight months after my first interview that he came to the mission one morning and told me that he had been thinking very deeply about Christianity. I told him that was not strange for he had been the subject of our earnest prayers and that doubtless someone else was praying for him also. That seemed to touch him and I expected then he would reveal something of his antecedents, but he did not do so. He did, however, kneel with me in the office that morning and prayed God for pardon. When he arose he said he believed God had forgiven his sins and he would take Jesus now as a Saviour. He entered our mission home and remained with us two or three weeks. His health was failing very rapidly and by my advice he went to the hospital. While there Mrs. Bruce and I visited him every day, and his testimony as to his salvation grew brighter day by day. He often would say, "How good God is to forgive my sins. I've got a Friend now in whom I can trust." I gave him a Testament with large print and he would ask me to mark or suggest passages for him to read. When Mrs. Bruce visited him he would have her read and always wanted us to pray with him daily. He said he was also praying for other men whom he knew were living in sin and when they visited him in the hospital he pleaded with them to forsake their evil ways. I know two men that I believe were converted through his testimonies in the hospital

He grew rapidly weaker and the doctors told me he had not long to live. I felt it my duty to tell him, yet I shrank from the task. But I sat down and said, "Fred, the doctors tell me you are a very sick man." "I know it," he replied. "They say there is no certainty of your getting well and it may not be long before you leave us." I asked him to tell me where his relatives were, and who they were, that I might write to them. He then told of an uncle, a wealthy merchant of Baltimore, and of his cousins there, and said, "Find out whether mother is still alive or not." He told who she was and disclosed the fact that she was a titled lady in Bremen, Germany, and that he was an only son, entitled to the privileges of the nobility.

I wrote his cousins, against whom he had sinned again and again, that he had become a Christian man. They didn't wait for the mail, but wired money to give him every luxury in the hospital, and to bury him should he die.

Mrs. Bruce spoke also of writing to his mother. He started to write her of his conversion and also of his nearness to death. He wrote one and one-half pages and Mrs. Bruce completed the letter at his dictation. Then he prayed that he might live till he heard from her. Two days before he died he said he wished his people would forgive him, and I wrote them and asked them to send a message of forgiveness, if they felt so inclined. He died, however, before the letter was received in reply, and we buried him from the mission. The room was filled with denizens of the red-light district. Rev. W. W. Hamilton, of the McFerran Memorial Baptist Church, preached the funeral sermon. Just as he was about to commence the sermon a telegraph boy entered the mission with a telegram for me. I opened and read. It said, "Ease the sufferer's mind. All is forgiven. Love from myself," and then followed the names of all of a large family.

About a week after his death a letter from his mother came and she expressed great joy at knowledge of his conversion and said she had been praying for him ever since he was born. The letter was full of beautiful language, expressing how she had sought him all over the world and had never ceased to pray for his salvation.

We return to his mother the Testament he had used in the hospital and a lock of his hair and the rosebud in the buttonhole of the shroud.

After several letters had passed between Mrs. Bruce and herself, she wrote that she had purchased a picture in Berlin which she was sending and hoped it would find a place in our sitting-room. On Easter morning it came. The subject was, "The Resurrection." Under the picture in German, "He whom thou seekest is not here; he is risen." The idea was that she had been seeking her boy and though she could not find him in this world she would find him in the world above.—Ram's Horn.

A Good Pledge.

1. I will speak no unkind or harsh word of anyone.

2. I will repeat no unkind remarks I hear of anyone and discourage others as much as possible from saying unkind things.

3. I will judge my neighbor leniently, remembering that my own faults are probably far greater.

4. I will never say one thing to others and yet think quite differently; this is hypocrisy.

5. I will make no injurious remarks on the failings of others, remembering these words: "Consider thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

6. I will put the best construction on the motives and actions of all my neighbors.

7. I will act unselfishly, peaceably, and forgivingly, obeying my Master's command, "Love one another."—Exchange.

Let us do our duty in our shop or our kitchen, the market, the street, the office, the school, the home, just as faithfully as if we stood in the front rank of some great battle and we knew that victory for mankind depended on our bravery, strength and skill. When we do that, the humblest of us will be serving in that great army which achieves the welfare of the world.—Theodore Parker.

"As I walked by myself
I talked with myself,
And myself said this unto me:
Make friends with thyself,
Be true to thyself,
And thyself thy good angels shall be."

Our Boys and Girls

The Lost Lamb.

Storm upon the mountain,
Night upon its throne!
And the little snow-white lamb,
Left alone, alone!
Storm upon the mountain,
Rainy torrents beating,
And the little snow-white lamb,
Bleating, ever bleating!

Down the glen the shepherd
Drives his flock afar;
Through the murky mist and cloud,
Shines no beacon star.
Fast he hurries onward,
Never hears the moan
Of the pretty snow-white lamb,
Left alone, alone!

At the shepherd's doorway
Stands his little son;
Sees the sheep come trooping home,
Counts them one by one;
Counts them full and fairly—
Trace he findeth none
Of the little snow-white lamb,
Left alone, alone!

Up the glen he races,
Breasts the bitter wind,
Scours across the plain and leaves
Wood and wold behind;—
Storm upon the mountain,
Night upon its throne,—
There he finds the little lamb,
Left alone, alone!

Struggling, panting, sobbing,
Kneeling on the ground,
Round the pretty creature's neck
Both his arms are wound;
Soon within his bosom,
All its bleatings done,
Home he bears the little lamb,
Left alone, alone!

Oh! the happy faces,
By the shepherd's fire!
High without the tempest roars,
But the laugh rings higher.
Young and old together
Make that joy their own—
In their midst the little lamb,
Left alone, alone!

—Thomas Westwood.

Between Two Trains.

"It won't be possible, will it mother?" Minna asked, wistfully.

"I don't see how we can manage it, my dear," Mrs. Hart replied. "Your father's salary is certainly not enough to allow us to send you to a boarding school, and the money we have earned by sewing is almost nothing."

Minna's eyes filled with tears. She walked over to the window and gazed out at the stretch of railroad lying directly before it. Ever since she could remember, Minna had lived in three little rooms adjoining the station-house at Grosvenor, fifteen miles out of Topeka, on a great western railroad. Her father was station master, telegraph operator and baggage-master in one; for Grosvenor was an unimportant town and few trains stopped there.

Minna knew as much about the trains which passed and repassed her home as did her father. When a very small child she had learned the exact minute that each was due, and would run out on the platform to wave her hand.

From the very beginning she grew to be so fearless about the trains that her parents were often worried for her safety. Once, when only eight years old, she had darted across the track in front of an eastbound express, and had been almost struck by another train coming in the opposite direction. Her mother's face was pale as her father ran forward and lifted her out of danger. Later she said:

"If ever you are caught between two trains, Minna, lie flat down between them. The wheels of a car are narrower than the body, and if you hold your skirts tightly, so that they cannot catch in the wheels, no harm can come to you."

A love of adventure lighted up Minna's eyes. "Wouldn't it be fun," she exclaimed, "to lie there on purpose and have those two great things rushing and thundering over you!"

But her parents, in alarm, had made her promise never to attempt such a thing.

Now that Minna was fourteen, she was as fearless as ever; but she had lost her interest in the trains, and had grown very fond of reading and study. Last year she had finished the course at the only school in Grosvenor, and this summer she and her mother had taken in sewing, in the hope of earning enough money to send her to a certain boarding school in Topeka.

"But it's no use," the girl said, as she turned from the window. "As you say, mother, our sewing will not bring enough for a year at boarding school."

Just then Mr. Hart came in. "Well, now," he said, lightly, as if to cheer his daughter, "the president of the road is to be here to-morrow. Perhaps, if Minna asks him, he will give me a better position with a fine, large salary."

"Oh, papa, do you really think he might?" cried Minna, catching at the straw of hope with an eagerness which made Mr. Hart immediately regret his words.

"Papa, is only teasing, dear," her mother said. Then, with interest in her voice, "Why is the president coming, Jack?"

"We are going to side-track his private car while the 4.20 goes by," Mr. Hart explained. "He wants to stop at Green Glen, and it's most convenient to let the express pass him here."

"The Missouri limited passes at the same time," said Minna.

"Yes, but that's on the other track," said her father, "so it doesn't bother us. They'll have to wait here about twenty minutes," he added.

"Perhaps the president will take us through his cars," said Minna, hopefully. It had been one of the dreams of her life to see the inside of the president's "traveling palace."

"Well, I think he ought to, when you're one of his station masters," she protested, as her parents laughed again.

Her father put his arms about her, and bent to kiss her cheek. "You think your father should be a person of some importance to the president of the road, even if he is only the station-master of a hole-in-the ground like Grosvenor, don't you, little girl?" he asked. "I shouldn't wonder if Patton didn't come out of his car at all," he continued.

In this Minna's father was mistaken. No sooner had the president's private train drawn up on the side-tracks by the coal yard, the next day, than the whole family alighted for the fresh air. President Patton was a tall, fine-looking man. Minna gazed at him with awe, even after she had seen him shake hands with her father, and stand talking with him in the friendliest manner possible.

But Minna fell in love at once with President Patton's beautiful young wife and her two children, whom no one could have seen without liking. The oldest was a sweet-faced girl of ten; and her brother was a cute little fellow not over three years of age. He was dressed in white piqué kilts, and a broad-brimmed straw hat, and had golden hair which curled up all around his face. Minna stood beside her mother at the station door and watched the two children racing up and down the platform on the other side of the track with longing eyes.

After a few minutes Mr. and Mrs. Patton began to walk towards the village with Minna's father. Their daughter stopped playing with her brother and ran after them, calling to him to follow. Minna gazed after the party, wondering to see how fondly the little girl clung to the beautiful lady's arm. Evidently she stood no more in awe of her than Minna did of her own mother. No one noticed that the baby boy had stayed behind.

All too soon for Minna, the shrill whistle of the 4.30, beyond the bend, announced the ending of the president's visit. In the opposite direction the Missouri Limited could be seen coming over a straight stretch of track, and Minna watched the president's party turn to come back, just as the engine of the 4.30 rounded the curve.

The next instant Mrs. Patton uttered a shriek, and Minna saw the president and her father run wildly toward the railroad. Her eyes followed instantly along the gleaming rails. Running gleefully along the space between the two tracks, and all unconscious of his danger, was the baby boy.

At his mother's cry, the child raised his head and saw the train, then almost upon him. He turned to run across the other track, down which the Missouri Limited was thundering. In another section the slight form of the girl had sprung across the track. Before the baby could set foot on the first rail, Minna's arm caught him from behind and pulled him back, and own to the ground.

There was a scorching breath from the engines, as the daylight seemed suddenly cut off from the prostrate children; then a storm of wind and dust and cinders. Terrified, the baby screamed and struggled, but the slender arms held him close. For herself, Minna was not frightened. It never occurred to her that she was doing anything brave.

All this took but a moment. The deafening roar ceased as suddenly as it had begun; the daylight burst upon them; the president of the road was raising Minna with one strong arm and clasping his son in the other.

The great man's face was pale, and his hands trembled; but Minna did not notice this. Her only thought was of the little boy. "He is not hurt, she said, eagerly. "He only screamed from fright."

"I tought I was being runned over," explained the little fellow, now half smothered with kisses in his mother's arms.

And suddenly Minna found that her father was holding her very close to the coat of his blue uniform, and that two big tears were rolling down his cheeks.

"Oh, oh, oh!" she cried. "Were you frightened for me? Why, there was no danger!" Then she left her father's arms and flew across the track to her mother, who sunk upon a bench, weeping.

By this time a crowd from the village had been attracted to the spot. The story was being told and retold. Men were pressing about Minna's father and the president, shaking hands. Women were elbowing and craning for a peep at the little golden-haired hero of the hour, who nestled shyly from them in his mother's arms.

Then the people came trooping across to where Minna and her mother sat. She was confused and half angry. They made such a fuss about nothing. She was relieved when, all at once, the crowd broke and moved back; but her relief was short lived; for there was the president gazing down at them.

Minna gave him one imploring look. Surely, he would not talk about heroism and undying gratitude, and make her feel foolish, as the rest were doing.

And the president did not. He simply took Mrs. Hart's hand in a hearty grasp that spoke volumes, and said: "I want to become acquainted with your little daughter. Mayn't we have her for a day or so?" Then he turned to Minna. "Wouldn't you like a trip to Topeka?" he said.

Not a detail of that trip in the palace car, or of the days spent in the president's wonderful home in Topeka. It was all like one happy dream from the moment the beautiful lady took her in her arms and kissed her, to the time when she found herself sitting beside the president while waiting for the train that would take her home, and telling him about her ambitions for an education.

"But I know now that it will be impossible for me to go to boarding school," she said.

"Oh, I'm not sure about that," said Mr. Patton. "I'm pretty good at guessing future events, and I feel sure, somehow, that your parents will be able to send you to boarding school this year. And, later, when you have passed through college, Mrs. Patton and I will be very proud of you, and we'll come and see you get your diploma."

And everything turned out as the president of the road had predicted. —Youth.

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The visit of Mrs. M. L. Morris to Raleigh gives her friends great pleasure. Her sisters in the mission ary work, especially, enjoy her presence in their meetings.

A "Note" from the "Desk."

In our Woman's Advocate for September we find the following: "Recent news from our foreign stations left all well and the work prospering. The June remittances enabled our Treasurer to meet the appropriations for the July quarter. The missionaries to go to China will sail the last of August."

Appeal for News.

Only one report from a District Secretary this week, and none from the Auxiliary officers.

There are about one hundred and fifty—perhaps more—auxiliaries in the North Carolina Conference Society, and this column in the Christian Advocate is allowed them for the benefit of their work—for an interchange of thought and plans in the prosecution of the various departments of our work, and for an expose of the amount and quality of work accomplished in the auxiliaries.

There can be no doubt that a little attention given to the matter of sending items of news to this column, in the monthly meetings, would bring about the result hoped for in its use; and would give, each week, something interesting for our readers.

May we not hope that this appeal for news of our work will fall into "good ground," and "bring forth fruit and hundred fold"?

Second Quarterly Report.

Our thanks are due Mrs. R. H. Whitaker, our Secretary of the Raleigh District, for remembering our column, and sending in a short report of the work done during the past quarter.

We hope the other District Secretaries will follow her example—we want to hear from every one, that a correct status of our progress may be ascertained.

"There are twenty-one Societies in the Woman's Foreign Missionary work, in the Raleigh District, eight of which are Bright Jewel Bands.

Only four of the Bands sent in reports for the quarter; and two of the adult societies failed to send in theirs. I guess the Lady Managers of the Bands did not return from their summer outing in time to send reports.

We will have to work all the harder during the next two quarters, to make up for lost time, and to come up to our last year's report.

The amount reported this quarter is $140.59.

The District Meeting for the Raleigh District will be held in Louisburg—the date will be given in our column later.

Each Auxiliary—adult, young people and juvenile—must elect a delegate, and insist on attendance. I hope every Society will be represented, and have a good report. If so, we will have a good meeting, and a good time.

MRS. R. H. WHITAKER,
District Secretary.

District Meetings.

While it is known that the District Secretary is expected to arrange for and conduct the District Meeting, it must be remembered that the Auxiliaries have a share in the responsibility for the success or failure of the meeting. The Secretary is almost completely handicapped when the auxiliaries do not work in harmony with her plans—do not encourage her with their enthusiasm for success—do not open their doors to her for the entertainment of the meeting.

How often, in our Annual Meetings, when this subject is under discussion, do we hear some District Secretary say: "I haven't held a meeting this year—there has been no invitation from any of the auxiliaries, and I find it difficult to decide on a suitable place for holding the meeting."

What a relief and pleasure it is to the Secretary when one of her Auxiliaries, without any suggestion, lets her know that the members will be glad—are anxious—for the District Meeting to be held with them.

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Doubly Happy.

It is a rare privilege to publish two new auxiliaries simultaneously, and we welcome these sisters with joy. May their efforts in the great cause of Missions be richly blessed and may we ere long claim Home Mission workers in every community in our beloved State, from Manteo to Murphy.

District Meeting.

A meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of Warrenton District will be held in Weldon, N. C., October 7-10, inclusive. Rev. L. L. Nash, D. D., will preach on Sunday at 11 o'clock. Each auxiliary on the District is urged to send a delegate, and all visitors will be welcomed. All who are interested and will come, send names to Mrs. C. J. Owens, Weldon, N. C.

The place and the District are presages of a successful meeting, for the hospitality of Weldon is proverbial, and the earnest and intelligent Home Mission members there, led by one of our finest Secretaries, will arrange a program both edifying and entertaining.

Glad Tidings.

Our Treasurer has sent me good news from Aberdeen. Through their pastor, Rev. G. A. Ogleshy, the generous members have contributed fifty dollars to our Brevard School—a gracious reply to our beloved Corresponding Secretary's earnest appeal, and one that rejoices our hearts. We thank these sympathetic and consecrated Christians and believe their gifts will surely be "twice blessed." We are especially glad for them to have a share in our Mountain School. Rockingham is a Banner District in Foreign Missions, and as the most successful members are usually the same in both Societies, it follows that we may hope to see a flourishing Home Mission Auxiliary there in the near future.

The Eighteenth Annual Report—All Should Read.

The 18th annual report is a very attractive publication abounding in interesting and important information. The pictures of the new deaconesses, the school buildings, rescue homes and deaconess homes add very greatly to its appearance.

We hope it will be not only circulated but read and studied by our membership.

PARSONAGES.

We quote from the report of the Parsonage Department, as homes for our preachers is a subject of universal interest:

"Through this department 150 parsonages have been aided to the amount of $13,122.96; of this number 106 were aided by the Conference Societies to the amount of $8,497.96; and 44 were given $4,625.06 by the Board.

In the North Carolina Conference parsonages were aided as follows: by the Conference Society: Bath, $45.00; Hobgood, $45.00; Aurelian Springs, $50.00; Brooklyn (Raleigh) $100.

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AT THE EXPOSITION.

[BY THE EDITOR.]

One very pleasant feature which differentiates the Louisiana Purchase Exposition from the Columbian Exposition of eleven years ago is the very ample assistance given by nature herself in the case of the latter in the beautification of the surroundings and provision for the comfort of the visitor. At Chicago the ground was level and unrelieved by hill or tree. The grounds of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition afford views from slopes and hilltops, and there are spots where one can almost hear in the mingled rustle of oaken boughs and twitter of birds the silvern pipes of Pan.

I was walking from the Intra-Mural Station to the Art Building when I passed one of these idyllic nooks. To my rear was the Virginia Building, a replica of Monticello. To my right, sitting solitary in his glory, was a spieler, indulging in a megaphonic chant. At my feet lay the St. Louis Plaza as fair as Fontainbleaux and a-hum with the noises of thousands of voices. To my left was a grove of ancient oaks shading a slope as green as emerald. Underneath one of the trees was one who, forgetful of the bustling life around him, was reading a book which he had probably brought from home. The book and the man seemed to say to an observant and covetous observer, "Et ambo in Arcadia."

PAINTING AND SCULPTURE.

There are four buildings devoted to fine art—one for sculpture, and the remainder for painting. The sculpture is about what was seen at Chicago. There are many and new paintings, and the buildings are always crowded. The finest piece of work I saw was in the Japan section. It was in carved ivory and represented a fisherman with a long fishing pole which was not separate from the main figure. The pole is always in vibration. The further end has a small crook which is not as large as a pin. It is difficult to tell which is the more wonderful in this exquisite piece of work, the mechanical or artistic genius.

In designating my favorite among the pictures, I may be exposing the crudeness of my taste. This fact, however, does not prevent me from telling what impressed me most. It was "The maiden in a field of poppies." The charm in this painting is the marvelous reproduction on canvas of the bars of sunlight on the girl's body. The likeness is so perfect that you can with ease imagine that you are looking at the real sunlight. This picture is in the United States section. I was very much impressed with "The Prodigal Daughter" which is in the British section.

The art displayed in the ornamentation of the buildings does no special credit to the Exposition. The figures are massive and tawdry and seem to have been made on a very cheap scale.

It is worth a trip to the Exposition to stand on the portico steps of Festival Hall and take a look through the vista which opens before you. Festival Hall is in a circular shape with a massive dome. Sweeping from either side and forming a semi-circle is the colonnade representing the States now embracing the section acquired through the Louisiana Purchase. Each wing of the stately colonnade terminates in a small circular shaped temple with a dome. You descend from each building by massive steps to a broad terrace from which you descend to a third terrace at the foot of which is a broad sheet of water stretching longitudinally to St. Louis Plaza, at the end of which is a stately monument. The lagoon is spanned by beautiful bridges. To stand on the first terrace, when the nine cascades are pouring over green and white electric jets and see the thousands upon thousands of lights which illuminate the great buildings flanking the St. Louis Plaza, while the lights on Festival Hall and the colonnades turn alternately from green to red, is a sight which the eye never tires of beholding. It is a color display which eclipses everything that I have seen at any Exposition.

LIGHTS IN GENERAL.

The St. Louis Exposition shows a wonderful advancement in electric lighting. Within the last decade there have been discovered no less than four new lights. It must be remembered that the incandescent and arc lights were the first—that is in electricity. The electric display at Chicago was a great show, but it was nothing compared to the electric display at St. Louis. The Hewitt-Cooper light is made by passing electricity through a tube of mercurized vapor. It is white in color. Photographers are beginning to discard the sky-light and are now using the Hewitt-Cooper light which enables the photographer to take pictures at night. A very familiar sight on the grounds at St. Louis is a little tent illumined at night by two long tubes of the Hewitt-Cooper light. Inside the photographer is using this light in taking pictures.

Some of the readers of the Advocate have heard of an instrument called the telautograph. It enables one to write a message in his ordinary hand at one end of the line, and the message is reproduced to the crossing of a "t" and the dotting of an "i" at the other end. I saw the wonderful working of this instrument, and am no longer a skeptic. But the telautograph is having a hard time of it. Certain corporations, whose interests are threatened by it, prevented its being placed in a prominent place at the Exposition, and it is seen by but few.

The radium display at the Exposition does not amount to much, and that, too, for a very good reason. There is very little of it. I predict that at the next great Exposition the radium display will astonish the world.

THE PHILIPPINE EXHIBIT.

From a national standpoint, one of the biggest things at the Exposition is the Philippine exhibit. It covers twenty-seven acres. But size is not a mark of the bigness. Neither is it the natural beauty of the location where are found trees, hills, lakes and bridges. To one who seeks for information, and not entertainment, the Philippine exhibit will prove a mine of wealth. It shows how a civilized nation has taken a semi-barbarous nation and converted it in a few years into people with desires and instincts, and exploits that prophesy a wonderful national advancement.

The educational story of the Filipinos is exceedingly interesting. More people in the islands speak English to-day, after three years of American rule, than spoke Spanish in the four hundred years of Spanish rule. Six years ago there were less than eight hundred schools in the islands. Now there are 2,900 schools, with over 200,000 pupils. The exhibits of the textile schools would do great credit to any civilized nation. Think of the Filipinos making a microseismograph, a delicate instrument to record the tremor of earthquakes and thus give warning of them! I saw a very fine machine gun which was made entirely by Filipino mechanics. Miss Zamora, a Filipino graduate, teaches a model school within the grounds. There are several tribes represented on the grounds—the Moros, the Igorrotes, the Negritos, and the Visayans. The Negritos are almost dwarfs and with the Igorrotes touch the lowest point in the scale of civilization.

The Filipinos make themselves at home on the Exposition grounds. I saw several in one of the art buildings, and was impressed with the fact that they alone of all the men in the building took off their hats.

If an anti-expansionist does not wish to revise his doctrine, he had better take only a cursory view of the Philippine exhibit. For if he studies the exhibit, he will inevitably reach the conclusion that the assumption by the American people of sovereignty over the Philippines was a providential step in the great march of Christian civilization.

THE PIKE.

Yes, I must say something about the Pike. There is attached to it a certain opprobrium which is not deserved. There are on the Pike a number of very poor if not immoral shows, but the majority of the attractions have nothing in them to offend the taste or the conscience. Many of the managers act as if they had a reputation to preserve. They have gone to a vast expense. Some of the buildings are marvels of art and every comfort of the patron is provided for. All the shows on the Pike require for their operation more than 6,000 persons and 1,500 horses. Water is used in some of the shows to a surprising extent. Waterfalls, cascades, and canals are in evidence.

The following are worth seeing: The Ferris wheel, carrying one 280 feet into the air and giving an enchanting view of the grounds and the city of St. Louis. When it is remembered that $100,000 is required to move and reconstruct this wheel, an idea of its mammoth proportions may be gained. A Trip to the North Pole, taking the gazer from New York to the Arctic regions and giving as fine a color display of the aurora as I have ever seen. It seems as if you see the real ocean and the real icebergs. The Galveston Flood, giving by means of electricity, water, and the cyclorama, a realistic production of the Galveston horror. "The Battle Abbey," giving realistic cycloramic views of the battles of New Orleans, Buena Vista, Gettysburg, etc. The Scenic Railway, which gives one a sensation of the most rapid motion along a winding route. "Creation," which carries one along a tortuous line on both sides of which are beautiful views, presenting many illusions, and finally showing by means of electricity, water, and moving scenes the creation of the world in six days. Cummins Indian Congress. In this you see some wonderful riding by Cossacks, different Indian tribes, and cowboys. The Temple of Mirth, full of innocent fun, made by the help of different kinds of morrors. One of the most popular entertainments on the grounds is what is known as the Anglo-Boer War. In this there is real fighting as far as men, guns, horses, and noise are concerned. Some of the participators in the real Anglo-Boer War are engaged in this show. Among them are Generals Cronje and Viljoen. A great many men and horses are engaged in the reproduction of the battles of Colenso and Pardeburg. Be sure to see the Hale Fire Fighters. This company has gone to great expense in showing real scenes in the work of firemen. Real firemen, real engines, and real horses are used. The whole exhibit is not only entertaining but instructive. Two of the world's champions are in this show. In a little over four second they run fifty yards and screw the nozzle to the hose. The horses show a marvelous training.

To those who wish to take in the Pike, and we see no reason why they should not, we heartily recommend the above-named shows.

After having studied for over ten days the St. Louis Exposition, we would say to all who can spare the time and money, Go. You will find that it is a wise investment, provided you go to learn. The exceedingly blase will doubtless turn aside with a weary air. But remember that there are thousands of things at the Exposition which they have never seen, and never will see, though they explore the crowded capitals of every civilized nation.

We do not believe that this is the last of the great Expositions. The familiar saying that Expositions are playing out is based upon a false idea. As long as the world "spins forward in its grooves of change," so long must there be occasions to measure concretely the stadia of progress. The world is richer to-day because of the Expositions of the past. The world will be richer because of the St. Louis Exposition.

Methodist Mention

STATE.

Rev. G. E. Eaves, who has been serving as assistant pastor of the Tryon Street charge, Charlotte, has been transferred to the Missouri Conference and stationed at Louisiana. He will leave for his new charge about the 26th inst.—North Carolina Chritsian Advocate.

J. T. Stanford, P. C. of Rich Square Circuit, writes: "I have just closed a very fine meeting at Lewiston. Quite a number of conversions. Seven were received into the church. I also have the names of some others who will join. Bro. B. C. Thompson preached for me twice during the meeting."

Bishop Duncan has authorized the announcement that the Western North Carolina Conference will convene in Charlotte on Thursday, November 10, instead of Wednesday, November 9, as heretofore announced. The change was made to permit preachers and delegates to vote before going to Conference.

In the awful wreck on the Southern Railroad near New Market, Tenn., on last Saturday, Mr. Melville P. Gannt, of Cleveland County, lost his life. He was a most worthy layman of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and his life was filled with good deeds. The relatives of the deceased have the deepest sympathies of the Advocate.

The Methodist meeting at Roberdel is in progress, this week, and reports therefrom are very encouraging. Brother Kilgore, the pastor, seems to be greatly loved by his people. The meeting will continue through next Sunday. The pastor has been assisted by Rev. J. N. Cole, the Presiding Elder; Rev. J. H. Hall, and J. W. Leak, of Rockingham.—Richmond Headlight.

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Bundy desire to express publicly through the Raleigh Chritsian Advocate their heartfelt appreciation of the many warm messages of sympathy received from brothren and friends all over the State on the occasion of their recent sad bereavement. Each sympathizer is hereby assured that his or her great kindness went home to the hearts of the bereaved and will never be forgotten.

The last North Carolina Christian Advocate contained a long letter from Miss M. P. Abbott in which she explained the situation in Caldwell County which resulted in giving up her place as teacher. As we see it she is much more "sinned against than sinning." Her blunder was in allowing herself to fall into the toils of a designing sensational female reporter who distorted facts to suit her own sweet will.

Last Sunday evening a 3 o'clock the beautiful little church at Holly Springs was crowded to its utmost capacity. Rev. T. A. Smoot, of Fayetteville, preached an able and appropriate sermon dedicating for the worship of God, this house, an offering of the people of this section. Handsome communion service, silver and gold-lined was presented to the church by the Yarrell family. This is the second church that Rev. T. H. Sutton has had dedicated since he has been serving this charge.—Williamston Enterprise.

Rev. A. S. Barnes, of Clinton, who delivered a series of lectures on missions before the Epworth League of Trinity Methodist Church, returned home last Monday. Mr. Barnes is a most pleasing and able speaker, and impresses every one with his thorough earnestness and Christian charity. His lectures were all of a high order and will doubtless be of permanent benefit to the young people of the community. On last Sunday he delivered two very excellent sermons to the Methodist congregation. He will be remembered with much gratitude.—Southport Standard.

CONNECTIONAL.

The circulation of the Baltimore Methodist has passed the 5,000 mark.

Bishop Hoss and family are expected to move into the Episcopal residence in Dallas, Texas, about October 15.

Mr. William M. Key, brother of Bishop Key, died in Atlanta on the 13th and was buried in Columbus, Ga., the next day.

President Dickey, of Emory College, has secured Dr. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate, New York, to deliver the third series of lectures on the Quillian foundation.

Rev. P. L. Cobb, formerly of the Holston Conference, and Rev. R. E. Dickenson, of the Tennessee Conference, are co-editors of the Bulletin, published bi-monthly at Monterey, Mexico.

Dr. E. B. Craighead, who succeeds Dr. Alderman as President of Tulane University, at New Orleans, is an alumnus of Vanderbilt University. He was once a member of the faculty of Wofford College.

Rev. Dr. W. E. Vaughan, editor of the Pacific Methodist Advocate, has been devoting a month or two to traveling through Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Arizona, in the interest of this paper.

The Tennessee Conference session has been postponed from October 5th to October 19th. Bishop Duncan listened to solicitations from the good people of Gallatin, who are confronted with the cook problem.

Bishop Candler is making an appeal for $700 to buy property at Cayo Smith just inside the entrance to Santiago harbor. He says that if the M. E. Church, South, can obtain possession of this property great things can be done.

During the session of the Pacific Conference, Bishop Morrison will lay the corner-stone of our prospective handsome church at Berkeley, the seat of the University of California. It is to cost $20,000. Rev. J. C. Wooten is the pastor.

Rev. D. W. Carter writes to Bishop Candler, that the opening of the Candler College, Havana, Rev. E. E. Clements, president, is the best in the history of the institution, forty per cent increase over the opening of last year.—Wesleyan Advocate.

The report of the Committee on Temperance of the Kentucky Conference contains the following recommendation: Whereas, the use of tobacco is injurious to nerve and mind and is not a wholesome example for the young, be it respectfully requested of our ministers that they refrain from the use of the same.

Nine young women, who offer themselves as deaconess candidates, have been accepted by the committee and will enter the Searritt Bible Training School as soon as scholarships are provided, there being only five scholarships available at present. These young women come from Baltimore, Indian Mission, North Georgia, Alabama, Missouri and South Carolina Conferences.

The Texas Methodist Orphanage, located at Waco, is doing a great work. During this year one hundred and thirty children have come under his care. The school for this term has started off well. One of the fifth-grade pupils recently took the prize in a fairy-story contest given by the Inter Ocean of Chicago. The health of the inmates of the home is excellent.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

The twenty-second annual report of the Board of Church Extension for the year ending March, 31, 1904, has been distributed. During the year this Board has extended aid to 119 churches, giving them $32,090 and lending them $47,980. The Conference Boards have aided 381 churches with donations to the amount of $43,530. The collections for church extension on the assessments reached $92,192.12, an increase of $14,361.32 over the collections of any past year, but still leave a large deficiency, the assessment having been $125,000.

General Notes

Nearly four hundred new missionaries have entered China since the closing of the Boxer disturbances.

The Southern Baptist Convention has decided to expend $15,000 for the moral and religious development of the negroes.

Robert E. Peary announced in New York last week that he would make another attempt for the pole beginning next summer.

Evangelical Christianity spent last year more than $19,000,000 for Foreign Missions. Most of this, or over $13,000,000, were given by England and the United States.

By the will of the late William Weightman, of Philadelphia, his only surviving child, Mrs. Anne M. Walker, a widow, is left the entire estate, valued at $50,000,000. She thus becomes one of the wealthiest women in the world.

Last Sunday, before an immense concourse in Zion City, John Alexander Dowie, self-styled Elijah III, dressed in gorgeous robes, proclaimed himself First Apostle of Jesus Christ on earth and High Priest of the Christian Catholic Church. There is but one step more for him to take.

The Madison County grand jury investigating the recent lynching in Huntsville brought in its final report Monday night. They brought in all twenty-six indictments and recommended the impeachment of the sheriff of Madison County, the mayor and the chief of police of the city of Huntsville.

The Interparliamentary Conference, composed of representatives of fifteen parliaments of the world, held their twelfth session recently, in connection with the great World's Fair at St. Louis, Mo., and unanimously requested that a second session of the famous Hague Peace Conference may be called in order to advance the cause of universal peace through international arbitration.

We have received from Dr. Edwin B. Forebee, of the Central Hospital, Raleigh, a most interesting and valuable pamphlet, entitled "Scope, Diagnosis and Treatment of Neurasthenia." Dr. Forebee treats the subject from the standpoint of a wide-awake, scientific physician. The pamphlet is interesting reading to a layman. We feel sure that it is of great value to the medical profession.

We note with pleasure the enlargement of the Raleigh Times. With the enlargement there has been a notable addition of features which must add greatly to the value of the Times as one of the State's foremost papers. Mr. J. C. Caddell, who follows no beaten track of editorial management, but always catches and rivets the thought of thinking people, continues as editor. Mr. Maxwell Gorman, one of our first men in journalism, has been elected managing editor, and the Times is to be congratulated.

WILL YOU WRITE TO US?

The North Carolina Methodist Handbook for 1905 will contain a most interesting and valuable Historical Department. There will be a number of articles, entitled "My First Conference," and written by preachers who joined the Conference in different years. The Handbook is the only publication which is preserving the history of Methodism in North Carolina, and the Historical Department for 1905 will be unusually rich.

As far as we can learn there is now living no preacher who joined Conference in any of the following years: 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1844, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1850, 1851, and 1853. There may be some layman who knows something of at least one of these Conferences. If so, we would be glad to hear from him at once. The favor will be appreciated.

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It is impossible in one short article, because of the space allowed us in the Advocate, to give but a meager mention of the literature now ready for circulation among the Leagues.

FOR ORGANIZATION.

The Central office has a leaflet, "How to Start a League," and the Epworth League Handbook by Dr. DuBose. The latter is full of suggestions and hints both as to the organization and conduct of a Chapter. In this little Handbook among other things, is set forth the duties of the officers and department work. The author is very clear as to a systematic conduct of a Reading Course, Bible Circles, Methods, Libraries and Reading Rooms, League Socials, etc. One Chapter is devoted to Connectional Meetings, State League, Annual and District Conference Leagues, City and County Unions, International Conferences and Reports.

CHRISTIAN CULTURE COURSES

It may not be advisable for one Chapter to undertake all that is suggested at once; but let each Chapter determine for itself which, and how much, it will undertake. October is the time to begin these courses. They comprise the following:

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Mr. Barnes' lectures each evening were interesting and instructive, having that enthusiasm born of conviction and devotion to the greatest enterprise of the ages—world-wide evangelization.

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VICE-PRESIDENT.

Notes.

We would call attention of all the Juniors to the Junior's Topic Quarterly. It impresses us as being very helpful in more ways than one.

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We have been kindly favored this week by "Vice-President," with a report of the Missionary Institute held under the auspices of one of the livest Leagues in our entire connection.

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If you have any Juniors to be transferred to membership in the Senior Leagues, do not fail to send to Nashville, Tenn., for the beautiful certificate of transfer. It is printed in two colors and will be highly prized by parties receiving it.

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Lesson for October 2, 1904.

Elisha Succeeds Elijah.

(2 Kings 2:12-22.)

Golden Text: Let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. (2 Kings 2, 9.)

Time—Eighth century B. C. Place—By Jordan.

Call of Elisha.—When Elijah was in Horeb, during his season of depression (Lesson X, 1 Kings 19:9-18) God gave him a threefold commission: to anoint Hazael king over Syria and Jehu king over Israel, and to call Elisha, the son of Shaphat, of Abel-meholah, as his own successor in the prophet office. Obedient to his commission, Elijah seems to have proceeded at once to Elisha's home, supposed to be the modern Ain Helweh, in the northern part of the Jordan valley; and there finds the young man at work in one of the rich fields of his father's heritage. Elijah, crossing the field to where Elisha stood, threw his mantle upon the shoulders of the young man; then, without a word having passed between them, the prophet passed on. Elisha understood the situation at once. He was called to be a son to the prophet and his successor. But this meant the leaving of home and inheritance. He hesitated, but only for a moment. To show with what ardor and thoroughness he responded to the call Elisha offered sacrifice of the oxen he was guiding; and, having dutifully taken leave of his parents, "he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him." (1 Kings 18121.)

Succession of Elisha.—The recognition of Elisha as Elijah's successor followed upon his return from the desert, whither he had gone with Elijah, who then passed into the heavens. (Lesson XI, 2 Kings 2: 1-11.) Elijah had bidden Elisha make some last request, and Elisha had asked for an elder son's recognition and authority. Such a boon could only be conferred by God. But if God should vouchsafe the young man the open vision at the time of the elder prophet's ascension, then the boon was conferred. Such vision was granted, and Elisha, taking with him the master's cloak—his most characteristic and almost only possession—returned to Jordan, where, the waters parting at his word, his succession was authenticated openly. Upon returning to Jericho the sons of the prophets acknowledged his succession saying, "The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha." (2 Kings 2:12, ff.)

Elisha as Teacher.—Verses 16-18. In these verses Elisha makes his first appearance as teacher. The students naturally inquired for Elijah. Elisha told them the story of the prophet's translation. To them such an issue seemed unbelievable; Elijah must have died as all men die, and his body would be found if searched for; or else he may be lost in the wilderness. So they say to Elisha, "Look now, here are half a hundred stalwart and fearless men; let them we pray thee, seek thy master. It may be that, under the Spirit of Jehovah, he has wandered in the desert, and is in peril; let them find him, dead or alive." Elisha alone knew how hopeless was such a quest. It was in vain that he tried to dissuade them. They persisted, until Elisha, having exhausted every resource of expostulation and entreaty, and beginning to feel that his own motives were suspected, said, "Very well, send." Out went the fifty strong men, searching everywhere in the wilderness three days and nights, finding nothing and returning to Jericho empty-handed. To whom the prophet, in mild rebuke, said, "Did not I say unto you, Go not?" In some respects it was well for Elisha's influence that these men persisted. His story may have seemed plausible, but certainly the details were unusual and savored of the preternatural. Moreover, he was himself Elijah's successor, the chief beneficiary of Elijah's disappearance. The sons of the prophets were human; to them Elisha should have been as eager for the search as they. His reluctance was not above suspicion. By the search the young men were at least persuaded that Elijah had actually disappeared, and with this they were apparently satisfied. In an inquiring age and to inquiring spirits personal testimony is not always conclusive. What is needed is knowledge born of experience. One must have consideration for doubt which, on the face of it, is natural and sincere. The Christ who offered the wound prints in hands and feet and the riven side to inquiring Thomas does not disdain the search of any honest soul for peculiar and stated personal experiences of His truth.

Elisha as Wonder-Worker.—19-22. Elisha's public career as prophet opens with an act of beneficence. Jericho, where for the time he was staying, was a flourishing city, the home of a large school of the prophets. From a very early period it was known as the "City of Palms," and in Gen. 13:10 the country in which it is situated is compared to "the garden of the Lord." But the spring from which abundant water supply might be obtained was "naught"—that is, unwholesome—and chiefly because of it "the land miscarrieth." To heal the spring would be a benefaction and a lasting memorial of the beneficent power of the prophetic order. Elisha called for a water vessel hitherto unused, and for salt to put therein; then going to the spring he cast the salt into it, saying, "Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land." And the spring was healed from that day. As there is but one spring in the neighborhood of Jericho, the modern Ain es Sultan, this is, in all probability, the same which existed in Elisha's time, and which he healed. In comparing the career of the two prophets, how typical their first appearance! Elijah opens his with the dramatic appearance before Ahab and the doom of drought; Elisha begins his with the healing of the spring on which the fertility and bounty of the land was mainly dependent.

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STATE.

Buie's Creek Academy opens with an enrollment sixty larger than ever before.

The cotton yarn spinners of the Southern States are in session at Charlotte.

Hon. B. R. Lacy, State Treasurer, is unable to enter the campaign owing to ill health.

The Republicans of the Third Congressional District have nominated Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, of Goldsboro, for Congress.

Hon. Thos. Watson, Populist candidate for President, will speak at Newton, October 3rd. This is his only appointment in North Carolina.

The Durham building, on South Tryon street, Charlotte, was gutted by a fire of unknown origin late Wednesday night. The loss is estimated at about $90,000.

The Wilmington, Southport and Little River Transportation Company has closed a deal for a fast passenger steamer to be used between Wilmington and Southport.

Professor Foust, superintendent of the Goldsboro graded schools, has resigned. He resigned to accept the county superintendency of public schools of Guilford County.

A mass-meeting of the citizens regardless of past party affiliations, has been called to meet in Raleigh next Saturday to place a ticket in the field against the regular Democratic ticket nominated at a recent primary.

The Wake County Savings Bank was organized Monday night at a meeting of a number of Raleigh's best known business men, and it is expected that the institution will be open for business some time the latter part of October.

At a meeting of A. & N. C. Railway stockholders last week, Mr. J. W. Grainger, of Kinston, was elected president at a salary of $100 a year; Dr. J. Broadhurst, of Goldsboro, secretary and treasurer, at a salary of $300 a year.

State Chairman Rollins has appointed Mr. Fred A. Hull, of Asheville, secretary of the Republican State Committee in place of Mr. R. H. McNeill, the latter's law practice in Washington preventing him giving his full time to the campaign.

The Alamance County Fair is one of a series of five to be held in the State. They are arranged as follows: Burlington, September 27-30; Winston-Salem, October 3-7; Greensboro, October 11-14; Raleigh, October 17-21; Charlotte, October 25-28.

A suit involving the validity of $40,000 of bonds issued by the county of Onslow to aid in building the Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina Railroad, now the Wilmington-New Bern branch of the Atlantic Coast Line, has been instituted in Wilmington in the United States Circuit Court.

The Board of Managers of the North Carolina Reunion at Greensboro have decided to postpone the second Reunion of Non-Resident Native North Carolinians until 1905. The chief reason for taking this step is that this is a political year, which would prevent the attendance of many prominent men who would otherwise be glad to attend.

As a result of the selling of Peruna in the prohibition town of Brevard six true bills of indictment have been found by the grand jury of Transylvania County against druggists and shop-keepers of Brevard, the charge being that every bottle of Peruna sold was nothing more or less than so much liquor, and that the dealers in the stuff were guilty under the law.

Twenty-three of the thirty-two seniors who rebelled against the rules and left the A. & M. College have been reinstated. All the others will probably return except three whom the faculty decline to receive. The class now numbers thirty-one. The reinstated cadets have the same offices of trust and honor they held before. The affair has terminated in the most desirable manner possible and the effect on the discipline of the college is very marked.

At 7.15 o'clock on the morning of September 23rd, the boiler in the gin department of the Mammoth Cotton Mill, Edwin No. 3, at Dukes, on the Cape Fear and Northern Railroad, about 25 miles from Raleigh, exploded with terrific violence, partially wrecking the engine room, instantly killing three white men, one of whom was the superintendent of the mill, and one negro. Another negro was scalded so badly that he will die. Several persons were thrown down by the shock of the explosion, but their injuries are not serious.

GENERAL.

The ministers of Augusta, Ga., have inaugurated a pulpit crusade on the whiskey business of that city.

A cablegram announces the sudden death in London of Dr. Samuel Ives Curtis, senior professor of the Chicago Theological Seminary, and a leading Presbyterian churchman of the West.

The friends of Rev. William Aiken Kelly, pastor of the Grace Methodist Church, in North August, Ga., are very much alarmed over his unexplained absence from the city and his family. It is feared he has met with some serious mishap.

A special train conveying the archbishop of Canterbury from Bar Harbor, Me., to Washington, was wrecked on the Boston and Albany division of the New York Central Railroad near East Brookfield, Mass., September 23rd. The archbishop was not injured.

By the blowing out of a steam fitting in a boiler at the steel mill of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company at Ensley, Ala., Cyrus Leck, Jr., aged 19, a white employee, and John Thomas, a colored laborer, were scalded to death by escaping steam.

Fast freight No. 24, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, struck a wagon loaded with 750 pounds of dynamite at the crossing at North Branch, W. Va., four miles east of Cumberland, Md., on the afternoon of the 23rd. Two persons were killed and nine were injured, three of them seriously.

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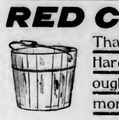

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Pleasant Grove—Central.

A little jaunt into the Pleasant Grove country last Sunday and two little talks to that goodly people did us good, and we hope, did the cause no harm. Brother Rood edified us with an earnest missionary sermon. We, Little, Francis, Frank and I, enjoyed a bountiful dinner with that prosperous farmer, Brother Goodwin, and his most interesting family. We will not soon forget that big dish of stewed chicken. It was good.

At night we went to Central church to hear our friend of many years, Rev. F. A. Bishop. But he was imprudent enough to ask the Orphanage man to preach. Ye city pastors, if you don't want an old fellow to preach, you would better not ask him; they are quick on trigger.

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Rich Square, Pinner's, Oct. 8, 9
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, Oct. 15, 16

FOURTH ROUND.

Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, Aug. 21, 22
Harrellville, Harrellville, Aug. 27, 28
Scotland Neck, sept. 4, 5
Conway, Providence, Sept, 10, 11.
Murfreesboro, Sept. 11, 12
Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, sept. 24, 25
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, October 1, 2
Rich Square, Pinners, Oct. 8, 9
Battleboro and Whitakers, Whitakers, Oct. 15, 16
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, Oct. 22, 23
Warren. Shady Grove, Oct. 29, 30
Warrenton, Warrenton, Oct. 30, 31
Littleton, Littleton, Nov. 3, 4
Weldon, Nov. 6, 7
Garysburg, Seaboard, Nov. 6
Roanoke Circuit, Smiths, Nov. 12, 13
Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, Nov. 13, 14
Ridgeway, Union, Nov. 19, 20
Henderson, Nov. 27, 28

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Pasquotank, Newbegun, Sept. 25, 26
Camden, McBride's, Oct. 1, 2
North Gates, Savage, Oct. 8, 9
Gates Harrells, Oct. 15, 16
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Currituck, Ebenezer, Oct. 23, 24
Moyock, Perkins Chapel, Oct. 29, 30
Dare, Manu's Harbor, Nov. 5, 6
Roanoke Island, Nov. 6, 7
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Elizabeth City Road, Nov. 13
Columbia, Nov. 19, 20
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Roper, Nov. 26, 27
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Nashville, Sharon, Sept. 17, 18
Farmville, Farmville, Oct. 2, 3
Aurora, Oct. 8, 9
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter, Oct. 12
Fairfield, Oct. 13
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Bethel, Bethel, Oct. 22, 23
Tarboro, (night) Oct. 23
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, Ocracoke, Oct. 29, 30
Greenville, (morning) Nov. 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Shitmerdine, November 6, 7
Spring Hope, Hernes, Nov. 12, 13
Wilson Station, (night) Nov. 13
Wilson Circuit, (Ledge Street) Nov. 14
Fremont, Fremont, Nov. 15
Rock Mount, Nov. 16
Bath, Bath, Nov. 19, 20
South Rocky Mount and Marvin, Nov. 22
South Edgecombe, Elm City, Nov. 27, 28

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Roberdel, Roberdel sept 3, 4
Rockingham Station, sept. 4, 5
Lumberton, Barker's, Sept. 10, 11
St. John and Gibson, St. John, Sept. 15, 16
Laurenburg, Sept. 16, 17
Richmond, Steele's Mill, Sept. 24, 25
Maxton and Caledonia, Oct. 1, 2
Hamlet, Ham et, Oct. 8, 9
Rowland, Rowland, Oct. 15, 16
Robeson, Asbury, Oct. 22, 23
Mt. Gilead, Wadeville, Oct. 29, 30
Montgomery, Capeside, Nov. 5, 6
Red springs, Red Springs, Nov. 12, 13
Pekin, Concord, Nov. 19, 20
Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Nov. 26, 27

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Franklinton, Grove Hill, September 10, 11
Clayton, Elizabeth, September 17, 18
Oxford Circuit, September 24, 25
Central, October 1, 2
Brooklyn, October 2, 3
Milbrook, October 8, 9
Granville, October 15, 16
Wakefield, October 20
Kenley, October 22, 23
Cary, October 29, 30
Epworth, October 30
Oxford Station, November 5, 6
Youngsville, November 12, 13
Louisburg, November 19, 20
Tar River Plank Chapel, November 26, 27

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C

FOURTH ROUND.

Mt. Olive and Faison, Mt. Olive, Sept. 17, 18
Jones' Circuit, Lee's, Sept. 24, 25
Goldsboro, Thompson's, Oct. 1, 2
St. Paul, Oct. 2
Centenary, Oct. 9, 10
Pamlico, Bayboro, Oct. 15, 16
Oriental, Oriental, Oct. 16, 17
Hookerton, Rainbow, Oct. 22, 23
Grifton, Grifton, Oct. 23, 24
Dover, Oct. 29 30
Kinston, Oct. 30
Snow Hill Circuit, Jerusalem, Nov. 5, 6
Craven, Asbury, Nov. 11
Carteret, Harlow, Nov. 12, 13
Beaufort, Nov. 13, 14
Atlantic, Wit, Nov. 15, 16
Straits, Tabernacle, Nov. 19, 20
Morehead, Nov. 20
Lagrange Circuit, Nov. 23
St. John, Nov. 25
Mt. Olive Circuit, Smiths, Nov. 26, 27

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

FOURTH ROUND.

Trinity Church, Sept. 11, at 11 a. m.
Carr Church and Branson, at Carr, Sept. 11 at night
Chapel Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Durham, McManen, Sept. 24, 25
Mangum Street, Sept. 25, at night
Leasburg, Salem, Oct. 1, 2
Hillsboro, Cedar Grove, Oct. 8, 9
Roxboro, Concord, Oct. 15, 16
Milton, New Hope, Oct. 22, 23
Yanceyville, Bethel, Oct. 29, 30
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, Nov. 5, 6
Burlington, Front Street, Nov. 13, 14
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, Nov. 13, at night
Burlington, Shiloah, Nov. 18
Alamance, Phillips Chapel, Nov. 19, 20
Main Street, Nov. 27, at 11 a. m.
West Durham, Nov. 27, at night

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Goldstone Maroneys, August 27, 28
Sampson, Bethel, September 3, 4
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 10, 11

FOURTH ROUND.

Dunn, Sept. 25, 26.
Cokesbury, Cokesbury, Oct. 1, 2
Elise, Tyra, Oct. 7
Carthage, Oct. 8, 9
Haw River, Bynum's, Oct. 14
Pittsboro, Zion, Oct. 15, 16
Siler City, Oct. 22, 23
Goldston, Oct. 23, 24
Jonesboro, Poplar springs, Oct. 28
Sanford, Oct. 29, 30
Hope Mills, Nov. 5, 6
Newton Grove, Nov. 11
Duke, Benson, Nov. 12, 13
Buckhorn, Cokesbury, Oct. 18
Lillington, Nov. 19, 20
Sampson, Nov. 25
Fayetteville, Hay Street, Nov. 27)
Fayetteville, Hoit's still, Nov. 27

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

S. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Onslow, Swanboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Burgaw, September 10, 11
Fifth Street, Sept. 18
Market Street, sept. 18
Town Creek, Zion, Sept. 21
Grace, September 25
Clinton, Keener, Oct. 1, 2
Bladen Circuit, Antioch, Oct. 7
Elizabeth, Wesley's, Oct. 8, 9
Magnolia, Carleton, Oct. 15, 16
Carver's Creek, Shiloah, Oct. 21
Whiteville, Cerro Gordo, Oct. 22, 23
Shallotte, Village, Oct. 28
Waccamaw, Bethel, Oct. 29, 30
Burgaw, Burgaw, Nov. 4
Kenansville, Warsaw, Nov. 5, 6
Onslow, Tabernacle, Nov. 9
Jackson and Richlands, Richlands, Nov. 10
Southport, Nov. 13
New River, Sneed's Ferry, Nov. 18
Scott's Hill, Scott's Hill, Nov. 19, 20
Bladen Street, Nov. 27

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Marriages

GEROCK—SIMMONS.—Zeb. V. Gerock and Estella B. Simmons, on the 14th of September, 1904, at Aunt Rachel Simmons, three miles from Pollocksville, D. C. Geddie officiating.

Obituaries

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LINDSAY—Mrs. Dalila Isabella Lindsay was born the 5th of August, 1836, and died September 15, 1904. A husband and three children preceded her to the spirit land. Three sons are left behind. Sister Lindsay professed religion when young and lived a consistent Christian for more than fifty years.

She was a great sufferer for two years or more. When the end came it found her ready. Truly a mother in Israel has gone. May God bless her sons and their families.

JAS. H. FRIZELLE, P. C.

JORDAN.—Departed this life September 14, 1904, aged seventy-seven, Martha A., wife of Lambert M. Jordan.

Mrs. Jordan was one of the oldest members of the M. E. Church at Cedar Grove. She has been an invalid for many years. A good woman, kind neighbor, loving wife, mother and friend has gone from our midst. Our tenderest sympathy goes out to the aged husband, three daughters and the many relatives and friends who mourn their loss.

A FRIEND.

BOYETTE.—Mrs. Jessie L. Boyette, wife of J. A. Boyette, was born June 24, 1873, and died June 14, 1904. She never united herself with any church, but professed her faith in Christ a few years before her death and lived a consistent life.

She was an affectionate wife, a good mother and kind neighbor, and loved by all who knew her. Her funeral service was conducted by this writer, assisted by the Baptist minister, Rev. A. T. Howell. We believe that she is in the land of eternal rest. May God comfort the bereaved.

P. D. WOODALL.

WHITEHURST.—In the afternoon of July 22, 1904, after some four years of gradual wearing away, Oliver C. Whitehurst, then in his eighty-first year, peacefully passed to his reward. He was the oldest Methodist of this ancient Methodist community, and a life-long worker in the church. To his untiring effort and skilful management is due, in no small measure, the splendid church edifice where the Straits people now worship. He was also a leader in school affairs. Good schools have been taught here under his leadership.

Simple in life, temperate in habit, living with nature and with nature's God, he quietly did his duty as a father, as a citizen, as a Christian. It is strange, then, that in passing through the shadow his spirit seemed but to cast off a garment, worn and useless, and gather about it the white robes of "more and fuller life?"

E. K. CREEL.

HANCOCK.—On July 22, 1904, stricken down in life's early morning, even in the seventeenth year of her age, Miss Annie Hancock, daughter of Robert and Mary Hancock, disappeared from earth. This left darkness in the heart of that home and gladness about the community where the star of her life has shown so brightly. Though gone from our horizon, does it not still shine in the land of sweet peace? May it not yet be viewed from fields now hid from mortal ken? Is this not the Christian hope? Was she not a Christian? About a year before her untimely death, under the ministry of Rev. F. E. Dixon, she turned her face prayerfully to Jesus Christ, became a member of our church, and, depatring, has left the assurance that though she sits no longer in the congregation or in the family circle she still does live with Him in glory everlasting. Though tender in years, her life was bedecked with strong traits of Christian character. There was sweetness in her face, brightness in her eyes, sunshine in her soul. She had taken into her disposition something of the song of the mocking bird and of the fragrance of the wild rose. She was a student under the tuition of the writer last winter. With a high ideal and strong purpose, she set herself in the pursuit of knowledge. In this the best thing was growth. Her mental faculties were awake in healthful exercise and rapid development. She made the most of her opportunities and, but for the premature death, would have gone to Greensboro Female College at an early date.

For her father and mother, for her two sisters and three brothers who were thus cast from the clear day of an unbroken family circle into the dark night of sorrow, our church and community joins me in sympathy and prayer.

God who loves us is not dead; and we, whom He loves, can never die.

E. K. CREEL.

"ADAMS.—Charles H. Adams, aged 74 years, was born in Luffborough, England, and when two and a half years old left the old country with his mother, brother and sister for America. The vessel was wrecked, mother and sister were lost, himself and brother being saved by a couple of brave sailors and brought to Boston. The two brothers were then sent back to England and placed in an Orphans' Home until their father learned of the dreadful disaster and of his children's whereabouts.

Finally, they returned to America and located at Portsmouth, N. H., at which placed he remained a number of years. There he chose a companion and shortly afterwards moved to Canada. He lived there several years. In 1868 he had the misfortune of losing his wife. But during the next year he married a Miss Harriet Miller, a lady of a very prominent family. They moved to Ohio, back again to Canada; but owing to his wife's ill health, they decided to come South. In the fall of 1897 they purchased a small farm in the vicinity of Nixonton."

Brother Adams held his membership at Hall's Creek M. E. Church, South, and was a highly respected gentleman and Christian.

His patience was beautiful. No murmur was heard, when we even wondered how a man could stand so much. Cancer was the cause of his death. With this awful human affliction, as long as he could sit or stand, he read the Bible and kept up his family altar. His Godly example has been a source of blessing to many.

He leaves a broken-hearted widow, who, during his long period of suffering, was ever by his side. He leaves two children, Mrs. Henry Summers, of South Dakota, and Mrs. Henry Campbell, of Grand Rapids Michigan. But he has left to his loved ones a priceless legacy—an eternal hope, and an example which, if followed, will bring them all to the enjoyment of a heavenly inheritance that is incorruptible and fadeth not away.

That part of this obituary in quotation was written by a friend of the family and one of our best and truest young Christian ladies, Miss Johnie Lane, of Nixonton, N. C.

W. F. JONES.

Resolutions of Respect.

The following resolutions were passed by the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Roberdel Circuit, Rockingham District, North Carolina Conference:

Whereas, God in His providence, has removed from among us by death our dear pastor, Rev. Z. T. Harrison, who had endeared himself to us very greatly, and who was filling the charge so faithfully and efficiently up to the time he became disabled; and,

Whereas, we feel that we have lost a true pastor and friend and the church a true servant in his death; therefore be it

Resolved, that we tender to the bereaved family of the deceased our deepest sympathy in this their greatest trial, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Raleigh Chritsian Advocate and to our county papers for publication; also a copy be forwarded to Sister Harrison and children.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. M. RAINWATER,
C. H. KEY,
Committee.

September 3, 1904.

At a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the M. E. Church, South, Wilson, N. C., convened in regular session, September 6, 1904, the following resolutions were adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas, God our Father, did, on August 27, 1904, take unto Himself our venerable brother, T. B. Gilliam, for seventy years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and for many years past, and at his death, an official thereof; now, therefore, be it

Resolved 1. That we have reason to believe he was a man in whom there was no guile.

2. That while we mourn his departure, we do rejoice in some knowledge of his open life and character.

3. That by virtue of his helpful example and faithful service our church is richer in experience and stronger in influence for good.

4. That we do deeply sympathize with those who were nearest him, and beg to assure them that we too shall miss his encouraging words and unselfish love.

5. That these resolutions be spread upon our record, a copy be forwarded to his family, and copies be furnished the Raleigh Christian Advocate and our own town papers for publication.

JNO. F. BURTON,
Chairman.
E. A. DARDEN, Secretary.

Resolutions of respect to the memory of Mr. Ernest P. Mangum:

Whereas, it has pleased our heavenly Father in His wise providence to remove from our midst our beloved superintendent and brother, Ernest P. Mangum; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That, while bowing with deep humility to the hand of God, we cannot but deeply lament the death of one so dear to us all.

2. That the heartfelt sympathy of the Sunday-school be extended to his bereaved widow and family in this their sad affliction.

3. That his Christian example of fidelity to the great trust for which he so untiringly labored, and which he deeply loved, shall be an inspiration to us all and stimulate us to greater zeal and sacrifice.

4. That the officers and members of the Sunday-school attend the memorial services to be held in his memory on Sunday, the 11th inst., and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and published in the Raleigh Christian Advocate.

J. T. MOORE,
Chairman.
S. W. VENABLE,
MISS C. QUARLES,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Newland Sunday-school:

Whereas, it has pleased almighty God, in His all-wise providence, to remove by death our beloved friend and class-mate, Emily Britt, from our Sunday-school here below to the Sunday-school above; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, yet we can but feel keenly the loss of the sweet presence with us.

2. That we hereby express to the bereaved parents of our little friend our deep sympathy and prayers in this their sore affliction and point them to Him who doeth all things well.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Raleigh Christian Advocate and a copy be spread upon the minutes of our Sunday-school.

Respectfully submitted
MAUD O. WILLIAMS,
LILLIAN B. FOSTER,
MARY C. EMPLE,
Committee.

Whereas, our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved co-worker and First Vice-President, Miss May Rone; and,

Whereas, the young Ladies' Altar Circle of the Methodist Church at Rocky Mount wish to put on record our appreciation of her worth; therefore be it

Resolved. That in the death of May the church and Society have lost a faithful and zealous member and our community a true Christian.

2. That while our hearts are filled with grief and sorrow, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

3. That we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy, and pray that they may have grace sufficient in this time of sore affliction.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, published in the Raleigh Christian Advocate and Rocky Mount Record and spread upon the minutes of our Society.

MISS ROSA HART,
MISS ALICE LANCASTER,
MISS ANNIE MARRIOTT,
Committee.

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For several years past I have been suffering from a complication of diseases—Catarrh, Kidney Trouble, Indigestion, and sometimes acute constipation, Lumbago, and Nervous Prostration. I had pains in my back for thirteen months; my nervous system was shattered; I could not sleep well at night; what I ate did not agree with me; was all run down, so much so that my good brethren of the North Georgia Conference M. E. church, So'h, said that I must rest and placed me on the superannuated list. It was then that I learned of Vitæ Ore. After using this mineral remedy for three months I can sleep like a child; my food is properly digested; my nervous system very much improved; my back has not hurt me for two months past; Catarrh is nearly gone; Constipation a thing of the past, and my general health is better than in many years. I had tried physicians and numerous remedies, but found only temporary relief after months of trial. Under a good God I attribute my present portion of health to Vitæ Ore and I speak its praise, because it is the bridge which is carrying me over to the land of complete health. To all who are ailing I say, take Vitæ Ore, regain your lost health, and go on, rejoicing along life's journey.

REV. JNO. F. BALLS,
Douglasville, Ga. (Of the North Georgia Annual Conference, M.E. Church, So'h.)

What CATARRH Is:

Many of the troubles and disorders which VITÆ ORE is advertised to cure may be traced to a Catarrhal condition of some part or the body. Most people connect the word Catarrh only with a disorder of the head or throat, but such inference is not correct.

Catarrh, as defined by Webster, is an inflammatory affection of any mucous membrane, any condition in which there are congestion, swelling, morbid action or any alteration in the quantity and quality of mucous secreted. It can consequently be present in any part of the body where there is a mucous membrane, the head, nose, throat, stomach, intestines, bowels, bladder, kidneys and generative organs, and as a clot of dust will impair the workings of the finest watch, so a catarrhal condition of any organ will enfeeble its power, prevent the proper functional activity and capacity, and result in a complication of ills of many names and symptoms, treated in many different ways, but no cure is possible unless the Catarrhal condition, the primary cause, is checked and removed.

To successfully treat catarrh of any part it is necessary to use medicaments which possess the power of allaying inflammation, arresting morbid action and of purifying diseased mucous.

VITÆ ORE will positively cure Catarrh of any organ or part of the body, need for the different conditions in the several ways prescribed in our printed directions. It is a natural astringent, presenting qualities as such which it seems impossible to duplicate in any manufactured or artificial product and immediately allays all inflammation, stops all morbid or irregular action on the membrane, eradicates all catarrhal conditions and places each organ in a natural, normal, healthy condition, so as to faithfully perform its individual function and restores the entire system to a state of entire and perfect health.

Its action is certain, and results sure. It can be relied upon to reach every case more promptly and effectively than any treatment, combination of remedies or doctor's prescription that can be procured and cure completely as well as permanently. Patients afflicted with catarrh of any part should not delay treatment, as delay means a spread of the disease to other parts, a more aggravated condition from month to month and more difficulty in effecting a cure. VITÆ ORE has cured thousands upon thousands of cases, as the multitude of testimonials in our indexes shows, many of them in which the patient was at such a stage that hope was given up, recalling them from the shadow of the grave.

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Catarrh of any part,
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Stomach and
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General Debility.

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Mrs. J. F. Morris Tells of Wonderful Results.

I cannot express my gratitude for the great and lasting good that Vitæ Ore has done me. I had been taking medicine ever since October, 1902, when I was first stricken down with my disease, a complication of Liver, Kidney and Bladder disorders. I took several different kinds of patent medicines, but none of them did me any good. My husband then called a doctor. He came a few times and then dismissed the case. He then called in two more doctors, the best this country affords, and one of them treated me two or three months, but he only gave me temporary relief. I dragged along all last year, never feeling like myself. In the fall I grew worse and again went to my physician and he treated me about 8 weeks. I was almost ready to give up. I did not know how near death's door I was until a neighbor told me after I began to get better. Some one of my neighbors advised me to send for some Vitæ Ore on trial, but I told my husband not to bother with it, as I thought nothing could help me. He sent for the treatment without my consent, and I now consider it the greatest favor he ever did for me. One month's trial package has saved my life. I think I can safely say I that I would have been in my grave today had it not been for this Vitæ Ore. I have only taken the one trial package, but I feel that I am entirely well. When I commenced its use I weighed 98 pounds, but now I weigh 110 pounds. I would not be without Vitæ Ore. I would not give this medicine for all the medicine in the world. I am willing to do all I can to help its cause.

MRS J. F. MORRIS, Stevens, Tex.

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As old age approaches the necessity for such a tonic as Vitæ Ore becomes each year more and more manifest. As is generally known, all through life there is a slow, steady accumulation of calcareous deposits in the system, marking the transition from the soft, gelatinous condition of infancy to the hard, osseous condition of old age. These calcareous deposits naturally interfere with the functions of the vital organs. In early life these deposits are thrown off, but age has not the power to do so unless assisted by some outside stimulant. Vitæ Ore is just the ideal stimulant for middle-aged elderly people. It enriches the blood, with the necessary hemantinic properties, drives all foreign matter from the circulation and prolongs vigor and activity in both men and women to a ripe old age.

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Editorial

THE "CLUTCH" IN AMERICAN LIFE.

We do not mean the visible "clutch," when a man who feels it knows exactly who has clutched him, but we mean the invisible "clutch," when the man knows exactly what or who has clutched him or hit him. And this kind is making Americans a "peculiar people."

We have just been reading of a little side-play in the great political drama of 1900, in which a State that had gone Democratic in 1896 gave the Republicans in 1900 a majority of 10,000. The little side-play was this: The chief man of the town was a "doubtful." Just before the election he found the Chairman of the National Committee of the hitherto weaker party writing to him in confidence. Our "doubtful" suddenly found himself elected to the deaconship of his church—an office to which he had long aspired. He was at once importuned to give a county picnic in celebration of his great success in matters ecclesiastical. The pic-nic was a success. On the pic-nic grounds the people fairly swarmed. By "accident" there happened to pass by the candidate for Congress in that District. This candidate "happened" to have with him two fine orators. The politicians, of course, were invited to make a few remarks. Our "doubtful," all doubt and hesitation thrown to the winds, announced his return to this political fold. The old man did not know what had hit him, and the managers were glad. The party that had been defeated in 1896 elected its men this time, and that by ten thousand majority. This is a fine illustration of the "invisible clutch" in the political world.

Are you reading in Everybody's Magazine Thomas W. Lawson's series of articles on "Frenzied Finance?" If not, you are missing something. In words that hiss and sting, he tells how men can take stock worth $39,000,000 and declare on it in one night a practical dividend of 38,000,000 dollars—a dividend, which is not called a dividend, but which goes all the same into the coffers of living men. Mr. Lawson in his bold, quick, luminous disclosures throws the rays of a great searchlight on the hidden wheels of that machine which, while making golden dollars out of mist and moonshine for the hidden few, grinds into powder the struggling, mystified many. It is a long way from a counting room on Wall Street, to the lowly home of the day laborer, yet Mr. Lawson shows that it is not too long for the strong hand of a keen, conscienceless financier to reach through the whole distance and clutch the cooing baby in its cradle. Mr. Lawson most powerfully illustrates the "invisible clutch" in the domain of finance.

The workman wringing the perspiration from his brow and doffing his overalls, passes the grocery store on his homeward way. He stops to get provisions. He learns that flour has advanced suddenly. He knows not why, and he does not care to inquire, but the "invisible clutch" is upon him. Its nerve force is generated a thousand miles away, perhaps in a little office where a man sees that it is possible for him to make a million in an hour.

Yes, this is a land of invisible wires and wheels within wheels. The fact is, a most dangerous symptom in the diagnosis of our body politic. It means the frenzied rioting of Power which never stops to think of whom it may crush. It means the weakening of the spirit of true government in which every man is supposed to be invested with the ability to protect himself and survive. It means the puppetism of American manhood, and the degradation of American freedom.

The "hidden hand" whether moving before the altar of the church or out among the great masses of toiling, suffering humanity is always a menace to all that is good and true. "More light" is our one logical prayer—not only light from above for the darkness of the soul, but that light which reveals to every human agent his true motive and the true motive of every man within whose sphere of influence he may move. This, and this alone, is in accordance with the spirit of Him who came as the Light of the World.

LET NOT THE RIGHT ARM ROB THE LEFT.

The two Arms took advantage of the Master's noonday rest one day to engage in a conversation respecting themselves.

Right Arm said to Left Arm: "Why are you so small, while I am so large? See how my muscles stand out. Yours are hardly larger than the handle of the hammer over there."

Left Arm replied: "You have part of me. If the Master had used me as much as he has used you, you could not have robbed me of my own. It is in bad taste for the robber to taunt his victim."

"Yes," replied Right Arm, "but you should remember that it is all to the advantage of the Master. What you have lost and I have gained is added to the strength of the Master."

"You are wrong," said the Master. "I am no stronger than I was when I began. Right Arm has no just reason for boasting of its strength."

Haec fabula docet: That the preacher who puts his extra strength into, say, foreign and domestic missions collections and succeeds in raising them, while the other collections are neglected, has no reason for feeling especially elated. For he has added nothing to the general strength of the church. What Right Arm has gained, Left Arm has lost, and the church is in a sense where it was before. The interests of our beneficiaries, church extension, education, the conference organ, Orphanage, and other causes, cannot be neglected even to the advantage of such an important enterprise as missions. All are equally vital when it comes to supporting them.

We have often wondered why, for instance, some preachers take special pleasure in reporting missionary collections in full, while only a small per cent of the other collections has been paid; or that the Bishop's collection is in full while the missionary collections are not in full.

We cannot understand how some preachers can feel that they have no time to work for the Conference organ and that they can make a good report when they have done nothing for this interest. Surely, there is no better way to advance the spiritual interests of their people, increase their intelligence, liberality, and energy than by getting them to read their church paper. Is this true? Ask preachers who have tried. They are the proper ones to answer. Their answer is sufficient to cause the preacher who habitually neglects the Conference organ to realize that he has made the gravest mistake in his whole ministry.

GREENSBORO FEMALE COLLEGE.

In a few days this institution will have opened its doors once more to the womanhood of our State. It is but a trite prophecy that the opening will be full of encouragement to the many friends of the College.

Success is deserved and expected for the following reasons:

1. The College has made a most heroic struggle for existence under circumstances which would have appalled almost any other people than ours.

2. Success has crowned the efforts of the friends of the institution which is about ready to open in a larger and better equipped building.

3. The Faculty for the following year represents the best and highest scholarship and training ability.

The slight delay in opening is attributable to unforeseen circumstances, and will in the long run, work no detriment, as it will insure more perfect arrangements in the heating plant.

Now is the time for Methodism to signalize her devotion to the cause of the education of her girls by sending those girls to Greensboro Female College by the opening day.

AFTER THE WRONG MAN.

The following card has been received from Rev. G. T. Simmons:

Youngsville, N. C., Sept. 30, 1904.

My Dear Dr. Ivey:—You state in this week's Advocate that the presidency of the United States is the highest position in the world. I beg to differ. I am holding a higher position, and, if I know myself, wouldn't swap.

GEO. T. SIMMONS.

You are right, Brother Simmons, in all points save one, and that one is where you ascribe to us a statement which we never made. We never were at Esopus. We never met Judge Parker. We never made any statement as to the Presidency. You must get after our rotund J. V. Williams. He is the author of the communication, "At Esopus" published in last week's Advocate. For some reason his name was not published with the communication.

Right here, it is well for us to make two statements:

1. All that we write appears on the editorial pages.

2. We do not assume responsibility for all the views, opinions, and doctrines of our correspondents.

As far as J. V. Williams is concerned, he is able to take care of himself.

The editor of the Central Methodist, in closing his notes on the recent session of the Kentucky Conference, says: "Before closing these notes we might make mention of the fact that only once during the entire Conference did we see a preacher in the neighborhood of the church smoking a cigar." We wonder if the same may be said by a writer in closing his notes on the next annual session of the North Carolina Conference.

Contributions

Georgia Letter.

BY GEORGE G. SMITH.

I have been reading again the Acts of the Apostles and endeavoring to see whether there is to be found in these days any reproduction of the events then accorded or anything corresponding to them. I have just read that graphic account of the healing of the man at the beautiful gate and the subsequent events, the arrest of the apostles and their arrangement before the priests and the Sadducees, and I find in it the Hostility of Rationalists to Vital Christianity, as exhibited then and reproduced now. The heart of the world undergoes no change, the antagonism to the good has not abated with the lapse of centuries, the Sadducees are reproduced in all lands, and have the same spirit that belonged to them in the days of the apostle. They were not grossly immoral men; they were not avowed atheists or even agnostics; they professed to believe in Jehovah; they believed in the church, as an institution, and were loyal to it; they believed in the moral code provided it did not conflict with their temper or their traditions. They did not believe in immorality or in the supernatural. They had bitterly antagonized the Lord and had never ceased their persecutions until they had secured his crucifixion and had seen the sepulchre sealed, and they were now enraged when they found that the men who had been with him came boldly forward and declared that the crucified one was living and exalted at the right hand of God, a Prince and a Saviour; and he had given them miraculous powers. They were boldly proclaiming as a truth that Christ was king, and thousands followed them and they had dared in the very temple itself to proclaim this fact, and but recently had worked a pretended miracle, which the idiotic people believed to be genuine, and were boldly promising the people a life immortal. They must be arrested and this fanaticism must be checked.

There was one way and only one to do this, and that was by decided, and if need be, violent measures. These men must be arrested and imprisoned and threatened.

We read this account as if it were ancient history with which we are unconcerned. The Sadducees, we say, are a long time dead. Persecution is out of date. Men are free to say what they think, and no one forbids them, but alas! the facts are "that the Sadducees still live, and men are not any more free to speak what they think now, without penalty, than they were in those days." The Sadducees, of the days of the Apostles, were simply the rationalists of the present day. They were not licentious nor grossly immoral. They were devoted to the church as a civil institution, but the doctrines of the Apostles, and before them of Jesus Christ, were to be opposed by all means in their power as irrational and dangerous. There are in every community scores and hundreds who sympathize with the Sadducees in all their views. You many advocate the existence of God and they will not say nay. You may advance the obligations of morality and benevolence and they will not say nay. You may have nominal connection with a church and they will not object. It is only when you stress the doctrines, of vital religion, that they find you are an enthusiast, a crank, impracticable, and decidedly an uncomfortable preacher. These Sadducees are in Sessions. Presbyteries, and Official Boards. They are deacons pronounced outside of it. The world will love its own and will use every agency to cast odium on these who antagonize it. Those who think by preaching the full truth that they will secure its favors, will find themselves sadly mistaken. There is only one way to do to secure it, and that is to fall in with its views and advocate them. It will laud you, caress you, and reward you, if you do that, but if you do not, you may prepare for its malediction. Universal popularity is a sure sign of unfaithfulness to God—who suppose that the public press, the boards of trust of public institutions, that men in power are going to approve the course of those who are pronounced in their advocacy of vital godliness and of the supernatural, are much mistaken.

With the knowledge that this is to be the result, what must the true man of God do?

Why, he has but one thing to do. He must obey God rather than man.

The subservience of the ministry to the world is its deepest shame. The man who is so afraid of losing public favor, or so anxious to secure it that he forgets he has a message from heaven, is unworthy of his place.

It is simply impossible to make Christian truth palatable to the natural man. It is not contrary to reason, but it is above it, and it deals in mysteries too profound for explanation. The supernatural birth of Jesus Christ, His miraculous power, His infallible wisdom, his resurrection, His atonement and his ascension, are all of them mysteries, but they are inseparable from Christianity, and they are the power of God. Preached boldly, they always bring conviction to the people, but not often popular favor to the preacher.

The preachers are not put in dungeons now; they are simply driven from their pastorates and subjected to the censures of those whom they displease. There never was a time when the man who proclaims the truth, and does not strive to secure the favor of the world was more needed than now, and there never was a time when he was less in demand. The Sadducees are here, and the spirit of the Sadducees is here, but thank God there are men like Peter and John here too, and they have no fear of being put in the hold and scourged in the dungeons. They believe in God and they hear His voice and obey it.

Macon, Ga.

Letter from Brazil.

Collegio Americano.
Petropolis, Brazil,
August 30, 1904.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—I hope that the above heading will become very familiar to you and the readers of the Advocate before the year is over. As you will easily see, it means "the American College at Petropolis," and is my station in this mission field.

Most of you know that it is a girls' boarding school, and that Petropolis is the city founded by Dom Pedro II., up in the mountains near Rio, to escape the heat of that city during the summer months, which here fall in December, January, February, and March! It is indeed "beautiful for situation," and as many, if not all, of the diplomats accredited to this country make this their home during the entire year, it is a city of beautiful homes and many outward evidences of wealth. The President's summer palace is here; but it is not so large, nor are the grounds so extensive, as our own Governor's Mansion.

Our school is located on the outskirts of the city, not far from the palaces of the Papal Nunico and the Italian Minister. It was built for a handsome private residence, half-way up a rather high and steep hill, upon a plateau leveled in the hillside, and is a very handsome place, and well adapted to school purposes, some changes having been made when purchased by our Board. It is so high up that city water cannot reach us, so our supply comes from a private source, and is forced up into the great tank under the roof by a hydraulic ram—which sometimes breaks—and then we begin to realize what a precious thing water is!

The house consists of two stories, the ground floor being devoted to the school-rooms, music-rooms, etc., and the upper floor used for living-rooms. Our boarding department is larger than ever before, except once, and our enrollment is greater than it has ever been at this time. So we feel much encouraged, and hope that the dark days through which the school has passed were only the harbinger of the dawn, and that we are entering upon an epoch of brilliant success.

Our pupils are very good girls—take them on an average! A number are members of the church; and members of Christ also, we trust. We have one pupil teacher who has a very fair knowledge of English, and would be much benefited by a course of study in the States, if the way should open, a year or two hence.

The principal of the school is Miss E. B. Perkinson, of Missouri, who has been on the field about ten years, having made one visit home in that time, attending the meeting of the Woman's Board in Asheville during her furlough, and thus being known to a number of our workers in the North Carolina Conference. She and I are the only Americans connected with the school, and having worked together before during my first year in Brazil, are already prepared to work shoulder to shoulder, and eye to eye, here.

Conference was held here just as our school opened, about the first of August. No Bishop could be with us, but we were blessed by the presence of Dr. Lambuth. The closing act of the Conference—done the morning after the appointments were read—was the laying of the corner-stone of our new church—the old house, one which was bought and remodeled, having been declared unsafe. We hope to have it finished and occupied by the middle of November. The enclosure was beautified by bamboos and flags, and the crowd that assembled seemed much impressed with the services. Pray that this may be indeed a temple of the Lord, hallowed by His presence and honored by being the birth-place of many souls for the kingdom of heaven. The people here treat us kindly, and during Conference, so many came to our meetings that the Bishop here issued a command to his flock to stay away from us, which, of course, only attracted more attention to us. It is a sign that the waters are stirred when opposition is excited.

Pray that we may act in all things as our Master would have us do, and that He may use us greatly in the building up of His kingdom, here in beautiful Brazil, that needs only the light of the Gospel to bloom more gloriously than the rose.

Your fellow-servant and sister,
MARY T. PESCUD.

Facts About the Bible Cause.

Last winter the American Bible Society was confronted with a financial crisis, brought on specially by the failure of legacies, which have heretofore been a chief means of sustaining the work. But through the prompt and liberal response of many individuals, churches and local societies, the immediate danger was averted and the work which was threatened with injurious curtailment has gone on. For this general and widespread help, and the help which it brought, we are very thankful.

But the legacies continue to fail us, and are much smaller this year than last, so that, although the gifts after living are larger, the receipts upon the whole are considerably behind those of a year ago. Thus again the work is endangered.

On the other hand, its opportunities were never so inviting. Doors on many sides stand wide open, and calls loud and many are coming up, not only for the continued prosecution of the work, but the large extension of its operations.

The history of the last year teaches us plainly that the American Bible Society can no more, as in times past, depend upon legacies to sustain this work. They are always an uncertain source of income; and this work is too important in itself, and too many interests depends upon it, for it to be left to doubtful contingency of friends at their death remembering it in their wills. Henceforth we must look to the regular gifts of the living, and especially the systematic contributions of the churches, to provide the means for disseminating God's living word.

Recent experience convinces us, too, that our Christian people are willing to give to this cause when they hear its wants and have the opportunity presented. And many Conferences, as well as other branches of the church, are moving up to a higher standard in their gifts to it. Will not the North Carolina Conference, always liberal and responsive toward any good work, take its place this year in the front ranks of the supporters of this blessed work?

T. H. LAW, Field Agent.

False Sentiment the Bane of Penal Law.

The Late Charlton T. Lewis, LL. D., President National Prison Association, New York City.

In framing the laws and administering the government, there can be but one universal aim in view: to promote the good of the community as a whole. This simple rule is the test of merit and success in every act of legislation and of administration.

But in the domain of penal law we find another principle in control. No body of laws has ever been framed for the treatment of criminals, with the good of the community as the avowed end in view. The system is founded on a cruder idea, inconsistent with the scientific character of legislation for other interests.

No standard of justice can be applied to sentences for crime. No two codes agree as to the relative guilt of offenses. The differences are so wide as to show that any such standard is unattainable.

For example, the longest sentence for bigamy in one State is one year, in another twenty-one years; a perjurer in one can only be fined, in another shut up for five years, and in still another for life. In Kentucky incest is punished more than four times as severely as perjury, but across the river, in Indiana, perjury is more than four times as heinous as incest. For burglary, under mitigating circumstances, a fine of $10 is imposed in New Jersey, but in Alabama the burglar is imprisoned a year, and in other States for many years. Such illustrations are multiplied upon every page of our penal laws. Nor are these extraordinary discrepancies corrected in practice by the courts. The actual records of the prisons show that the average sentence passed for perjury is ten times as long in Florida as in Maine; that for incest is fifteen times as long in Louisiana as in Pennsylvania; that for rape is seventeen times as long in New Mexico and twelve times as long in Texas as in Louisiana; that for robbery is twelve times as long in Alabama as in Delaware, and nineteen times as long in Arizona as in California. If the purpose of penal law is to do justice, which of the States attains it?

Thus the notion of retributive justive in penal law is a mockery and a delusion. There is no semblance to comparative equity in such awards. The difficulty is not in the lack of intelligence or of righteous purpose in the framers of the laws or in the courts. It is the impossibility of the task they undertake. There is no measure of guilt known to the human mind.

Conscientious, careful and humane as judges almost always are in this duty, yet in multitudes of instances sentences are passed of surprising severity or mildness, because of some characteristic or some passing mood of the judge himself. Two neighboring courts often differ enormously in their sentences for like offenses under like circumstances; and even the same court varies in its views of duty. Whichever way we turn, the attempt to punish as befits the offense, results in multiplied absurdities.

What can scientific method do for the reform of penal law? The first step must be to select the end to be sought. This is evidently the good of the community. In dealing with crime, as in every other work of government, the welfare of the whole body of citizens is the purpose to aim at the protection of civil order and of the rights of person and property; in short, the elimination of crime.

How then shall it deal with thee riminal? The answer is obvious. If a man is such in nature or habit that he cannot be a member of a free society, and that his fellows are not secure while he is free, he must be removed. I shall not now discuss the best way to remove him. Let us admit, for the present, that we have no better place to dispose of him than in a prison. Then let him be confined. But for how long? Plainly, the only and sufficient reason for confining him is that he cannot be in liberty consistently with the safety of the community. Then he must of course be kept in prison as long as this reason holds good. Let him be imprisoned until he gives satisfactory evidence that he can be released without danger to the rights of his fellows.

Every habitual criminal, every criminal by inheritance and natural bent who cannot be brought into harmony with law and civil order by social influences, must be secluded until his character is changed. If this cannot be brought about, he must remain the ward of the State, supporting himself as far as possible by enforced labor while he lives.

On the other hand, since there is no good reason for imprisoning a man except for the protection of society, no man should be consigned to prison until it is shown that he cannot be at large with safety to others. This simple principle would narrowly limit the use of jails. We are prodigal of them now and hold in confinement many thousands without the only justification possible. What then shall be done with the multitude of casual offenders who throng our courts? The question is to be decided upon the same principle—the welfare of the community. Experience shows that the system of imprisonment of minor offenders for short terms is but a gigantic measure for the manufacture of criminals. Our county jails everywhere are the schools and colleges of crime. In the light of social science, it were better for the world if every one of them were destroyed than that this work should be continued. But, as houses of detention, properly constructed and widely used, they might be made useful aids in our jurisprudence.

The true method of dealing with first offenders is indicated by the wonderful success of the probation laws in some States. When a person has broken the law and shows a tendency to bad associations and habits, but is not confirmed in crime, let him be placed under the protection and guardianship of the community, exercised by competent agents, and encouraged by the strongest motives to lead an orderly life. Under the probation laws he must report constantly to his probation officer, and is kept under scrutiny, so that any irregularity will be followed by arrest and imprisonment for the original offense. The motive is found strong enough, in a vast majority of instances, to inspire a fixed purpose and secure an honest life; and thus multitudes who, by making them "jail-birds," would have permanently reinforced the criminal class, are saved to society.

These laws are the most important and valuable experiment ever tried in penal science. But they are only an experiment, pointing the way to further and larger successes in the same direction. They teach us that freedom, not confinement, is the natural state of man, and the only condition under which influences for reformation can have their full efficiency. They indicate that a well-organized community would itself be the guardian and probation officer of its erring members; and that the ideal of civilization would include the compassing of such weak and halting persons with most natures, would prove so potent that the recruits of the criminal class would be few. It is in the vast extension of the principle of probation and in bringing to its support the powers of social life, under the guidance of a strong and intelligent public opinion, that the greatest improvement in penal law is to be expected.

Probation will doubtless prove by experience to be inapplicable to some cases, though these will surely be but a small fraction of the vast body of offenders. For these exceptions we have as yet nothing better than the system of reformatory discipline in confinement, which has already, in many States, begun to take the place of the slavery to which convicts are traditionally subjected. The principle of the indeterminate sentence once admitted, it becomes the duty of the State, when offenders in freedom would be dangerous to society and to themselves, to hold them safely imprisoned; but under all the influences which can be brought to bear upon their minds and characters, to fit them for release. Here again success depends mainly upon the strength of motive to which appeal can be made. And in nearly every case the principle of the indeterminate sentence affords of itself the strongest motive possible. From the first day the prisoner has freedom in sight, to be earned by himself. If he resolutely submits to discipline, forms regular habits of industry and obedience and reconstruct his life on the basis of honest citizenship, the door of his prison will open, and the world will be before him as his success becomes established.

Go Forward.

N. H. D. WILSON.

Rev. Julius Magath, born a Hebrew, now set apart by the two Georgia Conferences in the providence of God as a missionary to the Jews, has an exceedingly important article in the last "Go Forward." He calls the attention of the church to certain great facts.

(1) There are 1,127,268 Jews in the United States, and they are increasing rapidly.

(2) There is almost total neglect of them by the church, especially in the South.

(3) They need Christ. Many are totally without a religion. All need the regenerating and sanctifying of the Gospel.

(4) Finally, from his own experience, he believes that properly approached, they gladly hear. Let the church awake and lovingly lead the Nation to its Messiah.

In the same issue, Rev. C. G. Hounshell gives an account of "A Glorious Revival" in Korea. Beginning in the hearts of the missionaries with much searching of motive and purpose and growing into prayer, it spreads throughout the Chakol Church, Seoul. Many were reached. They sought and received pardon, made public confession and restitution and manifested in every way clear-cut conversion. Men and women and children, lowly and educated, sought and found Christ.

We sometimes ask whether the "heathen" make good Christians. One of them at least, reported in the "Go Forward" by Rev. J. F. Flores, sets a worthy example to those from birth "Christians." Senora Josefa de Ramirez, a Mexican widow in the bounds of the Marfa Mexican Mission, afflicted in many ways, blind for eighteen years, subsisting on aid from the county, out of her pittance saved her mites until she laid by ten dollars. This she gave toward a Bible school in connection with "Instituto Laurens," at Monterey, Mexico, to prepare young Mexican brethren for the ministry. Oh that such a spirit pervaded the whole church!

If one reads the record which Mrs. W. H. Park, Soochow, China, gives of her work for three days, he will never doubt that the missionaries certainly have "plenty to do." These and other articles and items make the September "Go Forward" an instructive and inspiring periodical. It is a great pity that it is not in every Methodist home.

The just man is the happiest man. His life glides on as peaceably as thou ndisturbed waters of a clear rivulet slowly flowing through meadows enamled with flowers. As they do, the just man marks his paces by benefits, and leaves after him felicity, plenty and joy; as they also, he is thirsted after, desired, cherished and regretted. Wherever he goes hearts seem flying to atten upon his steps. The father shows him to his son, and dies content to see him so well replaced, like unto the rays of the sun, which after a gloomy storm, break out to recreate with their presence, and animate by their warmth the languid and lifeless fields. The just brings everywhere along with him happiness and comfort.—Great Thoughts.

There is nothing more emphasized in Gospel than that "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father and the holy angels. But if any man deny me before men, him will I deny." "Ye are my witnesses," said Christ, and that means, literally, "my martyrs." The words are the same. Every Christian is a potential martyr, that is to say, may find himself in circumstances when he must choose between the faith he professes and death; and this world is not so changed yet but that they may who really confess Christ have to suffer for it.—James Stalker.

The Field

Cheering Words.

Arapahoe, N. C., September 27, 1904.

I will try to write a few words for the Advocate. It is harvest time now with the farmers, and I wonder if our brethren are thinking or praying for the harvesting of poor fallen humanity. Are all of our folks going through their neighborhood speaking some comforting word to those who are in need of such words of affection. There are those who are out of the church whom some one could use their idle moments in convincing that there is a reality in the church of God. Then there are those who are in the church who are poor, who haven't had the advantages of life to be as nicely dressed as the more prosperous classes of people, and a great many of these poor people are held down by the church members of this higher class. I think we need more of the spirit of the poet in our midst when he said: Sacrifice is gold in Heaven. Help a little, help to lift each fallen brother. Help just a little. There are some men who watch their brothers, and if they don't do justly in their dealings with their fellowmen they then and there make a remark similar to this: I told you so. I heard him pray last Sunday in Sunday-school, and he cried like a whipped child, and I knew it was put on. Our people ought to make up and go to praying, and not only to praying, but to working for the one who died on Calvary. Let us live more for each other in the future than we have in the past. Awake ye who sleep, for the Savior is coming again to gather His jewels.

I will close. May God bless and receive us all in Heaven by and by. I remain,

HILARY BOWDEN.

Some Good Meetings.

We closed our last protracted services the fourth Saturday in August. We began with the hope that interest might increase as the meetings progressed, and so it was.

The brethren who assisted us gave us good sermons, and in each case the congregation seemed pleased with the preaching.

At Union, Bro. W. F. Galloway, of Hatteras, did all of the preaching, and the preaching was good. Our people expressed themselves as being highly pleased, and the services were very interesting from the beginning. The church was revived and many evidences of permanent good stand out yet. Many of our people expressed themselves as never having enjoyed a meeting more.

At Newbegun the pastor did the most of the preaching, though we were glad to see and have with us Professor Hornaday, of Trinity Park School, and Rev. A. J. Parker. These brethren brought with them the blessing of cheer and interest in the Master's work.

Rev. L. B. Jones was with us at Halls Creek, and from the words of kindness we heard we do not feel that we are saying too much for our people when we say that they were highly pleased with his services.

At Mt. Herman Bro. W. E. Hocutt was present and did the preaching, to the satisfaction and delight of his many friends there. Brother Hocutt was pastor of this circuit a few years ago, and still has a very warm place in the hearts of these people. They love Brother Hocutt—we all love him. His work during the week resulted in the conversion of many souls. All our meetings have been a great success in many ways, souls have been saved and church members reclaimed.

We are closing our year's work with as few regrets as we ever closed a year's work. Our finance is in good shape. We have paid off the district parsonage debt of $90, raised many other smaller claims, painted two churches, have all our Conference collections secured, and a goodly number of additions to the church on profession of faith. The circuit is in good condition throughout. In fact, this is one of the best circuits in the Conference. We have some over 350 members and no kickers, and very few anti-missionaries, both of whom are much feared when found in large flocks.

There has been an increase of over 300 per cent in the number of family altars on this work this year.

The preacher whose lot it may be to serve this people next year may expect to find a good people to serve. I hope the Elder has me in mind for this place.

We all love our Elder, and feel sure that he will endeavor to do the best for us all when he comes face to face with the Bishop.

W. F. JONES.

A Message.

Through the courtesy of his brethren of the church press, the Epworth League Secretary and editor has the privilege of addressing the pastors and League workers in this general and effective way. The League has greatly improved and prospered during the past year. The statistics of the Annual Conference have yet to be compiled, but we are confident that they will show that the League has fully held its own. Great advance has been made in our plans and great improvements in all our League literature. The Reading Courses for Senior, Intermediate and Junior Leagues have been carefully and successfully selected. The League Bible Circle Studies, which are pronounced by competent critics to be the best work yet done for the young people of the churches, enters its second year greatly enlarged in its scope and improved.

The Epworth Era, now printing a splendid Magazine Edition of twenty-four and thirty-two pages, is growing in favor and circulation as never before. The editor's motto: "A paper equal to the best, and a successful competitor of the popular magazines of the day, "is meeting with a response from every quarter. This note is written to ask all our people, young and old, to send us for samples of this literature, as well as for samples of the Epworth Era. They will be mailed to you without cost, post free. The League has entered upon a new and prophetic era of activity and success. Our wish is to interest all our people in its plans and fellowships. It has brought to the church a new impulse of life and testimony. Let us hear from you. A postal card will secure samples of all helps and booklets, and a sample copy of the Epworth Era.

Faithfully,

H. M. DuBOSE.
General Secretary.

Nashville, Tenn.

Meetings.

We are just at the close of our second meeting since we last wrote you. This completes our protracted services for the year.

Our first of the two above-mentioned was at Hebron, the smallest church on the charge, it having then only forty-nine members. There were three conversions and three accessions to the church. The writer did all of the preaching.

The second was at Savages, and it was a glorious meeting. There were some fifteen or twenty conversions and a goodly number of backsliders reclaimed. The church is in a far better condition now than it has been for some time. Fifteen gave their names for membership in our church.

During this meeting Brother Underwood preached three strong sermons for us, and Brother Parker, of Whalleyville, Va., preached one.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held on Friday during the meeting, and though the salaries were not up in full the stewards assured us that they would be. The other collections are almost up at present.

We expect to carry a good report to Conference.

W. H. BROWN, P. C.

Elise Circuit.

We have just closed the last one of our six meetings.

Our meeting for Tyre began the first Sunday in September, closing the following Friday, the visible results being some twenty conversions, fourteen accessions, the church revived, and the salary and collections all pledged.

The second Sunday and the week following was our meeting at Mt. Carmel. It was a time long to be remembered by us all, because of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and souls being born into the kingdom of God. We added eight to our church, and sent several to our sister churches.

We commenced the meeting at Pleasant Hill the third Sunday, and closed Tuesday night after the fourth Sunday. Brother Broom, of Carthage Circuit, came to our assistance the first Monday of the meeting, and preached, to the edification of all who heard him, till Friday evening. The Word was accompanied by the power of the Holy Ghost, and both young and old were happily converted. Some thirty conversions and twenty-seven accessions. We have had good meetings at all the churches, but the last resulting in the greatest ingathering.

We are now on the "home stretch" to bring up the finances of the work.

J. W. HOYLE.

Hemp, N. C., October 1, 1904.

Youngsville Circuit.

Youngsville, N. C., Sept. 26, 1904.

I have held five meetings on Youngsville Circuit. The first was held at Youngsville, in the spring and summer, beginning at 11 o'clock, fifth Sunday in May, and running through the 6th of June. Rev. Mr. Justice, of the Missionary Baptist Church, preached for me once, and Rev. Mr. Foster, of the Christian Church, twice. Except that a very few of the saints expressed a desire for a closer walk with God, there was no visible interest. Brother Justice has since held a week's meeting in the Baptist Church, with like results. During my other four meetings several, perhaps half dozen or more, knelt for prayer, in the congregation, none of whom made a profession of salvation. Twenty-five presented themselves at the altar, twenty-three of whom professed to be saved. Rev. Mr. Morris, Missionary Baptist, preached once at Leah's. While on my way to the last of these meetings, first Sunday in September, wife was taken sick and had to be brought home the following Saturday on an ambulance, hence this meeting closed before I intended it should. Wife is now nearly well, having escaped what we feared typhoid fever. One more meeting yet to hold. Conference collections considerably behind, but ahead of the report to Annual Conference last year. I am laboring and praying for one hundred per cent.

Sincerely,

GEO. T. SIMMONS.

Trinity College Notes.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., Sept. 30, 1904.

Monday, October 3rd, will be observed as a holiday, the day having been designated as Benefactors' Day. An announcement of all gifts to the College during the past year will be made. The institution has been the recipient of a great many gifts since last Benefactors' Day. It has been the custom to invite some distinguished speaker to deliver an address on this occasion. Hon. T. J. Jarvis will deliver the address this year. These exercises have been of very great interest and the one this year is looked forward to with very great pleasure. The Glee Club will furnish music for the occasion. The exercises will be held in Craven Memorial Hall, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The Debating Council is making arrangements for the Inter-Collegiate debates for the year. At least one of the debates will be held in Durham.

The committee on public lectures has arranged to have at least one public lecture each month. These lectures are given in Craven Memorial Hall, and the public is invited to attend. The first lecture will be delivered by President Kilgo.

The Family

Post-Vacation Song.

BY R. WALTER WRIGHT.

(Stanley said of Glave: "He greeted hard labor with a fierce joy.")

It is not for the joy of the holiday,
I would eagerly, longingly wait,
That the dreary routine of my life I might lay
By some beautiful magic gate;
To mingle with laughter and music and play,
In the swift yacht of pleasure to glide,
To sit by the cool splashing fountain, and say,
"This, this is the bliss I'm denied."

It is not for the summer resort that I sigh,
With its rest and its languorous shade,
To watch through the leaves lazy clouds passing by,
And the soft summer evenings fade,
And oarless, to drift on a warm, silent lake,
Where the mild, mellow moonlight gleams,
And be rocked to sleep in the gentle wake
Of a passing ship of dreams.

It is not for a trip to some far-away shore,
By ten thousand travelers sought,
For its works of art, and its deeds of yore,
With classic memories fraught.
Not to gaze on the glories of mountain heights,
On the beauties of river and glen;
Not to feast my eyes on all glorious sights
Which have thrilled the hearts of men.

For each morn brings a day, new, glad, and rare,
From the haven of restful sleep;
And with bracing breeze from the bay of prayer
To the ocean of Duty I sweep.
It is not for the far or the strange that I ask,
The ennui of life to destroy—
In the hard, true work of my daily task,
Is my fullest and fiercest joy.

—Christian Guardian.

Ten Commandments for the Mother.

1. Be healthy.
2. Be joyful.
3. Be beautiful.
4. Be gentle and placid.
5. Be firm without severity.
6. Do not stint with your mother love. Tenderness is not effeminacy. And just because life often is cold and hard and cruel, a sunny, bright, glad childhood is a blessing for the whole life.
7. Discipline as life disciplines. It does not scold, it does not plead, it does not fly into a passion. It simply teaches that every deep has its adequate effect.
8. Do not laugh at the little sorrows and pains of child life. Nothing wounds a child more than to find ridicule where it looked for sympathy.
9. In illness and anger protect, nurse, cherish, and cheer as much as in your power. And do not weaken your vitality by giving way to anguish and sorrowing. What can be done must be done as well as possible.
10. Do not forget the happiness of having a child include the duty of smoothing his way in the world—of endowing him with health, gladness, courage, vigor; of finally letting him live his own life freely and in his own way. Your say you have had in advance, for your sorrowing was happiness and your sacrificing joy.—Translated for Harper's Bazaar from Die Illustrirte Frauenzeitung.

A Child of God.

There was a ripple of excitement all through the orphan asylum, for a great lady had come in her carriage to take little Jane home with her.

Jane herself was bewildered with the thought. The kind matron led her down the wide stairway, and as she passed the hall door she saw the shining carriage, the fine horses, the liveried servants, and it seemed life a dream.

"I hope she is glad to go," said the great lady in her gentle tone. "Do you want to go home with me and be my child, my dear?"

"I don't know," said Jane, timidly.

"But I am going to give you beautiful clothes and a gold ring and a box of candy, and books and dolls and blocks and a swing. Now, do you want to go?"

"I don't know," said the child, still frightened.

"You shall have a little room of your own, with a beautiful bed and table and chair; you shall have a bird in a cage and a little dog with a silver collar. Don't you want to go with me, Jane?"

There was a moment's silence, and then the little one said, anxiously "But what am I to do for all this?"

The lady burst into tears. "Only to love me and be my little child," she said, and she folded the little girl in her arms.

God finds us orphaned and desolate and defiled with sin, and poor and naked and blind. He adopts us into His family, and gives us all that we need in this life, with care and protection, and His own name and forgiveness and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, and an inheritance in glory; and all that he asks is return is that we should love Him and be His children.—Children's Record.

The Small Things of Dress.

There are men who spend $100 or less per year for their clothes and always look well dressed. There are men who spend ten times as much for their clothes and never look well dressed. The secret of good dressing is attention to the small things. An expensive suit, supplemented with soiled linen and unpolished shoes, looks shabby. A comparatively cheap suit, set off with shining shoes and immaculate collar and cuffs, gives the wearer the appearance of being well groomed. Old trousers carefully pressed and cleaned look better than newer trousers which are soiled and baggy. A spotless last year's hat looks better than a this year's tile which has upon it all this year's dirt. To appear well dressed costs pains rather than money. Personal neatness has a commercial as well as an esthetic value. An employer does not like to have about his men who look unkempt and seedy. They make it appear that he either will not or cannot pay good wages or salaries—that he is either close-fisted or unprosperous—and thereby his business is injured. Other things equal, the young clerk or book-keeper or salesman who, no matter how small his pay, always keeps himself looking clean and well dressed, is the one who will be selected for promotion. Clothes don't make the man. They have helped in the making of many men.—Chicago Tribune.

Difficult Questions in Christian Warfare.

BY REV. F. B. MEYER.

"The first three years of my Christian profession I was enthusiastic, loyal and sincere in God's service, but for the last few years I have backslidden and have found myself weak where I thought I was strong. How shall I be able to overcome my fleshly lusts?"

A young man asks this question. This is no doubt one of the reasons why we have been sent into the world. The soul is central between the spirit which communicates to the unseen and eternal, and the body which communicates with the earthly and temporal. And the true quality of our soul is shown by the selection we make. Either the soul lends itself to the influences of the unseen and eternal world—becomes permeated by the spirit, or it opens itself to the full tide of influences that sets in from the world of sense and passion.

My friend laments that he has fallen under the power of the flesh. Why is this? It is quite likely that he is truly regenerate and is a child of God, but his mistake lies in the fact that he is trying to combat the power of his nature by his own resolutions, by the display of his own energy, by even fasting and flagellation of his body. None of these, as the Apostle says, will really help us. "Handle not, nor taste, nor touch. * * * having indeed a show of wisdom in will-worship, and humility and severity to the body; but are not of any value against the indulgence of the flesh." (Col. 2:20-23.)

What my friend really needs is to realize that in the purpose of God he is in the risen and victorious Christ, who says: "Fear not, I have overcome." Our Lord overcame, not for Himself alone, but for us all. The results of His glorious victory are, so to speak, stored in His ascended nature, and await our appropriation. When, therefore, temptation comes, my friend should say first: "I am in the Risen Christ," and secondly, "The Risen Christ is in me." By an act of faith in the prompting and power of the Holy Spirit, he should at once derive from Christ grace to help keep, and even more, that he should take into himself, Christ as his purity, power and keeper. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ will make him free from the law of sin and death. (Rom. 8:1-11.)

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"Considering that Christ always spoke of death as a sleep, is it right to think that at death a complete state of unconsciousness supervenes preparatory to our entrance into new conditions of life?"

It is quite clear that our Lord did not view death as a sleep. Remember that He told the dying thief that they would be together in Paradise. The obvious meaning of those words is that they should be as sentient, conscious, and as able to hold intercourse with each other in the latter hours of that day as they were in the former—then, in Paradise, as now on the Cross. The distinct statement of Peter that our Lord went to preach to the spirits in prison, that though He was put to death in the flesh, He was quickened in the spirit, implies beyond question that at the moment of death the spirit enters upon another and further ministry (I. Peter 3:18,19). We need not quote again the words of Paul in Philippians 1:23, except that to one who loved Christ as Paul did, it would have been impossible to say that a state of unconsciousness was preferable to converse with our Lord which life on this earth permitted.

The fact that death is compared to sleep is quite consistent with these facts. What part of our nature does sleep touch? Certainly not the spirit or the soul. Our dreams indicate that the trains of thought of which we are conscious in our waking hours are still pursued, indeed some of us have discovered by repeated experience that the materials given to the mind before we sleep become elaborated during the hours of slumber into clear and coherent conclusions. Sleep affects the body only, as death does. But in death, as in sleep, the moral and spiritual nature of man is more keenly alert than ever before.

Two ladies entered a cable car in Edinburgh at an hour of the day when seats are a possibility. One was an elegant dowager in regal magnificence of attire; the other was evidently her daughter.

"Shall I pay the fare, mamma? I have my purse with me," said the younger lady, sweetly.

"Oh, no, I'll pay. I have plenty of change."

Thereupon she leaned sideways and commenced the intricate and hampered process of searching her rich draperies for her pocket. After a minute or two of fumbling, during which her face grew an apoplectic red, she exclaimed, tragically:

"Laura, what shall I do?" I've been robbed. My purse is gone—my pocket is entirely empty?"

"Perhaps, madam," said the gentleman by her side, into whose coat pocket she had thrust her hand—"perhaps if you search your own pocket instead of mine you will be more likely to find your purse."—Exchange.

Towne: "That was a brave act of Urban's—rushing into the water to save a woman from drowning."

Suburb: "Brave fiddlesticks! It was merely an act of selfishness on his part."

Towne: "Why, how can you say that?"

Suburb: "The woman he rescued was a cook that had been with him for six months."—Chicago News.

Prof. E. C. Brooks, formerly the able Secretary of the Public School Loan Fund, has been elected Superintendent of the Goldsboro Graded Schools. Professor Brooks has entered upon his new duties.

Our Boys and Girls

Our Heroes.

Here's a hand to the boy who has courage
To do what he knows to be right.
When he falls in the way of temptation
He has a hard battle to fight.
Who strives against self and his comrades,
Will find a most powerful foe;
All honor to him if he conquers.
A cheer for the boy who says, "No!"

There's many a battle fought daily
The world knows nothing about;
There's many a brave little soldier
Whose strength puts a legion to rout.
And he who fights sin single-handed
Is more of a hero, I say,
Than he who leads soldiers to battle,
And conquers by arms in the fray.

Be steadfast, my boy, when you're tempted,
To do what you know to be right;
Stand firm by the colors of manhood,
And you will o'ercome in the fight.
"The Right" be your battle-cry ever
In waging the warfare of life;
And God, who knows who are heroes,
Will give you the strength for the strife.

Wanschese, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy five years old. My papa takes the Advocate. I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. I haven't ever been to any school yet, but I can read and spell in my first reader. I have one little brother; his name is Moody Meadows.

I will ask a question: Who washed the disciples feet?

Your little friend,
JULIAN E. BAUM.

Shallotte, N. C., Sept. 12, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy not quite five years old. I can't read yet, but I love to hear papa and mamma read the little girls' and boys' letters.

I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. Miss Mary Rourk is my teacher. I don't know which loves her best, sister or myself. I know I love her all I can. I can repeat the twenty-third psalm.

Enclosed find five cents for the Orphanage.

WALDO EMERSON SWAIN.

Truth, N. C., Sept. 22, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—Would you like to have a new member to join your band of little folks? I am a girl thirteen years of age. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday that I can. My teacher's name is Mr. Marvin Ragland, and I like him fine. Our superintendent is Mr. J. D. McIver, and our pastor is Rev. G. W. Starling. This is first year with us, and we like him very well.

My papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the boys' and girls' letters very much.

I will close by asking a question: Who was the first person ever buried?

Your unknown friend,
NERAH PIPKINS.

Altamahaw, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.

Dear Advocate:—We are two little girls, eight and ten years old. Our mother has been dead eight years. But we have a good step-mother, and she takes your paper and we certainly do enjoy reading the boys' and girls' letters. We go to Sunday-school most every Sunday. Our superintendent is Mr. T. J. Gwyn, and we certainly do love him. Our pastor's name is Rev. S. F. Nicks, and we love him and Mrs. Nicks also. Mr. Nicks held his meeting at Shiloh the fifth Sunday in July. We had a glorious meeting. Rev. Mr. Hoyle, from Durham, assisted him and did some fine preaching.

Hoping to see this in print, we will close for this time.

Your little friends,
KATIE and SUSIE FAUCETTE.

P. S.—Enclosed please find ten cents for the Orphanage.

Truth, N. C., Sept. 22, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy ten years old. I go to Sunday-school most every Sunday. Our every-day schoool has closed now. Mr. Clarence Judd was my teacher. My Sunday-school teacher is Mr. R. O. Buchanan.

Papa takes the Advocate and I like to read the little folks' letters very much.

I have four sisters and two brothers.

I will ask a quetsion: Who was the wisest man?

I will close with much love to the orphans and Dr. Ivey.

Your little friend,
CARSON PIPKINS.

Clayton, N. C., Sept. 24, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will write for my first time. I am a little girl ten years old. Mamma takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the little boys' and girls' letters so much I thought I would write a short letter. I go to Sunday-school when I can. We live so far from any Sunday-school I canot go often. I go to church often. Our pastor is Mr. G. W. Fisher. Mr. W. L. Stancil is my teacher. We all like him very much. He is so kind to his little scholars. He gave a prize to the one that got the most head-marks in spelling last winter and I got it. I am going to try to get it this winter.

Hoping to see my letter in print, I will close with much love to the Advocate.

Your little friend,
ERDINE BARNES.

Snead's Ferry, N. C., Sept. 23, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl thirteen years of age. I surely love to read the Advocate, also the letters on the children's page. We have preaching every first Sunday. Our pastor is Rev. J. M. Marlowe, and we like him very much. My mother and father are both living and they are mightily sweet and I love them. I have four brothers and two sisters living and a brother dead. I have a pet hen; she is as sweet as she can be, and she minds nearly every word I say to her. She has had chickens five times and laid over one hundred eggs.

Now I will ask a question: Who was the strongest man?

Will some one of the little cousins send me the songs, "Why Did They Dig Ma's Grave so Deep," and "Mamma Kissed Me in a Dream Last Night."

Your friend,
SADIE PEARL MOORE.

P. S.—I hope to see my letter in print.

Stem, N. C., Sept., 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I was requested by the superintendent of our Sunday-school to write to the children's department, so I will do the best I can. I will write what I can about faith.

What faith is: It is the substance of things honed for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith we understand that the world was framed by God, so that things which are seen were made of things which do not appear. Without faith we cannot please God, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him and a comforter to them that evidently follow Him. By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moving with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house, by which he condemned the world and became the heir of righteousness. If we have faith in God, if we ask anything according to His will He heareth us. These things I have written to those that believe in God.

Respectfully,
ETHEL BULLOCK.

P. S.—Enclosed you will find $1.50 for the Orphans' Home from Stem Sunday-school.

A Live Express Package.

BY MAY EVE.

Part I.

It was different from the other packages, and the face of the boy was as different as the package. He was a manly young man of about seventeen years. It was not exactly the careless face of a boy—there was a resolute look about it that gave the appearance of being older. But the package was a live package with a chain and collar about its neck; when the expressman took it in charge he had to handle it with care, for it did not seem to value his attentions, but cast wistful glances behind. Yet it was a gentle creature withal, but seemed to feel that its rights were infringed upon. Dennis Hair (for that was the name of the boy) gave only one stroke to the shaggy, black fur, then took his hand away quickly.

"I feel sorry for that young fellow," I heard the expressman say to a young man in the office; "he puts a good face on it, but I can see how he hates giving up that dog."

"I know it," said the other; "but Dennis is a good-hearted fellow. Little Norman Blake, the boy who lost his eyes in the fire, has been with him all summer. He is some kin to them; I don't know what. But that dog, Pedro, would take care of him just as if he were his nurse. The little boy cried as if his heart would break when he bade the dog good-bye. It is just like Dennis to send him to the little fellow."

The expressman leaned over and stroked Pedro's shaggy mane, but the dog only shook off his hand and kept looking back toward the door.

Part II.

Years had passed. In the company sitting upon the beach that summer day there was something strange yet familiar in the faces of the group. There was the bronzed face of a man of about thirty years or thereabouts, and with him a little boy, whom he called "Dennis," of about eight years, who was playing with some other little boys upon the beach.

Norman Blake, tall now, but very slight, had been brought to the seashore by his mother, hoping that it might bring back the color to his white face. Pedro was his faithful attendant.

Presently there was a commotion in the crowd. "Child lost!" was echoed from group to group. Then I was sure I had seen the gentleman with the bronzed face before. The look upon the face of the boy Dennis, of years gone by, had come back in a thousandfold increase of strength and tenderness.

"Dennis! Dennis!"

There was a speck upon the water and a splashing sound in the distance. The gentleman with the bronzed face had thrown off his coat and swum out in the water; but faithfully the big dog was making the strokes for the shore. Upon the beach the father clasped the dripping boy in his embrace, and Pedro stood by wagging his tail and barking for very gladness of heart.

PART III.

On another day in another express office a live package was carried with a tag upon his collar, "To Dennis Hair, Jr.," for blind Norman Blake had gone to the land where there is no night and Pedro was sent in grateful acknowledgement to the son of his old master. And verily our old friend Dennis had had his reward.—Epworth Era.

Some Funny Places for Ears.

A wise man's eyes are in his head, and his ears also, but these latter organs in some animals are placed quite otherwise. Fishes, for example, have both ears in their head, and also structures in the skin of the body which helps them to perceive any movements in the water. A dark line, easily seen along either side of a fish's body, is the seat of such organs.

If you examine a lobster or prawn, you will find two pairs of horns, or feelers sticking out of his head, one pair being large, another small. Lodged in each feeler is a little bag opening to the outside, which enables the creature to hear.

There is a little shrimp, the opossum shrimp, which has an ear imbedded in each side flap of his tail, quite the wrong end for it. Shell fish, such as mussels and cockles, are blessed with a single fleshy foot which stick out from the under side of the body, and is used to shove the animal along. Two little bag-like ears are contained in this, so that the creature can listen to his own footsteps, so to speak.

Flies and other sorts of insects carry one pair of feelers on the head, and there is reason to think that these enable their possessor not only to feel, but also to smell and hear. Such things as grasshoppers go in for a pair of ears contained in two out of their six legs, and these are constructed to appreciate the "chirping" noise we hear in the country during the summer time.

And we may surmose that Mother Grasshopper has to box her unruly offspring's ears by smiting his legs. —Selected.

Little Flaxen-hair: "Papa, it's raining."

Papa (somewhat annoyed by work in hand): "Well, let it rain."

Little Flaxen-hair(timidly): "I was going to."

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

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Lady Managers.

It has been some time since there has been a report in our column from any of our Bright Jewel Bands.

There are forty-eight Bands in our Conference Society, and if the Lady Manager of each one would send us a report of her work once during they ear, each week's paper would contain something of our juvenile work.

Woman's Missionary Union.

On last Monday afternoon at the Presbyterian church there was a large attendance upon the first fall meeting of the above organization, which, as the name indicates, is composed of members from the Missionary Societies of all the churches of the city.

There was an address by Rev. L. C. Vass, a missionary from the Presbyterian church to Africa; also an interesting talk by Miss Heck, who has, for many years, led in the missionary movements of our city.

"Notes" from Mrs. Swindell.

How many of our Auxiliary Presidents are reading carefully these notes from the Board meeting, and from our Conference work, and culling from them the important points that they will have to adjust in their immediate Auxiliary plans?

Every year the field of conquest broadens, and there must be a corresponding breadth to our efforts, to our responsibilities, to our loyalty and to our liberality.

Outside our pledge, there must be provision for the expenses of our Miss Lamb in the Scarritt Training School, and the S. C. Trucheart Lectureship in that chool.

When the amounts necessary for these are apportioned to the Districts and Auxiliaries, the increase of amount to such Society will be small; but the alert President will be taking note of all these things and preparing the mind and heart of her members for a glad response to every call.

Interesting Items from Parker's.

Dear Mrs. Dixon:—Although our Society at Parker's has been silent some time, yet we have not been idle, and are yet alive. We feel we must let you know what we are doing.

We meet on fourth Saturday afternoons, at the homes of some of the members, and we find this pleasant; and, too, we have a better attendance than when we meet at the church.

At our meeting in August our President proposed that we have a public meeting; so it was agreed that we would hold it on the third Sunday afternoon in September.

An appropriate program was arranged, consisting of music, recitations, readings and an address by our pastor, all of which was well rendered.

We hope there were seed sown from which we shall reap a great blessing, and many more be influenced to join us in helping forward the Master's cause.

To show our efforts were not in vain, at our regular monthly meeting, we had eight new members enrolled, and our pledge money nearly all in sight. Is this not encouraging?

MRS. R. T. SAVAGE,
Corresponding Secretary.

Yes, taking in that number of new members at one time, accompanied by the promise of liberal contributions, is surely a token of renewed interest, and should encourage the holding of public meetings.

There is not enough attention paid to the importance of these meetings. Hear one of the by-laws of our Auxiliary Societies: "Once each quarter, if practical, a public meeting shall be held, when reports of the work shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase general missionary intelligence and zeal, as well as earnestness in the special work of the Society."

If there is an Auxiliary in our Conference Society that adheres strictly to this by-law, and holds a public meeting "once every quarter," no mention has been made of it; but there are many who hold this meeting once a year, and always find great good resulting.

Let us, as nearly as possible, conduct our Missionary Auxiliaries and their work squarely by our "rules and regulations," for they were conceived and formulated by the quickened, consecrated talent of our Godly leaders, and, when closely followed, will surely lead to substantial progress and final success.

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Programme for Week of Prayer, October 10-16, 1904.

Let earnest prayer be made that members, workers, and officers of the Woman's Home Mission Society may receive anointing for service during this season; also that large gifts may come to the general treasury. On each day take collection, enroll new members and secure subscribers to "Our Homes."

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Topic: "The United States as a Mission Field." (Reference book: "Under Our Flag," Guernsey.)
Hymn.
Prayer.
Scripture: "True Worshippers." (John iv. 23, 24.)
Papers: "Immigration." "City Problems." "Our Mountain and Mining Population."
Prayer. (Pray definitely that the church may realize the great need of diligence in this field "white unto the harvest.")

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Topic: "Need and Opportunity of Mission Work in the South." (References: "Problems of the Present South," by Edgar Gardner Murphy; Dr. Lambuth's paper, "The Problems of the Home Field," in August number of Our Homes.)
Hymn.
Prayer.
Scripture: "Definite Prayer." (Mark x. 51; Luke xviii. 41.)
Papers: "Our Factory Populations and Child Labor Laws." "Our Negro Problem and How It Shall Be Solved." "How Shall We Meet the Growing City Slums?"
Prayer. (Pray that each member of the Society may be thoroughly quickened to a sense of personal responsibility.)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Topic: "The Connectional Work of the Society." (References: Eighteenth Annual Report; Our Homes: "Life of Lucinda B. Helm.")
Hymn.
Prayer.
Scripture: "The Power of United Prayer." (Matt. xviii. 19, 20.)
Papers: "Christian Education the Need of the Mountains: What Have We Done to Secure It?" "What Results May We Expect from Work Among Foreigners?" "What Have We Done for the Rescue of Fallen Women?" "Parsonages and Supplies." "How Shall We Secure the Necessary Funds for Our Connectional Work?"
Prayer. (Pray for each phase of Home Missions work, and that souls may be converted through every department.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

Topic: "The Need and Opportunity for Mission Work in Our Own Locality."
Prayer.
Hymn.
Scripture:: "The Boldness of God's Friends." (Luke ii. 5, 8.)
Papers: "The Character of Work Which Lies Within the Province of the Auxiliary." "How Far Shall the Parsonage be Furnished and Cared For?" "How Can the Pastor be Aided in Building Up the Membership and Spiritual Interests of the Church?"
Prayer. (Pray that Auxiliaries may be helpful to pastors in every phase of local work.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

Topic: "What Does the Woman's Home Mission Society Need to Enable It to Meet Its Responsibility?"
Hymn.
Prayer.
Scripture: "The Key to the Pocket." (Mal. iii. 8-10.)
Papers: "Money—What Shall I Render Unto the Lord for all Benefits?" "Trained Workers—Need and Value of Trained Workers as Deaconesses, Missionaries and Teacher." "An Enthusiastic Membership Inspired and Educated by Home Mission Literature."
Prayer. (Pray for workers who are willing to be trained; ask Him for gold and silver for the work, and pray earnestly that our women may be constrained to enter this work because of a holy enthusiasm.)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Topic: "How Can an Individual Member Promote the Life and Work of the Auxiliary?"
Prayer.
Hymn.
Scripture: "Working Orders of the Woman's Home Mission Society." (2 Cor. vi. 1-10.)
Papers: "Personal Consecration and Its Practical Exercise:" "The Responsibility of Each Member for the Attendance, the Orderly Conduct and the Interest of the Monthly Meeting; "The Need of Personal Study of Home Mission Literature."
Prayer. (Pray that members, workers, and officers may receive anointing for service at this hour.)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Let this be a day when the burden of prayer shall be that "He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

Morning Service.—Request the pastor to preach a sermon in the interest of the Work.

Evening Service.—When pastors are willing, hold a public service.

Anthem.
Hymn.
Prayer.
Scripture Lesson: Matt. ix. 37, 38.
Hymn.
Address: "The Work of the Woman's Home Mission Society."
Prayer.
Benediction.

I am glad to give the readers of the Advocate the fine program for our Prayer Week, that they may see the careful and capable planning of our leaders. I urge all Auxiliaries to observe the week and, as far as possible, follow the program. May it prove a season of refreshing and give new impetus to the great cause of missions.

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The World As We See It.

Senator George Frisbie Hoar, who died after a lingering illness at his home at Worcester, Mass., on the 30th ultimo, had political and religious beliefs not held by many of our readers, yet in whatever attitude he stood as a private member of the Unitarian Church or as one of the great columnar forces in the political world, he impressed people with the fact that he was a true, good man. The character of such a man is a legacy to the nation. All who knew him must bear testimony to this fact.

Some funny things are happening these days in the name of law. Chief of Police Westbrook, of a town in Georgia, has been justified by the court in cowhiding Rev. L. G. Broughton publicly on the streets. The chief, according to press reports, was found guilty of drunkenness while on duty, and of loitering in barrooms, but was justified by the "peculiar circumstances" in making an assault on the Reverend L. G. Broughton. This is one of the most peculiar verdicts we have heard of in some time. What is the matter down in Georgia anyway?

There is one fact which should estop those who have advocated the lease of the A. & N. C. R. R. from throwing rocks at Cuyler, Finch, McBee & Co., and that is that if it had not been for these much-discussed and abused individuals the road would not now be leased. This fact, however, will not prevent the acquiescence of the general public in the verdict given by Judge Purnell on last Thursday when he decided that the same gentlemen and their counsel are not entitled to any fee from the State. Judge Purnell is right in assuming that for him to decide otherwise would be to establish a precedent which would fill the courts with corporation litigation.

To those who are impressed with the fact that the American people are living at a very rapid rate, and who claim justly that such speed is inimical to the physical well-being of man, the dictum of life-insurance experts a few days ago in New York city is somewhat surprising. These experts say that the average American of today lives to be about five years older than the American of fifty years ago, and that the race is producing larger, stronger, finer men and women. "Public Opinion" attributes this increase in the span of life and in the size and vitality of men and women to the fact that the consumption of meat is diminishing and that of vegetables increasing. In 1850 every 100 Americans consumed 94 sheep; in 1900, only 50 sheep. In 1850, 118 hogs were consumed to every 100 persons; in 1900, only 43 hogs. In 1850, every 100 persons consumed 25 beeves; in 1900, 20 beeves. In 1880, the supply of eggs was 920 dozen for every 100 persons; in 1900, 1,700 dozen. In the same period the supply of dairy products increased by more than three-fold. Yet taking all meat products there has been a decrease of 36 per cent in 50 years. The figures for the same period show an increase in the consumption of vegetables. Now the interesting question is this: If a nervous, rapidly-living people can increase the span of life and the size of men and women by eating less meat and more vegetables, how much more would the span of life and the size of men and women be increased by the same people living in a conservative way?

The St. Louis Christian Advocate gives an account of an amusingly strange thing that happened on the World's Fair grounds a few days ago. A great peach company was giving a free sample of fruit to those who had the patience to bide his turn in the line. Many of the 5,000 who were in line waited two hours to get a peach. They could have gotten peaches in the city for almost nothing, and the wonders of the Exposition were inviting the weary watchers. Yet human nature had to be human nature. The appetite for a "free thing" was strong and triumphant.

"At peep of dawn white stretch his tents
As far as eye may see.
Pasture and hayrack, field and fence
Have donned his livery."

This is what J. C. McNeill, of the Charlotte Observer, one of the State's ablest writers and withal a true poet, says of the Frost King. The fine lines were written, we imagine, last week when the trees shivered in the chill twilight and the haze on the western horizon gave way to the winter opalescence, while coldly blinking stars gave suggestions of interiors made warm and ruddy by the first fires of Autumn. Now when the haze is in the west again, and the cicadas sing, and the soda fountain gushes and sings, we could wish that Mr. McNeill would tune his lyre and chant the "Rout of the Frost King on October Heights."

The question of cotton is very interesting just at present. There are two classes of people who are eagerly wondering what the yield will be as compared with last year. One class is longing for an increased yield, for this will mean a decreased price. The other class is longing for a decreased yield (in every section except its own) for this means an increased price. The latter class will take some comfort in the fact that according to the monthly report published in the Journal of Commerce, the condition of cotton has declined 7.5 points during the month of September, being now 69.9 as against 69.8 in September last year. It is not within the province of a religious paper to give advice on the prospective price of crops, but we will venture the reminder that, in our opinion, it will not be well to rely too much on the reports which would indicate a short crop.

Public interest clusters around two points in the Eastern war zone—Port Arthur and Mukden, the ancient city of the Manchus. It must be confessed that one element of this interest is the curiosity to know what is actually happening around these two places. The Japs are unusually secretive. We get but little news from Tokio. The Russians are by no means taciturn. In fact, they are quite talkative. But ever since they began to call retreats "retirements," and defeats "victories," we have been compelled to accept all dispatches from St. Petersburg with a large number of grains of "salt." It is said that the besieged Russians at Port Arthur have plenty of ammunition, plenty of food, and that the place cannot be taken. General Stoessel is reported as advising the Czar that the place can hold out at least six months longer. We believe that the true situation is this: Both ammunition and food are about exhausted. The Japs have taken almost the last defences. In a very short time the Russian ships will be compelled to make a fruitless and fatal sortie, and then the most strongly fortified place on the globe, with one exception, will be taken. It seems that General Stoessel is determined to sacrifice every man, woman and child rather than surrender.

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There is a still greater mystery hovering over Mukden. The Russians in great force, are intrenched there. One day there is report of a great battle. The next day the report is denied. One day we hear that General Kuropatkin has no other idea than of retreating 350 miles to Harbin. The next day we hear that he has determined to show the real prowess of the Russian army by giving battle to General Oku. It is probable that General Kuropatkin has already evacuated Mukden and that the decisive battle will be fought in some pass north of that city. It seems utterly incredible that the Russian army may be able to reach Harbin. They must fight before they ever see that city. It is our opinion that ever since the Russian fleet made that ill-fated sortie from that Port Arthur, Japan has had Russia whipped. The battle of Liao Yang simply emphasized the weakness of Russia. Russia is just beginning to realize what a power Japan is, but the realization has come too late. The idea of Russia's moving enough troops over her one line of railroad to defeat the great armies of Japan is simply unthinkable. Yet many on this side of the war say that the war has only begun, and that in the end Japan will be crushed.

NOTICE.

Some of the contestants for the prize offered by the North Carolina Methodist Handbook for the most artistic (floral) parsonage front, have already sent in the photos. Some who announced their decision to enter the contest have not sent in their photos. Will they please write us at once and let us know when we shall hear from them. This contest is going to be a very valuable and interesting feature of the next Handbook.

An Associated Press dispatch states that a Southern Methodist Church at Hobart, Oklahoma, has established a precedent in returning an excess of fire insurance. The insurance company allowed the church $1,300 for repairs; but the church found that the repairs cost only $1,000, and returned the remaining $300.—Exchange.

We are not one whit surprised that the above took place. But we are surprised that the Associated Press published the incident. It is in the habit of publishing only what is derogatory to the church—for such is the only real sensational news—the kind which the people call for.

Bishop Grafton represents the extreme high-church section of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and is seeking union with the Orthodox Greek Catholic Church. In his communication to Antonius he stated that "the church in the United States of North America has appointed a commission, consisting of ten Bishops and several learned and respected men, both clerical and secular; the object of the commission is to work out the problem of the relations of our church to foreign churches (commission of ecclesiastical relations with foreign churches).

Benefactors' Day was observed with appropriate ceremonies on last Monday. Hon. T. J. Jarvis delivered the address in the evening in Craven Memorial Hall. It was just such an address as is always expected of the old Roman—practical, earnest, and able. The College library and the museum have received valuable additions during the year. Not counting the amounts given by the two Conferences, the whole amount given to Trinity College during the year was $121,640.

There is only one way by which more power can be obtained, and that is by waiting on the Lord in confidence, in obedience, and in patience. In this attitude of heart we shall change our strength, daily getting new strength, and getting new strength, and getting more—perhaps consciously—until the day of testing comes, and find that in the time of stillness we have been endued with "more power."—Rev. W. Y. Fullerton.

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We can now peep over the fence of October and see Conference.

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Remember that the most important item in your Conference report is the announcement that souls have been saved.

It is a good policy for our preachers in getting up their Conference collections to put their feelings into their pockets.

The whole State is well pleased at the election of Mr. J. W. Grainger, of Kinston, to the presidency of the A. & N. C. R. R. He is a great force both in Church and State.

Dr. J. C. Kilgo dedicated the new church at Macedonia, Rev. N. L. Seabolt, P. C., on last Sunday. He preached in Brooklyn Church at night.

Rev. J. E. Underwood, P. E., writes that things are in good shape throughout the Elizabeth City District. Hundreds have been converted and the finances were never in better shape.

Rev. R. B. Hines, of Mt. Airy, N. C., writes us that he is now engaged in evangelistic work, and wishes to spend some time in meetings in the bounds of our Conference, beginning the 9th or 16th of October. Any brother needing his help should write him at once.

We deeply regret to learn of the death of Rev. Jas. F. Triplett, son of Rev. T. L. Triplett, of the W. N. C. Conference. He died of consumption at Pueblo, Colorado, last week. John was a faithful Methodist preacher, and he has received a bright crown. Our sympathies to the bereaved.

Rev. A. J. Parker and wife, Rev. N. M. Watson and wife, Rev. R. C. Craven and wife, Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, wife and sister, have up to date represented North Carolina Methodism at the St. Louis Exposition. By the way, the congregation which, while able to do so, has failed to send its preacher to the Exposition, has made a mistake. It is not too late. The Exposition will not close until December 1.

Rev. R. H. Whitaker has returned from Wilson and Johnston counties, where he held revival services at two churches and received seventeen new members into his churches. He was engaged in the services seventeen days, preaching sometimes three times a day to large congregations. Though the cotton fields were white, the people were so deeply interested that thy came and brought their dinner.—Raleigh Evening Times.

Rev. T. J. Dailey writes: "I have held meetings at Fletchers, Philadelphia and Harrells, resulting in gracious revivals at the two latter. There were twenty-one accessions at Philadelphia, and nineteen at Harrells—three heads of families. Rev. C. L. Read assisted at Fletchers and Rev. M. H. Tuttle at Philadelphia. Both did good and faithful preaching, and greatly endeared themselves to our people. We have commenced work on a new brick church at Gatesville, and hope to have it ready for use by the first of next January. You see we are making progress."

We publish the following deserved words from the Troy Examiner: "We have never heard a better and more impressive talk than Hon. R. N. Page gave us Sunday evening in conducting the services at the M. E. Church, for Rev. G. A. Oglesby, who was not able to be present. We doubt whether any district can boast of such a Congressman in all respects. Oh that all the members were half so spiritually minded! In fact he and all of his noble brothers are rare exceptions to the rule: 'The more of this world's goods a man has, the less he cares about religion.'"

"Virginia Dare," a poem by Dr. W. H. Moore, will appear from the press of Edwards & Broughton. It is an extended poem of great merit. Dr. R. H. Whitaker has determined to issue in book form his very interesting articles published for a year or more in the News and Observer. We bespeak for both publications a large patronage. They can stand on their own merits, and will prove a valuable addition to North Carolina bibliography.

Miss Reeks, the accomplished and beloved teacher at the Methodist Orphanage cheered the office on last Monday by bringing to see us the following orphans, who were on the roll of honor: Bessie Faucette, Mabelle Bradsher, Lily Dill, Cassie Bright, Bessie Vernon, Mabel Bailey, Francis McGirt, Bettie McGirt, Joe Nash, Wade Ashley, Benny Ashley, Frank Weber and Charlie Gay. These are good, bright children, and show that they are well cared for. When will our people make it possible for us to have 200 of them in the Orphanage?

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CONNECTIONAL.

The Scarritt Bible and Training School opened Thursday morning with the largest enrollment in the school's history.

The morning addresses by Bishop Hendrix at his Annual Conferences, on "Ministerial Friendship" are doing great good.

The recent movement to unite Trinity and St. James, in Richmond, has failed. The congregations could not agree on a plan agreeable to each.

Bishop E. E. Hoss dedicated the new church at Monteagle recently. It is called "Morton Memorial," in honor of Dr. David Morton, and is built of red sandstone.

Alabama Methodism has sustained a great loss in the death of two of her honored ministers—Rev. J. L. Skipper, who passed away September 15 at Dothan, and Rev. S. H. Cox, at Citronelle, September 16.

Dr. G. B. Winton, editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, writes entertainingly of a recent visit he made to Franklin, one of our choicest mountain towns. Dr. Winton "sees things," and wields a facile pen.

"Upper Currents" is a new publication, published at Gainesville, Tex., and edited by Rev. J. Marvin Nichols. It is dedicated to those who pine for regions "beyond the valley where the clouds swing low." It is, therefore, an admirable publication for "shut in's," and has a great mission to perform.

The magazine number of the Epworth Era is indeed a beauty. It is filled from first to last page with choice reading matter and fine illustrations. Dr. Du Bose is bending every energy toward making the Era a great paper, and we rejoice to know that he is having such great success in his endeavors. Let the Church rally to the Era.

Rev. W. Aiken Kelly, of the South Carolina Conference, and stationed in North Augusta, has disappeared. Brother Aiken has been in wretched health for some time, and mental aberration is the cause of his disappearance. It is feared that he has wandered off and is either ill, or that he has been accidentally killed in some way.—Southern Christian Advocate.

Messrs. Godbey and Thornburg have disposed of their interest in the Arkansas Methodist to Drs. J. A. Anderson and A. C. Millar, an arrangement that has been ratified by the Publishing Committee. The new editors will assume control October 1. Both are able ministers and vigorous writers, as the files of this Advocate attest. They enter upon this work with admirable equipment and bringing to it the good will of a very large circle of friends. Dr. Anderson is a member of the Arkansas Conference and at present pastor of the Church at Conway.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

General Notes

Four hundred missionaries have entered China since the closing of the Boxer troubles.

Rev. George Albert Snyder has been installed as President of Catawba College, Newton, N. C.

Mrs. Bishop Merrill was run over by a delivery wagon in Chicago a few days ago and severely injured.

The Christian Register, the best Unitarian organ that comes to our desk, declares that "not one prominent scientist is today known as an agnostic."

Gipsy Smith has completed his tour of revival services in South Africa and is on his way back to England. The winter will be spent in mission work in various parts of England.

The death of Dr. E. Winchester Donald, the successor of Phillips Brooks as rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Boston, removes a clergyman of high personal character, great vigor, and marked preaching ability.

It has been estimated that the number of people converted in the Torrey-Alexander meeting during the last two years exceeds 60,000. In Great Britain during the last two months 33,000 persons have publicly professed faith in Christ.

The St. Louis Young Men's Christian Association has organized a World's Fair Bureau, through which it is prepared to furnish reliable accommodations at reasonable rates in hotels, boarding houses, and splendid private homes.

Rev. A. J. McKelway, who for some time, has been editor of the Charlotte News, has accepted a position as one of the Secretaries of the National Child Labor Committee with headquarters in New York. Mr. J. D. Eggleston, Jr., takes Mr. McKelway's place as editor of the News.

A large party of missionaries sailed from San Francisco by the steamship Korea September 20. They were Bishop and Mrs. James W. Bashford, en route to the episcopal residence in Shanghai, China; Bishop M. C. Harris, en route to his field in Japan; Miss Caroline E. Maddock, of Chicago.

The New York Tribune says: "Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, head of Armour Institute and pastor of the People's Church, Chicago, is said to be favorably considered by many Methodist ministers of Chicago and Evanston as a successor to Dr. James in the presidency of Northwestern University.

Dr. Campbell Morgan has finally taken leave of America for his new field of labor, Westminster Chapel, London. He has promised to return for the Northfield Conference next summer. By special request, his last address was "The Hidden Years at Nazareth."

At the dinner held ten days ago in New York of distinguished chemists from foreign lands, Sir William Ramsay, the noted scientist, said: "I do not suppose there is one-tenth of an ounce of radium in the whole world. If you can imagine getting that amount of radium together, it would supply more energy than 250 tons of dynamite."

Dr. Jesse Bowman Young states that Cincinnati has furnished more Bishops to the Methodist Episcopal Church than any other city in the United States. The list foots up sixteen—Morris, Hamline, Simpson, Clark, Thomson, Kingsley, Foster, Wiley, Merrill, Ninde, Walden, Joyce, Cranston, Moore, Hamilton, and Hartzell.—Epworth Herald.

The overtures of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, in the Old Country, for union with the Methodist New Connexion Church, have not been accepted. Politely but firmly the Annual Committee of the latter church has declined to stay its negotiations with the Bible Christians and United Methodist Free Churches for a union between it and them, and those negotiations will probably now be pressed to completion.

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THE ERA AGENT.

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THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.

You will find Miss Mabel Wheeler's manual of plans, helps and suggestions for the Charity and Help Department very interesting, entertaining and helpful.

The following is the suggestive table of contents: (1) The Purpose of the Charity and Help Department: (2) Practical Charity: (3) Good Samaritan Works; (4) Means to be Used by the Chairman.

READING COURSE

I mention this course, consisting each year of four interesting, instructive and helpful books, to emphasize the "Manual," the use of which, in connection with the books read, will aid greatly in their correct analysis, and in learning how to read books to profit. Our younger readers should by all means read the books of this course with the Manual in hand. In this connection I would also call attention to the Bible Circle Studies issued quarterly. This pamphlet should be kept in your Bibles and consulted often during your reading. After completing the reading course, upon application (a printed form of which may be secured from Dr. DuBose) signed by the Third Vice-President, a beautiful diploma, printed on parchment will be issued to the applicant from the Central Office.

Notes.

The Epworth League has held two exceptionally interesting meetings. The Tird Vice-President, concurring the idea that the object of the League was misconceived, held a meeting in which each department president or a member of that committee explained the workings of the department, and the Fourth Vice-President secured the services of Dr. Butler, a returned missionary from Brazil, to address the League. Many of the Leaguers expressed themselves as well pleased with the address and declared that their interest in missions had been deepened.

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It was with profound regret that we were compelled, owing to a misunderstanding with the President of the District Sunday-school Conference, to call in our appointment of a District League Conference for last week. It is just that I should say Brother Bryan was not in the least blamable. The Chapters indicated their readiness for a Conference and we will see to it that they are not disappointed next year, the Lord willing.

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By this writing, Brother Creel, of Straits Circuit, no doubt, has organized his young people into a League. One who knows has informed us that Brother Creel has splendid material, and plenty of it for a first-class League.

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In our next issue we will give the most of our space to a paper on "Our Influence and How We Exert It," read by Mrs. H. B. Anderson before the St. John Epworth League, September 19, with the hope that it may prove profitable reading to other Epworthians.

ANOTHER PATIENT SPEAKS.

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Sunday School

Lesson for October 9, 1904.

The Widow's Oil Increased.

(2 Kings 4: 1-7.)

Golden Text: Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. (Psalms 37:3.)

No exact date can be given for the incident which claims our attention in this lesson. The spirit of the gracious act of power by which Elisha brought relief to a distressed soul is characteristic of the prophet's whole career. The miracle Elisha here performed was akin to the healing of the waters of Jericho. Though on the one hand a whole community was blessed, while on the other, only one humble family was benefited, the same spirit of kindness permeated both miracles.

A Necessitous Case.—The trouble which afflicted the poor Israelitish widow was indeed a grievous one. Her husband had died in debt, and in true Oriental fashion the creditor had come and threatened to take her two sons into bondage. This procedure on the part of the creditor was in perfect accordance with the customs of the East, and he was acting within what were considered his legal rights in taking this step to satisfy the debt.

In her distress the poor widow bethought herself of the man of God, and to him she came, telling her trouble, and asking for his help to escape the peril which threatened her home.

Miraculous Relief.—In answer to the widow's petition, Elisha caused a miracle to be performed which reminds us of the story of the widow of Zarepath, whose cruse of oil was miraculously replenished, day by day, so that the prophet Elijah as well as herself might be sustained through the days of famine. So in the present case Elisha by divinely given power caused the widow's pot of oil to be multiplied, so that her debt was paid with the proceeds of the oil, and she had something left besides.

Some Practical Teachings.—This incident brings to us some practical teachings, which may help us in our daily lives. Among them are the following:

1. In time of trouble let us seek the companionship of God's people. In her distress the poor widow turned to the man of God and found relief. So we may often find just the help we need in time of trouble, if we will but turn to some earnest man or woman, who like the prophet Elisha is a friend of God.

2. There is work which even the children may do in carrying out God's commands. The widow's sons helped by carrying the vessels into which the oil was stored. There are many ways in which the boys and girls in our homes to-day may aid in advancing the cause of Christ. Moreover there is a very plain and homely lesson here. It is this, that real blessing comes to the boy who simply helps his mother.

3. The abundance of the divine supply for our every time of need is illustrated in the bountiful supply of oil which was provided. God is always generous toward those who put their trust in him, and always gives enough and to spare, if we will but obey His word.

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Bridget (reading laboriously: "Hov you seen this, Pat? It says here when a mon loses wan av his sinses, his other sinses get more devoluped. F'r instans, a blind mon gets more sinse av hearin', an touch, an—"

Pat:: "Shure, an' it's quite thrue; Oi've noticed it meself. Whin a mon has wan leg shorter than the other, begorra the other leg's longer. isn't it, now?"

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Secular News

STATE.

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Appeals from the Fifth District are being argued before the Supreme Court this week.

Work has begun on the president's mansion at Chapel Hill. The building will cost $5,000.

The mass-meeting called to meet in Raleigh last Saturday, met and put out a full county ticket.

Hickory has doubled her population in four years. It is one of the fastest growing towns in the country.

The first deposit made in the Scotland County savings bank was made by a colored woman, who deposited $50.

Dr. Thomas Hogg, an aged and prominent citizen of Raleigh, was run over last Friday by a shifting engine and killed.

The Alamance County Fair has begun in Burlington with the Layton Carnival Company as the principal attraction.

The new Asheville auditorium was formally opened Thursday night of last week. It is one of the handsomest in the State.

Work on the Greenville waterworks is rapidly progressing. Foundations have been prepared for the pumping station and the stand pipe.

A farmer returning home from Henderson, where he had sold a load of cotton, was held up by three men and robbed of three hundred dollars.

An engine on the Norfolk and Southern Railroad ran into a draw bridge near Elizabeth City, a few days ago and fell into the Perquimans River.

The trustees of the fund raised for a bust of Isaac Erwin Avery, late city editor of the Charlotte Observer, have awarded the contract to Professor Carl Bentheim.

Postmaster Bailey, of the Raleigh postoffice, who is paymaster for the rural free delivery carriers in all parts of the State, says there are now exactly 693 in active service.

The committee appointed to look for evidence to substantiate the claim of North Carolina as to her war record, report that they have ample evidence to prove all her claims.

Mrs. Francis Adams, a seamstress of this city, who is 79 years old, and spent all her life in Raleigh, just enjoyed the privilege of seeing the city market for the first time last week. It was erected almost 50 years ago.

Kinston has almost a prodigy in Master Billy Bond, Jr., who is probably the smallest butcher in the whole country. Master Billy is 12 years old and weighs only 72 pounds, yet it is said it is a common things for him, entirely alone, to rope, kill and butcher cattle weighing 600 to 800 pounds.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, held in New York, last Wednesday, John Skelton Williams and J. W. Middendorf resigned as directors. C. A. Conant and N. S. Meldrum were elected. No successor to Mr. Williams was chosen as chairman of the board. Mr. Williams and Mr. Warfield remain members of the voting trust and are the only members remaining of the original trust.

Other deaths bring the total number of fatalities, on account of the awful railroad collision near Knoxville last Saturday week, up to nearly seventy. Four North Carolinians are among the dead: W. T. Ellis, Ore Hill; J. R. Plummer, Chapel Hill; M. P. Gannt, Shelby, and Mrs. Green, Sylva.

The Howland Improvement Company, which now holds a lease on the A. & N. C. R. R., in order provide against any one else getting killed as did the soldiers belonging to the Durham military company while returning from the State encampment, are causing the covers to be removed from over the bridges on that road, and the structures are being replaced by modern steel bridges.

Salisbury Sun: The Southern railway south of Washington has just put on its first installment of new passenger engines of the Pacific type, each one weighing 350,000 pounds or 175 tons. They have six drivers, two trailers and two pairs of pony trucks, each driver being 72 inches in diameter. These monster locomotives are 71 feet long and carry a steam pressure of 221 pounds more than ordinary engines. When pushed they can go one hundred miles an hour, but are only expected to make that high rate of speed on special occasions.

GENERAL.

There are 300 American educational and philanthropic institutions in the Turkish empire.

Ambassador Choate is regarded as the wittiest and most brilliant conversationalist among the diplomats in London.

The Duke of Sutherland has closed on one of his estates in Scotland a road over which the public had enjoyed rights of way for 300 years.

Former President Steyn and his wife have received permission to return to South Africa in December. They will occupy a farm near Bloemfontein.

It is said that the New York city transportation companies collected 1,000,000,000 five-cent pieces last year. This means that $50,000,000 was collected from passengers.

Sadyk Bey Onchaky Zade, a Turk from Smyrna, has applied for membership in the New York Stock Exchange. He is a heavy dealer in cotton in Asia Minor and Egypt.

Russian soldiers now prisoners of war in Japan include Jews and Poles, and these men are said to be desirous of staying in Japan after the war and becoming citizens of that country.

Investigation by the Secretary of the Interior showed that in 1902 there were in existence in the United States about 1,100 American bison or buffalo, Canada 600 wild buffalo and 69 in captivity.

The Tacoma smelter, controlled by D. O. Mills and associates, is making $24,000 a month by saving precious metals that have heretofore been carried away in smoke from its furnaces. The smoke is passed through a cooler and then strained through light canvas. The result is a harvest of gold, silver, copper, etc.

In an account by a Japanese officer of the first fights on land near the Yalu he records that the men could not keep their European-fashioned boots on their feet, so that most of them preferred to slide their unaccustomed footgear over their shoulders, wading through the icy mud in their bare feet.

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The effective life and the receptive life are one, no sweep of aim that does some work for our God but harvests also some more of the truth of God and sweeps it into the treasury of the life.—Phillips Brooks.

Do not let us complain over the place in which we are compelled to serve. The Lord hath made us, and the whole plan of our life is so arranged as to bring to their most perfect development the faculties with which we have been endowed. Let us only be concerned that we run not counter to His plans.—The Presbyterian.

Most boys need licking, and all need loving.

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Our O'Berry is taking drawing lessons. And my! how he can draw. It is simply wonderful how he takes to it. He'll make his mark if he has a chance. But they are not all the smart boys we have.

Receipts up to October 1st.

Epworth, up to November, $2.00; Clayton, $7.77; Cary Sunday-school, $2.74; Miss Lilly Jones, $5.00; a friend, Smithfield, $1.00; Laurinburg Sunday-school, July, August and September, $15.00; Plank Chapel, Tar River Circuit, $2.50; Trinity, Tar River Circuit, $2.50; Ebenezer, Tar River Circuit, $1.36; Kittrell, Tar River Circuit, $1.10.

Clayton.

From the very first, friends in Clayton have been liberal to the baby institution. Somehow, we love those who love us. So I am always glad to go to Clayton. They always treat me kindly. Little Warren inquired after Lillie Warren—the butter-milk-giving cow. He is a dear little boy. An orphan was provided for by Warren's father, and the Sunday-school will join Four Oaks and Elizabeth and Mount Zion and Corrinth to support an orphan.

So the Clayton circuit will be put down on our list. The work is growing. It is a great pleasure to preach to an appreciative people. There were good congregations morning and night. Fisher is doing solid work. He is a solid man. They said, come again. We like that. It makes one feel good.

Speaking of Thanksgiving.

When it comes at a good time, and there is nothing in the way, it brings us in about a thousand dollars a year. That will pay the full expenses of ten orphans. There are some, members of the Methodist church, that ought not to think of giving the Methodist Orphanage less than a $100 a year. But as long as our brethren in the ministry treat it with such little concern, they will or cannot feel its importance. I do not know of an orphanage in the world that proposes to be run in the way. The people will give just as much, or more on Thanksgiving Day, after having given in the regular collection, as if they had not given at all. Thank-offerings are intended to be extra.

Dear friends, don't let this beguile you into thinking that you have done your duty to these needy ones, when you have given a Thanksgiving dime.

A Word to the Wanting Ones.

Three children were accepted this evening at a meeting of the Executive Committee, 27th September, viz.: Fannie Coppersmith, of Elizabeth City; Charlie Ross Ashley, of Ashpole, and Bessie Hutchins, of Mount Airy. The rest of the applications will be acted upon soon and placed on file until we get into our main building. We will let them know when to come. Meanwhile, let the friends go on providing for them. Not only for their support, but also for school-rooms and sleeping apartments. Only one dormitory has been furnished and five beds for another. Who will furnish the other two beds for the second dormitory. Nothing has been yet for the dining-room.

Who will send me $3.00 to pay for a desk in the school-room? Boys and girls, here is a good chance.

Thanksgiving—A Snare.

It seems that most of the brethren are waiting for Thanksgiving Day to come to lift their Orphanage collections. If that is all you are going to do, beloved, the advance movement all along the line will not be made this year. If that is depended upon to raise funds upon which to run the Orphanage, it will prove a snare. You will preach an eloquent Thanksgiving sermon on that day, and at its close say: "We will now take up a small collection for the Orphanage." It will be a penny collection. If a man has a nickle in his pocket, he will toss it in with a heart swelling with gratitude. Not a Methodist church in the State will give one hundred dollars. Five-sixths of the circuit churches will not give a penny. They will not have a chance.

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Quarterly Meetings.

WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept. 24, 25
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, Oct. 1, 2
Rich Square, Pinner's, Oct. 8, 9
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, Oct. 15, 16

FOURTH ROUND.

Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, Aug 21, 22
Harrellsville, Harrellsville, Aug. 27, 28
Scotland Neck, Sept. 4, 5
Conway, Providence Sept. 10, 11.
Murfreesboro, Sept. 11, 12
Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept 24, 25
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, October 1, 2
Rich quare, Pinners, Oct. 8, 9
Battleboro and Whitakers, Whitakers, Oct. 15, 16
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, Oct. 22, 23
Warren. sbnay Grove, Oct. 29, 30
Warrenton, Warrenton, Oct. 30, 31
Littleton, Littleton, Nov. 5, 6
Weldon, Nov. 6 7
Garysburg, seaboard, Nov. 5
Roanoke Circuit, Smiths, Nov. 12, 13
Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, Nov. 13, 14
Ridgeway, Unity, Nov. 19, 20
Henderson, Nov. 27, 28

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N C

FOURTH ROUND.

Hatteras, Trent, Sept. 10, 11
Hertford, Centre Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Perquimans, Oak Grove, Sept. 24, 25
Pasquotank, Newbegun, Sept. 25, 26
Camden, McBride's, Oct. 1, 2
North Gates, Savage, Oct. 8, 9
Gates Harrells, Oct. 15, 16
Kitty Hawk, Currituck Inlet, Oct. 22, 23
Currituck, Ebenezer, Oct. 23, 24
Moyock, Perkins Chapel, Oct. 29, 30
Dare, Mann's Harbor. Nov. 5, 6
Roanoke Island, Nov. 6, 7
Elizabeth City, First Church, Nov. 13
Elizabeth City Road, Nov. 13
Columbia, Nov. 19, 20
Pantego and Belham, Nov. 25
Roper, Nov 26, 27
Plymouth, Nov. 27

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Robesonville, Mt. Zion, Sept. 3, 4
Washington, Sept. 11, 12
Nashville, Sharon, Sept. 17, 18
Farmville, Farmville, Oct. 2, 3
Aurora, Oct. 8, 9
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter, Oct. 12
Fairfield, Oct. 14
Mattamuskeet, Nebraska, Oct. 15 16
Bethel, Bethel, Oct. 22, 23
Tarboro, (night) Oct. 23
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, Ocracoke, Oct. 29, 30
Greenville, (morning) Nov. 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Shilmerdine, November 6, 7
Spring Hope, Hornes, Nov. 12, 13
Wilson Station, (night) Nov. 13
Wilson Circuit, (Lodge Street) Nov. 14
Fremont, Fremont Nov. 15
Rock Mount, Nov. 16
Bath, Bath, Nov. 19, 20
South Rocky Mount and Marvin, Nov. 22
South Edgecombe, Elm City, Nov. 27, 28

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Roberdel, Roberdel, Sept. 3, 4
Rockingham Station, Sept. 4, 5
Lumberton, Barker's, Sept. 10, 11
St. John and Gibson, St. John, Sept. 15, 16
Laurenburg Sept. 16, 17
Richmond, Steele's Mill, Sept. 24, 25
Maxton and Caledonia, Oct. 1, 2
Hamlet, Ham et, Oct. 8, 9
Rowland, Rowland, Oct. 15, 16
Robeson, Asbury, Oct. 22, 23
Mt. Gilead, Wadeville, Oct. 29, 30
Montgomery, Capeisle, Nov. 5, 6
Red Springs, Red Springs, Nov. 12, 13
Pekin, Concord, Nov. 20
Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Nov. 26, 27

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Franklinton, Grove Hill, September 10, 11
Clayton, Elizabeth, September 17, 18
Oxford Circuit, September 24, 25
Central, October 1, 2
Brooklyn, October 2, 3
Milbrook, Pleasant Grove, October 8, 9
Granville, October 15, 16
Wakefield, October 20
Kenley, October 22, 23
Cary, October 29, 30
Epworth, October 30
Oxford Station, November 5, 6
Youngsville, November 12, 13
Louisburg, November 19, 20
Tar River Plank Chapel, November 26, 27

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C

FOURTH ROUND.

Mt. Olive and Falson, Mt. Olive, Sept. 17, 18
Jones' Circuit, Lee's, Sept. 24, 25
Goldsboro, Thompson's, Oct. 1, 2
St. Paul, Oct. 2
Centenary, Oct. 9, 10
Pamlico, Bayboro Oct. 15, 16
Oriental, Oriental, Oct. 16, 17
Hookerton, Rainbow, Oct. 22, 23
Grifton Grifton, Oct. 23, 24
Dover, Oct. 29 30
Kinston, Oct. 30
Snow Hill Circuit, Jerusalem, Nov. 5, 6
Craven, Asbury, Nov. 11
Carteret, Harlow Nov. 12, 13
Beaufort, Nov. 13, 14
Atlantic, Wh, Nov. 15, 16
Straits, Tabernacle, Nov. 19, 20
Morehead, Nov. 20
LaGrange Circuit, Nov. 23,
St. John, Nov. 25
Mt. Olive Circuit, Smiths, Nov. 26, 27

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham N. C.

East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

FOURTH ROUND.

Trinity Church, Sept. 11, at 11 a. m.
Carr Church and Branson, at Carr, Sept. 11 at night
Chapel Hill, Sept 17, 18
Durham McMannen, Sept. 24, 25
Mangum Street, Sept. 25 at night
Leasburg, Salem, Oct. 1, 2
Hillsboro, Cedar Grove, Oct. 8, 9
Roxboro, Concord, Oct. 15, 16
Milton, New Hope, Oct. 22, 23
Yanceyville, Bethel Oct. 29, 30
Mt Tirzah Circuit, Nov. 5, 6
Burlington, Front Street, Nov. 13, 14
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, Nov. 13, at night
Burlington, Shiloah, Nov. 18
Alamance, Phillips Chapel, Nov. 19, 20
Main Street, Nov. 27, at 11 a. m.
West Durham, Nov. 27, at night

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. S. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Goldstone Marconeys, August 27, 28
Sampson, Bethel, September 3, 4
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 10, 11

FOURTH ROUND.

Dunn, Sept. 25, 26.
Cokesbury, Cokesbury, Oct. 1, 2
Elise, Lyra. Oct. 7
Carthage. Oct. 8, 9
Haw river, Bynum's, Oct. 14
Pittsboro, Zion, Oct. 15, 16
Siler City, Oct. 22, 23
Goldston, Oct. 23, 24
Jonesboro, Poplar springs, Oct. 28
Sanford, Oct. 29, 30
Hope Mills, Nov. 5, 6
Newton Grove, Nov. 11
Duke, Benson, Nov. 12, 13
Buckhorn, Cokesbury, Oct. 18
Lillington, Nov. 19, 20
Sampson, Nov. 25
Fayetteville, Hay Street, Nov. 27
Fayetteville, Holt's still, Nov. 27

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Onslow, Swanboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Burgaw, September 10, 11
Fifth street, Sept. 18
Market Street, Sept. 18
Town Creek, Zion, Sept. 21
Grace, September 25
Clinton, Keener, Oct. 1, 2
Bladen Circuit, Antioch, Oct. 7
Elizabeth, Wesley's, Oct. 8, 9
Magnolia Circuit, Oct. 15, 16
Carver's Creek, Shiloah, Oct. 21
Whiteville, Cerro Gordo Oct. 22, 23
Shallotte Village, Oct. 28
Waccamaw, Bethel, Oct. 29, 30
Burgaw, Burgaw, Nov. 4
Kenansville Warsaw Nov. 5, 6
Onslow, Tabernacle, Nov. 9
Jackson and Richlands, Richlands, Nov 10
Southport, Nov. 13
New River, Sneed's Ferry, Nov. 18
Scott's Hill, Scott's Hill, Nov. 19, 20
Bladen Street, Nov. 27.

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EMORY.—Sarah T. Emory was born February 24, 1854, and died at her home in Belhaven, July 29, 1904. She had been in declining health for a year or more, and for the last few weeks of her life was confined to the bed. She joined our church at Bethlehem, on the Bath Circuit, under the ministry of Rev. W. E. Hocut. From that day to the end of her life she lived a devoted life. When not prevented from doing so by ill health, she was in her place in the church, and was among the very first to contribute to the cause of Christ. She suffered very greatly a short while before the end came, but her hope in God was strong. She loved God and the preacher and all things that pertained to the Master's kingdom. May the Lord be gracious to her husband and young son who are left behind to mourn their loss, and may they meet her in the better world above. J. M. JACKSON.

BARNES.—Mrs. Nettie Pitman Barnes was born February 29, 1868. She joined the M. E. Church, South, in girlhood as a seeker of religion; she was happily converted to God at Olivet Church in the summer of 1888. She was happily married to Mr. K. M. Barnes, January 29, 1890. From this marriage three children were born, one boy and two girls. She died September 23, 1904, happy in the faith of Jesus. We buried her mortal remains from Spring Hill Baptist Church September 24, 1904.

The above are the facts and dates about which srystallize one of the richest and best Christian lives it has ever been my privilege to know. Sister Barnes was not simply nominal in anything that she engaged in. Activity was the dominant characteristic in her life everywhere. When she joined the church as a seeker her purpose was not simply to get her name on the church roll, but to seek till she found pardon in Jesus. In pursuance of this purpose she was always at the altar for prayer when opportunity was given, till she realized the blessedness of a redeemed and regenerated nature in a most powerful conversion. Such was her experience at that time that she never questioned the genuineness of her conversion. From that time on she was just as active in trying to lead others to Christ as she had been in seeking Him for herself. Her life was a consecrated one.

She took great interest in the salvation of those about her. In the last conversation I had with her she named several persons, whom she was anxious to see converted. In meetings she was an active worker in the congregation with sinners and at the altar with penitents.

Her religious experience was rich, full and satisfying. While she made no great profession of perfect holiness, or sanctification in empty words, her life constantly manifested the spirit of Christ. She could truly say, "To me to live is Christ, but to die is gain." To do good and glorify God was her was her supreme object in life.

Her faith, patience and resignation in her long sickness were simply beautiful. Whatever was God's will was hers without a murmur. Her Bible and her Saviour was her constant companions. No wonder that her faith was strong and unshaken to the end. She gave her three children a parting blessing, told them to meet her in heaven, and bade them goodbye. Then with a few parting words to her husband, brothers and sisters, her spirit went back to God, and she is not for God took her.

She leaves an aged mother, a husband and three children, six sisters, three brothers and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. It is their loss, but her eternal gain. They mourn not as they that have no hope. She left the sure testimony as to her whereabouts. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." God bless the bereaved ones.

J. M. ASHBY.

ATWATER.—Matthew Atwater, son of Rev. Wilson Atwater, was born in Orange County, N. C., April 28, 1825, and died May 17, 1904. He was thrice married; first, to Miss Emily Snipes, daughter of Rev. William Snipes, of Chatham County, N. C., October 8, 1846. To this union there were born two sons and five daughters. Mrs. Atwater died July 14, 1862, and he was again married to Miss Martha Snipes, daughter of Alfred Snipes, of Orange County, July 9, 1865. She lived with him until June 19, 1887, when she departed this life, leaving to him three sons and three daughters.

On the 23rd day of February, 1888, Mr. Atwater was married to Miss Mary C. Smith, daughter of Peter Smith, of Guilford County, N. C., who died December 20, 1903, leaving no issue.

Matthew Atwater was a philosopher, and looked upon everything from a philosophic viewpoint. His father was a local Methodist preacher of no mean ability, and of extraordinary faith in God. His mother was an Irish lady and from this happy combination he inherited a propension to religion and a mind that was remarkable for depth, breadth and acumen. Whatever he did, whether for religion, business or pleasure, he did it scientifically and vigorously. His motto through life was to know the right and do it, though earth and hell opposed. He made some mistakes. Certainly. Who, that has ever accomplished anything, has not? But he made few enemies, because everyone who came in touch with him became impressed that he was doing what he thought to be right.

Something over fifty years ago he bought a tract of land six miles west of his father's home and camped in the forest for thirty days until he could build a rude log cabin, covered with rough oaken clap-boards, which was to be the home of his family until he should become able to build a better house, it being his life-long rule to use such things as he had until he could afford better. To this humble home he brought his young wife. And here "he established a family altar and there offered daily sacrifice; and as his children grew up he taught them the way of salvation, and one by one they embraced Christ as their Saviour. And at a family reunion a few years ago it was stated that among the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of mature age," (numbering, I think, about eighty), "there was not one who was not a professed Christian."

There have been few better neighbors than was the subject of this sketch. He always held himself in readiness to do a kind turn to those who needed it. "He seemed to take a special pleasure in carrng for and helping the poor; and if that is lending to the Lord, he must have had a considerable amount set down to his credit." And he was able to help the poor, for the very good reason that his habits of industry and economy, coupled with his sound judgement, had brought financial success.

As a citizen, Mr. Atwater took keen interest in all things that pertained to the welfare of his government. He was intensely and intelligently patriotic. Twice was he chosen to represent Orange County in the Legislature, and was defeated once by a bare majority of seven votes; and only because of his opposition to the liquor traffic. His massive brain, cool head and Irish wit made him a formidable antagonist on the hustings.

But, notwithstanding the busy life, and the varied duties, time was always found to do the work of the church. For many years he bore an official relation to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, faithfully attending to the work intrusted to him by his church, liberally supplying her needs of the means that God had put into his hands.

He loved his home; his family; his neighbors, friends and enemies; his country; his church; his God, and served them all to the extent of his ability. What more can be said of man?

ROBT. W. BAILHY.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst Prof. E. P. Mangum, the beloved superintendent of our city schools; and,

Whereas, we, the teachers, desire to testify our high appreciation of his character, both as a citizen and as an instructor, and wish to record our loss in his death; now, therefore, be it

Resolved 1. That while we bow in humble submission to God's will, yet we feel keenly the loss of our faithful friend and zealous co-worker.

2. That his death is a loss not only to us and our schools that have had the benefit of his wise instruction and noble example, but to the cause of education throughout our beloved State.

3. That we sympathize with those most deeply afflicted, to whom his love was so strong and tender, and by whom he is so sadly missed, and we commend them to the Father of all comfort and the God of all mercy.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the city papers and the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

M. A. TOMLINSON,
T. BARNES,
M. A. HEARNE,
Committee.

Whereas, God in His wisdom has taken from among us Prof. J. F. Bivins, who had from the organization of the Main Street Epworth League been its president, we desire to give expression to our appreciation of his labors among us.

Prof. Bivins may truly be called the founder of this League. Largely through his influence it was organized in the spring of 1902. And while there have been many faithful members who have taken a lively interest in the League and lent a helping hand to its various enerprises, yet Prof. Bivins was indeed the mainspring of its life and usefulness. He thought for it and planned for it, as he did for his own school work. No one will doubt but that it was much upon his mind, and its continuous weal found a large place in the burden of his prayers.

It was largely due to his inspiring personality, as well as to his wisdom, in conducting its meetings that the League was so largely attended, and had such a strong, helping influence upon the young people of Main Street Church, the Colleee and the Park School. The growth of the League has been phenomenal. It is not too much to say that this rapid growth was largely due to the enthusiasm, the energy, and the deep devotional spirit which Prof. Bivins projected into the life of this institution of the church.

We miss him. He loved us and was faithful to us. As a League, we trust that his spirit of fidelity and true Christian love may ever be the watch-words of our organization.

We wish to express our resignation to the will of God; for we accept his sudden taking away as a work of the Lord, in whose hands are the issues of life and death. He walked with us and was faithful for thirty years; "and he was not for God took him;" and we believe that he now enjoys the riches of the infinite life with God.

Our sympathies go out to the stricken loved ones. We pray God who alone can comfort to comfort their hearts. And we commit unto them the twenty-seventh verse of the fourteenth chapter of St. John, which Prof. Bivins loved so much, and quoted: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

MISS MAUDE WILKERSON,
W. V. McRAE,
S. J. KILPATRICK,
Committee.

The Rev. Joseph Francis Bivins was an honored and much beloved member of the quarterly conference of Main Street Methodist Church, South, Durham, N. C., and we, the members of this quarterly conference desire to express, and to place on record on the minutes of this conference our admiration of his character and love for him as a man and our appreciation of his service to this church.

He loved the church. Her altars were held sacred by him. No reproach was ever laid at her door by any word or act of his. Far otherwise; he lived and labored for her welfare. He was the loved and efficient teacher of a large class in the Sunday-school, the enthusiastic and success-inspiring president of the Epworth League. He cheerfully responded to every invitation to the prayer-meetings and temperance meetings, for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; and on every occasion gladly wrought for the upbuilding and extension of the kingdom of Christ in the world. No labor for the church was too heavy; the best that was in him he joyously laid on her altars, and everywhere that he wrought he brought things to pass. He delighted to see persons converted and rejoiced in their development and strengthening in the Christian life.

He loved men because he loved God. His heart beat a loyal response to the will of the Lord. He thought, spoke, acted, "lived" in tune with the Infinite. He was a consecrated man; his indeed was a lighted lamp, one whose rays were thrown afar giving glory and honors to his Lord.

We loved him for his work, for he "was truly one of God's workmen in the world." We loved him as a man. His virtues shall ever be sacredly cherished in our memories. Therefore be it

Resolved 1. That with deep grief we have heard of his death, and while in submission we bow to our heavenly Father's will, yet we record the fact that the church has lost a valuable worker, the community a good citizen, the State a great educator, and all of us a sincere friend, who was indeed a man of God.

2. That we hereby tender our sincerest sympathies to his wife, his mother and brothers, all of whom are so sorely bereaved in his death and pray that God, our heavenly Father, may gracious sustain and comfort them in their great grief.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the pages of the minutes of the conference; that a copy be sent to his mother and brothers, and another to his wife, and that other copies be sent to the Herald and the Sun, of this city, and the Christian Advocate of Raleigh, with the request that they beg ublished.

W. L. CUNNINGGIM,
R. L. FLOWERS,
W. H. McCABE,
Committee.

Durham, N. C.

The October "Cosmopolitan" presents, as usual, a vast variety of matters of timely interest in its table of contents. To P. O'Connor—the valiant "T. P."—has the latest word to say on the political outlook in Ireland. His long association with the cause of Home Rule enables him to give a masterly, concise review of the present situation and immediate future of the Emerald Isle.

The world is now beginning to realize that when the next international struggle takes place Turkey and Persia will be the upper and nether mill-stones. The edge of India, Asia Minor or the newly German-colonized lands of Mesopotamia will probly be the scene of the clash. Therefore to every student of world-politics the vast enterprises of Russia, England and Germany to reach central Asia by rail are matters of very great interest and importance. Josiah M. Ward contributes a very clear paper on this subject entitled, "Shorter Routes to India," accompanied bya map. Another article of importanee is Governor Brodie's "Reclaiming the Arid West." The chief executive of Arizona makes many startling statements as to the benefits to be derived by a proper system of irrigation in the now arid lands of the West. Rafford Pyke has a most witty essay on "The Pursuit of Man" in which he gives his views of George Bernard Shaw's theories on courtship. The other articles in the number include "Continental Cafe," by Herman Knickerbocker Viele; "Lisbon the Fair," by H. C. Chatfield-Taylor, and "Will Marconi Supplant the Cables?" by P. T. McGrath. The fiction list contains such noted names as Clara Morris, Alfred Sutro, T. W. Hanshew,, Tom Masson and William T. Hornaday.

The editor, John Brisben Walker, contributes the opening chapter of a new serial, "A Modern 'Swiss Family Robinson,'" which tells the story of the shipwreck of a Pacific steamer and how the passengers lived three years on an island and were finally rescued. Anyone who reads the opening chapter will soon perceive that the castaways are on the island promises some remarkable developments. Robert Clark, Jr., has a sketch of the work of W. R. Stubbs in breaking up the corrupt Republican State ring ing Kansas.

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EVANGELISTIC TALENT.

The expression, "evangelistic talent," has in some way won its way into popular favor. We believe that the expression is of modern origin. Away back in the days of the Fathers, or even of the rough riders of Methodism, its use would have wrinkled many a brow through the internal force of gray matter striving to solve a great mystery.

But now it is different. The expression has become not only familiar but popular. It is on the lips of the preacher who bemoans the lack of what it stands for in his own unfortunate self, or envies in a mild Christian sense the fortunate cleric or layman who possesses it. The columns of newspapers are filled with explanations of the fact (?) that evangelistic talent has been denied to some and given so generously to others. Many a discussion there is around fireside and study table over the unspeakable wonder that God should have given so richly to laymen who has never heard a call to preach what He had denied to those who have felt the "Divine touch," and have been commissioned to go out as master workers into the whitening harvest fields.

Really, we do not like the expression. We do not believe that it should have a place in ecclesiastical or spiritual parlance. It is anti-Scriptural. It is a mask for carelessness, laziness, inefficiency and a host of other weaknesses. It is filled with dynamite.

Because it calls for an acceptance of the following conclusions we must repudiate it:

1. Some men are divinely called to preach only a part of the Gospel. A is to preach that part of the Gospel which is adapted to the work of calling sinners to repentance—that work for which he has a special talent. B is to preach that part of the Gospel which is adapted to the work of comforting and strengthening the saints—the work for which he has a special talent For surely one is called to do that for which he has been mentally and spiritually endowed.

We cannot believe that the Gospel may thus be parcelled out. It cannot be severed and made into hemispheres. It means "glad tidings." It is "glad tidings" for the sinner who is shown a way of escape from sin into the perfect liberty of righteousness. It is glad tidings for the child of God. As he goes onward, new vistas of higher life open before him, new powers are given, new hope is born, new promises are vouchsafed while the shining goal far away among the hills of immortality ever beckons him on. No man can preach glad tidings to the sinner without preaching glad tidings to the Christian, and vice-versa.

2. The preacher who is especially gifted in calling sinners to repentance has an equipment entirely different from that possessed by the preacher whose "gift" is in comforting the saints. If not, why should the talent of the one be called evangelistic? If it is the same equipment, why cannot a preacher be as effective in calling sinners to repentance as in cultivating and developing the Christian graces of the children of God?

It is the same equipment, and he can be as effective in one role as the other. What kind of mental power is needed in the one that is not needed in the other? What acquired ability is necessary in the one and not in the other. How much of the Holy Spirit is given to the one and not to the other? Is the difference in degree or quality?

No, all the members of God's great army of preachers need and may receive the same kind of armor and the same kind of weapons. The destinction which brands one preacher as peculiarly evangelistic is unwarranted, and it is dangerous to the interests of Christ's kingdom to foster a sentiment which will allow any man called of God to preach the Gospel to excuse his failure to call sinners to repentance with the plea that he has not the "evangelistic" talent. If there be such a thing, it belongs to every preacher. Some preachers say that they do not have the evangelistic or "revival" gift. They may have it and yet have not the faith to exercise it. If they do not have it, it may be because they lack the "gift" of the Holy Ghost.

One Sabbath evening, we walked foot sore and weary into a church around which rolled the indescribable murmurs of a great city of more than a million souls. We dropped into a pew and waited for the appearance of the preacher. After an inspiring preliminary service, unmarked by any deadening routine of song and prayer, the preacher stepped on the platform. He had no grace of form to boast of. His voice had no resonant melody. He knew none of the graces of rhetoric and his delivery had a halting and oftentimes stumbling gait. He took a plain old-fashioned text which was associated in our mind with scenes of camp-meeting days, when the awful light of Horeb's fire and the radiance that clothed the blessed form on Hermon's summit shot blazing rays into the heart of saint and sinner. The preacher had not gone far into his sermon before we felt conscious that we and the whole congregation were in the grip of a mighty supernatural force which tugged at the heart-strings and wooed the will with indescribable magic. Years have passed since that night. Dwight L. Moody has joined the upper throng and is doubtless telling to angels the wonders of redeeming grace. We often think of him. We strive to analyze his "gift" which was utilized as powerfully in calling sinners to repentance as in helping the child of God along the upward way. That "gift" which every preacher of Christ's gospel is privileged to possess was a cluster of diamonds beautiful in the eye of God and men: an artless simplicity that shamed pride, an awful earnestness that had the warmth of the judgment fires, and a childlike leaning on the strong arm of the Invisible One whose shining garments ever brush the form of the lowliest preacher who, constrained by the love of Christ, tells the story of redeeming love. The same "gift" every preacher is besought to accept and use. He should use it not only during set revival seasons, but when Sabbath after Sabbath he stands before his people; not only in the house of God, but by the fireside and among the surging currents of humanity. For there is no respect of persons with a loving Father, and there are no limitations of divine power bestowed on the preacher who has the "gift," whether it be exercised at the bedside of the dying saint or right under the banner of eternal love planted at the gates of perdition.

DEATH IN A DIET OF NEGATIVES.

Every now and then there is started a little sheet with a big name, announcing that it has made the wonderful discovery that there is no God, and proposing to build up an organization free from cant, prejudice, and ignorance, and filled with the spirit of true freedom. We have in mind now a little sheet started about three months ago, which comes occasionally to this office, and offers what it considers strong inducements for us to throw away our mythology and superstition and emerge into the light of the noonday sun.

It would be well for the promoters and editors of such sheets to remember the history of the Investigator. It was started in Boston nearly three centuries ago for the purpose of destroying Christianity. The Investigator died a few days ago. It perished simply from inanition. It found a diet of negatives, spiced with spleen, not sufficiently nutritious to support life.

The Interior thus discusses the death of the Investigator: "The Investigator is dead! And ninety-nine out of every hundred who read the announcement will ask, "What was the Investigator Where was it published? What did it investigate? What did it die of?" So passes truly the glories of "this world." Older Christians may remember that the Investigator was founded in Boston seventy or more years ago to kill off the Christian religion. For sixty years it has constantly asserted that the religious press was "dying." And now it is dead.

While the columns of our religious newspapers are filled with articles in which the writers deplore the lack of what is called evangelistic talent in the ministry, the ranks of the laity are bestirred with unusual energy in the direction of supplying this want. Gideon's Band—an organization composed of traveling men who are desirous of working practically for Christ, is a very notable expression of the prevailing sentiment that the laity must come to the help of the ministry in the great work of evangelizing the world. Another notable expression of the same sentiment is the evangelical campaign carried on in the city of Atlanta by the Business Men's Gospel Union. This important work is being carried on, not by the ministry, not by lay evangelistis, but by the most substantial business men of Atlanta. The city has been divided into nine districts. Over these nine districts Dr. Wilbur Chapman, of New York City, has jurisdiction. Great good has already been done, and the effect of this campaign on the cause of Christ in Atlanta cannot be duly estimated. Such practical interest of the business life of any city in the great work of extending the kingdom of Christ is a very significant and valuable factor in the spiritual assets of any town or city. Would that this movement could be repeated in every town and city in the land.

BENEFACTOR'S DAY AT TRINITY COLLEGE

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL ADDRESS BY HON. THOMAS J. JARVIS. OCTOBER 3, 1904.

To be a benefactor is a noble thing, and yet it is a nobility in which all might enter if they would. The size and form of the benefaction do not alone determine its value. The ability and the spirit of the benefactor enter into the act. The widow's mite and the rich man's princely gift—each has its place, does its work, has its reward. The authorities of this institution have done well and wisely in setting apart a day to be given to studying, to thinking, to talking, to reading about benefactors in general and about those who contributed so well to this institution in particular, I am glad to be with you here today and to participate in these exercises. I trust that this day—a Benefactors' Day—will continue to exist and become a part of the life and history of this institution. I doubt if in any day you young gentlemen spend in this college there shall begin so much to grow into your life that which you will carry about with you into the duties of life as in the day that each year you spend in these exercises. Hence, I say, I trust it will ever be kept alive, to commemorate those who helped to build this institution and that it shall become a part of the life and history of the institution. I had the honor and the pleasure of delivering the address at the laying of the corner stone of the first building erected upon these beautiful grounds. That was a little less than fourteen years ago. I read that address over a few days ago. There is nothing in it I would modify, but much I would repeat here this evening if time allowed. Then I appealed to the humble Methodists of the State, to the well-to-do Methodists of the State, to the rich Methodists of the State, to bring their contributions to the erection and equipment of suitable buildings here, and I appeal to the Methodists of North Carolina everywhere to help use these buildings, and, gathering around this institution, here upon this beautiful spot, let us erect a college that will be an honor to the State and a glory to the Methodism of North Carolina.

I come after an absence of fourteen years, and I see that marvelous changes have been wrought. These beautiful grounds were then but an old field. There was not a building upon them. The only semblance of a building was the walls of the Main building that were just out of the ground, and round them were heaps of material. There was a splendid audience there. They had the address in the open air and departed to their homes. I come now and I see these grounds have been beautified. Upon them stand more than twenty buildings dedicated to the work of educating the sons and daughters of North Carolina. I find more than four hundred of the young men of North Carolina—those who are presently to assume the responsibilities of citizenship and the duties of citizenship—here being prepared for their work. I find more than thirty gentlemen—professors, teachers, officers, engaged in the work of instruction and administration. It is a marvelous change, I say, to have taken place here within so short a time. I come, young gentlemen, I come Trustees, I come citizens of North Carolina and the adjoining States, to rejoice with you in the great prosperity that has come to this institution. Ah, more! I come to pay my tribute to the men who have contributed to it. I come as a citizen of North Carolina, I come as an American citizen, I come with all the earnestness that is within me—I come to join you and every other honest, upright, thinking individual in our State—I say I have come to thank the men who have contributed of their means to bring all of these things to pass which have taken place since I was here before.

The question of benefactions and benefactors, as I said in the beginning, is one in which all may take a part if they will, and while we rejoice and pay honor and tribute to the men who have given so largely of their means, we should not forget those who have contributed smaller sums, nor should we forget those who stood by this institution in its darker days. I had the honor once of being a trustee of Trinity College. I wasa trustee of the college in its dark days, when it was oppressed with debt, when its patronage was small, and, while we rejoice now in its prosperity, we should not forget the Cravens, the Carrs, the Odells, the Grays, and other patriotic Methodists who stood by Trinity in its dark days. To remember them is only to show a still higher appreciation of those we speak of now. The gentlemen who have contributed of their means to the building up of Trinity College and bringing it to its present high state of prosperity have put in motion forces that shall live on and on until time shall be no more. The hundreds of young men who come to this institution every year, who receive its training, participate in its college work and go out into the world to lift up humanity, to bless society, to raise the State to be glorious in the nation—I say the men who have builded this institution here have put in motion forces that shall go on and on blessing humanity, lifting up society, and making the people better through all the ages. Monuments builded of granite crumble, monuments builded of brass corrode, but the Dukes have builded here a monument which neither time nor corrosion shall touch. They have builded here a monument that shall live in the hearts and in the memories and in the affections of the thousands of young men who go out from these walls so long as time shall last.

Young gentlemen, I desire to say a word particularly to you. I am certainly very much obliged to Dr. Kilgo for the kind words he spoke of me. I only wish that I was in fact and in truth worthy of them, but still it is no presumption for me to say that I have had at least a small measure of success in life, and I will be pardoned for saying that I have been a hard worker through all my life. I scarcely ever have seen the day when I could sit down and say that I had nothing to do; so when I speak to you this evening a word, I desire that you shall remember that it comes from one who has had some opportunity from experience and observation. I assume that every student of Trinity College is here because he wants to learn how to be something, how to do something. I want to say to you that your days at Trinity College are simply days of preparation. The best soldier when the conflict comes is the best drilled soldier. These are our days for drilling, for training. The human mind is a curious piece of machinery. Now just what mind is nobody knows. Writers of mental philosophy will undertake to tell us what it is. Still nobody has told us yet. If I were to fall here dead upon this rostrum in the presence of this audience something would have gone out of me—something that is invisible, intangible. Some call it mind; some soul. The nearest approach I have come to learning what it is is what the Bible tells me: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Yet, although the soul is indescribable, intangible, invisible, it can be trained and it needs training, and that's what you are here for. It is the drill day with you. Now let me tell you, I have not come here to make anything but a plain, practical address, because I desire to leave with you young men some thoughts that will be helpful to you. The best man when the conflicts of life come is the best trained man. The mind that can weigh and balance and see in all the conflicts of life will ordinarily arrive at the safest and wisest conclusion. I want to urge that while you are here at Trinity you shall not be neglectful of this opportunity you have of getting the heart trained, of getting the mind trained, so that when the times comes to go away from here you will be able to enter duty as trained soldiers, as drilled soldiers. And success in life will largely depend upon the way you discharge your duties here. And when you assume the responsibilities of life I would have you carry one motto and one guiding star; I would have you follow that constantly and forever. That is entitled Dignity of Service. This story is told in the history of the blind king of Bohemia. During his reign war came upon his country. He determined to go into camp and to share the hardships of camp life with his army. News came to him that his soldiers were being driven back, that defeat was staring him in the face, that his army was on the retreat. Orders were given to saddle his horse; he commanded that the reins be tied to the saddle of the guide, then the command was given to ride to the front. As the blind king went to the front he carried in his hand the kingly standard, and as the standard unfurled they saw written there "I serve." It kindled enthusiasm in the army and they followed the king bearing the standard "I serve," and went on to the fight and into it and under that standard they swept the field and victory perched upon their banners. I would have you, young gentlemen, when you go into the duties of life, go there to serve. If fortune bring you great wealth, do as the benefactors of this institution—make that fortune serve humanity. If you become professional men, if you enter the law, have but one idea, and that is that "I serve." If you become a physician have the idea of service, if you become a politician, have but the simple thought of service to your country, and the man that goes into life with the determination to serve humanity, God, and his country, can never be anything but a successful man.

I want to repeat, that if you want to be successful, be servants. Service is always honorable, and no man's life can be a failure who gives that life to service. No matter what department of life you enter, let us remember that great responsibilities rest upon us. I would have you, young gentlemen, I would have you not be content with simple success. Remember that you are trained here at this institution to achieve the highest success. This institution is not yet grown. There is still a growth for it. When you leave its walls and go out into the busy bustle of life, be loyal to this institution. I said in the beginning that since I was here fourteen years ago these buildings have been erected, all these professors have been gathered here, and these hundreds of young men have been gathered, yet I am here to say that the institution, the buildings, the work, have simply begun. We need more buildings here; we need more professors here; we need more young men here. There is a great work yet for it to do, and I repeat the appeal I made here fourteen years ago, to the well-to-do, to the rich, to all who are willing, to all who are able everywhere in North Carolina, to send their sons here and let us increase the opportunities and the power of this institution for good. The Methodists of North Carolina ought not to leave a few men to do the work of building here a great institution. Instead of twenty odd buildings we need more than fifty. Instead of thirty-three profressors we need sixty-three—because North Carolina needs it, the Southern people need it, the United States needs it. There are hundreds of young men all over this country of yours now deprived of the benefits of education who ought to be here. The Methodists of North Carolina can build here, and, splendid as this institution is, by their liberality it can be made doubly so.

I had on more than one occasion the opportunity to ascend the Amazon River, standing upon the deck of a great steamer. The river is so broad that as we entered it we could see the shore on neither side—it is three hundred miles wide. The thought came to me as we went up the river, "Where is the source of all the water in this river?" I learned that all along the east slope of the Andes is a spring here and a spring there, and bubbling up from the earth they supply the water of this mighty river. They are so small in the beginning that with a stamp of the foot you could put them out, and yet, coming together from every direction along the east slope of the Andes Mountains, they make a river so magnificent that all the navies of the world could be floated upon it and fight a battle, and then not be in sight of each other. The Methodists of North Carolina, if they have the spirit to do for this institution what they may do, if they will but take the spirit of those who have given so liberaly already, if they will but catch that spirit, imitating the spirit of their Master as well as that of these benefactors and send littles here from the mountains and from the seashores, all gathered together may be able and sufficient to build here a great institution of learning that shall be the greatest honor to the Southern Methodist Church in all this great country of ours. And I take it that every student when he goes away from here will go to help in this great work. Young gentlemen, be benefactors. Serve your country, serve your college, serve your God, serve humanity. Do not be content with just medium success, but go for the very best there is in life. To accomplish the grandest results, you must the most work for your country and your God and humanity.

As one enters the beautiful bay of Rio de Janciro, on the left we see Sugar Loaf mountain. There it is different from what it is in our country. There the mountains make right down to the ocean, and as you enter the harbor, at the water's edge rises Sugar Loaf mountain and towers thousands of feet high. As one wends his way up the broad harbor and enters the city he sees a great bay stretching out for fifteen miles, and all around it are great towering mountains, three thousand feet high. There is a road running from the very heart of the city, gradually ascending to the very top of the mountain. A party on one occasion a few years ago undertook to go from the city up to the summit. They were lifted at first up the inclined plane on the top of the Sierra. Then they started on the long tramp. Presently they came to the reservoir. That was a thousand feet high above the level of the sea. There were beautiful gardens, ever-blossoming flowers, magnificent scenery up there, out yonder the ocean, here beneath the city. Some said, "This is beautiful enough for me; I'll go no further, I am content." Others said, "No! I am told that beyond there are still more magnificent scenes, and part of the company struggled on and came to Pineras, and there were great overhanging arching trees, and beneath them refreshment tables and rich viands and refreshments served there, and all around them it was beautiful and glorious. This was two thousand feet high and there was magnificent scenery, as far as the eye could sweep there were mountains piled still higher—the bay stretching away from yonder shore. Many said I will stay here and be content with this magnificent scenery and refreshments. Part said, "No! higher up are grander scenes." They came to the Devil's Bridge. There on one side were mountains and on the other a chasm extending fifteen hundred feet below. Many said, "I'll not risk it." A few went on. They reached the summit, three thousand feet above the sea level. There were the great swelling Organ mountains with fingers pointing to the heavens. As they stood taking in that magnificent scene, as far as the eye could look toward the east there was the great swelling ocean, there was the city, there were the mountains. While they stood there simply entranced with that beautiful scenery the sun set. There is no twilight in the tropics; suddenly the moon rose and threw a silver sheen over the city and the bay, and the southern cross appeared in the heavens. So grand and beautiful was the scene that one almost felt that all he had to do was to reach out and touch the southern cross and swing over from earth to heaven.

Young gentlemen, when you have left this institution, some of you will say, "I know enough, I have arrived at the reservoir, the world is beautiful enough, I have accomplished enough, I have graduated, I know it all, I care not for any more," and sit down and do nothing. Young gentlemen. On! On! Up the ascent of life there is yet more to be learned, yet grander scenes. Presently you will come to Pineros. You will have accumulated wealth, you will be sated with the comforts of life and say "I have accomplished enough in life, I'll rest." I want to say to you, On! and On! there are still grander scenes The more accomplished in life for God and humanity and country, the more there is in it to take out of it. And presently you will come to the difficulties of life—to the Devil's Point. Don't let these difficulties hinder you from growing and doing and working and striving to accomplish all in life that can be accomplished. I sincerely trust that trustees, and faculty, and students of Trinity College in the providence of God may each one arrive at the very summit of the heights of life.

Raising the Flag.

W. H. MOORE, D. D.

Written for use of the Class of 1904-05 Trinity College, N. C.

The bugle makes its call
On me, on you, on all,
Once more to raise
The ensign of the free;
Symbol of liberty
It hence shall ever be
And happy days.

Our mother makes her call,
On us in line to fall
This blessed day;
And o'er our heads unfurl
This banner to the world
As foe of every churl—
Our hope and stay.

Then let us raise it high,
And be our battle cry
Freedom to think
The higher thoughts of God;
And leaning on His rod,
Long as we tread His sod,
Pure knowledge drink.

From mountains to the sea,
Our eyes we fix on thee,
Flag of the free;
Unfettered be each fold,
And kind thy message bold,
Till with thy story told,
All shall love thee.

Rev. Jonathan Sandford.

BY FLORENCE SANDFORD BROWN.

On March 30, 1834, near the town of Rockingham, Richmond County, was born my father, Jonathan Sandford, eldest son of Noah and Sallie Sandford, of good old English Quaker stock on the father's side, and live Irish on the other.

The dear mother loved and cherished this dear eldest son as best she could, and showed him how to love God and his fellow man, but the children came fast, and the mother, frail at best, left them alone before manhood came, and he, the oldest of seven, did his best to help the one dear sister take mother's place in the desolate home.

The struggle was hard in those pioneer days, for the carelessness of others had made the father feel the pinch of poverty, but by the time he was sixteen we find him teaching school, some of his pupils being years older than himself.

This occupation he kept up for fourteen years, and always thought he would like to do so again, but, being soundly converted to God, he felt the call to preach the Gospel, and though he resisted awhile, he finally gave heed to the voice of the Master, and entered the ranks of the army of the living God.

He first served as a local supply in the South Carolina Conference, being licensed to preach at Clio, S. C., in the spring of 1859, by Rev. A. M. Chreitzberg, D. D., P. E., and Rev. J. W. Murray, P. C.

In 1869 he entered the regular work, and that year had nearly three hundred converts, of whom two hundred and fifteen joined the Methodist Church.

The next year, at the earnest solicitation of Rev. W. S. Black, of sainted memory, he entered the North Carolina Conference, and remained an active, earnest, loving worker in the same until on June 19, 1904, the Master said: "It is enough—come up higher."

Of this work let others testify. I only know the father; suffice it to say that last summer while I was visiting him, and he, surrounded by books and papers, was at his loved employ of preparing to preach to his people, said: "Daughter I am too old now for pride and vanity, so I want to tell you that there is not a man in the regular work with the record that I have for converts and members brought into our church. I have kept this record for myself alone—never published it." And he told me the number, but I carelessly forgot it. He had promised to write the story of his long, eventful life, and I depended on that, but he was always too busy with the present to do so.

Though a frail man in his young life, he told me that, with the exception of a month of fever in 1895, he had not failed a duty for sickness in fifty years, until he broke his ankle last February.

In all these years he was the same loving, cheerful, sunshiny, friend, brother, husband, father, never heeding the shadows except to be drawn nearer to Christ.

He had hard places to fill, never an easy Circuit, and often times sickness and sorrow at home; but his faith never failed, even when two dear sons, his only ones, were taken away in one week. He only said, "They are taken from evil to come."

To me he was father, friend and playmate, in one. Fear of him, I had none, neither did any one else, but love, reverence and honor as long as life shall last.

In early manhood he married a bright-eyed Scotch Yankee girl, who came South on a visit to a sister, and captured his heart to hold it forever—Miss Eliza McQuiston, of Pawtucket, R. I.

This dear wife and two daughters were all the immediate family left him, when, as he stood in his pulpit and prayed for his kind people, the voice came, bidding him lay down his burden and rest.

All that kind hands and loving hearts could do was done for him, but to no avail, and in two hours his spirit had gone to his Maker.

We needed no farewell to know that all was well with him, and he died as he had prayed to do "In the harness."

On June 21st, we laid him to rest in Lumberton Cemetery, near the graves of his daughter and her husband, Rev. J. G. Finlayson, and as his friends sang over him, "Servant Of God Well Done," we knew his work was well done, and he deserved the "Rest that remains for the people of God."

Ashpole, N. C., September 27, 1904.

Hints to Hinder Satan.

D. H. TUTTLE.

1. When a new babe comes to a home in your pastoral charge mail to the parents at once a good tract on the duty and benefits of infant baptism. With a pencil call attention on margin to the ceremony as laid down in book of Discipline. Enter name with date of birth in your pocket memorandum.

2. In making your round of pastoral visits have a tract to leave, instead of your card, at homes when the family are all out. It may appear a little out of style to "devotees of etiquette," but it will please Him who hath called you to the work of the ministry, and will make the visit count for good, though you did not see the family. Carry tracts for the "shut ins." Work wisely.

3. Keep your library at work as well as yourself. Your pastoral visiting will discover some home, or some one in a home that will be greatly helped by a visit from some book in your library—you will think of the book while speaking with the one who needs it. The outing will do the book good. Three of my books have just returned from such an outing and look refreshed. They carried large lives, large thoughts filled with fervent love to smaller lives that will be stirred to larger and wiser service. God's people need to keep everything about them at work for God all in time. Let no truth be idle.

D. H. TUTTLE.

Edenton, Sept. 28, 1904.

The Field

Camden Circuit Revivals and Progress of the Work.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—We are now closing up our fourth year on Camden Circuit. During these four years we have added to the church 289 members. The salary has been increased from $420 to $750; the Conference collections from $127 to $351. In addition to this, we have paid off all the old church debts, and they were numerous, and the circuit is now free from debt and ready to still increase the salary more. The spiritual life of our people has advanced equal to the financial part. From year to year we have been blessed with gracious revivals over the entire charge. Still there are many unsaved people, and some, too, have black-slidden in spite of all we have been able to do.

Our revivals this year have been meetings of great spiritual power. Bro. E. C. Glenn held two meetings for me, and the work was thorough and the fruit abides. Brother Glenn is without doubt one of the very best revivalists I have ever heard. The last meeting he held for me was at Wesleys, and we had sixty additions to the church as a result.

Bro. W. F. Galloway helped us one week. He was faithful and earnest, and we trust much good was done.

We expect to go to Conference with a full report. It is hard to say good-by, for we are to part with some of the best of God's saints. When we came here to this town there were three barrooms, the whiskey sentiment was strong, but on the 2nd of August we voted the town dry—only two voting "wet." There isn't a "bar" in the county.

Yours in Christ,

W. E. HOCUTT.

South Mills, N. C.

Battleboro and Whitaker.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—I have concluded to write you another short letter about our work down here in Edgecombe and Nash Counties. This is one of the prettiest, most productive and fertile sections in North Carolina.

Our parsonage is located at Battleboro, the hustling little town on the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, eight miles northeast of Rocky Mount. We have three stirring, thriving, energetic merchants doing a good business. The firm of T. P. Braswell & Son here does the largest mercantile business in the eastern part of the State. We have a large cotton-seed oil mill here, with Mr. Mack Braswell as president, who is one of the most successful business men in the State, that is doing an extensive paying business.

Whitaker is also a thriving and prosperous town just four miles from here by rail. It is noted for its good-looking, hospitable and congenial people. They are also quite an enterprising people along many lines and seem to succeed in all their undertakings. Here we held our first meeting in June, which resulted in the quickening of the church and with some marked spiritual progress. There was only one accession to the church.

I began my meeting at Central Cross, in Halifax County, the third Sunday in August. Bro. J. T. Stanford assisted me there and gave us some good Gospel sermons. He is a good worker in a meeting. There were twenty-four professions and eighteen accessions to the church. This church is located in a thickly settled, thriving section of Halifax County, and bids fair to soon become a strong, prosperous church. I have already more than doubled the membership this year.

The second Sunday in September I began at McTyeire church and continued eight days with no ministerial help. We were blessed with a fairly good revival in the church and seven professions and six accessions.

The third Sunday I began at Battleboro and continued eight days. Bro. B. C. Thompson assisted me here and preached eight good, strong, forceful sermons. The Lord was with us and blessed us with nineteen professions and fourteen accessions to the church. Our Episcopal brethren held their meeting at the same time, but we had large and very attentive congregations. For all of which we praise the Lord.

We are not quite up on finances yet, but I see no just reason why all the collections should not be paid this year in full, and I am hopeful that they will be.

I, for one, Dr. Ivey, think the way men support the cause of Christ with their means is a fair index to the spiritual condition of the soul. Oftentimes some people call themselves Christians, and yet are untrue to their church obligations; they fairly and clearly obligated to help support the institutions of the church and think it right to fail to do so.

A man contracts with a laborer for a certain amount for the year, and he pays him by the month, and when he does the work he don't think of telling him he won't pay him; yet some treat the church of the living God worse. They obligate to support the kingdom of God, and even wait twelve months sometimes and then want to compromise by paying a part and not the whole amount.

There is a civil law that requires him to pay the laborer; therefore, for fear of this, he pays him. He that does this and then won't pay the little amount he is due to his Lord's cause shows plainly that he fears the law of man more than the law of God. I am in favor of making some change in our financial law of the church at our new General Conference.

I believe our people here are going to pay all their assessments this year for both the support of the ministry and Conference collections.

Success to the Advocate and the church at large. I am,

Yours sincerely,

R. F. TAYLOR.

It Has Come.

Well, it has come, but not gone, and from all appearances it will be a good while before it is gone. I refer to a most generous pounding that we have just passed through. Mr. Editor, if you ever intend to come to see us—and I sincerely trust you will—now is the time to come. We heard, softly sung, the first stanza of "Blest Be the Tie," and upon opening the door, there was a regular stampede for the inside of the house. They marched through to the dining-room, packages of all sizes in hand, and so piled them on the table until we fancied we could almost hear it groan with its load. I think something of everything nice to eat could be seen, even to a large pumpkin and a bottle of medicine—I presume for the indigestion which will follow. This pounding was by our church at Hope Mills. This church is not yet a year old, but has one hundred members, and many faithful ones. May God richly reward them a hundred fold and enable us to render them better and more faithful service. This is but one of the many tokens of love during the year. Truly we have a goodly heritage.

We have but recently moved into one of the nicest, most comfortable and convenient new parsonages imaginable. It is just all right. I have every reason to be thankful.

Have held three revivals, resulting, visibly, in over two hundred conversions and 122 accessions on profession. Have also received twenty-six by certificate. "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."

Have one more meeting to hold at Parkton, a new field, where we purpose classifying soon and building. This has been a dull year in all mill towns—especially ours—three out of five mills having closed down, but our people have done their best under the circumstances.

Pardon this long letter, as I just wanted to state these things.

Truly for Christ, E. R. WELCH.

Henderson Station.

Dear Doctor Ivey:—You will please allow me space in the Advocate to say a few words about Henderson Station and Mission. As this is to be the seat of the next session of the North Carolina Annual Conference, it may be of interest to the brethren to hear from us; and I trust it will not be considered as presumptuous, or egotistic in me to say a few words about my work.

We have just closed a protracted meeting of two week's continuance that resulted in a genuine revival of religion in the church and the happy conversion of several precious souls. The congregations grew in numbers and interest from the beginning to the end of the meeting. We had one of the best communion services yesterday it has ever been my privilege to hold. The church was packed with a large, serious and attentive audience, and the Spirit of the Lord was present to comfort and bless the church. The service last night was solemn and impressive; and we closed the protracted meetings at the flood-tide of religious fevor and interest. Many expressed regret at closing the meeting. But there are many other pressing duties claiming my time and attention now.

Rev. R. D. Daniel, my assistant here, who serves the mission connected with this charge, was taken with typhoid fever about the 1st of July and was sick in our home here for two months. He went to his home in Orange County nearly four weeks ago, and has not been able to return to work yet. So I have had to do his work and mine too the best I could. We held a good meeting at North Henderson Cotton Mills in the spring and received a number of valuable members into the church, and organized a good Epworth League there, which has been doing good work ever since. We have organized a League at the station which is starting off well.

Our church at the Harriet Cotton Mills was burned just before I came here, and we have just about completed a new church here; a much better building than the one destroyed. I expect to hold a meeting there next week. We reorganized our Sunday-school there last Sunday, which had scattered for the want of a church. There were sixty scholars enrolled, and the prospect is bright for successful work there. We hope to get some help to finish paying for this church from our Church Extension Board at Conference.

Methodism in Henderson is on the up-grade. We hope to be able to make a good showing at Conference. We are securing homes for the members, and through the help of a committee of elect ladies, will soon be ready to prepare our directory. We will do all we can to make the brethren comfortable.

The Presiding Elders will confer a favor on us by forwarding me the names of lay delegates, applicants for admission, and for orders, at their earliest convenience. Henderson will do her best to give the Conference pleasant entertainment. The brethren who have been Conference hosts know that it is a labor of love to care for the body.

L. L. NASH.

Henderson, N. C., October 3, 1904.

Notice.

The Charlotte Observer and the Charlotte Evening Chronicle will publish full daily reports of the proceedings of the Western North Carolina Conference which will be held in Charlotte next month. The reports for both papers will be furnished by Miss Mamie Bays. Either paper will be sent to any address by mail, or delivered to anyone attending Conference for twenty-five cents for the Conference week. Subscriptions may be sent at any time from now until Conference meets to Miss Bays, or given to her, or handed in at the office upon the arrival of the delegates.

I believe that there is no way, that no love, no life, goes ever from us: it goes as He went, that it may come again, deeper and closer and surer, to be with us always even unto the end of the world.—George Macdonald.

Trinity College Notes.

The Jr. O. U. A. M., of Durham, West Durham and East Durham have appointed a committee to make arrangements for presenting flags and Bibles to both Trinity College and Trinity Park School. It is proposed to have several prominent members and officials of the organization to speak on the occasion. As soon as the program and day of presentation are decided upon an announcement will be made.

The Debate Council has arranged to have an inter-collegiate debate with Randolph-Macon College. This debate will be held in Ashland, Va., some time in the spring. Other debates will be arranged.

President Kilgo is away from the College for a few days. On Thursday he delivered the address at the laying of the corner-stone of a school building at Elizabeth City. After delivering other addresses in the Eastern part of the State, he will go to Richmond, Va., to fill engagements. He will return to Durham the first of the week.

S. B. Underwood, Jr., and A. R. McPhail have been appointed assistant librarians.

A College debate will he held Saturday evening, October 15th. One speaker from each of the three upper classes has been selected to represent the two societies.

Durham, N. C., October 6, 1904.

Aurora Circuit.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—We commenced a meeting at Durham's Creek, on this circuit, the second Sunday in August. Rev. L. S. Etheridge, of the Pamlico Circuit, helped me four days, and did very efficient work. We had a good meeting. Six young people were received into the church. The church was strengthened.

The last week in August found us at Campbell's Creek in a meeting, it being the occasion of our quarterly meeting. Our Presiding Elder, Rev. J. E. Bandy, remained over and gave us two days more than usual of very efficient help. Although he (Bundy) now moves around in the capacity of Presiding Elder, he soon showed us that he had not forgotten his former skill in handling the Gospel net. We closed here with a good deal of interest being manifested, and ten bright young people added to the church. The best meeting they have had for years, they say.

The 18th of September we commenced at Warren's Chapel. The next day Rev. N. L. Seabolt, from Raleigh, came to help us and remained about a week. He is a former pastor of this church, and the people are very much in love with him. We had a great meeting; the best they ever had, they say. Eternity above will tell what has been done in the blessed Saviour's name. Fourteen were added to the church. Others will join doubtless. Let me say here, that we resorted to no new fangled method. Penitents were invited to the altar. Those that think the old-time Gospel and Methodist usage has lost its hold on the people ought to have been there to have seen many of those penitents crying for mercy—then rejoicing in Christ. We left over a dozen penitents at the altar. The meeting ought to have lasted longer, but malaria, ever the bane of Eastern North Carolina, had taken possession of me. So I had to stop and wrestle with the chills for a few days. Brother Seabolt had to return home also, so we had to close.

Financially, things are moving on the up-grade. When we finish the work contemplated here at Aurora, we will have spent over three hundred dollars on the church and parsonage. Indeed, Aurora is building up. New houses are going up here and there; the noise of the saw and hammer is heard in the land. Real estate is high.

The Raleigh and Pamlico Railroad is to pass by here. They are arranging to commence grading here. The Old Dominion's steamboats lie at our wharf, or rather stop here every day, so Doctor, when we have the outlet by land and water we will surely be "out of the woods." Aurora will then be a station (it could be one now), and not have any malaria. Bishop Candler says it is strange that there is no malaria on stations; and so it is. But it must be so, for we never hear of it on stations, I believe, and never see the preachers fearing malaria on stations. So let the ambitious station hunter paste it on the inside of his hat that Aurora will some day be a station.

J. M. LOWDER.

Buy and Help.

I have for sale the following second-hand books, to be sold for preachers' widows:

One set Matthew Henry's Commentary (six volumes). Good as new. Six dollars.

One set Biblical Museum (eight volumes). Almost good as new. Five dollars.

One set Whedon's Commentary (thirteen volumes). Bought last year. Nine dollars.

One set Wesley's Sermons (four volumes). Sheep binding. Two dollars.

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D. H. TUTTLE.

Elizabeth City, N. C., October 7, 1904.

Will You Pay Your Preacher This Year?

BY J. V. WILLIAMS.

It is now nearing the close of the Conference year, and if the preacher is to be paid, some good work must be done at once.

By reference to the Conference Journal, it will be seen that many of our most faithful and devout preachers are not paid in full.

This ought not to be.

The amount allowed—or assessed—for the support of the preacher and his family, is generally very small—much smaller than professional men get in other callings. In fact, the pay of the preacher today, is not as good as the mechanic.

Why is this?

A church whose membership is worth two to three hundred thousand dollars will pay their pastor $500.

I know a church (won't say where) whose membership is worth at least $300,000, who paid their preacher last year less than $400.

One member of that church is worth $100,000. You ask "was the preacher any good"?

Yes, a noble young man. A college graduate who could have made $1,000 easily at secular business.

Everywhere I go they are talking about deadness in the church. No spiritual life, and the services of the church seem to be only formal. Is there any wonder when the membership of a church don't think enough of their pastor to pay him his just dues.

And this is not all. A rich church member who will see his pastor leave for Conference in distress because he has not paid his proportion to the church is a sinner of the deepest die.

There can be no righteousness without right living.

I called on a dear pastor some time ago. He was away out in the gum swamp in the winter time preaching, and having a revival—his wife was running the sewing machine, and was happy.

She said: "I kept husband out of the itinerancy for a while, but with a deeper consecration I changed my mind, and told him we would trust the Lord and go into the work. We don't get a living out of the church, and I take in sewing to clothe my children, but I'm so happy to think that we can serve the blessed Lord in this way."

At the week-day prayermeeting she was there with all the children, and when she led the singing, I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit.

God honors this sort.

Now, that Circuit (I think), has more than 500 members, and could easily pay their preacher $1,000 a year.

They ought to do it.

If that preacher's wife could leave off work on that sewing machine, and spend her time visiting and talking salvation, what a great help she would be!

God bless the noble women, preachers wives, who are still the victems of a cold, dead, sinful church!

Dear Steward, I started out to say a word to you. The year is nearly out, and if you are going to collect that money get a move on you at once. Many of you can't spend many days going from house to house to collect the preacher's money, and right here is where the rub comes.

You have no system.

Make out your statements against all the members, and get two good women for collectors, put them in a buggy and let them collect that money.

If you attended to your affairs like you do God's church you would be a beggar. The church would not be much worse off, but you would.

One word more. Many of our rich men don't "tote fair" in paying to the church. "As God has prospered you," is the Bible rule.

I insist on making the assessments proportionate to a man's worth.

When a steward at New Bern years ago, I talked proportion so much that they called me "Old Proportion."

New Bern is on the up grade, thank God. They are building a $50,000 church, but you won't see Adams at Conference with a "hangdog" expression on his face because he has not got his money. Let us all pray fo rthe stewards and collectors during October and November.

Currituck Circuit.

I have not written you anything for publication from my charge in some time. I hope you will find space for these few lines about our work, lying close by the great Atlantic.

We have held all our meetings for the present year, which accomplished much good, and as a visible result, twenty-three have been added to the church. We have built (this year) a nice church, costing fifteen hundred dollars, and repaired another at a cost of four hundred and fifty dollars; paid a debt on another of one hundred and seventy-five dollars, and have our new parsonage closed in, which we hope to have finished and ready for the new preacher for 1905.

I am closing up my third year on this charge, and while there are some discouraging features that confront us, there are many encouraging ones, and when we take a retrospective glance of our work, the past three years, we take courage and press onward.

The three years spent here in many respects have been pleasant ones. I have seen the cause of the Lord prosper in our lands. There have been during this time eighty-nine members added to the church, we have raised for building, repairing and furnishing churches and parsonages about two thousand and five hundred dollars, besides Conference collections, and pastor and P. E. salaries.

I have some faithful members, who have stood by their pastor, and I wish to express through the Advocate my appreciation of their support, imploring Heaven's blessings upon them.

I believe the work to be in a good, prosperous condition from a financial standpoint; and think there is some improvement along spiritual lines; and when properly developed, will be one of the best charges in the North Carolina Conference.

For all this, we give God the praise and glory.

W. A. PILAND, P. C.

God is light. God is a sun. Paul says: "God hath shined in our hearts to give the light." Just as the sun shines its beautiful, life-giving light on and into our earth, so God shines into our heart the light of His glory, of His love. Our heart is meant to have that light filling and gladdening it all the day. It can have it, because it is written: "Thy sun shall no more go down forever." God's love shines on us without ceasing.—Andrew Murray.

Our Boys and Girls

No Boy Knows.

There are many things that boys may know—
Why this and that are thus and so;
Who made the world in the dark and lit
The great sun up to lighten it.
Boys know new things every day—
When they study or when they play,
When they idle or sow and reap—
But no boy knows when he goes to sleep.

Boys who listen—or should, at least—
May know that the round old earth rolls east;
And know that the ice and the snow and the rain,
Ever repeating their parts again,
Are all just water the sunbeams first
Sop from the earth in their endless thirst
And pour again till the low streams leap—
But no boys knows when he goes to sleep.

A boy may know what a long glad while
It has been to him since the dawn's first smile,
When forth he fared in the realm divine
Of brook-laced woodland and spun sunshine;
He may know each call of his turant mates
And the paths they went, and the pasture gates
Of the 'cross lots home through the dusk so deep—
But no boy knows when he goes to sleep.

—Selected.

Commandments of the Home-Maker.

1. Make your household one harmonious whole, no matter how small the scale.

2. Use only what you can comfortably afford in good quality and ample quantity.

3. Let your home appear bright and sunny. It is not easy to be unpleasant in a cheerful room.

4. Treat your servants wisely and kindly, and it will be impossible for them to either impose or oppose.

5. A certain formality is necessary to save every-day life from triviality and freedom from looseness.

7. Do not forget that "society" is the death of home life—hospitality its flower.

8. Know how to talk and how to listen, how to entertain and how to amuse.

9. Have many interests and no studies.

10. Do not forget—your home should not only be a well-conducted dormitory and boarding place, but truly a home, the centre and focus of all interests, pleasure and happiness for everybody connected with it. —Harper's Bazaar.

A New Game.

Percy Saunders had come up to Perryville to spend a week. He had been there just twelve hours, having come the night before, and he had already been classified and pigeonholed by the Goodrich twins, his country cousins, whom he was visiting. He couldn't climb a tree; he couldn't swim; he threw a ball like a girl; the delights, of using a sling were unknown to him; and—he had to go to bed at half-past seven! As he was a year older than the twins, who were eight, this last was too much.

After breakfast the three boys went out to the barn, where the twins ran up ladders and walked the narrow cross-beams thirty feet above the floor as unconcerned as if they were on the ground.

Percy caught his breath. "Oh, I wish I could do that! I'd love to do all those things, but mamma won't let me because it makes me dizzy."

"Oh, it's easy! See me fly!" And Albert took a flying leap of fifteen feet into the hay, followed by his brother.

Then they compared muscles, and found that Percy's were "awfully flabby." Their own were like iron. But showing off soon palled on all three of the boys, and they began to wonder what they could play.

"I made up a game, the other day," said Percy, in the slow, sober tones that had struck the twins as so curious. They chattered as fast and as shrilly as monkeys themselves in spite of their mother's hourly protests.

"Did you?" said Albert.

"Out of your own head?" said Herbert.

"Oh, it's easy. I often make 'em up," said Percy, delighted to have made an impression on these athletic boys, who could do so many things which he could not, although he was so much older.

"Tell us how you play it," said the twins together, eager for some novelty.

"Well, it's a kind of tag. I'll be it, and I'll start to run after you just the same as I would in tag." As he spoke, the twins, who had been lying in the hay, jumped to their feet and ran out of the barn. "Hold on!" said Percy. "I must tell you something about it, first. As I run after you I holler out a letter of the alphabet, like C, and then if you think of an animal whose name begins with C, and shout it, I can't tag you; but if you don't shout, then I tag you, and you're it, and must run after the others and holler out a letter. It must be some animal, or, if you choose, you can call out flowers. But it must be either animals or flowers or countries or fruits; you mustn't mix 'em up in the same game. Now start, and I'll follow."

"I hope he says the same letter again, because I've got a fine animal all ready," said Herbert to Albert.

The boys had not run fifty feet before they found that, whatever else Percy could not do, he certainly could run. He was almost upon Herbert before he shouted, and then he yelled "C!" as before.

Herbert waited until Percy reached out his hand to tag, and then he shouted, "Seal!"

"Tag!" said Percy, with a burst of laughter.

"That's not fair," said Herbert. "I said 'seal' before you touched me."

"But 'seal' doesn't begin with a 'C;' it begins with an 'S,'" said Percy soberly.

"How about sealing? Isn't that c-e-i-l-i-n-g?"

"The plaster one is, but hunting the animal isn't," said Percy, with authority.

"He's right, Bert," said Al, who had run up. "You're it."

"Very well," said Bert. "Ready!"

And the two fled before him. He pursued Percy, who ran fleetly out into the road. After a long chase, Percy stubbed his toe, and Herbert gained enough on him to call out "G."

"Gnu," yelled Percy. But with a derisive laugh, Herbert closed on him and tagged him.

"I didn't say N; I said "G."

"And I said gnu—g-n-u," said Percy, simply.

"Say, a fellow needn't ever get caught if he spells that way," said Bert, angrily. "G-p-o-n-y—pony. That's easy." But Al came up and declared that Percy was right.

They played the game for over an hour. Sometimes even Percy did not think fast enough or run fast enough to avoid being it, and after awhile they gave variety to the game by changing to flowers; and there they rather got the best of Percy, who was not familiar with as many varieties as the country boys were. Bert made many laughable mistakes in spelling, and Al gave "phlox" as an F flower.

At last, when they grew tired of the sport, they all went up in the hayloft together. The twins helped Percy up the ladder. The tumbled into the hay.

"You're all right," said Al. "You can run fine, and that's a splendid game."

"And you can spell fine," said Bert.

"I'd rather be able to climb a tree like you fellows, than spell any word I ever saw," said Percy, modestly.

"Come on out, then, and we'll teach you," said the twins in unison.—St. Nicholas.

What Alma Learned.

Alma was helping mamma set the table. "What shall I do next, mamma?" she asked.

"Fill the salt-cellar, please," answered mamma.

Alma hastened into the kitchen, and soon returned with the salt-cellar all filled. "Thank you, dear," said mamma. "Now, that you have done this for me, I will tell you something about salt."

"That will be very nice," said Alma, curling herself in a chair near her.

"Well, all need salt so much that God put it for us in everp part of the world; and it is believed that the quantity of salt in the ocean is three million cubic miles. The Greeks, who very, very many years ago were the wisest people that there were, gave salt its name. There was a little change in the spelling of the second, which was the same as saying that sea was Mr. Sea, and salt was Mrs. Salt. We speak of everything not alive as it, but other people, like the Greeks, speak of everything, whether alive or not, as he or she."

"Well, she was good, fresh salt that I just brought in," laughed Alma.

"How can you speak of salt being fresh?" asked mamma.

"Mean that it is not old; but please go on with this nice story."

"But all salt is so old that we know nothing of the people who used to mine it—the rock salt, I mean—although their tools have been found just as they left them. Spain has one of the most wonderful salt mines in the world. It is a great hill, which is nearly all salt. The men mine it from the outside, cutting steps into it to reach to the top. The salt is ground and washed, and is then ready to sell. In Peru there are such large blocks of salt that the people build their houses on them. Some of this is red.

"Does all salt come from mines?" asked Alma.

"Oh, no; much comes from salt springs, and can you guess where the rest comes from?"

"From the dear ocean," said Alma, with the eyes sparkling as she remembered the happy days she had passed near its shores.

"Yes," said mamma, "people take the ocean water and place it in the sun, which draws up all the water, leaving the salt."

"I suppose that Mr. Sun makes pretty clouds out of the water that he draws up," said Alma, "and then sends it back to us in little showers on hot days. But why isn't the rain salt?"

"You will have to get some one who knows more than I do to answer that question," replied her mamma, with a smile. "Sometimes the people get the salt by freezing sea-water. The water will form into ice, that floats in the little waters that holds the salt. This brine is then placed where its water will evaporate, leaving the salt."

"I think the sea-water must be very kind," laughed Alma. "It will give us salt if we give it too much cold. But how do thye get salt from the springs?"

"In nearly the same way. I once saw some salt works in New York State. Since the brine springs flow through the ground, they often take in other things besides salt, so the men first take from the spring-water nearly everything that it gets from the iron and lime through which it flowed. It is then placed in vats, so that the sun will draw up all the water. These vats are sometimes in sheds, whose roofs can be moved so as to give the sun a good chance to reach it. But there is papa coming up the walk, so we must now be having out salt fo rour dinner instead of for our story."—The Watchword.

A True Cat Story.

A Wakefield family who reside in Magnolia during the summer, when they removed to Magnolia last June took with them their pet cat, but pussy did not like the roar and dash of old ocean, but sighed for her home by the placid waters of "Lake Quannapowitt." She disappeared, and was not seen again all summer. The family returned to their Wakefield home about the middle of September. They had been at home about two weeks, when one morning the daughter of the house was in the basement and heard a cat mew, and lo! at the window was her darling pet! It could not be; where did she come from? It must be a strange cat closely resembling "Peanuts" (so called because of her fondness for the article).

"Well," said the mother, "there is one sure test. 'Don,' the house dog, will know his old playmate." Don was called, and the recognition was mutual; they both seem delighted to meet again. It was evident the cat had traveled all the way from Magnolia to Wakefield, through the woods of Magnolia, Manchester, Beverly, over Beverly Bridge, Salem Streets, Peabody, Lynnfield, found Wakefield—how did she know it to be Wakefield?—and hid up at her old home near the lake. I never saw a creature so delighted to find her young mistress and the other members of the family. What guided her over the many miles. Was it animal instinct?—Our Dumb Animal.

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Additional Board Notes.

Our membership last year was increased 2,490.

The receipts for the same period were $132,143.37, nearly $20,000 increase over the year before.

Since the organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, twenty-six years ago, the receipts have been over $1,700,000.

These "facts and figures" should encourage every member of our Societies to be "diligent in business," that there be no falling away in any future reports, but rather, a steady increase from year to year.

May love for our Saviour, a determination to follow His commands, and an intense desire for the salvation of mankind stimulate us to constant, earnest effort.

Miss Pescud.

In last week's Raleigh Advocate there is an interesting article from her pen, which we know will interest every member of our Conference Society.

We regret that there is not room in our column for her occasional letters. She is our very own—we are interested in all her work—"for her our prayers ascend;" and there is always pleasure when her letters come to the "home land," and contain accounts of her well-being and success in the great work she has espoused.

Woman's Missionary Advocate.

In the September number there was one little item, which, though small, contained, "between the lines," pages of unwritten mental effort, solicitude, and entreaty. Read it: "The twenty-fifth volume of the Woman's Missionary Advocate is doing its best to keep up with this progressive missionary age, and it asks the encouragement of the whole Church."

Now, my sisters, it is in your power to show your appreciation of the valuable services rendered by our organ, and to give the encouragement asked, which means, "Send in, not only your subscriptions, but contributions to its columns," whenever there is anything in the Conference Society and Auxiliary work that is calculated to interest and enthuse.

There is many a Moses in our missionary work who needs an Aaron and Hur to hold up the hands and "steady them until the going down of the sun."

Raleigh District Meeting.

Mrs. R. H. Whitaker, District Secretary, speaks to members of her Auxiliaries. Give close attention to her announcement, and "govern yourselves accordingly."

"The District Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Raleigh District will convene in Louisburg, October 29-30.

"Elect your delegates. I hope every Society—adult, young woman's, golden links and juvenile—will be represented and have a good report. The Lady Managers of the Bright Jewel Bands are earnestly requested to attend also.

"Please send the names of delegates and visitors who will attend the meeting to Mrs. T. B. Wilder, Louisburg, N. C.

"MRS. R. H. WHITAKER,
"District Secretary."

Edenton Street Auxiliary.

The regular monthly meeting of this Society was held last Monday afternoon, a large number of members being in attendance.

Mrs. R. O. Burton was elected delegate and Mrs. B. F. Dixon alternate to the District Meeting to be held in Louisburg, October 29-30.

At a former meeting, Mrs. N. G. Whitfield was appointed to fill the office of Corresponding Secretary, made vacant by the death of our lamented sister, Miss Julia Hutchings.

This Society is striving to keep abreast with the spirit of enterprise and progress, essential to intelligence and success in the missionary cause. It has a Study Circle, whose regular meetings are much enjoyed; and it is now making an effort to have a first-class library.

Among the first contributions to this laudable enterprise, are the Life and Letters of Laura Askew Haygood, and the Biography of Mrs. McGavock, First Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

Mrs. N. G. Whitfield was elected librarian.

Miss Janie Brown, agent for Woman's Missionary Advocate, reported several renewals to this important factor in the "light and life" of Auxiliaries.

A THOUGHTFUL MAN.

M. M. Austin, of Winchester, Ind., knew what to do in the hour of need. His wife had such an unusual case of stomach and liver trouble, physicians could not help her. He thought of and tried Dr. Kine's New Life Pills and she got relief at once and was finally cured. Only 25 cents at all druggists.

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Parsonages Then and Now.

"When I read Brother North's recent articles on 'Parsonages,' a comparisons of conditions in my own experience came to my mind. The first: The 'new preacher,' a gray-haired warrior, had just been sent to our charge and had moved into his hired house. This was in a town which had been included in a circuit, but was a station, with no preacher's home. It was a bleak December day. The clouds were lowering and snowflakes hovered in the air when I knocked at the door to ask if I could be of service.

"Some of us had already gathered the few articles of furniture which had belonged to the circuit parsonage but had fallen to our lot in the division. These had been drifting around wherever the preceding preacher, a young man, and unmarried, had boarded. Among them was the bedstead Brother North described.

"This new preacher had a family and must keep house, although his children were motherless. The only house to be obtained was a little three-roomed cottage for the rent of which he was to pay one hundred dollars out of a salary (if all were collected) of six hundred dollars. A few things were added to the stock of furniture with which we tried to make it habitable; there was no water on the lot; the chimneys smoked and the winds whistled. We who were interested did the best we could, but oh! this comfortless view that met my sight!

"The preacher had come a long distance; freight charges were high, and the most valuable of his belongings were the books which were to furnish material for the spiritual food for his flock. He brought little to add to the comfort of a home, and the 'Ladies' Aid Society' was again called on.

The preacher bravely took up his round of duties, nor laid them down till he again received moving orders. Was it any wonder when these came, at the end of the first year, that both preacher and people were willing?

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The World As We See It.

For a long time Western North Carolina has been in a fit of depression on account of the obsolescence of the petrified man. The location of his exhumation was so near to Asheville that this proud and progressive city felt somewhat elated over its nearness to such a wonderful historic spot. But the day came when the petrified man was no more. He was simply a figment of the faker—a carefully compounded and configurated plaster of paris eidolon of the "human form divine." But now our sister mountain city rejoices once more. One of her citizens has been robbed of diamonds amounting to $10,000. There is no rejoicing, of course, course over this fact, but over the eclat. It is not every city that may become the birth-place of a sensation in the shape of a robbery of diamonds so numerous and valuable.

Without intending any disrespect to Judge Peebles, we must say that in one respect at least he is very much like "Happy Hooligan." The Judge seems to be having a plethora of trouble. It seems that in refusing to appoint to the clerkship of Warren County our former friend and journalistic brother, Rodwell, Judge Peebles has done the disappointed applicant a great injustice in proclaiming that said applicant had been a defaulter as former sheriff of the county. The numerous friends of Mr. Rodwell, in Warren County, are eagerly testifying that Mr. Rodwell has never been a defaulter, but that on the contrary, he enjoys the reputation of being as honest and upright a man as can be found in the State of North Carolina. Judge Peebles has it in his power now to show his fairness and magnaminity by correcting his mistake as publicly as it was made, and in other ways making such amends as will satisfy Mr. Rodwell, who is a reasonable man.

It is a matter of congratulation that North Carolinians, who have been represented as typically backward in making claims and defending them, should have been so successful through their able representatives in vindicating their old claim, which was so dramatically denied by Judge Christian, of Virginia, several months ago, that North Carolina was "First at Bethel and Last at Appomattox." Major H. C. London, Judge Montgomery, Mayor A. M. Powell, Capt. W. T. Jenkins, and M. W. J. Peele have done their work well. Major London has been requested to prepare an article entitled, "Last at Appomattox." The ability to vindicate this time-honored claim is a valuable possession for North Carolina, and we trust that Major London's article will have a wide reading. Self-depreciation in matters historical has been for a long time the bane of North Carolina. We are glad to see that this spirit is rapidly giving way to a spirit of self-appreciation which, without including boastfulness, takes in and fosters a worthy and legitimate patriotism and independence.

There are several reasons why the public eye should be turned with interest on the triennial convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church which met last Wednesday in the city of Boston. Thre are several questions to meet earnest consideration. Among these is the divorce question. The last convention in San Francisco voted down the proposed canon which forbids the clergy to remarry any person, innocent or guilty, divorced, even for the Bible cause, during the lifetime of the other party. The fact that this canon is even more stringent than the law laid down by Christ himself, had much to do in causing the defeat of this canon. It is up, however, again in Boston, and many eyes are watching to see what the ninety Bishops in the Upper House, and the five hundred and forty-two members in the House of Deputies, will do with this very important question. It is too much to expect that the canon will be adopted. Whether the promoters of this proposed rule be radical or not, it is nothing but just to say that the Protestant Episcopal Church has been a mighty power in safe-guarding the marriage institution and the sanctity of the home.

It is one of the glaring incongruities of present day life that the head of the nation which is now engaged in one of the greatest wars of modern times should have been the moving spirit in the establishment of the international peace tribunal at the Hague. It is an incongruity no less glaring that the ruler who is supposed to stand for a national war-like spirit, and to be favorable to a policy of general conquest, should have been selected a few days ago to call another peace conference at the Hague. But this is a funny world. And we must have strong faith in the supremacy of righteous principles. The interplay of international forces on the huge platform of so-called peace is nothing but a howling comedy which exists the risibilities of half the Christian world and the sorrow of the other half. Let the play go on, however. We would not have it stopped. President Roosevelt, the Czar of Russia, and all the other minor and major actors will change the comedy into golden drama in which the silver notes of peace, that is peace, will rise above all discordant sounds. Let us hope and pray that out of the peace conference to be called by the ruler of this great nation, will come that which will gladden the hearts of the civilized world.

It is not strange that there should be now running through the great heart of the people of North Carolina a feeling of intense sorrow. North Carolina is mourning the death of one of her favorite sons and greatest men. Gen. Matthew Whitaker Ransom, born in Warren County, N. C., on October 8, 1826, died on last Saturday morning at 1 o'clock at his home near Garysburg, N. C. His death was sudden. He was in good health up to the hour of his death. Gen. Ransom, up to 1895, had occupied for many years a very prominent place in the public affairs, both of his State and Nation. For over twenty-five years he represented North Carolina in the Senate of the United States. In that body he exerted a commanding influence. He had superior gifts as an orator, yet his talents were of the diplomatic kind, and his political victories were won not when he stood upon the hustings or on the floor of the United State's Senate, but in those retired places where he had an opportunity of standing face to face with his fellow-eitizen and shedding upon him the sunshine of a genial kindly soul. Gen. Ransom made only one speech of a commanding order on the floor of the United States Senate, yet that one speech will live long after the white banner of sectional peace has been planted in every State of the Union. His influence still lives in Washington City, and there are many hearts outside of his native State that will be filled with gloom when they hear that Matthew W. Ransom is no more. Gen. Ransom had his limitations. We would not exhibit him as a paragon, yet in this dark hour when a great State is mourning for her favorite son, we would obscure the defects and display the virtues. Of the latter, Gen. Ransom had many. It required a true, brave soul, when facing the eternal shadows, to say to the son gathered around his bedside: "Boys, do right; God bless your mother." These were his last words. May he rest in peace, while the Comforter administers balm to the bleeding hearts of the widow and her children.

We see more than a glint of sunshine through the tree tops when one of North Carolina's representative daily papers becomes broad enough to say good things in behalf of a political antogonist. Mr. Thomas Watson, Populist nominee for the Presidency of the United States, undoubtedly made a great speech a few days ago at Newton. According to the regular canon of political criticism, Mr. Watson very naturally might have expect a fusillade from the enemy's breastworks. This has been the rule and custom in Southern latitudes, but the correspondent of the Charlotte Observer was bright enough to know a good thing on sight, and brave enough to write the truth in his daily report to the paper. We might say that the Charlotte Observer was broad and progressive enough to print this report without fear or favor. The people of North Carolina have been so accustomed to have men and speeches blackened or white-washed according to the political will of the one who happened to hold the brush, that it is positively refreshing for newspapers to contain brave, unvarnished unprejudiced reports even of a political enemy's speech. The sun is mounting higher. May we soon bask in the full flood of the noon-day.

It is more of a regret than a criticism that the material progress of the country has been so much larger proportionately than the rate of increase in the equipment and transportation facilities of our railroads that a great many seemingly avoidable accidents have occurred. But from what we read a better day is coming. Our railroads seem determined to spare no expense in making the equipment of their lines to quadrate with the material prosperity of the country. The Southern Railroad is busy at work in making a second track between Washington and Atlanta. Much of this second track has already been constructed. The Atlantic Coast Line is constructing a second track between Richmond and Petersburg. We have no doubt that the Seaboard Air Line, which is second to no railroad in energy and progress, will soon be engaged in double-tracking between Washington and Jacksonville. The Manufacturers' Record gives a glowing account of material progress in the South during the third quarter of this year. There have been placed in cotton mills in this time 119,804 new spindles. These have required an investment of about $2,396,080, of which amount about $580,000 represents the investment in new mills. The spindleage reported is as follows by States: Alabama, 2,200; Arkansas, 2,500: Georgia, 30,000; Kentucky, 3,456; Mississippi, 6,600; North Carolina, 38,500; South Carolina, 16,548. It can be seen that in the number of new spindles put in during the third quarter of 1904, North Carolina leads all other States by eight thousand five hundred.

An unexpected and very unusual turn has taken place in the affairs of the Russo-Japanese war. The Russians have actually assumed the aggressive, and have advanced against the Japanese, driving them from a strategic point, and, according to Mukden dispatches, forcing them to the old battlefied near Liao Yang. What this means is a matter of conjecture. In St. Petersburg the people are rejoicing that the days of their defeat are over. In other circles the opinion is expressed that the Japanese are simply decoying the Russians to a stage of action more advantageous to the Japanese. We will know the truth, probably, in a few days. Very little news of an authentic kind comes from Port Authur. It is said, though, that now the beseiged have provisions to last them a whole year and that there are now nearly 50,000 soldiers in the garrison.

Methodist Mention

STATE.

The reports of good meetings are very cheering.

The man that wins the race generally carries the most dust.

We trust that the brethren will not be too busy in their meetings to send us a report of them.

The Park School Gazette, issued by Trinity Park School, contains a very touching memorial of Rev. J. F. Bivins.

Dr. Jno. R. Brooks has returned from his Western trip and will be in Reidsville until his Conference at Charlotte.

From what we have heard there will be an unusually large number of preachers at Henderson to report "everything in full."

The Methodist Quarterly, the organ of the M. E. Church, South, Greenville, N. C., and published by Rev. J. A. Hornaday, is doing good work.

The North Carolina Conference will convene at Henderson on November 30th—three weeks after the Western North Carolina Conference at Charlotte.

Rev. R. F. Bumpas, of Edenton Street, Raleigh, is making his Wednesday evening prayer-meetings very interesting with a series of talks on the Twelve Apostles.

Dr. J. C. Kilgo made the address at the laying of the corner-stone of the Albemarle High School at Elizabeth City last week. We hope to have a full account of the exercises.

Mr. Wiley Barnes, a most worthy Methodist layman, and father of Rev. A. S. Barnes, P. C. of the Clinton Circuit, died at his home near Fremont a few days ago. The bereaved have our sympathies.

Trinity College is arranging for regular monthly lectures to the students on popular themes, to be delivered in Craven Memorial Hall. he first lecture will be delivered by Dr. Jno. C. Kilgo, president of the College.

A subscriber wishes to know where he can obtain the best helps for a Sunday-school teacher. We would advise him to write by all means to Dr. James Atkins or Dr. H. M. Hamill, Nashville, Tenn. Our Publishing House carries the helps in stock.

Our friend and brother, R. T. Gray, Esq., of Raleigh, who was once the editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, has our sympathies in the loss by death of his mother, who, full of years and good works, passed to her reward on last Wednesday.

The next Handbook will show in some fine fine electrotypes what some of the "Mistresses of the Manse" in the two Conferences are doing in the way of beautifying the home. This will be a valuable feature of the Handbook. Who will get the prizes?

Rev. C. L. Read sends us the following note from Edenton: "We have just closed a very gracious revival here that resulted in much benefit to the church, and the conversion of ten souls. Bro. D. H. Tuttle did the preaching, which was of a very high order, and was accompanied by the presence and power of the Spirit. Our people consider it the best meeting they have had for ten years."

J. A. Dailey, P. C. Milton Circuit, writes: "We have just held our annual Sunday-school conference and rally at New Hope which was attended with marked success. The day was an ideal one and the crowd immense. The children equipped themselves admirably in their recitations, while the singing by the various schools was inspiring. It is said by many that this was the most successful conference ever held on Milton Circuit, and can but result in lasting good to the Sunday-school cause."

We learn from an exchange that the Methodists at Rockingham are preparing to have a new parsonage. The old building has been sold and removed to an adjoining lot, and will be occupied by the pastor and his family until the new building is ready for occupancy.

We learn that the church at Hamlet will be built as soon as a competent contractor can be secured. Rev. W. T. Usry is rapidly collecting the $2,500 subscribed, and it is expected that before many months this important centre will have an adequate house of worship.

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CONNECTIONAL.

Bishop and Mrs. Granbery have gone to the World's Fair, and while there will be located at the Inside Inn.—Hanover Herald.

Bishop W. W. Duncan was recently tendered a social reception in Savannah, Ga. On September 27th he preached the dedication sermon of the new Williamston College at Greenwood.

Mrs. Sledd, wife of Prof. Andrew Sledd, and only daughter of Bishop Candler, has been added to the editorial staff of the Florida Christian Advocate. She will have charge of the Home Mission department of that paper.

There were four Conference editors at the late session of the Southwest Missouri Conference. There were eight connectional officers at the St. Louis Conference. And yet very often at our North Carolina Conference, there is not a single connectional officer, and only one little scrub editor. Missouri Methodism should divide with us.

Bishop Hoss lately visited Blarney Castle in Ireland. In writing of the Blarney Stone and describing the unusual exertions made by some in kissing the stone, he uses the following characteristic words: "I was nowise inclined to see what success I might have in the same direction. When I was aetatis twenty-five, I might have looked at the matter differently, but nowadays I never do a fool thing which so many other persons are willing to do for me."

The Book Committee was disappointed in the hope of beginning work on the new Publishing House in midsummer. The tenants of the residence now occupying the site were unable to give possession till the 1st of October, which is "moving day" in Nashville. The contract has now been let for the foundation. The residence will be removed at once and the foundation laid before winter. In the spring the building will be proceeded with as rapidly as possible.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

The financial exhibit of the Virginia Conference Orphanage (Methodist), at Richmond, which was recently stated by Rev. J. T. Mastin, superintendent, makes a showing that is greatly to the credit of the institution as well as to its Methodist supporters in the bounds of the Virginia Conference. The debt has been very materially reduced during this year, there remaining only about $3,000 unpaid. The Sunday-schools of the Conference have raised $3,414.71, the church at large, $1,800 and the trustees $2,000, making a total of about $7,100 paid on the debt.—Lynchburg Advance.

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The Raleigh Christian Advocate has an abiding interest in the welfare of its subscribers and extends to those who expect to attend the State Fair a hearty invitation to visit the "Advocate Corner" in Floral Hall, receive a warm welcome, and make themselves "at home." An Advocate representative will be found ready to receive them.

All truly wise thoughts have been thought already thousands of times; but, to make them truly ours, we must think them truly over again honestly, till they take root in our personal experience.—Goethe.

General Notes

In the number of successful applicants for the Rhodes scholarships there are several minister's sons.

Japan has sent a Japanese Christian missionary to Korea, thus taking its place among missionary nations.

The superannuation fund of Canadian Methodism amounts to $282,726, and yields a little over 5 per cent interest.

A few days ago twenty-three young men were ordained and sent out to the foreign mission field by our British Wesleyan brethren.

The Government of Japan has recently placed the Methodist Theological School on the same footing as other schools, regardless of the class of studies.

The Protestant Episcopal Church has purchased property costing $5,000 in the suburbs of Havana, Cuba, and has enlarged its school at Matanzas.

The endowment of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute amounts to $1,030,553.28. The valuation of the personal and real property is $686,379.29.

There are in the United 147,000 clergymen, who minister to the spiritual welfare of 28,689,028 church members, who in turn maintain 184,000 churches.

Mrs. Horace Bushnell, who lives in Hartford, is now in her one hundredth year. This, however, does not deter her from receiving callers and entertaining them with a grace and charm which age cannot diminish.

Helen Keller, that most remarkable young woman, has had October 18th set apart for her at the St. Louis Fair. It will be called Helen Keller Day, and is the first time in the history of any American fair that any special day has been set apart for an individual.

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville has been afflicted with quite a scourge of typhoid fever. At one time there were twenty little patients in the hospital. Only two deaths. It is to be hoped that the situation will soon be relieved. Then the institution will be safer than ever for the trial through which it has passed.

The Presbyterian churches in the North show a net increase in membership for the year of 24,431, and an annual average contribution of seventeen dollars for each member. This is the largest average of all denominations in the United States, except the Episcopal church, which gives a little more than nineteen dollars a member.

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Our Influence and How We Exert It.

Our influence! What is influence? It is that subtle force that issues from one's real self. It may be said to be the atmosphere which issues from, and surrounds, the individual. The sun gushes forth light ineffable, and heat unquenchable, because it is light and heat. Pomegranates and spices fill the house with sweet odors; the atmosphere becomes laden with that aroma, the absence of which destroys their identity. They would not be without the aroma they exhale. So with man. He is a "force bearer, a force producer" of his very essence and nature. As he journeys forth he exhales influences of his very being. It is this that gives weight to his words and acts. It is the man himself going out in words and deeds. Scientists call this "his magnetic circle." Artists express the same idea by the halo of light emitting from the divine head. Literature also recognizes the same idea. Bunyan, in his sublime allegory, makes Apolyon's nostrils emit flames. Edward Everett declared that Daniel Webster's eyes emitted sparks during his greatest speech. It is said by another: "No doubt if we had tests fine enough we would find each man's personality the centre of out-reaching influences of which he may indeed be as utterly unconscious as he is of the contagions of disease from his body. If light is in him he shines; if darkness rules he shades; if his heart is full of love he warms; if frozen with selfishness he chills; if corrupt he poisons; if pure-hearted he cleanses."

The influence of the summer sun puts songs in the throats of the birds and causes the flowers to unfold their petals and shed forth fragrance, lading the air with sweet perfumes; but that is not half so wonderful as the going forth of the human heart glowing with ten thousand effects as it moves through life. The soul of man, like the sun, has its own atmosphere with which it warms and transforms into beauty, or curses, chills and blights.

At times we find a soul all aglow with its own light and power infusing the same into a score or more of his fellows; they catch his enthusiasm, and in turn infuse it into others until the whole community reflects the image of one masterful soul. The influence of one great personality permeats the entire community.

When a certain atmosphere pervades an assembly, whether it originates from an individual, or a number of individuals, it is said the character or influence of the assembly is this or that. There is a sense in which character and influence are synonymous. The very presence of a great character exerts an influence whether he wills it or not; and the character of the man determines the value of his influence.

Ones pretentions may be one thing and his character and influence may be quite another. But it is character that counts—what one is; not what he professes to be.

Centuries ago King Saul sent soldiers to arrest a seer who had publicly indicted him for out-breaking sins. When the soldiers entered the prophet's presence they were so profoundly affected by the majesty of his character that they forgot their lord's command, and asked to become the good man's protector. Likewise a second squad of soldiers came to arrest him, and they remained to befriend him. Then the king himself, in great anger, rushed from his palace to seek the place where the man of God was teaching the people; he came under the influence of the prophet and began to prophesy, until the people, in great amazement, asked is, "Saul also among the prophets?"

We are here reminded of a similar incident in New Testament history. The Pharisees sent soldiers to arrest a public teacher. They returned without him, and when asked, "Why have ye not brought him," replied; "Never man spake like this man." Later this same teacher is a prisoner, and although Pilate is surrounded by a legion of soldiers to protect him, his heart trembles in his presence.

King Agrippa, seated on his throne, trembles in the presence of a man bound with chains who is able to forget himself in his great desire to do another good.

Carlyle tells of a mob in Paris who faced a belching cannon and spiked it, only to be stopped, further down the street by an old gray-haired man who simply bared his head and beckoned for silence.

It is said that when Julius Caesar was a young man he was captured by pirates and chained to the oars as a galley slave. That night he ate with the caption, the second day he was made first mate, and he soon won the hearts of the sailors, put the captain in irons, and shortly afterward sailed the ship as a prize into a Roman port.

Some seem to think that by boasting they have prestige. A man may ape a character greater than himself, and imitate a virtue he does not possess; but there is a vast difference between a real character and one initiated by another; between a real virtue and one that is copied. Only a small fraction of a great man's character can manifest itself in speech. Character is inexpressibly finer and larger than words; hence one who assumes a character that he is not fails to exert any moral influence, becomes the butt of ridicule, and at the same time contemptible in the eyes of right-thinking men.

It is one's character that gives worth and weight to his words and works. Sheer weight of personality alone accounts for a man's influence. Emerson says: "What you are speaks so loud I cannot hear what you say." Samuel's moral energy all compact restrained others and transformed them.

In New Orleans, at the intersection of Camp and Pylanea Streets, is the statue of a woman who was reared in poverty. She began life as a milk-maid and never rose above the occupation of a baker. She was known to the masses only by her given name, Margaret. Her statue, known as Margaret's statue, is the figure of a coarse-featured, ill-shapen woman with a little child standing by her side. Why is this woman's memory perpetuated in marble? She was one whom the people loved to honor because of her personal worth of character and the good influence she exerted in consequence.

Sometimes the public are slow to recognize one's value, but a man of real worth can afford to wait patiently until his nobility is recognized. I would here give emphasis to the fact that neither poverty nor ignorance is a barrier to the exercise of the influence of a noble soul. In London there was a poor ignorant apple woman who divided her fare and poor tenement with orphan boys. She gave them an ash box to sleep in because she had no better to offer them. During forty-two years she mothered and reared twenty of these orphans, giving them a home, bed and food, and taught them all she knew. Some she helped to obtain scant knowledge of trades and inspired them to hope for better things. Others she helped to reach Canada and the United States where they improved their fortunes and become good citizens. In her poverty-disfigured garret, made more wretched by want, her life was a blossom event in London's history. Social reform felt the mighty weight of her influence. Like a broken vase, the perfume of her life will sweeten literature and society a thousand years to come.

Lord Shaftesbury, simply as a peer, might soon be forgotten, but there was that in him that will keep his memory fresh in the minds of men, and his influence will be felt in England in innumerable reforms for ages yet unborn. When his funeral cortege passed through Pall Mall and Trafalgar squares, on its way to Westminster Abbey, the streets for a mile and a half were thronged with innumerable thousands. He was honored in his death by the presence of more people than are the crowned heads of England.

Why this display of affection for a peer? Why the perpetuation in literature of the memory of a poverty-stricken, ignorant apple woman? Why preserve the form of a coarse-featured, ill-shapen woman in marble? Because of the true worth of soul that exhaled influences that could not be circumscribed to the narrow limits of a small community.

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Sunday School

Lesson for October 16, 1904.

Elisha and the Shunammite.

(2 Kings 4:25-37.)

Golden Text.—The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23.)

The story of the Shunammite woman is one of the idylls of Scripture It gives us a picture of home life and social conditions which is valuable both as a means in understanding the environment in which Elisha lived, and as suggestive of what the spirit of every home should be at the present time.

The Prophet's Chamber.—Hospitality was one of the striking characteristics of the home in Shunem, where Elisha, the man of God, always felt himself at ease. Not content, however, with extending the ordinary hospitality which is prevalent in the East, the woman of Shunem and her husband made for their guest a prophet's chamber, which was duly furnished and set apart for Elisha's special use.

A Home Greatly Blessed.—In return for the kindness which he had experienced Elisha desired to show the Shunammite some special favor. First, he offered to speak for her to the king or the captain of the host, but with quiet decision she replied, "I dwell among mine own people." Then, having been reminded by Gehazi of the lack of children in this home, he promised to the Shunammite the advent of a son, which promise was in due time fulfilled.

A Sore Bereavement.—Years had now passed away, and the Shunammite's son had grown up to be quite a lad, when one day he was overcome while out in the field and carried to his home where he died on his mother's knees.

It is at this point that our lesson to-day takes up the Scripture narrative. We see the fond mother in her sore distress turning to the same source for help as did the poor widow, whose sons were about to be taken from her into bondage.

A Life Restored.—Not in vain did the Shunammite turn to the man of God at the very moment of her bereavement. Elisha responded immediately to her call, and by the divine blessing he was enabled to restore the dead boy to life.

The Heart of the Lesson.—1. There should be a prophet's chamber in every home. In other words, there should always be room for the representatives of our Master's kingdom within our dwelling, and though we may not be able literally to follow the example of the Shunammite in setting a room apart, we should always cherish the same hospitable spirit which she showed toward every sincere servant of the Lord.

2. God who is the giver is also the restorer of life. It was through the divine power that Elisha brought back the Shunammite's son to life. Let us note, too, that this power was given to Elisha simply in answer to prayer.

3. The great spiritual teaching of our lesson is summed up in the Golden Text. There is hope even for those who are spiritually dead that they may be quickened into life by the redeeming power of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. For, thanks be unto our Father in heaven, the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thoughtful Thanksgiving.

The Arabs have a custom of thanking God that it is no worse. If one loses an eye, he thanks God that it was not both eyes; if he loses a hand, he thanks God it was not both hands; if he breaks his leg, he thanks God it was not his neck. Dr. Johnson used to say that a habit of looking at the best side of every event is better than a thousand pounds a year. When Fenelon's library was on fire, "God be praised," he exclaimed, "that it is not the dwelling of some poor man!" This is the true spirit of thanksgiving, one of the most beautiful traits that can possess the heart.—Exchange.

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Rev. Geo. A. Snyder has been inaugurated president of Catawba College at Newton, N. C.

The Waccamaw Land & Lumber Company recently purchased 171,120 acres of land in Brunswick County at a cost of $357,000.

Hon. Hoke Smith, of Georgia, addressed a large audience in Charlotte, N. C., on the issues of the campaign last Monday night.

The persimmons trees are loaded this year. It is said this means an unusual number of marriages, and a very cold winter.—Raleigh Times.

The farmers of Scotland County are considerably put out over the price of cotton. Not a few of them are inclined to hold and take chances on a better price later on.

The residence of John A. Stewart, of Asheville, was entered Wednesday night and $10,000 worth of diamonds stolen. The property was insured.

During the races at the Forsyth County Fair, Mary Dell, of Roanoke, driven by Mr. Nicholson, broke the record for North Carolina tracks, going a mile in 2:14¾.

The State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro was opened Thursday with an attendance of 500. This is the largest first day enrollment in the history of the institution.

The Republican Executive Committee has put up L. D. Mendenhall, of Randleman, Randolph County, as a candidate for Congress in the Seventh District, against Hon. R. N. Page.

State Chairman A. C. Shuford and Committeeman J. B. Lloyd have issued an address to former Populists of the State calling on them to support the Watson electoral ticket soon to be announced.

Governor Aycock will make campaign speeches in West Virginia, October 24-25; Indiana, 26-29; Connecticut, October 31, November 1; New Jersey, November 2-3, and Maryland, November 5.

Prof. D. H. Hill, Raleigh, is to prepare a review of all 1904 North Carolina books for the State Literary and Historical Association, 18th. If you know of any new book by a North Carolinian, drop him a postal.

The ten Sub-Alliances of the Farmers' Alliance, which have been organized in Mecklenburg County, will meet in the county court-house, October 13th. The meeting will be for the purpose of organizing a County Alliance. State Lecturer Cates, of the Alliance, has been busy for some time in Mecklenburg, and now nearly every township in the county has an organization.

A GREAT SENSATION.

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GENERAL.

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Japan is preparing for a long war with Russia.

The new battleship Georgia will be launched next Thursday.

Carl Schurz writes a letter declaring for Parker and Davis.

Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt died suddenly in Oxford, England.

Fire in a lumber yard at Johnson City, Tenn., caused a loss of $200,000.

Manchester, England, is to receive cotton cargoes direct from New Orleans.

Advices from Mukden report that both armies are quiet but the scouts are active.

The total attendance at the St. Louis World's Fair to date was given at 12,515,511.

The United States will not intervene in Congo State affairs at the present time.

Joseph Chamberlain reopened his fiscal campaign with a speech at Luton, England.

The National Convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy began in St. Louis.

Leading Filipinos at a banquet in Manila expressed a desire for national independence.

General Stoessel says the Japanese lost 10,000 men in their latest assault on Port Arthur.

A British steamer carrying provisions to Port Arthur has been seized by the Japanese.

President Roosevelt is said to be supremely confident of the result of the election next month.

The Navy Department is planning an elaborate scheme of communications by wireless telegraphy.

Frederick Auguste Bartholdi, sculptor of the Statute of Liberty in New York Bay, died in Paris.

Valley Falls Manufacturing Company, of Spartanburg, S. C., has been placed in the hands of a receiver.

A negro was nominated for Congress in Georgia for the first time since the era of Reconstruction.

The Alabama Cotton Products Co., handling exclusively round-lap bales, has been forced into bankruptcy.

The treasurer of the Democratic National Committee appeals for contributions for the campaign fund.

Cotton is opening rapidly in all sections, and a large percentage of the crop has been already gathered.

Minister John Barrett denies that there is friction between the United States and the Panama Government.

Elections of State and county officers, members of the Legislature, judges and solicitors, were held in every county in Georgia Wednesday. There was practically no opposition to the Democratic candidates for State officers, nor for county judges and attorneys.

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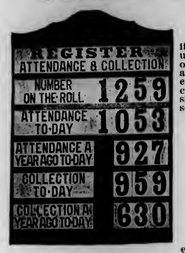

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Going Round and Round.

I left home Wednesday 28th ult., to look in upon the New Bern district Sunday-school Conference at Newport. I found it in full blast. One day had been put in. Good reports were in the air. The interest increased to the end. How could it be otherwise with J. W. Bryant in the chair, and Y. T. Ormond at the secretary's table, with Dr. Swindell overlooking, and Giles, J. H. M., as host. The Orphanage man wedged in a word between the acts of a compressed program. The only drawback was the small attendance. Friday morning I shipped for Kinston. Spent the day and night with dear friends, did some business, and added a nice sum to my subscription list Spent Saturday in New Bern—dined with a friend. Did some business. Added to my funds there. Returned to Newport, and talked to the Sunday-school, preached twice, and got home Monday evening. It was pleasant to lodge with Giles and family. I had a nice home during Conference, with Mr. Cicero Mann.

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Receipts up to October 8.

Princeton Sunday-school, $12.00; Elm Street Sunday-school, Goldsboro, for bed, $7.50; First Church Sunday-school, Elizabeth City, $5.00; Mount Pleasant Church and Sunday-school, Richmond, $17.50; Saint Pauls Sunday-school, $14.45; Warrenton Sunday-school, to September 30, $15.00; Lumberton Sunday-school $10.09; Parkers Sunday-school, October, $5.00; Gibson Sunday-school, $2.50; Saint Johns Sunday-school, $2.50; Red Springs Sunday-school, $2.50; New Land Sunday-school, $15.00; W. H. Weatherington, on subs., $5.00; Carteret Circuit, $6.83; John Farleno, $1.00; J. A. Meadows, on subs, $25.00; J. A. Meadows, donation, $25.00; Clayton on subs., $4.00; Mrs. G. P. Markham, $2.00; Mrs. T. J. Adams, on subs., $2.50; J. C. Burt, on subs., to 20th Cen. Educational, $2.50; Miss May Foy, .50; Mrs. Whitfield, on subs. per Mr. J. G. Brown, $2.00.

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WARRENTON DISTRICT.

G. F. Smith, P. E., Littleton, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept. 24, 25
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, Oct. 1, 2
Rich Square, Pinner's, Oct. 8, 9
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, Oct. 15, 16

FOURTH ROUND.

Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, Aug. 21, 22
Harrellsville, Harrellsville, Aug. 27, 28
Scotland Neck, Sept. 4, 5
Conway, Providence Sept. 10, 11.
Murfreesboro, Sept. 11, 12
Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept. 24, 25
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, October 1, 2
Rich Square, Pinners, Oct. 8, 9
Battleboro and Whitakers, Whitakers, Oct. 15, 16
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, Oct. 22, 23
Warren, Shady Grove, Oct. 29, 30
Warrenton, Warrenton, Oct. 30, 31
Littleton, Littleton, Nov. 3, 4
Weldon, Nov. 6, 7
Garysburg, Seaboard, Nov. 5
Roanoke Circuit, Smiths, Nov. 12, 13
Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, Nov. 13, 14
Ridgeway, Union, Nov. 19, 20
Henderson, Nov. 27, 28

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C

FOURTH ROUND.

Hatteras, Trent, Sept. 10, 11
Hertford, Centre Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Perquimans, Oak Grove, Sept. 24, 25
Pasquotank, Newbegun, Sept. 25, 26
Camden, McBride's, Oct. 1, 2
North Gates, Savage, Oct. 8, 9
Gates Harrells, Oct. 15, 16
Kitty Hawk, Currituck Inlet, Oct. 22, 23
Currituck, Ebenezer, Oct. 23, 24
Moyock, Perkins Chapel, Oct. 29, 30
Dare, Mann's Harbor, Nov. 5, 6
Roanoke Island, Nov. 6, 7
Elizabeth City, First Church, Nov. 13
Elizabeth City Road, Nov. 13
Columbia, Nov. 19, 20
Pantego and Belhaven, Nov. 25
Roper, Nov 26, 27
Plymouth, Nov. 27

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Robesonville, Mt. Zion, Sept. 3, 4
Washington, Sept. 11, 12
Nashville, Sharon, Sept. 17, 18
Farmville, Farmville, Oct. 2, 3
Aurora, Oct. 8, 9
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter, Oct. 12
Fairfield, Oct. 14
Mattamuskeet, Nebraska, Oct. 15 16
Bethel, Bethel, Oct. 22, 23
Tarboro, (night) Oct. 23
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, Ocracoke, Oct. 29, 30
Greenville, (morning) Nov. 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Shilmerdine, November 6, 7
Spring Hope, Hornes, Nov. 12, 13
Wilson Station, (night) Nov. 13
Wilson Circuit, (Ledge Street) Nov. 14
Fremont, Fremont Nov. 15
Rock Mount, Nov. 16
Bath, Bath, Nov. 19, 20
South Rocky Mount and Marvin, Nov. 22
South Edgecombe, Elm City, Nov. 27, 28

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Roberdel, Roberdel, Sept. 3, 4
Rockingham Station, Sept. 4, 5
Lumberton, Parker's, Sept. 10, 11
St. John and Gibson, St. John, Sept. 15, 16
Laurenburg, Sept. 16, 17
Richmond, Steele's Mill, Sept. 24, 25
Maxton and Caledonia, Oct. 1, 2
Hamlet, Hamlet, Oct. 8, 9
Rowland, Rowland, Oct. 15, 16
Robeson, Asbury, Oct. 22, 23
Mt. Gilead, Wadeville, Oct. 29, 30
Montgomery, Capelsie, Nov. 5, 6
Red Springs, Red Springs, Nov. 12, 13
Pekin, Concord, Nov. 19, 20
Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Nov. 26, 27

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Franklinton, Grove Hill, September 10, 11
Clayton, Elizabeth, September 17, 18
Oxford Circuit, September 24, 25
Central, October 1, 2
Brooklyn, October 2, 3
Milbrook, Pleasant Grove, October 8, 9
Granville, October 15, 16
Wakefield, October 20
Kenley, October 22, 23
Cary, October 29, 30
Epworth, October 30
Oxford Station, November 5, 6
Youngsville, November 12, 13
Louisburg, November 19, 20
Tar River Plank Chapel, November 26, 27

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C

FOURTH ROUND.

Mt. Olive and Faison, Mt. Olive, Sept. 17, 18
Jones' Circuit, Lee's, Sept. 24, 25
Goldsboro, Thompson's, Oct. 1, 2
St. Paul, Oct. 2
Centenary, Oct. 9, 10
Pamlico, Bayboro, Oct. 15, 16
Oriental, Oriental, Oct. 16, 17
Hookerton, Rainbow, Oct. 22, 23
Grifton, Grifton, Oct. 23, 24
Dover, Oct. 29 30
Kinston, Oct. 30
Snow Hill Circuit, Jerusalem, Nov. 5, 6
Craven, Asbury, Nov. 11
Carteret, Harlow, Nov. 12, 13
Beaufort, Nov. 13, 14
Atlantic, Wit, Nov. 15, 16
Straits, Tabernacle, Nov. 19, 20
Morehead, Nov. 20
LaGrange Circuit, Nov. 21
St. John, Nov. 25
Mt. Olive Circuit, Smiths, Nov. 26, 27

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham N. C.

East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

FOURTH ROUND.

Trinity Church, Sept. 11, at 11 a. m.
Carr Church and Branson, at Carr, Sept. 11 at night
Chapel Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Durham, McMannen, Sept. 24, 25
Mangum Street, Sept. 25, at night
Leasburg, Salem, Oct. 1, 2
Hillsboro, Cedar Grove, Oct. 8, 9
Roxboro, Concord, Oct. 15, 16
Milton, New Hope, Oct. 22, 23
Yanceyville, Bethel Oct. 29, 30
Mt Tirzah Circuit, Nov. 5, 6
Burlington, Front Street, Nov. 13, 14
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, Nov. 13, at night
Burlington, Shiloah, Nov. 18
Alamance, Phillips Chapel, Nov. 19, 20
Main Street, Nov. 27, at 11 a. m.
West Durham, Nov. 27, at night

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. S. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Goldstone Maroneys, August 27, 28
Sampson, Bethel, September 3, 4
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 10, 11

FOURTH ROUND.

Dunn, Sept. 25, 26.
Cokesbury, Cokesbury, Oct. 1, 2
Elise, Tyrs. Oct. 7
Carthage, Oct. 8, 9
Haw River, Hyman's, Oct. 14
Pittsboro, Zion, Oct. 15, 16
Siler City, Oct. 22, 23
Goldston, Oct. 23, 24
Jonesboro, Hoplar springs, Oct. 28
Sanford, Oct. 29, 30
Hope Mills, Nov. 5, 6
Newton Grove, Nov. 11
Duke, Benson, Nov. 12, 13
Buckhorn, Cokesbury, Oct. 16
Lillington, Nov. 19, 20
Sampson, Nov. 25
Fayetteville, Hay Street, Nov. 27
Fayetteville, Holt's Hill, Nov. 27

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Onslow, Swanboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Burgaw, September 10, 11
Fifth Street, Sept. 18
Market Street, Sept. 18
Town Creek, Zion, Sept. 21
Grace, September 25
Clinton, Keener, Oct. 1, 2
Bladen Circuit, Antioch, Oct. 7
Elizabeth, Wesley's, Oct 8, 9
Magnolia Carleton, Oct. 15, 16
Carver's Creek, Shiloah, Oct. 21
Whiteville, Cerro Gordo Oct. 22, 23
Shallotte, Village, Oct. 28
Waccomaw, Bethel, Oct. 29, 30
Burgaw, Burgaw, Nov. 4
Kenansville, Warsaw, Nov. 5, 6
Onslow, Tabernacle, Nov. 9
Jackson and Richlands, Richlands, Nov 10
Southport, Nov. 13
New River, Sneed's Ferry, Nov. 18
Scott's Hill, Scott's Hill, Nov. 19, 20
Bladen Street, Nov. 27.

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Marriages

SIKES—ROUGHTON.—On September 28, 1904, 8.30 p. m., in the M. E. Church, Columbia, N. C., Lenwood Sikes to Hattie Roughton, Rev. Wm. P. Constable officiating.

SWINDELL — SWINDELL.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. L. H. Swindell, Swan Quarter, N. C., September 26, 1904, Mr. Hiram A. Swindell, of Moils Point, N. C., to Miss Iredell Swindell, Rev. W. Y. Everton officiating.

HOWARD — SPENCER.— Married in the M. E. Church, South, Ocracoke, N. C., September 21, 1904, Mr. W. Hindman Howard and Miss Marion Spencer, both of Ocracoke, R. R. Grant officiating.

Obituaries

Obituaries containg not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit

POWELL.—Robert Ballard Powell, Jr., son of Mr. R. B. Powell and Mrs. Annie B. Powell, was born in the town of Henderson, N. C., August 4, 1903, and died July 22, 1904, aged eleven months and eighteen days.

Little Robert was a bright, beautiful child, and his affectionate parents looked forward with hope to his growing up to comfort and cheer their lives; but our merciful heavenly Father saw best to remove him from the trials of this life to that better life beyond.

He is greatly missed in his home here, but his parents have the blessed assurance that he is safe in heaven. He cannot come to them, but they can go to him. He was dedicated to God in baptism by the writer sometime before the Lord took him. May our Father comfort his loving parents with His continued blessings.

L. L. NASH.

ROPER.—Sister Caroline Roper was about thirty-six years old at her death, which occurred a few weeks ago. In early life she was married to R. D. Roper. She leaves two children and husband to mourn their loss.

Her neighbors all loved her, and her memory is, and will ever be, a precious heritage. She was ever ready to help when in her power to do good to any with whom she was thrown in contact. Those who knew her best loved her most.

She loved her church and her prescence was given with all the aid she could render to God's cause. From the day of her conversion to the day of her death she showed her love to Christ and His people. She showed an abiding interest in the preacher and his family. It was her chief joy to do something for them to make their stay a pleasure while on this circuit.

Her devotion to her husband was ideal, while her love for her children was that which marks a true and faithful mother. Her husband's health has not been good for some years and all that a loving wife could to was done to share his burdens. His life was made happy, though in afflictions, by the tender care of a good wife.

We are all deeply grieved at the loss of so true a friend and Christian.

A father, three sisters and two brothers survive her of her immediate family and upon these, with her husband and two children, we pray God's blessings.

Believing that she is at rest, we shall strive to meet her in the better world.

MRS. ADA WALTON.
Wecksville, N. C., Aug. 31, 1904.

HOWARD.—The subject of the following sketch, Capt. James W. Howard, was born at Ocracoke, N. C., March 26, 1839, and died at the same place September 9, 1904.

Captain Howard's early life was spent in the usual way of the people of his section, and he continued fishing with one or two intermissions till about 1883 when the Hatteras Inlet Life Saving Station was built. After the completion of this station, Captain Howard was made its first keeper and remained its keeper till April 10, 1903, when he was forced to give it up on account of feeble health.

He has left his impress upon those who were in the service with him as well as upon the community at large. All who knew him knew that God was honored in his life. Hatteras Inlet Station was a home for all the servants of God whose wanderings through the earth took them that way. He loved to turn the Station into a church and have the Word read and expounded and to have all join in singing the songs of Zion. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1869, under the ministry of Rev. Geo. E. Wyche, and has been one of its most faithful members ever since. His religious life seemed to brighten as he grew older and the sweet experiences that had helped him all along the journey deepened as he drew near the end. When the journey was coming to a close we all saw that he looked at death "as nothing more than a dream," and that he was perfectly willing to lie down and "rest under the shade" until Jesus should bid him arise.

He was married to Miss Zelphia Williams, of Ocracoke, January 21, 1861. They had twelve children born to them, but all of them except three preceeded their father to the better land.

May those that are here so live that there will "be a happy meeting over yonder."

R. R. GRANT.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, Christian education is essential to the highest type of Christian citizenship, and

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Resolved 1. That we record with pleasure the matriculation of ten new boys from Robeson County into the above institutions.

2. That we pledge our fidelity and patronage to these institutions.

3. That we deplore the untimely death of Prof. J. F. Bivins, Headmaster of Trinity Park School, and pray that the Board of Trustees may be Divinely guided in the selection of a wise and worthy successor.

4. That these resolutions be recorded upon the minutes of this Conference, and that a copy of them be furnished the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

W. H. HUMPHREY.

Signed by Z. PARIS.

Resolutions of respect passed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Laurinburg Methodist Church on the death of Mrs. Pattie E. Overby, which occurred at her home in Laurinburg, N. C., on August 27th:

Whereas, in view of the loss sustained by our Missionary Society; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we express our appreciation of her pure Christian character and the desire which she had for the extension of her Lord's kingdom, for while feeble health kept her at home she always gave to its aid and her heart was ever open to the needs of the work.

2. That we extend to the bereaved family and friends our deepest sympathy.

3. That this testimonial of our heartfelt sorrow he sent to the family of our deceased sister, recorded in the minutes of our Society and sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

MRS. C. W. NORTH,
MRS. G. D. WRIGHT,
MISS MINNIE SMITH,
Committee.

Resolutions of respect adopted by Mangum Street Methodist Church, Durham, N. C.:

Whereas, our Heavenly Father, in His allwise providence, has entered the portals of our church for the first time and transferred from its membership here to His great church in heaven our beloved sister, Mrs. Z. T. Dickie; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That in her death our church has lost an earnest, sincere and conscientious member, who was untiring in all her efforts to promote the welfare of her church and to establish her Father's kingdom on earth, the community a devoted friend and her family a loving and affectionate wife and mother.

2. That while we deeply mourn the loss of a life so pure, yet we bow in humble submission to the will of our Father who doeth all things well and that we extend our love and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family whose home has been torn asunder.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the church, a copy furnished the family of the deceased and other copies to the Herald and Sun of this city and the Christian Advocate of Raleigh with a request for publication.

MISS SUSIE McFARLAND,
MRS. C. W. EZZELL,
MISS EMMA DOWDEE,
Committee.

Durham, N. C.

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Dr. D. M. Bye, Indianapolis, Ind.

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MRS. J. B. MAXWELL.
Laurinburg, N. C., May 30, 1902.

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Dottings.

We greatly sympathize with our friends of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville in their terrible struggle with the typhoid fever. May the good Lord spare those dear little orphans.

The article in the last Advocate headed, "Wanting Ones," should have been "Waiting Ones." Mistakes will happen in the best of families. Who will make me a present of a writing machine? One that will run by itself. Are there any auto-type-writers?" I wish I had one for Dr. Ivey's sake.

(Also the printers, Brother.)

I was mistaken about Berry's taking lessons in drawing. He teaches himself. He seems to know more about it than anyone else here. Wish you could see his drawing of our main building.

We give our friends a cordial invitation to come to see us when you come to the Fair. If you have a $1.00 bill for us, bring it along; or any other little thing.

As there is a law against burying in the city of Albany, the bishop had to have a special act of Legislature to be buried in the Cathedral. He was successful in having the act pass the law-makers, but his friends were astounded and worried when they read its text. It began with the usual verbiage. The ending was something like this:

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ARE SIMPLE PLEASURES POSSIBLE?

The author of "The Simple Life" has come to America, and everybody is interested in him. Not a few are surprised that a Protestant pastor in Paris should have a message for the world. With easy generalization we have been accustomed to say, "Can any good come out of Paris?" But there is a better Paris, as there is a better America, and its virile preacher has called us to think of the value and power and beauty of simplicity.

Mr. Wagner summons us to the enjoyment of simple pleasures. The call is timely, for we are tending too rapidly in the other direction. When young girls of sixteen in the high school are expected to wear ball dresses, and the boys of the same tender age to wear dress suits for the class functions; when it is required that the escorts call for the young ladies in carriages and with handsome bouquets, while fluttering mammas wait for the return until 1 o'clock in the morning,—a little suggestion of the delight of simple pleasures is not out of place.

Perhaps it may be necessary occasionally, as a matter of solemn duty, to give and to attend great social functions, in which one is crowded, and received, and pushed, and entertained, and pushed again, and sent home. But we may have a great many simple pleasures in between, and a very gracious Christian spirit may be shown in them.

It is a serious mistake to suppose that one must go away from home in order to have a good time. The home is the place for simple pleasures. About the only recipe needed is the elimination of all selfishness and the substitution of abounding good humor. It is extraordinary how the disagreeables of the day will disappear in the process. The husband will lock up the cares and annoyances of business in his safe with the cash-box and ledger. The wife will conceal the domestic mishaps,—the awful tragedy of the breaking of the cut glass dish or the shameful neglect in the matter of sweeping,—and the children, remembering that father and mother are tired, will bring only the bright and funny happenings of the school to be talked over in the family circle. Of course there are times when all the family must know the trials that shall bind them together in sympathy, but a conspiracy of silence about petty worries is altogether to be commended.

A home should be a temple of good humor, and, if so, the dining-room should be its inner shrine. Why should we not have the stalled ox and the peace and merriment also? There are families where the meal is the time for the venting of bad humors, and the airing of all grievances, and the settling of all disputes. It is, of course, a most convenient opportunity. Every one is present, and no one can well escape. But it is a desecration. The family meal should be the feast of the peace offering.

And there are so many simple pleasures open to us in the occasion of family festivals. The Germans make more of the many holidays of the year than we,—and they are right. Of course, the great days of Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming, but there are other days as well, with opportunities of plenty of fun, without any destructiveness or stupidity. And there are the birthdays and the wedding days and the family anniversaries. No need to spend much money. Simple festivities are the best. Little presents carry as much love as costly gifts. Nothing can be better than the basket made at school, or the piece of beaten brass, the worked handkerchief, or the gathered bouquet.

We might have so much pleasure with the children. It is their birthright, too. They delight in frolic. Lambs frisk and kittens play and children laugh and run naturally. And the rest of us keep young as we laugh with them. An old gentleman, still young in spite of his three-quarters of a century, said, after he had been sporting with some little folk: "I like to amuse children. It is so cheap. They require so little to delight them." And children enter easily into the conspiracy of pleasure. If we will only let them have the opportunity, they will enjoy the delight of giving even more than that of receiving, as our Master, with exquisite insight, has taught us.

By a little expansion of our home and family life, there are at our hands also so many simple pleasures in hospitality. It is counted a grace in the New Testament to be "given to hospitality." Yet how many people dread it nowadays! We will allow our social leaders to set the fashion for us, and we dare not invite a few friends to spend the evening without entertaining them and feeding them after the prescribed manner. Of course, if the lady has not a sufficient number of cups and saucers and plates of the same pattern, without any nicks in them, and an equal number of solid silver spoons, she cannot think of inviting her friends. Such little companies of hearty good cheer as Dickens writes of would not be good form. Many an evening party in a modest home has been carefully discussed and finally abandoned with a sigh, because "we could not serve the refreshments properly." Or the little dinner is given up, because it cannot be done in the best style. So the fear of unkind criticism prevents those simple pleasures which might be enjoyed in the company of a few congenial friends.

Even more difficult than the refreshment bugbear is often the entertainment bugbear. What shall we do with our guests? Of course, the easiest way is to give them some pasteboards, and let them amuse themselves. That is doubtless why card-playing is so very popular. Its prevalence is not a high tribute to our intelligence, to say the least of it. There was an old art of entertaining, of which one reads in books, called "conversation." It seems as if it used to be amusement enough for a dozen friends to talk. Are there not high thoughts and light thoughts, have we not wit and wisdom enough so that we may pass an evening together pleasantly?

The Indians of the far northwest have the curious custom of burning blankets as a mark of social magnificence. A chief will sometimes invite his friends to the burning of hundreds of blankets. Then every aspirant for social distinction will seek in eager rivalry to burn as many blankets as he can possibly secure. They, indeed, are savages, and could not be expected to enjoy simple pleasures. Why burn blankets at all? It would be far more comfortable in the cold northwest to use them for wraps, and the surplus blankets might be given to those who were shivering without. But among Indians it is absolutely necessary to observe the social conventions.

Surely the Christian view of pleasure is that it shall be simple, healthy, sincere. Probably, if we had a complete life of Jesus, we should find that in the home of Joseph and in the village life of Nazareth he enjoyed, with others, the simple, innocent pleasures of childhood and of youth. We may be sure that he did not go to the marriage feast to mar its joy. In his earnest words concerned with great interests our Lord does not give us much direction about our pleasures. But he clearly assumes them. And it is not a little significant that the only word he has to say about our feasts is that we shall not be selfish in them. In the midst of our pleasures, he would have us remember those who are denied the opportunity of even simplest pleasure, and would have us share with them.—Sunday-School Times.

September 25th, at a meeting held by the Department of Religion in Festival Hall, of the St. Louis Exposition, Rabbi Hirsch, of Chicago, said: "Whenever any nation ceases to recognize or observe the Sabbath, that nation has passed the period of its usefulness, and is on the decline. The Sabbath is, and has been, the working man's salvation. We may differ on the manner of its observance, but its essential importance and its divine mission in the universal scheme of things cannot be ignored."

A great bereavement has befallen our beloved church. One of its grandest and most influential men—Dr. Samuel F. Upham, of Drew Theological Seminary—has left us for the Beyond. For a considerable period he has battled against serious maladies. It seemed some weeks ago that the time for his departure was impending. Then he raillied and became convalescent. The church and his great body of comrades repoiced in believing that he was on the road to permanent recovery, and would soon be able to resume his class-room duties. His sudden relapse and death is a great shock to all.—Exchange.

"Well, I shall give no money for missions to a country where people can embroider like that." This utterance by a woman gazing on Japanese art exhibits at the St. Louis Fair is the most shallow remark about missions that Rev. F. S. Hatch has heard since he returned to America. He will hear others. Mr. Hatch, who has just passed through Japan en route to this country from India, says in Life and Light for Woman (October) that if Japan wins the war, changes in the mission work within the empire will surely come and may involve important modifications in policy of administration.

One of the great masters was asked how he accomplished such masterpieces, and he replied that he dreamed dreams and saw visions and then went to his task. A new vision of God is absolutely essential if we make 1904 better than 1903 was. If we seanctify ourselves we shall have a new purpose, a purpose filled with the spirit of God. We shall have a new consecration.—J. E. Brereton.

Contributions

THE CHURCH CONFERENCE.

A Neglected Wheel in the Machinery of Our Methodism.

BY T. B. ELDRIDGE.

"All the members of the . . . . . shall come together once a month, or on circuits at least every three months at every appointment, to hold a church conference."

The foregoing is from the Discipline of our church. I am not informed as to the number of the section. In the copy at hand, it is section 88, but my copy is a back number. And that brings me at once to what I have in mind to say, viz.: That many of our people have come to regard the church conference as a back number. I have been told of a city charge in the North Carolina Conference in which during a pastorate of four years a church conference was never held. I know of one in which two church conferences were held during a quadrennium. After attending what was supposed to be a church conference not long ago I was not surprised to hear a young layman complain because the inofficial member has no voice in the affairs of the church. Theoretically, there was no ground for the complaint; but that is as far as I can go in asserting that the objection was out of order.

Let any one who holds the opinion of my young friend read the chapter on "Church Conferences" in the Discipline. I would quote from it but for the fact that I would trespass too much upon valuable space. Dr. Atkins, in his little treatise on the polity of our church, says:

"This conference is very much like a family meeting in which all interests of the household may be freely discussed and all local interests looked after, and is invaluable in quickening the spiritual life of the church."

Another quotation may contain information for some of our people. Dr. Boswell, in his "Short History of Methodism," makes this observation upon the church conference:

"The conference is not confined to routine work. It may originate work and devise plans for strengthening and building up the church in the community. It may be made a great power for good."

Now, an observation as to church conferences, so far as my personal knowledge of them is concerned. Referring to what has been said about the infrequency of church conferences in some of our charges, it is not surprising to me that some of our members have come to regard the official board as everything and themselves as bench-warmers. This view does an unintentional injustice to our stewards and others who bear the burdens of the church, but the mistake is not inexcusable. Suppose a church conference is never called except when the financial pinch comes on at the end of the year, and that after a statement and an exhortation to pay up arrears are made the congregation is dismissed, it should not be thought surprising if members take the view of the young layman whose complaint has been mentioned.

I have no knowledge or experience that would warrant me in saying that members of the church would take more interest in its affairs if they were called into family council as the discipline directs, but my belief that they would is so strong that it would please me greatly to see the experiment tried in one of our leading churches, beginning the month following the Annual Conference and continued persistently for a year.

New Bern District Sunday-School Conference.

The New District Sunday-school Conference convened at Newport on the evening of September 27th, at 8 o'clock, and continued on through the 29th, the president, J. W. Bryan, presiding.

The attendance was not so large as it should have been, yet it was encouraging and the interest manifested by those present was great and showed that they were present for profit and better equipment for the work.

The spirit of the conference was fine and the discussions of a high order, and the one idea emphasized throughout the session was that the work of the Supnday-school is to bring the scholars to Christ, and to this end a better equipment and greater efficiency on the part of the teachers were urged.

The reports from the schools indicated progress, but the fact remains that a number of our schools are yet in a crude condition and are failing to accomplish much for the lack of efficient teachers and a proper conception of the purpose of the Sunday-school. What we need is a strong, active man in the field as Sunday-school Secretary. This is an important matter, and our Conference cannot afford longer to ignore it.

The conference started off well with an able and interesting address by Rev. G. T. Adams upon "The Value of a Child." Bro. G. V. Richardson was kept away on account of the sickness of his mother, but his place was well filled by Rev. D. C. Geddie, in an address on "Teaching Temperance in the Sunday-school."

The address of Rev. R. H. Willis upon "The Relation of the Sunday-school to Missions," was an able and forcible presentation of this phase of Sunday-school work.

The address at the closing session of the conference were delivered by Bro. D. T. Edwards upon "The Educational Value of the Sunday-school," and Rev. F. D. Swindell, D. D., upon "The Sunday-school as a Spiritual Force." Both of these addresses were very fine and much enjoyed by the conference.

Prof. S. M. Smith, General Secretary of the North Carolina International Sunday-school Association, was with us and added much to the interest of the conference by his very interesting discussion of important Sunday-school questions and his conduct of round table topics.

Bro. J. W. Jenkins was also with us, and I hope awakened a deeper interest on the part of the schools in the Orphanage.

The people of Newport entertained us royally, and each delegate felt that he had been assigned to the best home.

Y. T. ORMOND, Secretary.

A Plan for Systematic Missionary Training in the Epworth League.

BY JOHN W. SHACKFORD.

The Epworth League came into being in response to the need and demand of the young people of the church for some opportunity for practical Christian activity. But Christian activity must have a missionary side, else it becomes selfish and unchristian. The Epworth League needs the missionary objective to call forth its best energies and to develop its highest life. While there was no provision in the original form of the Epworth League Constitution for the missionary work, in no line has the League made such advances as in this. Since 1898 a Sub-Committee on Missions has had charge of missions in the League. But in view of the development of this work, and in order to provide more adequately for its control and promotion, the General Epworth League Board at its meeting in May, 1904, established "the Department of Missionary Work" in the League.

One of the specific provisions of the new form of constitution is regarding Mission Study Classes. The constitution provision reads: "The Department of Missionary Work shall provide for Mission Study Classes."

Why should not every League Chapter in Southern Methodism organize a class for the systematic study of missions? Missionary talks in the monthly meetings and general missionary reading have an important place in the work of the League, but nothing can take the place of the Study Class, with its group of four, six, eight or more who really study missions.

Missionary zeal is contagious. Missionary interest rarely springs up in the whole congregation at once. It generally comes from some centre of life—from one or a few burning souls who have the real missionary life. The missionary work in many Leagues is lagging for want of earnest leaders. The little group for prayer and study is the place to develop such leaders. We want the whole League to burn with fire and the place to kindle it is in the Study Class. Let no Missionary Committee be satisfied, or think that its work is complete, until a Mission Study Class is organized. If no others can be enlisted let the committee constitute the class.

Under the new provision for missionary organization in the League the study classes will use a different book from the mission book in the League Reading Course, which is not, as a rule, adapted to use as a text-book. "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom," an outline of missionary work in Japan, by Rev. John H. De Forrest, D. D., missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, has been adopted by the Epworth League as the official mission study book for 1904-1905. It will also be used by the Study Classes of most of the young people's societies of America. This book has been prepared with special reference to meeting the needs of Study Classes in young people's societies.

Our eyes are now turned toward the East, and toward Japan in particular. The Epworth Leagues are fortunate in having at this time such a book for their study. The author, from a long and intimate acquaintance with the Japanese people, has, in the language of Charles Cuthbert Hall, given to us a "first-hand knowledge of facts tempered with sympathetic appreciation of their meaning."

There will be special supervision of the mission study work from the Central Missionary Office, and an effort will be made this year to keep in touch with the Study Class teachers. The following suggestions are offered to Chapters desiring to organize classes:

1. October 30th is Mission Study Rally Day. Make the meeting on this day as strong and as attractive as possible. Present the reasons for the systematic study of missions and the plans for the tudy course of the year. Members should be enlisted for the class at this meeting, and, if possible, the class organized at once.

2. The Era of October 13th will be a Mission Study number. Sample copies of this issue will be sent free to any address.

3. Special helps for leaders will be furnished to all classes enrolled. The helps are full of suggestions and make it comparatively easy for an inexperienced leader to conduct a successful class. Arrangements have also been made to provide fresh missionary letters, one for each lesson, to all Study Classes enrolled.

The Mission Study Text-Books are sold at fifty cents in cloth and thirty-five cents in paper. All orders for "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom" should be directed to Smith & Lamar, Agents, Nashville, Tenn.

Applications for enrollment cards, report cards, special helps, and correspondence regarding mission study should be addressed to Mr. John W. Shackford, Methodist Mission Rooms, Nashville, Tenn.

Thoughts from Thackeray.

The little ills of life are the hardest to bear, as we all very well know.

We view the world with our own eyes, each of us; and we make from within us the world we see.

The truest honor is the manly confession of wrong; and the best courage to avoid temptation.

Hearts as brave and resolute as ever beat in the breast of any wit or poet, sicken and break daily in the vain endeavor and unavailing struggle against life's difficulty.

Every star above shines by itself; and each individual heart of ours goes on brightening with its own hopes, burning with it sown desires and quivering with its own pain.

Pleasant Memories.

By Rev. W. A. Betts, in Southern Christirn Advocate.

"Doctor Deems was my first pastor—he was the 'circuit rider' on a Wayne County, North Carolina, country circuit when I was three years old. I remember his visits, old-time buggy, with the iron seat behind for the 'nigger boy' to sit on."—H. W. F., in Southern Christian Advocate, June 2, 1904.

In 1860, when but a child and accustomed with my elder brother Henry to kneel at mother's side for engaging in our morning and evening prayers, the good Doctor Deems was my Presiding Elder. My honored father was stationed at Smithville (now Southport), N. C., as preacher in charge. The Doctor was a loved and frequent guest at the parsonage, and so won upon the heart of the writer that he asked permission to the petitions of his prayers, "Lord, bless Uncle Deems." The request was granted, and two little lads kept up the sincere form of words in supplication many years.

In 1880 the writer visited New York city and next day after his arrival hastened to call upon the venerable pastor of The Church of The Strangers. The servant answering the door bell was instructed to inform the Doctor that a friend of other days desired to meet him. Upon his coming into the study where the visitor had been ushered, the Doctor was greeted with the inquiry, "Do you recollect, in the Old North State, a little child who begged permission of his mother, in behalf of himself and brother, to say in their prayers, 'God bless Uncle Deems?' Mother had told him of it in the years agone, and he instantly asked in reply: "Is this Henry or Willie?" It was passing strange that in the years that had elapsed the memory of such an incident should have remained. But the treasures of the heart are wonderfully well kept. The writer will never forget the face of the young man who spoke encouragingly and instructively to him when, under conviction for sin, as a child he was seeking the Savior.

Piedmont, S. C.

International Peace Congress at Boston.

The great congress has ended, a congress of some thirteen hundred delegates gathered together from all quarters of the globe to discuss the greatest issue that confronts our civilization—war. This, the thirteenth congress, was the second meeting on American soil, and certainly no more fitting place could here be found than in Boston. Up to date in all things, modern, whether material, aesthetic, or educative, it is rich in such historic interest as stirs the patriotic pluse of its every citizen. The birthplace of the Peace Society idea, it is among the leaders of that new patriotism which He taught, who, a Jew indeed, was one in such broad brotherhood of truest patriotism as became the Son of Man.

October 3 the churches gave over to the peace propaganda. Tremont Temple, seating five thousand five hundred, was filled to its utmost capacity for a mass-meeting in the afternoon. At night the Symphony Hall, seating some two thousand five hundred, besides its chorus of four hundred voices, was filled for consecration service. The Bishop of Hereford, England, and Dr. Edward Everett Hale took part in the service; but it was chiefly musical, by the Handel and Hadyn Societies—music rapt, enravishing.

On Monday, to the great Tremont Temple audience, John Hay—as these people love to call him—Secretary of State, bade, in the name of the republic, warm welcome to the congress—such thing as never has been in any land before. Plainly, but eloquently, he spoke out his own personal convictions regarding war, and pledged, in the President's name, the Government of the United States to do all in its power to further the federation of the world. It was a remarkable speech. And the chancelries of the world will con it with amazement and care. Already the Government has shown its attitude to the question by paying the expenses of the Interparliamentary Union, fifty thousand dollars, for the gathering at St. Louis to discuss the question. Secretary Hay's words were further endorsation of the republic's attitude.

All day on Tuesday work went forward in committee or open assembly. And at night the Hon. Oscar S. Straus, ex-Minister to Turkey and member of The Hague Court, presided over a meeting to consider "The Work and Influence of The Hague Tribunal." At the same hour, in Park Street Church, Dr. F. E. Clark, father of the Christian Endeavor movement, presided over a mass-meeting of Endeavorers, and hitched his splendid team on to his triumphal chariot of Peace. Henceforth the Christian Endeavor movement is to form a universal brotherhood pledged against war. At that meeting Charles Wagner, author of "The Simple Life," launched out in scathing denuciation of militarism. He did it, too, in English, learned, he said, specially for these congress meetings.

Wednesday night in the Temple was a marvellous meeting. Presidents of Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce, bankers and merchants, men of affairs and great economists, in glowing words, made plain that the commercial world is awaking to the fact that war anywhere is detrimental to the truest business interests everywhere.

At Fanueil Hall, at the same time, the great labor leaders, from both the Old World and the New, eloquently emphasized the self-same things, whilst at Park Street Church the authoress of "Lay Down Your Arms"—the book that is said chiefly to have influenced the Czar in calling The Hague tribunal—the Baroness Von Suttner—and others spoke of "The duty of women in the peace crusade."

And thus throughout the week the work has gone on, participated in by Jew and Gentile, ecclesiastic and socialist, Hindu and Chinese, members of all churches and of none. It has gone on touching thousands who little dreamt that the programme of the erstwhile visionary Peace Societies is already being wrought out into practical politics by some of the ablest and most stremous souls of both hemispheres.

A team from the Congress will probably be in Toronto on the 17th, 18th and 19th inst., consisting of Mr. Wm. Byles, ex-M. P., of England, his wife, Mrs. Byles ,one of the most eloquent women speakers in the Old Country; Dr. Gavin Clark, also an M. P.; Dr. Darby, secretary of the great English Peace Society; and Dr. Trueblood, secretary of the American Peace Society.—Christian Guardian.

Shakespeare and the Bible.

The following curious parallels between Shakespeare and the Bible have been noted:

Bible:: "But though I be rude in speech" (2 Cor. xi., 6). Othello: "Rude am I in speech."

Bible: "Consume thine eyes, and grieve thine heart" (I. Sam., ii., 23). Macbeth: "Show his eyes, and grieve his heart."

Bible: "Thou hast brought me into the dust of death" (Psa., xxii., 15). Macbeth: "Lighted fools the way to dusty death."

Bible: "Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me" (Sol., Song i., 6). Merchant of Venice: "Mistake me not for my complexion; the shadowy livery of the burning sun."

Bible: "Opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day * * * let it not be joined unto the days of the year; let it not come into the number of the months" (Job. iii., 1, 6). Macbeth: "May this accursed hour stand, aye, accursed in the calendar."—Alliance News.

The common problem, yours, mine, every one's,
Is not fancy what were fair in life
Provided it could be, but, finding first
What may be, then, find how to make it fair
Up to our means, a very different thing!
My business i snot to remake myself,
But make the absolute best of what God made.
—Robert Browning.

Soul Food

As we must spend time in cultivating our earthly friendships if we are to have their blessings, so we must spend time in cultivating the companionship of Christ.—Henry Drummond.

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The great Light, which is Christ, is like the star which hung over the Magi—fit to blaze in the heavens, and yet stooping to the lowly task of guiding three poor men along a muddy road on earth.—A. McLaren.

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"'Disappointments Gilded,
Silver Linings Discovered.
Old Bessings Revived.
Faith, Hope, Charity, free to all.
Miss Alice Kennedy, Brightside.'"

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The noblest contribution which any man can make for the benefit of posterity is that of a good character. The richest bequest which any man can leave to the youth of his native land, is that of a shinning, spotless example.—R. C. Winthrop.

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No energy of the flesh, no activity of church life, can excuse us from the first and constant duty of seeking unto God by prayer and supplication for that divine annointing of the Holy Spirit which alone can qualify us for service and make our work effective. Every promise and providence of God is calling to us to-day to take time to pray.—Selected.

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Every one of us casts a shadow. There hangs about us a sort of penumbra—a strange, indefinable something—which we call personal influence, which has its effect on every other life on which it falls. It goes with us wherever we go. It is not something we can have when we will, as we lay aside a garment. It something that always pours out from our life, like light from a lamp, like heat from flame, like perfume from a flower.—J. R. Miller.

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Many of our lives are like the trees in orchards and forests, all over the land, in early April days, waiting for the warm sunshine and gentle rains to call out their foilage and fruits; we need the warm south wind of God's love and of the Holy Spirit to woo the blessed possibilities that are sleeping in our lives. We need Easter in our hearts, a resurrection which shall cause us to arise and shine and put on our beautiful garments.—J. R. Miller, D. D.

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A handful of corn was planted in the top of the mountain, and the fruit thereof shakes like Lebanon. Men of our own time have borne much fruit. They were not brilliant men in a worldly sense, but they were consecrated men, and thousands of souls shall rise up and call them blessed. Men of brilliant talents and splendid education could be named who have not been greatly useful. The world is not much better on account of their lives. They did not walk with God. Let him who is ambitious to bring forth much fruit and continue to bring forth fruit in old age draw near to God.

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God is the God of the commonplace man. Jacob was perhaps the meanest man of Old Testament history; he began his life by driving a hard bargain with his brother in necessity; then cheated his blind father on his deathbed; then made his first prayer a bargain: "If God be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then shall the Lord be my God." And God was his God, and through long years of disciplining sorrow, conquered the meanness in him and delivered him from it and brought him out, in his old age into a peaceful and triumphant manhood. God is the God of even the mean and the despicable.—Abbott.

The Field

Fourth Quarterly Conference.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference for Maxton and Caledonia being in session Saturday, October 1st, passed the following resolutions:

1. That during the four years of his pastorate on this charge, Rev. N. H. D. Wilson has proved himself a most faithful pastor and preacher. While reluctantly submitting to church precedent, we highly commend Brother Wilson to that charge to which he shall be sent by the Annual Conference, as one who does not confine his work to the pulpit, but who strives constantly to build up every part of the church work, and as one who in season, and out of season, zealously labors to upbuild in every way the cause of Christ.

2. That we have in Mrs. Wilson his wife, one whose work in the church cannot be estimated, whose usefulness cannot be surpassed, and whose church zeal is untiring. We cannot but congratulate, in advance, that church and Sunday-school which have the benefit of her services next year.

3. That these resolutions be placed upon the minutes of this Quarterly Conference, and a copy of them, be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate, with a request that they be published.

B. C. GLASS, Sec.

Maxton, N. C., October 10, 1904.

City Road.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—We closed our meeting at City Road a week since. The pastor did the preaching for the first week. Bro. R. L. Davis was with us during the next and gave us some plain, powerful Gospel sermons. The people heard him gladly. Twelve were added to the church on profession of faith and five by letter. This is the second meeting for this church during the year. The first was held in March.

City Road is growing in membership and I believe in power and grace. I have a loyal people to serve. I see a useful and a glorious future for them if they continue in the same spirit in which they have begun. There is among them a high type of piety. The financial claims will be more than fully met. We have been supporting an orphan through the Sunday-school for seven months, and shall continue to do so. We have been using, a beautiful thirteen hundred dollar pipe organ since July. It is paid for except a few dollars.

Elizabeth City and community are in a prosperous condition, notwithstanding so many reports to the contrary. And we are to have a dry town at least one year longer.

Methodism in Eastern Carolina rejoiced greatly on last Thursday to see the corner store laid for the Albemarle High School building. Dr. Kilgo was with us and delivered an address full of hope and inspiration. Prof. J. J. Scarborough has charge of this school, and he has easily taken a high stand among the people.

With best wishes for your success, I am,

Sincerely. H. M. NORTH.

October 10, 1904.

Opening of Greensboro Female College

The opening of Greensboro Female College last Wednesday was most encouraging and gratifying to the many friends of that institution, and also a deserved fruition of the earnest labors and sacrifices of those most immediately connected with the great work of rebuilding.

The large enrollment, reaching beyond the hundred mark on the first day, is sufficient evidence that this old and honored institution has not lost its hold upon the affection and confidence of the church, but shows plainly that it has a large and loyal constituency who will not desert it, but are determined to see it re-established as a nursery for the training and development of the young womanhood of the church. The large patronage is likewise a justification of the faith and devotion of the alumnae and other friends who resolved that the grand old school must live and continue the work which for nearly two generations has given it an honorable position among the schools of the State. Our Methodist people may feel sure that, in committing their daughters to Greensboro Female College, with its high standards and ideals of education for girls, as evidenced by its broad curriculum, its corps of able and accomplished teachers in every department, together with its ample provision in the new and elegant building for both health and comfort, they are making a wise and safe choice in giving to their daughters the superior advantages afforded in this historic school, now taking on new life and vigor.

An Important Question.

For two or three years we have been pressing the claims of the cause of missions with the motto, "Missionary Assessments in Full." Steadily the contributions have increased until one district paid in full in 1902 and three in 1903. It is not strange that some thoughtful men are beginning to ask, "Is this stress fair to the other collections?" Are not they of equal importance?" The writer has never allowed himself to neglect any of the collections committed to him; they are all alike sacred. But is it true that this campaign has injured the causes other than missions? Let us search the records.

Two years ago the Elizabeth City District led in this movement. With an enthusiastic Presiding Elder and an efficient secretary, it paid its assessments on missions in full. Did the other collections suffer? Not in the least. Indeed, they made greater gain than ever. So much so that, as had been foreseen by the missionary leaders, it was possible last year to raise the cry, "Every collection in full this year." And last year the district came within a very little of reaching this second great stage of success. Likewise last year the Presiding Elders of the Rochingham and Wilmington Districts entered enthusiastically on the campaign for missionary assessments in full. They wrought so faithfully and so wisely that success crowned their efforts. Did their work and their success injure the other causes? These districts paid more for every other collection than had ever done in their history. A study in detail is full of suggestion which may well be considered by those who see great danger to education, or church extension, or the claimants in this movement.

Let us compare the returns for education and for the claimants in these districts with the similar returns in those districts which either declined to enter on the campaign or did not prosecute it successfully. Elizabeth City came within $17.00 of its Conference claimants assessment; Rockingham within $47.00, and Wilmington within $111.00; while Durham lacked $47.00; New Bern $104.00; Warrenton, $112.00; Raleigh, $118.00; Washington $126.00 and Fayetteville $139.00. For education, Elizabeth City lacked $12.00, Rockingham $53.00 and Wilmington $160.00, while Durham needed $97.00, Fayetteville $177.00, Warrenton $197.00, Raleigh $224.00, New Bern $286, and Washington $319.00. Or, if we make inquiry as to the gain or loss on these collections: On the collection for Conference claimants, Elizabeth City gained $111.00, Rockingham, $72.00, and Wilmington $144.00, while the Raleigh, Durham and New Bern Districts reported less than in 1902 and the others made very small gains· Washington $16.00, Warrenton $19.00, and Fayetteville $32.00. On the collection for education the same contrast appears. Elizabeth City gained $103.00, Rockingham $87.00, and Wilmington $132.00, while Raleigh, Durham and Washington fell backward and Warrenton gained $7.00, New Bern $33.00, and Fayetteville $89.00.

But if equal emphasis had been laid on all, would not all have been raised in full? It is impossible to awaken zeal and enthusiasm in a task which the people, and even the preachers, consider a forgone failure. Our people needed to be taught thir ability. When convinced on weak charges that it was possible to raise the missionary assessments in full, they raised them, and in many cases then found they could do more and raised all. The same is true of districts. The Elizabeth City District confidently expects to pay everything in full this year, and we, of the Rockingham District, are almost confident. I have not heard from Wilmington. In neither of these districts could this have been accomplished but for the enthusiasm and knowledge of power which came from the missionary campaign. One Presiding Elder a year or two ago felt it wrong to join in the campaign for "Missionary Assessments in Full," but began with "Every Collection in Full." He worked hard and almost succeeded, but failed. The district has never done as well again. The other Presiding Elders did not work harder, did not make greater advance that year, but they succeeded. The next year, encouraged, they took up the larger task with power.

Let no one mistake the meaning of the movement. All our work is sacred, all missionary. Wise leaders must see that no cause suffers. But in this campaign, with its system, its enthusiasm and its watch-words, no injury has come to any of these sacred causes. Good, only good, and great good, has come to all of them.

N. H. D. WILSON.

Hillsboro Circuit.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—As I never see anything in the Advocate from Hillsboro, I thought I would beg a little space for a few lines, as I am in the habit of getting in a few words about once a year; so allow me to say in the outset that it looks to me that the preachers ought to write more anyway; but on approaching one or two on the subject, they would reply that they had nothing to write about.

Brother Yearby is movin· on nicely up here. He begins his last meeting at Walnut Gove today. Don't know much about his success in the country. We had a series of meetings here in town which we hope resulted in good to the church. So far as the preaching was concerned, it was good enough for me; but some people think if the pastors don't get help from some great big preachers we can't have any meeting.

Well, we don't seem to have meetings as we used to. How I do long to be in one of those old-time big meetings like we had when I was a boy. Why, we used to have them at school-houses, under brush arbors and straw pens then you know. Yes, and we have seen men and women make the woods ring with shouts. I can almost see the old preacher as he takes his text and closes the old Bible and preaches those soul-stirring sermons. But those days are past away, never to return. But I like this off-handed preaching just the same.

Some folks say Christianity is increasing; times getting better all the time; but somehow I fail to see things that way. Wish I could. I think sometimes we Methodist put more stress on missions and such things than we do on religion; and I was somewhat taken with a remark a preacher made at one of our District Conferences, that if we would get people converted we wouldn't have much trouble about missions; but some of the preachers cried him down quick, and at that same Conference the main question was—how are your collections, and not how many converts have you had. But I had better stop or I'll have some of the Presiding Elders on me.

W. C. NOBLE.

The Salvation Army, under the direction of Commander Booth-Tucker, of the United States, will establish in the big cities companies of workers to be known as the Drunkards' Brigades. They will hunt up, especially at night, men and women who have become too inebriated to look out after themselves. The brigades will be armed with litters, and the drunkards gathered in, if they are unable to walk, will be carried on the litters to the Army's citadels.

The Family

Outdoors.

You don't know how I love to be
Outdoors.
There is so much for me to see
Outdoors.
Indoors is good enough for sleep,
To mope or pine, to cry or weep;
But for the rest—please let me keep
Outdoors.

Sunshine can sink into your heart
Outdoors.
The sluggish blood takes a fresh start
Outdoors.
You can fill your lungs with the fresh, free air.
Forget all trouble and fret and care;
And your life is one sweet, grateful prayer
Outdoors.

—Edwin C. Litsey, in Farm Journal.

Simple Faith Richly Rewarded.

BY C. W. STEPHENSON.

Recently it was the writer's privilege to take a trip one hundred and thirty miles north to a pretty village nestling among the maples and other trees of northern and central Michigan. Day after day one particularly happy and contented man was seen driving about. He was seen so often that inquiry was made. The answer given is in what follows:

That man is Mr. D. His family lives just a little way down the street, and it is a family with a most pathetic history. Some twenty or more years ago Mr. D. married an innocent girl whose parents were farmers. She was wholly without experience or knowledge of the world. He was a fast young man, with whom she had been acquainted but a short time. After their marriage, he took her to a neighboring State, where he had lucrative employment. He was competent, skilled, and earned enough to support his family in luxury; but he had fallen under the cruel power of the drink habit, and so went down and down to the awful depths of drunkenness. That meant home neglected, work neglected, self-respect gone, poverty and wretchedness, the ever certain results of this dire habit. The poor wife struggled on bravely and uncomplainingly. One child after another came until there were ten of them, the eldest not yet having attained to the full bloom of young womanhood. The children were in rags, the larder empty, the wife's heart breaking and the husband but a faint suggestion of the strong young man of former years. Time after time the suggestion had come to the struggling wife, Why not leave him? Why stay here and remain the forced mother of so many unfortunate children? Where could she go? What could she do? There seemed no answer to these questions.

The time came when she must do something. Forbearance had ceased to be a virtue. She would go back to the old home, the old farm, to the father and mother heart and hearth! How she managed to make that long and sad journey with a babe in her arms, and nine others of different ages clinging to her for support and comfort, is not ours to tell. It is a pleasure to relate that the old home opened wide its doors. The father and mother, heart of the now aged parents, welcomed the sorrow-burdened daughter and all her children, and once more there was comfort and plenty if not luxury. Once more there was rest if not peace.

The stupid husband did not seem to care. If possible, he sank but deeper into his degradation and vices. There were no letters exchanged. He knew his wife had gone back to the old home, and he was coldly indifferent.

One bright summer day there came to the old farm, where the children were at play about the yard, in the sand among the flowers with the dogs and cats, a man, a young man, driving one horse, and purchasing rags. He was a member of the Salvation Army. He purchased the rags of the aged mother, paid her, and all the time looking at the children. Finally he said:

"Woman, you have a good many children for one your age, and I don't see how you manage to care for them all. You don't seem strong yourself."

"They are not my children. They are my daughter's." She put her apron to her face and went bitterly for a time. Then, recovering herself, she told all the piteous story, and ended it with bitterest reproaches upon the husband who had proven so much of a curse to them all. The young man was moved, and said:

"Maybe you are too hard on your son-in-law. Maybe he needs a friend. Maybe if you were to pray for him God would touch his heart. There is One who can save to the uttermost."

"It's no use to pray for him. He's too far gone. I hope we shall never see him nor hear from him again. He has caused us trouble enough!"

"Well, it may be you are right. It is hard, and I am sorry for you. But I feel that I ought to pray for that man, and I guess I will." The rag buyer went away, and they never saw him again, nor thought much about him. A few weeks later that long degraded husband put in his appearance, a sober, clean man. They at first repelled him, scorned him, did not believe in him. But he told his simple story, as best he could, how one day a strange feeling came over him, how he was made to see his old and wasted life, how the hopeless future loomed black and threatening, how all his wasted years passed before his vision, and a voice seemed to speak to him calling away from the old life to a newer and better one, and how the change had come. Now, he wanted once more to be united with his family, wanted to provide for them and be a father to them. After much pleading he was partially believed, and then as he proved his better life, that confidence grew, and he was once more restored to love and trust. When questioned as to the time of this change, these better promptings, it was learned that it coincided with the time of the visit of the rag buyer, that nameless young man who felt "prompted to pray" for the one he had never seen.

To-day that is a happy, united family. The man is a sober, industrious man. Peace and plenty reign there. The father still works in the neighboring State, but is home at stated periods, and the welcome he gets is a most hearty one, and the wife and children are proud of the husband and father. Truly God's arm is not shortened that it cannot save, nor is His ear heavy that it cannot hear.—Ram's Horn.

An Excellent Fashion.

It is an exceedingly good thing that the fashion of decorating rooms with a multitude of articles of value or alleged prettiness is passing away and there is a distinct tendency to do away with cumbering the house with useless articles. Most of our readers have probably been entertained in households that illustrated the former fashion. When you were ushered to your bedroom and the door was shut, you had a strong temptation to sweep the bric-a-brac from the mantel and the bureau and throw it, with the cardboard, paper and worsted decorations, out of the window. You could not lay down your hair-brush on the bureau without removing baskets or photographs or china, and the longer you looked at the whole dreadful array the more doubtful you became whether the vision of useless bric-a-brac would not pursue you all night and you were glad to blow out the lamp and secure darkness. And yet it is for just these things that people used to spend their time and money and then women would break down nervously through the strain of dusting and caring for them. Good riddance to the fashions that compelled one to clutter up his house in these ways! We have learned that instead of decorating our houses with pretty and useful things, the useful things should be so beautiful that we do not need things simply for beauty. This is a lesson that has several applications.—The Watchman.

Thoughts for the Thoughtful.

If thou doill, the joy fades, not the pains:
If well, the pain doth fade, the joy remains.
—George Herbert.

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Tribulation is the price we pay for the crown and the robe and the palm.—Bishop Hurst.

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The flower of contentment does not require any particular soil, and blooms the twelve months through.

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If we were to keep a record of all the good things the Lord gives us we should be as busy as the recording angel.

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So long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

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He knows the bitter, weary way.
The needless striving by the way.
The souls that weep, the souls that pray—
He knows!

He knows: O heart take up the cross.
And know earth's treasures are but dross.
And He will prove as gain our loss!
He knows!

—Martin Longfellow.

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Heaven assures us that "the merciful man doeth good to his own soul." He who is forgiving and affectionate with his fellow-man is not only a blessing to his fellow, but becomes a blessing to himself as well.

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The Christian who enjoys ten thousand blessings from to-day, and yet feels no special gratitude for them, would do well to examine his heart most closely in order to see whether he is really in the faith or not.—Wesleyan Advocate.

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Exercise faith and it will grow. If conscious of weak faith, do not be discouraged, but try a more perfect obedience and a more active service. Trusting increases trust. Confidence is a general that leads one forward in life's conflict to victory.

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Everlasting arms of love
Are beneath, around, above:
God it is who bears us on,
His the arm we lean upon.
He, our ever-present guide,
Faithful is, whate'er betide;
Gladly, then, we journey on,
With His arm to lean upon.

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The temper of the mind in which we meet the hundred and one tiny circumstances of every hour determines our happiness or unhappiness far more than does the detail of what those circumstances are. We cannot choose the circumstances, but we can choose the temper.—Lucy H. M. Soulsby.

Do not be troubled because you have not great virtues. God made a million spears of grass where He made no tree. The earth is fringed and carpeted, not with forests, but with grasses. Only have enough of little virtues and common fidelities, and you need no mourn because you are neither a hero nor a saint.

At times the best way to progress is to stand still. An ocean steamer, caught in a fog in a dangerous channel, wisely drops its anchor and waits. To every life comes times when it should simply stand still and wait. To go backward is needless; to go forward is rash. Just to be still and see what God will do is often highest faithfulness, and it is always the hardest duty. Waiting is a severer test of faith than working.

Silently the work of our lives goes on. It proceeds without intermission and all that has been done is the undestructive for that which is to be done. Young man and maiden, take heed to the work of your hands. You do not leave behind you because you forget it. It passes away from you apparently, but it does not pass away in reality. Every stroke, every single element abides, and there is nothing that grows so fast as character.

Our Boys and Girls

Gossip Town.

Have you ever heard of Gossip Town,
On the shores of Falsehood Bay,
Where old Dame Rumor, with rustling gown,
Is going the live-long day?
It isn't far to Gossip Town,
For people who want to go;
The Idleness Train will take you down
In just an hour or so.

The Thoughtless Road is a popular route,
And most folks start that way;
But it's steep down grade, if you don't look out
You'll land in Falsehood Bay.
You glide through the Valley of Vicious Talk,
And into the Tunnel of Hate:
Then, crossing the Add-to Bridge, you walk
Right into the city gate.

—Selected.

How Bob Found a Home.

Bob crawled out of the old sugar hogshead in which he had spent the night, stretched his cramped limbs, and began to cast about for his breakfast, for he realized that there was an imperative "want advertisement" hidden under his ragged jacket. There was a certain barrel in an alley where the employes of a big laundry were won't to bestow the remains of their cold lunches, but that was several blocks away. Then there was a restaurant where he had a "cinch" with one of the waiters, who used to give him a bag of broken victuals now and then. But he had been out of favor with him ever since an unlucky snow-ball, aimed at a passing vehicle, had hit the waiter in the ear. Bob leaned against the wall with his hands in his pockets and shoulders up to his ears, apparently watching the proceedings of a lost cur on the opposite side of the street, but really studying up a scheme for securing at least an overripe apple or two from the Italian fruit vendor on the corner. Just then he heard his name called.

"Bob! oh, Bob! look here."

It was Nannie O'Brien, at the head of a group of ragged children, all talking at once. Her blue eyes were dancing.

"Here's a big banana, an' you can have half of it, Bob. Jimmy swined it from the wagon when the man wasn't lookin'. Hes got some more, too."

"Gee, Nan! Gimmie it, quick. I'm hungrier'n a bear. I was just figgerin' how I c'd hold up that dago over there fer an apple or sunthin'."

Half a banana does not go a long ways toward filling an empty stomash, especially if its owner has sunned and dined but sparingly the day before. Bob moved a little way from the group of which Jimmie was the centre. He was no hero, but just a common boy, and he felt that he would be unequal to the task of again dividing his banana should the supply fail to go round. If he had not done so perhaps there would have been no story to tell, for it was this turn that brought him face to face with Miss Gowan. Miss Gowan was a deaconess whose special business that morning had been to look after a family of motherless children down on DeKoven Street.

Something—it might have been the hungry look with which Bob regarded his banana before he took the first bite—made her pause. Bob knew a deaconess by sight. Hadn't one of them taken care of Si Walsh's mother when she was sick last winter, and told Si's father where he could get a job? And hadn't any number of good things come to pass in Tim Stratey's home since one of "them wimmen wi' the white bunnit'strings" had been going there? So Bob was prepared to meet Miss Gowan's advances cordially and answer her questions truthfully—more especially as no equivocation occurred to him that was half as sympathy-compelling as the plain facts. His mother was dead since last winter. His father "didn't work." The deaconess respected his reticence on the subject and forbore to press the question of paternal responsibility. Bob on his own confession was a "skipper-out." He hadn't slept in a house for six weeks. His food he "picked up."

Would he like to go to a good home in the country, where were a lot of other children, if the deaconess could arrange it? But the "lot of other children" roused Bob's suspicions.

"Aw—it's a 'Sylum or Reform School, or sunthin'" he demurred, edging off.

"No; it's not a Reform School. You're not shut up at all. It's just a big, beautiful home where a great many boys and girls who haven't any other home can live. Sometimes after awhile they go to real homes with a father and mother of their own. There's enough to eat, and a place under the trees to play, and a bathtub almost big enough to go swimming in—"

"Did yer say I c'd go?" inquired Bob, evidently growing interested.

"I'm not sure, but I think it could be arranged. I was expecting to take two other children who have been provided for by their friends. So I think they could take you."

So Bob hesitatingly consented to allow it to be "arranged." A week later saw him a member of the big "family," and DeKoven Street knew him no more.

It was hard to give up the lawless freedom of the street Arab——he was a little bewildered by the new code of ethics that forbade "swiping" and made lying a disgrace, even if you were not caught at it. But on the whole Bob decided that it "would do." He liked the certainty of three meals a day, the comfortable bed, and the sense that in some small degree at least he "belonged somewhere." In short, Bob was soon making a good record for himself, both at home and at school.

A few months later an opportunity came for Bob to try his chances in a country home with a prospect of being adopted into the family. He shall tell the sequel in his own words. This is a letter received from him by the deaconess mother of the big flock at the "Home, spelled with a capital H:"

My Dear Friend:—I will try and write you a letter to let you know that I am well, and I like my new home very much. I have a new suit of clothes and three new shirts. I have a papa and mamma and a sister Dora. I have a new can and a new knife. I have forty-three cents. My new papa works every day. He is a very kind man. We have a cow. I have a wagon and a ball. How are all the children? How is Johnny Wallace and Tom Scott getting along? Now, I wil clothes for this time.

From your loving friend,

BOB.

P. S.—I have a new necktie and a Sunday hat.—Children's Advocate.

Grandmother's Birthday.

It is charged by some foreigners who visit this country that Americans are less deferential to the aged than are the people of other countries. It is certain that we might learn something from the simple peasants of the Tyrol in regard to giving to the aged the loving and dutiful homage to which their declining years entitle them. An exchange gives the following from a private letter:

"The morning of our arrival we were awakened by the sound of a violin and flutes under the window, and, hurrying down, we found the little house adorned as for a feast—garlands over the door and wreathing the high chair which was set in state.

"The table was ready covered with gifts, brought by the young people whose music we had heard. The whole neighborhood were kinsfolk, and these gifts came from uncles and cousins in every far off degree. They were very simple, for the donors are poor—knitted gloves, a shawl, a basket of flowers, jars of fruit, loaves of bread; but upon all some little message of love was pinned.

"'Is there a bride in the house?' I asked of my landlord.

"'Ach, nein!' he said. 'We do not make such a bother about our young people. It is our grandmother's birthday.'

"The grandmother, in her spectacles, white apron and high velvet cap, was a heroine all day, sitting in state to receive visits, and dealing out slices from a sweet loaf to all who came. I could not but remember certain grandmothers at home, just as much loved as she, probably, but whose dull, sad lives were brightened by any such pleasure as this, and I thought that we could learn much from these poor mountaineers."—Youth Companion.

Bridle the Tongue.

When I was a lad, there arose a very uncalled for difficulty between two brethren. There was class meeting every Sunday, and if a member missed three consecutive meetings, he was called to account. One Sunday the snow lay deep on the ground, and one brother was absent. "One that was present said: "If Brother ..... has not enough religion to come to class meeting such a day as this, I don't think he has enough to take him over the river Jordan." The absent brother heard of it, and was inordinately incensed, and replied roughly. It became so bad, that they had a church trial, and the absent brother was excluded. He moved far off into another State, and after years, he came back, but would not speak to the other brother, who offered to shake hands. He died in that condition so far as I could hear. Both have been dead many years, and we hope they rest together in heaven.

A word fitly spoken is very good; but silence is sometimes just as good. One inadvertent sentence may have caused a brother's destruction. The above are all facts. How sad! Brethren, let us be very careful in the utterance of our words; for it may be that a word may cause trouble and ruin.

James is good authority on the use of the tongue; but another said, "Let your yea be yea, and your nay be nay."—Exchange.

A Repentant Cat.

A country cat of my acquaintance was much disturbed and excited by the introduction of a tame chipmunk into the household where formerly she had reigned supreme. It was impressed upon her in the most strenuous manner that the intruder should not be molested, and for a few weeks she acquiesced sullenly in its unwelcome presence. Nature, however, has not intended that cats and chipmunks should dwell in amity together. One unlucky afternoon the tiny creature darted tantalizingly across the room. There was a flash, of pursuits, a faint, thin shriek, a dead squirrel lying limp and blood-stained on the carpet. Retribution followed swiftly. The cat was punished, reproached, held over its victim, and finally thrust angrily and ignominiously from the house. She disappeared for two days, and her mistress was beginning to repent her severity, when, on the third morning, she returned, bearing in her mouth a little live chipmunk which she intended, apparently, should take the place of the one she had murdered.—Agnes Repplier.

Are Birds Judges of Music?

It may well be doubted if birds are musical connoisseurs, or have anything like human appreciation of their own or of each other's songs. My reason for thinking so is this: I have heard a bobolink with a defective instrument so that its song was broken and inarticulate in parts, and yet it sang with as much apparent joy and abandon as any of its fellows. I have also heard a hermit thrush with a similar defect or impediment, and yet it, too, appeared to sing entirely to its own satisfaction.

It would be very interesting to know if these poor singers found mates as readily as their more gifted brothers. If they did, the Darwinian theory of "sexual relation" in such matters, according to which the finer songster would carry off the female, would fall to the ground. Yet it is certain that it is during the mating and breeding season that these "song combats" occur, and the favor of the female would seem to be the matter in dispute. Whether or not it be expressive of actual jealousy or rivalry, we have no other words to apply to it.—John Burroughs, in Harper's Magazine.

A Beautiful Blunder.

It was Children's Day. The white robed primary class sat on the rostrum. As described by the Christian Endeavor World, the main features of the day were recitations of Scripture, a sermon by the pastor from a text given by the primary class, an offering for missions.

Four little boys presented the texts as follows:

"My text is what Jesus said," announced Harold; "Come unto me."

"Mine is a mercy text," said Georgie; "Be kind."

Janie, with a clear voice, quoted as his, "Watch ye."

Tiny Robbie, present at a church service for the first time, forgot the lines he held in his dimpled hand as a reminder of his text, and, carried away by the presence of so many children, he laughed aloud in his joy. As he rose to present his text, he also rose to the occasion; and, waving his small hand, enthusiastically cried, "Consider—consider—the—little children, how—they—grwo!"

The effect was electrical. Both pastor and people also arose to the occasion. The pastor preached on the little children of heathen lands, and the audience responded with a generous offering form issions.—Selected.

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Let our sisters of the Raleigh District keep the date—October 29, 30—of the District Meeting in mind; and pray for the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit on that occasion.

The Home Mission Society of Edenton Street Church, is having fine meetings every afternoon this week, in conducting the "week of prayer" services. Although a month in advance, our sisters of the Foreign Societies should be planning and praying for their daily meetings of prayer.

By the absence of any items of news from our Auxiliaries, Lady Managers and others from whom we had hoped to hear this week, we may safely conclude that the seed sown during the past weeks is quietly, but surely, germinating, and in a short time will fill our column with an opulent harvest.

An article from the pen of Rev. H. W. Pope, entitled "Saving Souls Through Others," will be enjoyed by those interested in mission work. Read these selections from it: In time of war, when men are drafted for military service, it is customary for those who can not go in person, to send a substitute. The military wars of this nation, we trust, are all over; but another war is on, and the Captain of our salvation has issued a call for help. His aim is the conquest of the world, and his command is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Of course we cannot all go to heathen lands and preach the Gospel, but if we cannot go, ought we not try to send a substitute? The writer knows a man who at one time was supporting twelve different missionaries in various parts of the world. His business was raising flowers for the market, but it was a great satisfaction to him to think that though he could not devote much time to Christian work, he was practically preaching the Gospel in a dozen different lands and languages.

I was once preaching in a Connecticutt city on a very stormy afternoon. The congregation was necessarily small as the rain poured down in torrents.

In the course of the sermon I said that any Christian, with a little sacrifice and a good deal of prayer, could easily have a representative in a foreign field. Not a regular missionary such as the boards send out, but one of those native preachers who has been trained in the schools of the missionaries, and who can be supported for twenty-five or thirty dollars a year.

He can know his name and where he works, and once or twice a year he can hear concerning his work. When he retires at night he can have the satisfaction of knowing that his substitute, on the other side of the globe, is just beginning his work for the day, and that in this way he is really working twenty-four hours a day for the Master.

I made no appeal for money or missions, but two men in the congregation were so impressed with the idea of having a substitute, that they gave me each a check for the amount, and the next year they renewed the investment.

The next place I visited, I threw out the same suggestion, and two others brought me money for a worker. One of them was a young lady who had saved up the money to attend a national Christian Endeavor Convention.

When she found that this amount would support a man a whole year in India, she decided that she would not go to the convention, but would take a substitute instead.

She did so; and her society decided that they would send a delegate to the convention and pay all expenses, and looking around for a suitable person, they selected her as their delegate. In this way she attended the convention, and had a substitute to preach for her a whole year besides.

A young man, who was working for twenty dollars a month, took a substitute in India. He was so pleased that he took another in China, and then one in Africa.

He went on hiring substitutes until he had six, I think, and counting their time at twelve hours per day, he was working eighty-four hours for the Lord. He also interested other people in the same work, and persuaded forty-four of them to take a substitute.

In other words, this farmer lad, twenty-three years old, was the means of putting fifty workers in the foreign field, their salaries paid a year in advance.

It is easy enough to sing, "O, for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise," but this young man hustled around and secured the tongues; and at that rate, he will have more than a thousand tongues to sing the Redeemer's praise before he dies. He is a missionary society within himself.

Most missionary boards have under their care native converts who have given their lives to the ministry of the Gospel. Some are Bible readers, who go from house to house, reading and explaining the Word of God. Others are evangelists. Others, still, are pastors of churches. Twenty-five dollars a year will support a Bible reader, and fifty dollars will maintain a pastor or evangelist.

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Corresponding Secretary's Report for Second Quarter.

Adult members 823; juvenile members, 76; meetings held during quarter, 64; average attendance during quarter, 247; members added to Baby Roll, 8; subscribers to Our Homes, 232; taking Home Mission Reading Course, 27; adult mite-boxes in use, 39; baby mite-boxes in use, 149; pledged to tithing, 20; boxes supplies sent off, 1; papers and leaflets distributed, 617; visits made to sick and strangers, 815; cottage prayer meetings held, 15; garments in good order distributed, 240; needy assisted, 98; auxiliaries contributing to connectional enterprises, 1; auxiliaries sending no reports, 11.

MRS. S. H. SCOTT,
Conference Cor. Sec.

Treasurer's Report for Second Quarter.

Raleigh District.—Adult dues, $36.50; juvenile dues, $4.20; baby roll membership, $.75; mite-box brigade, $1.35; baby mite-boxes, $1.27; Conference expense fund, $4.00.—$48.07.

Durham District.—Dues $6.95; Conference expense fund, $1.50.—$8.45.

Warrenton District.—Adult dues, $21.25; Brevard School, $17.00; Mite-Box Brigade, $9.80; Adult Mite-Box, $.15; Baby Mite-Boxes, $2.59; Conference Expense Fund, $.45.—$51.24.

New Bern District.—Juvenile Dues, $1.00; Adult Dues, $34.40; Baby Roll membership, $.50; Baby Mite Boxes, $5.20.—$41.10.

Wilmington District.—Dues, $33.49; Brevard School, $36.46; Mite-Box Brigade, $1.85; Conference Expense Fund, $2.00.—$73.80.

Washington District.—Dues, $12.65; Baby Roll membership, $2.51; Mite-Box Brigade, $5.89; Baby Mite-Boxes, $.25.—$21.30.

Elizabeth City District.—Dues, $17.60; Baby Roll membership, $1.05; Mite-Box Brigade, $2.20; Baby Mite-Boxes, $.45; Conference Expense Fund, $1.20.—$22.50.

Total from Auxiliaries, $266.46; from Mr. Humble for Brevard School, $10.00. Grand total, $276.46.

MRS. E. L. PRINCE,
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Leading Auxiliaries of Second Quarter.

Lake Landing sent largest amount to Conference Treasurer.

Kinston contributed largest amount to local work, also made the largest number of visits and distributed most literature.

Wilmington gained the largest increase of members—15.

New Bern added largest number of subscribers to Our Homes—8.

LaGrange had the best average attendance, but that of Lake Landing almost equalled it, while Wilmington's was also fine, the average being 51.

Congratulations.

Hearty congratulations are extended to these auxiliaries for their fine records; it is especially gratifying to note that Kinston is distinguished in three points, while Lake Landing and Wilmington each gained honor in two. May the blessed service continue, and may all our members be stirred to redoubled effort.

Sincere Regrets.

But along with our rejoicings there are regrets because of the auxiliaries which sent no reports. Our Corresponding Secretary failed to hear from 11, while our Treasurer writes that 14 neglected to report to her. Sister officers, why is this? I cannot believe that it is lack of interest in the business of our King. I beg you not to allow this to occur again. In case of sickness, or other interruptions that come to us all at times, get some other members to take your places; let us not fail to be the faithful, intelligent and responsible women this work requires.

"You Can't Cheat God."

Ned took his cousin Grace to keep him company while he worked at a job he had to perform.

"I don't think you are doing your work very well," she said. "It looks to me as though you were slighting it."

"That's all right," laughed Ned. "What I'm doing will be all covered up, you know."

"But isn't that cheating?"

"Maybe 'tis, after a fashion," answered Ned; "but it isn't like most cheating, you know."

"That's not the way to look at it," said Grace. "If it's cheating, it's cheating; you know that. You can't excuse it because it isn't the worst kind of cheating."

"But the man don't know about it," said Ned.

"He may not," said Grace," soberly, "but God will. You can't cheat God."

Ned stopped work, and went to thinking. Presently he said: "You're right. I'm glad you said that, Grace. I'm going to begin over. There shan't be any cheating this time.

Ned undid what he had begun, and began again—began right—and I am sure he felt better. I hope he will always remember that no one can cheat God.—Herald and Presbyter.

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The World As We See It.

Niagara can no longer claim the supremacy of a waterfall. The Commissioner of Mines from the Republic of Argentina says that the Iguaza on the boundary between Brazil and Argentena, is the largest waterfall in the world. It is sixty feet higher than Nigara Falls, and the stream is twice as large as the Niagara River, pouring 28,000,000 feet of water per minute over a precipice 210 feet high. The stream at the falls is 13,123 feet wide.

The Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad now sells tickets to Beaufort, N. C. It also issues through bills of lading for freight to and from Beaufort. The Howland Improvement Company, lessee of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, is certainly proving a benefactor to the State in many ways. Beaufort, though only a few miles across the water from Morehead City, has been a town apart. The town has suffered considerably on account of not being able to obtain satisfactory freight rates. Now it will be different. We prophesy that the new arrangement will put new life into the old town.

No matter what criticism may be brought against the present administration for the way in which the Panama Canal enterprise has come into possession of the United States, it is a matter of pleasure to all loyal and progressive citizens that work on the canal is progressing in a satisfactory manner. Surveying parties are at work in the vicinity of Colon preparing for an inner harbor. The lines of the French Company are being straightened, reservoirs are being constructed, and sewerage systems are being prepared. Steam shovels, lumber and railroad ties have been purchased. Over twelve hundred laborers are at work. Very soon the Isthmus from ocean to ocean will be a scene of activity which will cheer the heart of the civilized world.

Bishop H. C. Potter, at the Triennial Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Boston, made a speech on industrial problems, and claimed that the complete democratization of the church is necessary, as caste in the church means the alienation of working people. The problem is an old one. There is hardly a city patsor who has not dreamed of it by day and wrestled with it at night. To destroy caste, a professional fraternaization has proven worse than ineffective, as the sensitiveness of human nature recoils at anything that looks like patronage. Bishop Potter is right in saying that the democratization of the church must come before the Gospel can be triumphant. He essayed to solve the liquor problem in New York City by suggesting, fostering, and dedicating the Subway Tavern. Now will he suggest some plan by which the democratization of the church may take place?

The North Carolina State Fair is in full blast this week. The attendance is all that could be desired. This popular institution seems to be in the heart of the people all over the State. It is difficult to understand why some people cannot see that there is a necessity for such an institution. It is necessary to show to the people of the State the measurement of progress in the different lines of industry and endeavor. A State Fair is something like a cemetery in that both show in the way in which they are kept the appreciation of the people—in the case of the former, of the material life of the State, and in the case of the latter, of the dead who have been laid away. It is a very poor State that does not support a fair.

There has loomed up lately before the eyes of the American people a very interesting personage. His name is Robert La Follette, Governor of Wisconsin. His character is singularly interesting. He is a man in politics who swears to his own hurt and changes not. He is honest to the core. He makes a fair fighter and a firm friend. His history for the last decade or more reads like a romance. His honesty and high purpose have brought to him several political defeats and many victories. He estranged this year what is known as the stalwart element of his party. This element, disregarding the State ticket of which La Follette is the head, put out a ticket of its own. The matter came up before the Supreme Court, which has given La Follette another victory in the decision rendered a few days ago that the La Follette ticket is the one that represents the party. The public will watch with deep interest the outcome of La Follette's fight with the wild beasts at Enhesus.

The whole world was interested, if not startled, last week by the announcement that General Kuropatkin of the Russian Manchurian army had assumed the aggressive and had moved three columns of his great army against the Japanese army between Mukden and Liao Yang. This aggressive movement was inspired by several conditions and circumstances. First, the Russian army had been considerably reinforced since its retreat to Mukden. Secondly, the Russian soldiers, their pride being stung by a succession of Japanese victories, determined to force the issue and gain at least one victory. Thirdly, there was, undoubterly, some pressure from St. Petersburg on General Kuropatkin to free Manchuria from Japanese domination and hasten to the relief of Port Arthur.

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The advance of the Russian army was ill-advised and terminated fatally for the Russian army. For six successive days the Russian divisions were hurled against the Japanese, only to be hurled back in a complete rout. In these battles, the Russians lost probably as many as 40,000 men. The Japanese loss was much smaller. The latest news is to the effect that General Kuropatkin will make good his retreat . It seems, difficult to believe, however, that he can save his army which has suffered so disastrously. The Japanese having been reinforced lately, are in much better condition for following up their last victory than when they retired as victors from the battlefield of Liao Yang. When Port Arthur falls, there will be still stronger reinforcement of the Japanese army.

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It seems now as if the nations must interfere in the name of humanity to stop this war. The Japanese have evinced their superiority from the beginning, both on sea and land. They have not lost a single fight. They have acquired that for which they went to war. They have both Korea and Manchuria. Russia is already badly whipped, and, as we see it, there is no possible chance for her. For Russia to continue to send her armies to Manchuria is to send them to certain slaughter—slaughter such as the world has never seen. The Japanese are trained fighters. They shoot with remarkable precision. They know warfare from beginning to end. They are acquainted with the most modern methods. It has been demonstrated that an inferior force of Japanese can whip a superior force of Russians on the latter's own ground. The Russian soldier is simply a puppet moved by a force in St. Petersburg. This force cares nothing, it seems, for the slaughter of Russian soldiers. Such scenes as were enacted last week in the battle of Mukden sickens the whole world. It seems that the civilized nations of the world must intervene.

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The publishing firm of Hinds & Noble, New York City, have lately published two books which will prove interesting and valuable to every person whose duties call them to the platform or pulpit. One is "How to Use the Voice in Reading or Speaking," by Ed. Arnherst Ott, Principal of the Drake School of Oratory. Price, $1.25. The other is "How to Attract and Hold an Audience," by J. Berg Esenmein, A. M., Lit. D., Professor of the English Language and Literature in the Pennsylvania Military College. Price, $1.00. Both books should be read by every preacher, lawyer, and teacher.

O God, Thou knowest what is the battle with each one. Wilt Thou help every one of us to gain victories in his own place and over his own nature? May we not be weary in well-doing; may none of us feel as though it were too long a strife, or too hard too bear.

The effective life and the receptive life are one. No sweep of arm that does some work for God, but harvests, also some more of the truth of God, and sweeps it into the treasury of life—Phillips Brooks.

As one who lived far inland day by day,
And knew in legend only or in dream
The open Deep, yet ere he passed away
Went down at last by rill and widening stream,
And, tottering to a cliff, beheld the Sea,
And woke to life's more luminous lost sweep
And in his one hour asked regretfully
To slumber there beside that alien Deep—
So I, God grant, who sometimes hear above
Earth's din the Sea, and through this restless sleep
Have caught thin momentary echoes of
Life's better things, and my poor broken dreams
Of Beauty known, shall some day yet with love
Of wider visions follow Hope's thin streams,
And ere the twilight falls shall humbly creep,
By many paths where many sorrows wend,
Out to the last lone headland, and there sleep
By my belated Ocean, in the end!

—Arthur Stringer, in Ainslee's.

Methodist Mention

STATE.

The Era's business for the month just closed is the largest ever done in September.

Sheriff B.G. Credle, of New Bern, was in appreciated visitor on yesterday. He speaks in glowing terms of New Bern Methodism.

Rev. D. H. Comann, of Lenoir, a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, is conducting revival services in Durham, and according to the Durham Sun, is preaching some effective sermons.

The members of Main Street Church, Durham, with their accustomed generosity, gave Rev. W. L. Cunninggim and wife a trip to the World's Fair. The pastor and his wife and sister very much enjoyed the trip.

Signor Carlo Mora, Professor of Music in Greensboro Female College, has been elected organist of West Market Street Church in this city. He succeeds Mrs. John S. Michaux, who has filled that position admirably for several years past.—N. C. Christian Advocate.

If you need our Methodist literature send to the Southern Methodist Book Depository, Staunton, Va. This firm is the regular representative of the Nashville Publishing House and offers splendid bargains. It was endorsed by our Conference at Goldsboro. Read their ad. in this issue.

Rev. R. E. Hunt, P. C., South Rocky Mount, writes: "Closed a meeting at South Rocky Mount last Tuesday night. Brother Bundy led me; in fact, did most of the preaching. As a result, there were about eight or nine professions and four accessions. I hope the church was revived."

Rev. M. L. Hooper, a worthy local preacher, called to see us last week. He is a traveling salesman, but he manages to do a great deal of effective work in revival services. He is earnest, able and consecrated, and is willing to help any brother who may need him in a meeting. His home is in Charlotte, N. C.

We clip this from the Goldsboro Argus: "The revival services at the St. John Church is growing in interest and attendance. The pastor, Rev. H. B. Anderson, is conducting the services, and is preaching some soul-stirring sermons that are sure to result in much good. He is an earnest, faithful worker, and is exerting every possible effort in trying to lead sinners to repentance and point out to them the road that leads to life eternal."

Arrangements have been made to have an inter-society debate at Trinity College December 17th. Preliminary contests will be held in each Society to select speakers for the debate. The question is: Resolved, "That the franchise laws of the Southern States should not by their terms or method of execution provide means for discrimination between the races, but that they should exclude from the right of suffrage all persons of both races who cannot read and write."

The worthy patriarch in North Carolina Methodism, G. W. T. Averitt, who is seventy-nine years old, and who has been taking the Advocate since it started away back in the 50's, sends his renewal and adds these pathetic words: "I have been begging the good Lord to take me out of this world and let me be at rest. But He is not ready yet, and He knows best. I am willing to do His will. I reckon this is the last letter you will ever have to try to read from me. The dear old Advocate gets better and better all the while. I hope to see you in heaven. May God bless you and the dear old Advocate and all its readers. So good-bye." May God bless this dear old saint and give him many more days, and may his last days be the brightest.

CONNECTIONAL.

A cablegram from Dr. W. R. Lambuth to the Mission Rooms says that he will sail for home the 12th.

Bishop Galloway writes from Japan that the work of missions was never more promising than at present.

Dallas, Texas, will ask for the next International League Conference. It is the turn of South to have it.

The Arkansas Methodist of the present week reports six hundred and eighteen converts from different parts of the State.

The new editors of the Arkansas Methodist, in fitting up their new editorial offices, have provided a bath tub for their visiting "brethering."

Rev. John M. Moore, of the Joint Hymnal Commission, writes the Texas Advocate that the new hymn book cannot appear before April 1, 1905.

Rev. P. L. Cobb, well-known in North Carolina, has been changed from Monterey to the City of Mexico by Bishop Candler. The best success go with him. His good work in Holston abides.

The Young Men's Christian Association will endeavor to establish work along the line of the Panama Canal to reach the army of young men that will be employed thereon. It will also try to found an association in the city of Panama.

Bishop Keener has returned to the city from his summer home at Ocean Springs. We have not had an opportunity of seeing him or learning of his health, but we judge by the steadiness with which he holds his pen that he has gained strength during his sojourn on the coast.—New Orleans Advocate.

Union Station Methodist Church, of Richmond, Va., is celebrating this week the fiftieth year of its organization. The exercises will last from October 2 to 9, and the ex-pastors, five of whom are living, will be present and take part in the program. Dr. J. C. Kilgo will speak on Sunday. Rev. R. N. Maxey is pastor, and is pushing the work very energetically.—Baltimore-Richmond Christian Advocate

Dr. Burrows, of the Midland Methodist, is by all past tokens, a meek and reasonable man, but the bow is too much bent at times, and it cannot stand the strain. This explains why he inveighed so earnestly in the last issue of his paper against the member of a choir, who was guilty lately of tuning his old fiddle while the guileless preacher was reading the Scripture lesson; also against the fellow, who, probably during the same service, used the heating register for a cuspidore. You may depend on Dr. Burrows for crying out against the Philistines.

The last issue of the Western Christian Advocate, published at Ardmore, Ind. T., contains accounts in the regular news letter from its Conference territory of ten gracious revivals. The number of conversions is not given in every case, but probably aggregates two hundred and fifty to three hundred. No Conference in the connection surpasses the Indian Mission in vigor, progressiveness, evangelistic power, and zeal. Much is being done in it for the promotion of work among the young people, and its membership includes several of the most ardent advocates of the League.

If one should give me a dish of sand and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look for them with my eyes and search for them with my clumsy fingers, and be unable to detect them; but let me take a magnet and sweep through it, and how it would draw to itself the most invisible particles by the mere power of attraction! The unthankful heart, like my finger in the sand, discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find in every hour some heavenly blessings, only the iron in God's sand is gold.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

General Notes

The third Eucharistic Congress of the Catholic Church in the United States met last week in New York.

American Mormon missionaries have been expelled from Hungary on the ground that their doctrine is hostile to the best interests of both church and State.

The China Inland Mission is an undenominational enterprise, now thirty-six years old. On a single day recently the mission had thirty-six recruits for stations in Central China.

The Young Men's Christian Association is making steady progress and is increasing in usefulness. Last year there was an increase of seventy-seven Associations and of over 23,000 members.

The first presbytery of the Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church, in session at Steele Creek, N. C., has voted against the proposition to unite with the United Presbyterian Church. The vote stood 36 to 34.

The first direct telegraphic communication between the United States and Alaska has been established by the completion of the lines of the Postal Telegraph Company to Juneau, Sitka, Haines Mission, and Skagway, Alaska.

The Rev. R. J. Campbell, M. A., successor in City Temple, London, to Dr. Joseph Parker, adds to his duties as preacher in the world's foremost pulpit the editorship, just assumed, of a new monthly English magazine, the Young Man.

The inauguration of William E. Huntington, S. T. D., as president of Boston University, will take place on Wednesday, October 26, at 10 a. m., in Tremont Temple, Botson. Among the speakers will be Hon. John L. Bates, Governor of Massachusetts.

The Congregationalist says: "President Harper, of the University of Chicago, has been decorated by the Emperor of Germany. He may hereafter wear the order of the Red Eagle of the second-class. Not to be in the first-class must be galling to the Chicago Napoleon of education."

Dowie has parted company with his choirmaster because the latter dared to consult a physician when Elijah's hands had failed to restore him after a spell of illness. The prophet declared illness was only a new kind of sin. Dowie had evidently not yet diagnosed this kind.—Exchange.

The Anglican Bishop of Korea, Dr. Corfe, has resigned, assigning as the chief reason of his action inability to learn the Korean language. He does not any longer desire to impede the progress of the work among the Koreans hence his resignation. We look upon this as being in every sense a noble and Christian thing to do.

Chancellor James R. Day, of Syracuse University, announces the gift from Lyman C. Smith, of Syracuse, N. Y., of an additional building for the Lyman Cornelius Smith College of Applied Science. Mr. Smith four years ago established the school, giving $750,000. The gift adds a model factory building for mining and engineering, and a mechanical laboratory at a cost of more than $100,000.

The American Anti-Saloon League is to hold its annual convention at Columbus, Ohio, this year. The dates are November 16-18, inclusive. The following is a partial list of the talent already engaged for the meeting: Bishop Luther B. Wilson, of Chattanooga, President of the League; Rev. George R. Stuart, of Tennessee; Congressman Charles E. Littlefield, of Maine; Rev. Louis Albert Banks, D. D., of New York; Rev. E. S. Chapman, D. D., of California; Hon. John G. Wooley, of Chicago; Rev. G. W. Young, D. D., of Kentucky, and Rev. Howard H. Russell, D. D., of New York.

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Ask the critics, both secular and religious, the greatest book ever written, and the majority will answer that holy anthem, that sublime epic, "Paradise Lost," whose author, John Milton, like that of another English bard, Robert Browning, "believed in the soul and was very sure of God."

Benjamin Franklin, at the time when evening shadows gathered about him, said among his last utterances: "Of this Jesus of Nazareth, I have to say, the system of morals he left us are among the best things the world ever knew."

Dr. Benjamin Rush, the great medical scientist, the leading physiologist and anatomist of his day, has left this record of his faith: "The only true and perfect religion is Christianity."

William Gladstone, the greatest intellect of his day, amid the turbulent factions of an eventful life, had that peace which comes to the man whose mind is staid on God. Every Sabbath he went, as a devout worshipper, to the house of the Lord, and, sometimes, at the invitation of the rector, read prayers to the people.

Lord Cairn, the greatest legal adviser of England, followed close in the footsteps of the Master as he spent his vacations preaching the unsearchable riches to the poor, who dwelt amid the barren heaths of his native Scotland.

Of those women who have added lustre to the world's store-house of fame, all, with a few lamentable exceptions—a woman's life "without religion is like a flower without perfume"—have, like Mary of old, poured the alabaster box of love and faith at the feet of the Saviour.

Like soft summer airs and the perfume of evening flowers, the lofty genius of Elizabeth Barrett Browning, steals upon us as we read the noble strains of poetry that came from her pen.

She dwelt apart with God, and had sweet converse with them in the secret place of the Most High. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Helen Hunt Jackson were deeply religious, and their writings are imbued with the light of that heavenly home where beyon "these voices there is a peace."

Emma Willard, who was one of the few women that received votes for a place in the Hall of Fame, whose peculiar glory lay in giving impulse to female education, and all those benefactions which shed lustre upon the sacred precincts of home had a profound reverence for religion.

With those in high altitudes of thought, who breathe God's free air, and see His golden light—with all on earth who have been true and sweet and worthy—let Leaguers of fewer gifts walk in the fragrant way that leads to joy supernal.

Notes.

We will be glad to have reports of organizations of new Leagues. What are you doing in this line, brethren? How many new Chapters will you report from your charges at Conference?

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How much have you collected for the League Missionary? Please let the Treasurer or the Fourth Vice-President report to me at once.

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How many Chapters have elected a fourth or missionary Vice-President?

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Drs. Du Bose and Parker have shown by the magazine numbers of the Era the class of paper they will give our young people every week if they show their appreciation of their efforts by a sufficient number of subscribers. Now is the time to push the canvass, as nearly everybody has money. Let the Era agents now push the canvass. All they have to do is to show a magazine number and tell the prospective subscriber that the editors will give such an issue each week as soon as a sufficient number of subscribers have been secured. By a faithful canvass on the part of the agents the required number ought to be secured by December 1st.

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We are pleased to give our readers an article in this issue from the facile pen of the Third Vice-President of the Trinity Chapter, Southport, N. C., "Our Liftier Brothers, But One in Blood." This article gives us some idea of the class of work being done in the third department of that Chapter, since this is one of the papers read at a meeting of that Chapter and was highly appreciated by the members.

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Lesson for October 23, 1904.

Elisha and Naaman.

(2 Kings 5:1-14.)

Golden Text: Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved. (Jeremiah 17:14.)

The story of Naaman the Syrian is one of the most suggestive incidents recorded in connection with the life of Elisha, and will be found well adapted for conveying lessons of spiritual value to classes of all ages.

Naaman was a great man in the land of Syria, but he was a leper. Though no particulars are given concerning the kind of leprosy with which he was afflicted, nor the length of time he had had the disease, we know that the mere fact of having that dread disease was sufficient to cause Naaman the utmost anxiety.

The Work of a Little Maid.—Too much emphasis cannot be laid upon the part that was played by the little Hebrew maid in directing Naaman to the source whence he might obtain relief from the awful disease with which he was afflicted. She stands as an example of fidelity and helpfulness that will always be worthy of emulation.

A Helpless Sovereign.—The part which the king of Israel plays in this narrative is extremely suggestive. Always suspicious of his Syrian neighbor, he looks upon the letter which Naaman brought from the king of Syria as the probable excuse for a quarrel. Yet had he been in close touch with Elisha the prophet he would have had no anxiety, but would have turned to him immediately for the divine help which was needed to cure Naaman of his leprosy.

A Simple Cure.—The story of Elisha's dealing with Naaman is dramatic in the extreme. Never had the Syrian general experienced such treatment before, and at first he hotly resented the reception which he had received at the hands of the prophet, and despised the directions which Elisha had given for his cure.

Cooler and calmer heads, however, advised a trial of the means which had been prescribed, and when Naaman washed in the Jordan seven times his leprosy departed from him.

Important Truths.—1. Sin is a disease of which even leprosy with all its loathsomeness gives but a faint picture.

2. The only cure for sin is the divine remedy provided by and through the Lord Jesus Christ. Implicit obedience to Christ is the only way of finding pardon for sin. Only the blood of the Redeemer can cleanse us from guilt.

3. However humble our station we may ofttimes direct others to the way of salvation. Boys and girls may often be used as the instruments in God's hands of bringing precious souls to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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There was a landlord on a hill
Who knew just what to do,
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STATE.

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Appeals are being heard this week in the Supreme Court from the Eighth District.

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The rural free delivery postal routes increase constantly. There are now 738 in North Carolina.

Judge G. W. Ward, appointed to succeed Judge Brown on the Superior Court bench, held his first court in Bladen County last week.

State Treasurer Lacy, who is a great sufferer from asthma and has suffered much recently, has gone to Arizona in the hope of obtaining relief.

On account of the prevalence of diphtheria in Goldsboro the State Convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy, which was to meet in that city, will meet in Fayetteville on the 26th.

It is learned from the hail insurance agents that this year ten times as much property has been destroyed by hail as was thus destroyed last year. In fact, it is said that the past summer was the worst ever known for hail storms in at least two-thirds

The sales on the tobacco market in Raleigh the past week have brought a good average price, this being $12 on the hundred. Over 100,000 pounds were sold and the best grade brought $40 a hundred. Finer grades of tobacco are expected later.

President Watson and Secretary Lawrence are now busy in their preparations for the Cumberland County fair, which takes place November 2, 3, and 4. The big crops of the year, the special premiums and the purses for racing, all combine to make the outlook encouraging for a fine fair.

The continued drought is giving the Southern Railway officials no little concern. The streams that supply the water tanks on the Murphy branch are very low, and one of the officials is quoted as saying that if the drought continues much longer several of the streams are sure to fail and the situation become extremely serious.

Tarboro Cor. Post: Hon. Thomas E. Watson, the presidential aspirant of the Populist Party, has also cancelled his engagement to speak here the 27th, and will remain at national headquarters in Chicago where he will make several speeches and endeavor to capture a large faction of the Bryan and Hearst following, of which he is very hopeful.

General Ransom was the largest farmer in the State and raised immense crops of cotton. He was all his life a farmer but after his retirement from public life he greatly increased his holdings, buying more land and increasing his farming operations. His life was insured for 850,000 and it said his estate is worth $1,000,000, but this may be an overestimate.

Three policemen and several citizens captured a freight car thief in Raleigh Monday after a chase of four blocks. The man's name is John Sterling, and after his capture he implicated Walter B. Jenkins and John O'Donald. The man is wanted in Virginia for the offence, to serve sixteen months in jail. The Southern has lost over $100,000 through larceny of freight cars this year.

The United States Supreme Court Monday denied the motion of counsel on behalf of the State of North Carolina for a rehearing in the case of the State of South Dakota vs. the State of North Carolina, decided during the last term of the court favorably to South Dakota. The case involved the validity of North Carolina's guaranty of certain railroad bonds donated to South Dakota for the benefit of the University of South Dakota. The court ordered the sale of the bonds, and Monday's action renders that decision final. The decision has the effect of validating other North Carolina bonds of similar character.

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Daily, ex. S.				Daily, ex. S.	
Second-Class	First-Class	STATIONS.		First-Class	Second-Class
101	105			104	102
A. M.	P. M.	Lv.	Ar.	A. M.	P. M.
7 20	4 15	.....	Raleigh	9 45	5 35
7 35	4 25	S.	Caraleigh Mills ..	9 35	5 20
7 45	4 30	F.	†Sylvania	9 30	5 13
7 54	4 39	F.	Farmer	9 20	5 04
8 00	4 45	F.	Hobby	9 14	4 57
8 15	4 52	M.	McCULLERS ..	9 10	4 52
8 25	4 56	F.	Banks	8 58	4 23
8 30	4 59	F.	Austin	8 55	4 21
8 50	5 07	S.	†Willow Spring ..	8 10	4 15
9 05	5 15	M.	† JOHNSON MILL	8 40	4 01
9 15	5 17	P.	† Cardenas	8 38	4 00
9 20	5 24	S.	C. F. & N. Junction	8 33	3 55
9 35	5 26	S.	† Fuquay Springs.	8 30	3 52
9 40	5 31	F.	Buckhorn	8 20	3 35
9 45	5 36	F.	Rawls	8 17	3 20
10 00	5 45	S.	† Chalybeate	8 10	8 20
10 05	5 50	S.	Bradley	8 00	3 01
10 15	6 00	F.	* Smith Mill	7 55	2 55
10 15	6 10	.....	Lillington	7 45	2 45
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THIRD ROUND.

Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept. 24, 25
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, Oct. 1, 2
Rich Square, Pinner's, Oct. 8, 9
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, Oct. 15, 16

FOURTH ROUND.

Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, Aug 21, 22
Harrellsville, Harrellsville, Aug. 27, 28
Scotland Neck, sept. 4, 5
Conway, Providence Sept. 10, 11.
Murfreesboro, sept. 11, 12
Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, sept 24, 25
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, October 1, 2
Rich Square, Pinners, Oct. 8, 9
Battleboro and Whitakers, Whitakers, Oct. 15, 16
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, 22, 23
Warren, Shady Grove, Oct. 29, 30
Warrenton, Warrenton, Oct. 30, 31
Littleton, Littleton, Nov. 3, 4
Weldon, Nov. 6 7
Garysburg, Seaboard, Nov 5
Roanoke Circuit, Combs, Nov. 12, 13
Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, Nov. 13, 14
Ridgeway, Unity, Nov. 19, 20
Henderson, Nov. 27, 28

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C

FOURTH ROUND.

Hatteras, Trent, Sept. 10, 11
Hertford, Centre Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Perquimans, Oak Grove, Sept. 24, 25
Pasquotank, Newbegun, Sept. 25, 26
Camden, McBride's, Oct. 1, 2
North Gates, Sarage, Oct. 8, 9
Gates Harrells Oct. 15, 16
Kitty Hawk, Currituck Inlet, Oct. 22, 23
Currituck, Ebenezer, Oct. 23, 24
Moyock, Perkins Chapel, Oct. 29, 30
Dare, Manns Harbor Nov. 5, 6
Roanoke Island Nov. 6, 7
Elizabeth City, First Church, Nov. 13
Elizabeth City Road, Nov. 13
Columbia, Nov. 19, 20
Pantego and Belhaven, Nov. 25
Roper, Nov 26, 27
Plymouth, Nov. 27

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Robersonville, Mt Zion. Sept. 3, 4
Washington, Sept. 11, 12
Nashville, Sharon, Sept. 17, 18
Farmville, Farmville, Oct. 2, 3
Aurora, Oct. 8, 9
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter, Oct. 12
Fairfield, Oct. 14
Matteonskeet, Nebraska, Oct. 15 16
Bethel, Bethel, Oct. 22, 23
Tarboro, (night) Oct. 23
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, Ocracoke, Oct. 29, 30
Greenville, (morning) Nov 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Smithfield, November 6, 7
Spring Hope, Hornes, Nov. 12, 13
Wilson Station, (night) Nov. 13
Wilson Circuit, (Ledge Street) Nov. 14
Fremont, Fremont Nov. 15
Rock Mount, Nov. 16
Bath, Bath, Nov. 19, 20
South Rocky Mount and Marvin, Nov. 22
South Edgecombe, Elm City, Nov. 27, 28

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Roberdel, Roberdel, Sept. 3, 4
Rockingham Station, Sept. 4, 5
Lumberton, Barker's, Sept. 10, 11
St. John and Gibson, St. John, Sept. 15, 16
Laurenburg Sept. 16, 17
Richmond, Steele's Mill, Sept. 24, 25
Maxton and Caledonia, Oct. 1, 2
Hamlet, Ham et, Oct. 8 9
Rowland, Rowland, Oct. 15 16
Robeson, Asbury Oct. 22, 23
Mt. Gilead, Wadeville, Oct. 29 30
Montgomery, Ophir, Nov. 5, 6
Red Springs Red Springs, Nov. 12, 13
Pekin, Concord, Nov. 19, 20
Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Nov. 26, 27

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C

FOURTH ROUND.

Franklinton, Grove Hill, September 10, 11
Clayton, Elizabeth, September 17, 18
Oxford Circuit, September 24, 25
Central, October 1, 2
Brooklyn, October 2, 3
Milbrook, Pleasant Grove, October 8, 9
Granville, October 15, 16
Wakefield, October 20
Kenley October 22, 23
Cary, October 29, 30
Epworth, October 30
Oxford Station, November 5, 6
Youngsville, November 12, 13
Louisburg, November 19, 20
Tar River Flank Chapel, Novembe

NEW BERN DISTRICT.

F. D. Swindell, P. E., Plymouth, N. C

FOURTH ROUND.

Mt. Olive and Faison, Mt. Olive, Sept. 17, 18
Jones' Circuit, Lee's, Sept. 24, 25
Goldsboro, Thompson's, Oct. 1, 2
St. Paul, Oct. 2
Centenary, Oct. 9, 10
Pamlico, Bayboro Oct. 15, 16
Oriental, Oriental, Oct. 16, 17
Hookerton, Ralnbow, Oct. 22, 23
Grifton Grifton, Oct. 24, 24
Dover, Oct. 29 30
Kinston, Oct. 30
Snow Hill Circuit, Jerusalem, Nov. 5, 6
Craven, Asbury, Nov. 11
Carteret, Harlow Nov. 12, 13
Beaufort, Nov. 13, 14
Atlantic, Wilt, Nov. 15, 16
Straits Tabernacle, Nov. 19, 20
Morehead, Nov. 20
LaGrange Circuit, Nov. 24
St. John Nov. 25
Mt. Olive Circuit, Smiths, Nov. 26, 27

DURHAM DISTRICT.

H. T. Gibbs P. E., Durham N. C.

East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

FOURTH ROUND.

Trinity Church, Sept. 11, at 11 a. m.
Carr Church and Branson, at Carr, Sept. 11 at night
Chapel Hill, Sept 17, 18
Durham McManen, Sept. 24, 25
Mangum Street, Sept 25 at night
Leasburg, Salem, Oct. 1, 2
Hillsboro, Cedar Grove, Oct. 8, 9
Roxboro, Concord, Oct. 15, 16
Milton, New Hope Oct. 22, 23
Yanceyville, Bethel Oct. 29 30
Mt Tirzah Circuit, Nov. 5, 6
Burlington, Front Street Nov. 13, 14
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, Nov. 13, at night
Burlington, Shiloah, Nov. 18
Alamance, Phillips Chapel, Nov. 19, 20
Main Street, Nov. 27, at 11 a. m.
West Durham, Nov. 27, at night

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.

Goldstone Marcneys, August 27, 28
Sampson, Bethel, September 3, 4
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 10, 11

FOURTH ROUND.

Dunn, Sept. 25, 26.
Cokesbury, Cokesbury, Oct. 1, 2
Elise, Tyra Oct. 7
Carthage Oct. 8, 9
Hawriver, Bynum's, Oct. 14
Pittsboro, Zion, Oct. 15, 16
Siler City, Oct. 22, 23
Goldston, Oct. 23, 24
Jonesboro, Bopiar Springs, Oct. 28
Sanford, 29, 30
Hope Mills, Nov 5, 6
Newton Grove, Nov. 11
Duke, Benson, Nov. 12, 13
Buckhorn, Cokesbury, Oct. 18
Lillington, Nov. 19 20
Sampson, Andrews Chapel, Nov. 25
Fayetteville, Hay Street, Nov. 27
Fayetteville, Haitz's Mill, Nov. 27

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.

Onslow, Swanboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Bryan, September 10, 11
Fifth Street, Sept. 18
Market Street, Sept. 18
Town Creek, Zion, Sept. 21
Grace, September 25
Clinton, Keener, Oct. 1, 2
Bladen Circuit, Antioch, Oct. 7
Elizabeth, Wesley's, Oct 8, 9
Magnolia Chapel ton, Oct. 15, 16
Carver's Creek, Shiloah, Oct. 21
Whiteville, Cerro Gordo Oct. 22, 23
Shallotte Village, Oct. 28
Waccamaw, Bethel, Oct. 29, 30
Burgaw, Burgaw, Nov. 4
Kenansville Warsaw Nov. 5, 6
Lumlow, Tabernacle Nov. 9
Jackson and Richlands, Richlands, Nov 10
Southport, Nov. 3
New River, Steel's Ferry, Nov. 18
Scott's Hill, Scott's Hill, Nov. 19, 20
Bladen Street, Nov. 27

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GODLEY.—The infant daughter of W. L. and R. Godley died at Aurora, N. C., October 4, 1904, at three-months-old and was buried by the writer at the family burying ground by the writer the next day. The delicate little flower did not remain in this world long, but she was here enough to elicit parental love. Her mission was short, but she has accomplished it and gone to rest. Weep not fond parents, for she is not lost, but only gone before.

J. M. LOWDER.

BENNETT.—Roy, the bright little son George W., and Sallie L. Bennett died near Aurora, N. C., July 14, 1904, age two years and nine months. It was hard indeed for the parents to give him up, but when God calls we must obey. Although little Roy's stay was short in this world, he remained long enough to be a blessing to his parents. We trust they will try to meet him in the home of the good, where the angels sing glory to God. The Lord comfort the bereaved.

J. M. LOWDER.

HALL.—Louis Glenn, the bright little son of William H. and Carrie Hall, died at Aurora, N. C., September 13, 1904, having lived about sixteen months to bless this Christian home; our kind Heavenly Father then plucked the beautiful tender bud and planted it in a more genial clime, where it will bloom to fade no more. It was hard for the parents to give him up, but they have confidence in God and are resigned to His will. Weep not fond parents, but put your trust in the Saviour who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me."

J. M. LOWDER.

HOLLOWELL.—R. W. Hollowell has fallen on sleep. One of earth's noblemen has gone to join the ranks of the immortal in the eternal city. Heaven is richer and the world poorer by his departure. This good man was born April 22, 1832, and died at his home near Sladesville, N. C., August 30, 1904.

For several years Brother Hollowell was a faithful steward in the church at Sladesville, N. C. He was a man who loved the church of God. His time, money and talent were freely spent to sustain the kingdom of Christ. Brother Hollowell was a man of tireless energy and perseverance. In war and peace he was brave and true. His home-life was beautiful; wife and children upon him trusted implicitly in his judgment, and loved him with a great love. He leaves behind him the priceless legacy of a good name. He was true to his God, true to his friends, true to his home. He was a living demonstration of the power of Christ to make a strong, faithful, clean man. He lived well—he died right.

May consoling and sustaining grace be vouchsafed to the bereaved family.

W. Y. EVERTON.

GREEN.—McGilbrey Green was born in Georgetown, S. C., March 31, 1870. About ten years ago he moved to Wilmington, N. C., and four years later came to Edenton, where he accepted a position as lumber inspector with the Branning Manufacturing Company. Later he held a similar position in Columbia and in Belhaven.

On December 18, 1899, Brother Green was married to Miss Irena Brinkley, of Edenton, the cremony being performed by the writer of this sketch. To them were born two bright little girls, Eliza Brinkley and Elizabeth, who still live to cheer the heart of their sorrowing mother in these dark days.

In November, 1903, Brother Green's health began to fail. In June, this year, he went to Asheville, hoping there to regain his strength, but in vain. In September he returned to Edenton, and a few days later he pased away to his eternal reward. His body was laid to rest in Beaver Hill cemetery.

Besides his wife and two children, he leaves a mother, Mrs. E. Green, two brothers, Ernest L. and Richard B. Green; two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Powell and Miss Ellen Green, all living in Wilmington, to mourn his loss.

Brother Green professed faith in Christ while living in Wilmington, and was received into the Grace Street M. E. Church, South, by Rev. R. A. Willis. Through life he remained a consistent and loyal member of the church. It was not the privilege of this writer to be with him during his sickness. In other days, however, he knew him intimately, and is persuaded that when the end came he was found ready to go. In his home, in the social circle, in business affairs, he lived as a Christian ought to live. May our kind heavenly Father tenderly care for the loved ones left behind, and may the time of separation end some day in a happy reunion above.

R. H. WILLIS.

JONES.—Benjamin L. Jones, son of Rev. John Jones and Susan Bell Jones was born in Beaufort, N. C., June 18, 1838. The father, Rev. John Jones, was, for many years, a faithful member of the North Carolina Conference, and one of the best men I ever knew. God was honored in that home with daily service. The divine authority was supreme.

In that Christian home B. L. Jones was reared. He was converted at 17 years of age. In 1855, at Macedonia Church, under the ministry of Rev. W. F. Clegg, he made a complete surrender to his Lord. That transaction was then settled for all time.

In 1862, he enlisted in the Confederate army, and was a member of Company D, sixty-seventh regiment, N. C. infantry, serving until the close of the war. Amidst the various difficulties of camp life, he was loyal to his Lord, and returned to his home the same true, pure Bennie Jones as when he first enlisted.

February 18, 1868, he was happily married to Miss Orphie N. Gibbs. To them four children were born. Only one of the four still lives, H. C. Jones, of Beaufort, N. C. May the mantle of his father fall upon him.

From an intimate association I knew Brother Jones well, and loved him truly. He was a successful business man and accumulated good property.

He loved the Lord. He loved the church. He showed his love by obedience to his Lord and in his devotion to the church. He was a true, pure, manly man. I never heard Brother Jones utter a sentence, as I remember, that could not be spoken in any circle. As a husband, he was ever thoughtful, tender and devoted; as a father, companionable to his children, while no sisters ever had a more devoted brother or kindred a more gentle kinsman.

He had the confidence of the citizens of his town and of the business world where he was known. His word was truly his bond.

Gentle and tender as a woman in his social life. Brave as the bravest in the discharge of duty. As unyielding as well tempered steel in moral obligation. Stern integrity was the spinal column of his character.

Yes, the stricken widow, the only living son, the sorrowing sisters and very many dear ones are truly bereaved. The church is bereaved. Beaufort has met with a sad loss.

After a short illness, on the 16th day of June, 1904, his Lord summoned him from the toils of earth into the mansions above. Living as he did, he was ready when the chariot came and he simply stepped out from earth to be borne into "that building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

On his birthday, sixty-six years, his mortal remains were laid in their last resting place while a large throng of loved friends turned away to realize a large vacancy had been made in their life.

May great grace abound to the stricken ones.

F. A. BISHOP.

BRIDGES.—Mrs. Emily Evans Bridges was born at Ore Hill, Chatham County, N. C., June 26, 1829, and was married to Joseph M. Bridges, June 7, 1853, and died June 11, 1904.

Sister Bridges was in feeble health for several years, but being a woman of great energy and will force, she kept up and going most of the time until two years before her death, when she was compelled by extreme feebleness to give up all active life, and stayed in doors until her Master called her from this earthly house to her eternal home. She had been an acceptable member of the church for more than forty years, and although she could not attend her church much in her latter days, she did not cease to look after the comfort of her pastor, and give her means to the support of the church. The day before her death she partook of the Lord's Supper, administered by Brother Durant, and joined him in singing her favorite hymn, "How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord."

Sister Bridges will be missed in Hamlet, where she lived from the beginning of the existence of the place, until the day of her death. She will be missed by her only living daughter, and her grandchildren whom she loved devotedly and cared for so tenderly. May God comfort and bless the bereaved ones.

J. E. T.

HUNLEY.—Hattie, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Hunley, was born December 24, 1899, and died of typhoid fever at the A. C. L. Hospital in South Rocky Mount, N. C., August 21, 1904.

In her death a bright and lovable girl was taken from our community, one who is missed not only by the loved ones and young companions, but by every one in the community. She had won the hearts of every one by her sweet disposition and kindness of heart.

In the home she is especially missed. For everal years there has been a great deal of sickness there, and Hattie took many of the household duties off her mother's over-burdened shoulders, and in doing so made sacrifices that older people would hesitate to make. And she made them without a murmur. On several occasions, when her mother would insist on her going out and enjoying the companionship of her young friends, she remarked: "No, mamma, I don't care to. I had rather stay here and help you all I can."

Hattie was a faithful attendant at Sunday-school whenever her duties at home would admit. She was not a member of the church, nor had she ever made an open confession of Christ, but in her life of self-sacrifice at home and in the community she lived the Christ life and confessed the meek and lowly Jesus in her every-day walk and conversation. Surely she has heard the "well done," for did not the Saviour say: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God?"

May God bless the stricken family and bring them the comfort which alone can be given by a sympathetic heavenly Father.

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The world is hungry for love. It is not hungry for great poets, great soldiers, great inventors, but is longing for great lovers.

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An old fellows was asked the difference between a Methodist and a Presbyterian. "Well," he replied after some deliberation, "a Methodist knows he's got religion, but is afraid he'll lose it; and the Presbyterian knows he cannot lose it, but is scared to death for fear he hasn't got it."—President Hulley, at Chautauqua.

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Trouble will come. Even if you do not hunt for it, it is sure to hunt for and and find you, sooner or later. In many cases persons hunt, and do not find. They have "bad luck;" "it was not a good day for game;" "the wind was in the wrong direction," etc. Not so with those who hunt for trouble. They always find, and often find more than enough.

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A play was given sometime ago in London in which a politician, who had won his way by dropping gold sovereigns into the contribution box on Sundays, became a boodler, as we should say, and was rebuked by the spirits of dead statesmen, who stepped out of their frames in the lordly mansion he had bought with his boodle. One spectator left the pit in high dudgeon. "I don't say there ain't no sperruts, and all that," he remarked; "but that a man should drup a suvring into the contribution, that ain't in 'uman natur'!"

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In Japan's exhibit we see a group of three monkeys; one of them has a paw over his eyes, another has his paws over his ears, and the other has a paw over his mouth. The story of the three monkeys is used in Japanese homes to teach the children that they should not see, hear, or speak anything bad. In one of the carvings the monkeys are represented as having a rough and tumble frolic; but in it all they manage to keep one pair of eyes and ears and one mouth covered. Children should know that it is possible to have a jolly time and yet not see, hear, or speak bad things.

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This is said to have been the principle of one of the great predatory families of Teviotdale, "Thou shalt want ere I want." Maccaulay, in his essay on Warren Hatsings, says that that "maker of empire" "seems to have laid it down as a fundamental proposition which could not be disputed that, when he had not as many laes of rupees as the public service required, he should take them from anybody who had." Warren Hastings seems to have been a modern "trust" all alone—a trust before the trusts, so to say. But he was not the first. Old Queen Jezebel was ahead of him by some millenniums.

Life at best is a struggle. The sea over which we sail to the "morning land" is swept by many a fierce storm. It is certain that each heart knoweth its own bitterness. There are stubborn enemies with whom we have to contend; tempests of temptation that sweep our path with all but irresistible furv· nights of darkness, when every star is hidden from our longing eyes; times of shipwreck that leave us with empty hands on the sad shore. We must climb with weary feet many a rugged path. But, in spite of all this, life is not a losing fight to the soul that will have the victory and the crown.

Whatever harms love harms missions. Hence it is perfectly plain that the warlke spirit, if it takes possession of a people and animates their thought and feeling, is distinctly fatal to the missionary motive. The breaking of the race into warring groups, or groups pledged to the spirit and aim of war, is ruinous to the missionary work.

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Cupid on the Ferris Wheel.

The winged God of Love seems to be working overtime at the Ferris Wheel this season. Almost simultaneous with the opening of the Wheel at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition came the announcement of a wedding upon it. Since then the management have been besieged by couples wanting to get married in the Great Ferris Wheel.

Over a score of weddings have taken place, some of which have had many novel and interesting features. One couple, the bride from Sunny Kansas and the groom from picturesque Oklahoma, rode their spotted horses into one of the large cars of the Wheel and were married on horseback when the car reached its highest point. Another couple insisted upon being married on top of a car, so a platform was built on the roof by the obliging management especially to accommodate them. One day two requests came in for use of the wedding car at the same hour and a double wedding was arranged to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Some of the correspondence with these victims of Cupid's darts is unique and interesting. One woman who seems to be the "man of the house" wrote as follows: "Have bin divorsed over 4 years Have Diverse Papers My Husband To Be his Name Is Mr. Blank He is a widewer His Wife has Bin Dead 4 years I suppose you would have to have this Information pleas Answer soon."

Not the desire for notoriety but romantic considerations have caused the planning of many of these Ferris Wheel weddings. One sweet lassie first met her sweetheart in a Ferris Wheel Car. Another couple who planned at the last minute that business engagements would not permit them to leave St. Louis were married on the Wheel because as the bride said, "A trip around the Ferris Wheel is almost the same as a trip around the world."

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Some people hang outside like icicles from the roof of the church, and then complain that the church is cold.—Chicago Tribune.

Aunt Salena: "But I can't see how war's goin' to raise the price o' wheat." Uncle Silas: "You can't. Why, don't you s'pose all them war correspondents have got to be fed?"

Sad will be the day for any man when he becomes absolutely contented with the life he is living, with the thoughts he is thinking and the deeds that he is doing—when there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger which he knows that he was meant and made to do because he is a child of God.—Phillips Brooks.

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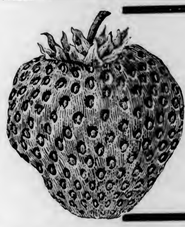

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Editorial

EXHORT.

In these latter days when there is a passion for an original reconstruction of methods of sermonizing and of expression of thought, there is danger of our neglecting a very vital part of every true sermon, and that is the exhortation. We are sorry that a false sentiment has rooted out of the sermon the old-time exhortation.

No solicitor or promoter in business life dares to neglect the exhortation. He may explain, exhibit, and convince, but unless he ask his patron to buy or trade, there will be no purchase in many a case. The same is true with the preacher. He may preach never so strongly and eloquently, but if he fails to exhort the hearer to apply to his own life the principles enunciated, the sermon will fail of its potential effect. Christ did exhort. So did Paul. So did all soul-savers.

The obsolescence of the old-time exhortation has helped to bring about the death of the custom of giving the the hearer at the close of the sermon an opportunity of confessing Christ. The sermon, in many cases, has degenerated into the lecture or essay. Let us make it the evangelical instrument and agent which God designs it to be.

OUR THREE PREACHERS.

There is a certain sermon which is preached to us about this time every year. Not a word is spoken. Not a gesture is made. Yet the sermon is beautiful, strong, and convincing. Its truths are expressed in color tones. Orange, olive, green and crimson melt into a picture whose beauty is an eloquence in which the devout soul may hear the voice of God Himself.

The sermon is preached by three maple trees which stand in the yard of our neighbor across the street. For five successive years we have watched them. They seem to be invested with the charm of a rare personality.

It seems such a short time since the bare boughs were shivering in icy gales. Then all at once we received an invitation to their celebration of spring-tide. There was an enthusiastic jubilation. Every arboreal hall and chamber was adorned with a myriad of trembling, glinting, smiling, rippling banners of green.

During the sultry days of summer, the refreshing greenery charmed and soothed us. When in it, at nightfall and at morning's hour, we heard the sparrow's voice, we imagined that its sweetness was caught from the voice of our three friends.

Only a few days ago we noticed that streaks of crimson ran in ragged serrated lines across their graceful forms. It seemed to us that wounded summer, in passing over, had sprinkled our neighbors with blood-spots.

Now those trees are a blaze of glory. No crimson now, but only orange melting into the palest gold. Seen against the violet of the October sky, and pierced with the quivering lances of the dying sun, the living picture draped by God Himself tells truths too deep for words.

As we look at our trees, robed in their autumnal splendor, we cannot but think of many of the readers of this paper—those who are in the "sere and yellow leaf." The spring-time and summer of their life are far behind them. Shut in their rooms, or feebly walking around the house, they, like the October trees, are watching for the last leaf to fall. Like the trees, they may be most beautiful in the final scene. Though the "outward man perisheth," yet the "inner man" may be so renewed by the Spirit that they be decorated with all the banners of heavenly beauty and spiritual victory. May this be the experience of all our aged readers and those whom the frost of Life's October has not yet touched.

IS IT TRUE?

A few weeks ago we pushed out a little specimen of our editorial handiwork in the shape of the statement that the record of a faithful year's work is the best representative a preacher has in the Bishop's cabinet. This little specimen has been displayed among the wares of several of our religions exchanges, and we must believe that it represents truth. This "best representative" always speaks eloquently and forcibly. It is never blinded by sophism. It is never intimidated by adverse circumstances. It is no respecter of persons.

Of course, it sometimes happens that the "best representative" does not carry its point. Its purpose is thwarted, and there is a sore heart behind the scene.

It is according to the genius of our Episcopal Methodism that the preacher takes his appointment from the Bishop; that the Bishop derives his information as to the fitness or unfitness of the preacher from the Presiding Elder; that the Presiding Elder in making his statements to the Bishop should be plain and unprejudiced, having an eye single only to the interests of the kingdom. It is by no means unnatural that in this machinery—by no means complex—there should be at times a misplacement. It is an earthly institution. The wheels and belts are human. Should the Bishop disdain to use the information of the Presiding Elders, or should the Presiding Elders misjudge or yield to feeling rather than to judgment, the "best representative," of course, will not successfully "represent," and there is, seemingly, a cruel miscarriage of the itinerant purpose.

But we are glad to say that for this to happen is an exception to the rule which we stated, and that the exception might be multiplied many times, and yet fail to destroy the rule.

If any preacher who reads this thinks that in his case the exception, and not the rule, is applying, let him keep up that hard, faithful work until the rule shall apply as it will, and must. The "unnecessary sacrifice" plays a large and glorious part in the extension of the kingdom, and the richest development may be in the soul of the one who cheerfully and loyally makes the sacrifice for Jesus' sake.

The Surgeon General of the army has concurred in the recommendation of General Grant that John J. Smith, a member of the United States Army Hospital Corps, stationed at Fort Motte, N. Y., who is said to have married a negress, be discharged from the army "for the good of the service."

THE SILENT CAMPAIGN.

We are in the midst of it. There is no sound of guns nor marching of squadrons, but the mighty contest is real.

Let no one think that because the Legislature has passed a temperance law, and that so many towns have prohibited the sale of whiskey or modified it in the shape of dispensaries that we can fold our arms and rest in the belief that the victory has been gained. The victory has not been gained. Far from it. It becomes every man, woman, and child who is an enemy to intoxicating spirits as a beverage to be on the alert.

The following plans of action should be worked incessantly night and day:

(1) No enemy or neutral friend should be placed in an official position that can affect adversely the enactment or application of national, State or municipal law. No matter of what party the candidate may be, if he is hostile to healthy positive temperance laws, do not vote for him.

(2) Use your influence in securing obedience to the temperance laws already in force. You cannot secure perfect obedience to any law this side of the millennium. No one expects this. But if our government means anything, it means that any good law may be enforced to the extent that the infraction becomes the exception and not the rule. In such enforcement of law, every temperance worker has much to do. We are glad to see the activity in this direction displayed in Fayetteville and Durham. In these towns there will be but little chance to preach the time-worn doctrine, "Prohibition does not prohibit."

(3) While the civil law is doing its work, let the moral law be developed and strengthened in the hearts of the young. Let our boys and girls be taught from the very beginning that to drink intoxicating liquor is a violation not only of the law of the State or town, but of God himself; that it is eternally wrong; that it is a sin which will damn the very soul. Let us not make the mistake of assuming that the civil law is, in the long run, adequate. This mistake will be fatal. We must depend primarily on the conscience after all. Our rising generation should be taught at home, in the school, and from the pulpit that we must "touch not, taste not, handle not," not merely because we cannot, but because we must not.

The "American Boy" furnishes quite a list of names that the sons of ministers make up the larger number of the world's great men. The following are enumerated among them: Agassiz, Hallam, Jonathan Edwards, Whatley, Parkhurst, Bancroft, the Wesleys, Beechers and Spurgeons, Cowper, Coleridge, Tennyson, Lowell, Holmes, Emerson, Charles Kingsley, Matthew Arnold, Dean Stanley, Macaulay, Thackeray, Sir Christopher Wren, Sir Joshua Reynolds, Swift, Sterne, Hazlitt, Presidents Cleveland and Arthur, Peter Stuyvesant, Adoniram Judson, Timothy Dwight, Henry Clay, Fritz Green Halleck, Morse, the inventor; Justices Field and Brewer, Senator Dolliver, and others.

It cost Alabama $6,500 to try the accused in the Huntsville lynching cases.

Contributions

Loss or Gain?

BY MRS. E. JOHNSON.

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it."—Luke ix. 24.

He has lost his life, you tell me,
The glow, and glimmer, and sheen,
As we cross this narrow neck of land
With the shifting sands, between
The sea of birth and the ocean of death—
A dream in the midst of a dream.

He has lost the spirit of morning,
The mirth, and carol, and song,
And the frolic joy of youthful years
That rolls our world along,
Where the race is not alone to the swift,
Nor the battle to the strong.

He has missed the spirit of noontide,
The triumph of strength and strife,
The loud applause when Ambition crowns
Her darlings with new life;
And Envy bows with fangs half drawn;
And the "clapping of tongues" is rife.

He has missed the glamour of morning;
He has missed the triumphs of noon;
And the night is coming soon,
And he's lost the quiet honors
And joys of the afternoon.

He has missed, O yes, perchance some joy,
In frolic mirth some zest,
In the whispered words, at the evening dance,
Of a love but half in jest,
He has missed the trembling undertone
Of the gay world's very best.

He has missed the triumphs of noontide,
When life is in its flower,
Where Fame awaits with a laurel wreath,
And Wealth from her height of power;
But the laurel wreath is a wreath of thorns,
And the height but a prison tower.

And though alone in the morning,
'Twas at the Gates of the Day,
And the beams of light swept upward,
Around him, ray or ray,
And touched the nearer hill-tops,
And the mountains far away.

And wrapped in a golden glory
Each tower, and spire, and height,
As it swept down the ages,
One glorious blaze of light,
And heaven's morning rose again
Triumphant over night.

He has missed the triumphs of noontide,
Oh, that the blind might see!
For the tide of life swept through him,
A river deep and free,
And bore inflowing streamlets
Of soul-life to the sea.

And Hermes' soul was his soul;
And he walked where Buddha trod;
And climbed the mount of vision,
Where Moses talked with God;
And shared with saints and martyrs
The scorn and stripe and rod.

And still the flood-tide deepens
Around, below, above,
As down the coming centuries,
The path of truth and love,
Slow sweeps the long procession
Upward to God above.

And soul with soul is blended,
And sage, with slave and clod.
Slow-laboring, climbs where he climbed,
Slow follows where he trod,
Up to the Mount of Vision,
Up to the heights of God.

—Christian Guardian.

An Achievement of the Spiritual Life.

BY SAMUEL E. HERRICK, D. D.

The conviction of immortality is an achievement. It comes not as the result of philosophizing, nor is it a conclusion based upon testimony. That one historic man has reappeared in a post-mortem personality, saying, "Because I live ye shall live also," furnishes a starting point for faith; and perhaps to multitudes a sufficient standing ground for lifelong assurance. Such are to be congratulated. But I am not sure that they are not also to be commiserated if they get no further.

For there surely is something beyond this. The fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians is not Paul's high watermark in this matter. That is rather to be found in almost the last letter he wrote: "I know whom I have believed." This is his establishment in present living relations with his living Lord. There is unquestionably a position in which the conviction of life's continuity has little or nothing to do with anything that is merely historic. All the deaths of all the ages are nothing to it. The soul stands in a timeless relation with the eternal God and says "I" and "Thou" with Him, in conscious community life.

No perpetual reiteration of the Easter facts satisfies it. The ocular reappearance falls back among elementary things—important in their time and place, to be sure, but scarcely thought of amid another order of facts which are subjective and experimental. The ever clearer revelation of immortality stands in an ever higher realization of life. Christ is characterized by St. Paul as He who "brought life and immortality to light." There is profound significance in the logical order of the words. It is by first revealing life that He proceeds to the relation of immortality. Immortality only becomes a clear and strong conviction as life rises into its true significance. Life considered or experienced as mere existence—earth-born, earth-fed, to earth returning; touched and moved only through the senses; filling its round of waking, eating, toiling, sleeping—such life, I say, carries with it no conviction of immortality, but rather the reverse.

But life, as it rises out of this mere brutish and sensuous round; life as it becomes filled and graced with qualities that are social and humane; life as it is enriched with domestic affections and conscious of the law of mutual sacrifice; life as it comes to the knowledge of its own spiritual worth and power, springing over all time-bounds and finding itself in sympathy and union with all other noble life that has been, or is, or shall be; life devoted to great ends or spent in holy ministries—such life, I say, does carry with it the assurance also of immortality.

But life as Christ conceived it, lived it, and so "brought it to light," transcended even this. It was life consciously in the Father's house, and that Father the living God; life under conscious filial relations with God. Here is something beyond the mere conscious ness of spiritual dignity and worth; higher than the order of human and social relationships. It is the native, inherent attribute of childhood to rest in its filial relationship as dowered in equity with all paternal wealth and worth, all the paternal power and grace. Not simply what the father has, but what he is and can be; that is the child's conscious possession. And when this mutual relation exists—as Christ avers that it does exist—between God and the human soul, the conviction of its utter incorruptibility and deathlessness presents itself with self-evidencing power.

I can never forget an hour that I passed many years ago by the graves of Charles Kingsley and his wife, in the little church-yard at Eversley. The argument for immortality from the persistency of mutual love rose upon me as I had never felt its force before. That that nobly-mated pair were not sleeping together under the sod, but were consciously together in God's house, I felt most certain as I took in that epitaph of three words, "Amavimus; amamus; amabimus!" Was ever so mighty an argument so compactly put? Given love's real existence, it must go on.

Then what must we say when, taking the promise of Christ's assurance—the great central message of His Gospel—we have come into the consciousness that such a personal bond exists between the living oul and the living God Himself? What must we say when life itself has come to be summed up for us in this one fact, the love of God?

What must we say when all other facts have dwarfed and dwindled for us into nothing more than life's accidents and accessories—this, the one essential, all-embracing, all-sufficient experience; when in the solitude of your own personality you can say with God Himself, "Amavimus, amamus?" The Spirit of God Himself whispers with your spirit , "Amabimus." The conviction is complete, beyond any assurance of logic. There are centainties beyond those of syllogism, in which we stand with the apostle and say: 'We know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs of God"—not simply of His properties, but of God Himself—"and joint heirs with Christ." We are conquerors of death through the might of deathless love, and are "persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ our Lord."

This, upon the whole, is the state of my present and growing conviction of immortality.—The Congregationalist.

North Carolinians in Brazil.

WALTER E. LARRUTH.

The North Carolina Conference did a noble thing for missions when it sent W. B. Lee to Brazil. An annual conference is an excellent training school, especially its circuit work. And as for a gift, what greater can the home church make than that of a Methodist itinerant and his wife for the ministry in the regions beyond?

Brother and Sister Lee seem to be perfectly at home in the language. He speaks more like a native than any of our missionaries; at least, this is the consensus of opinion on the field. He has the intonation, uses the colloquial phrases—in other words, has imbibed—what shall I call it—the flavor, perhaps, of the Portuguese tongue. He shrugs his shoulders, works his mouth and gesticulates like a Brazilian. To have all this pantomime without the language is to make one appear ridiculous, but given a familiarity with the niceties of idoiom, shades of meaning, etc., and it actually seems to re-enforce speech that has become enervated in the tropics.

Our brother and his wife got their hold upon the language in the remoter interior where they lived for several years. There they heard nothing but Portugese. Dr. and Mrs. Wainright learned Japanese in this way during their stay at Oita on a distant island west of the Inland Sea, and it is the ideal situation for the absorption and assimilation of a strange tongue. A spoken language is not to be acquired by pulling it to pieces, neither by building it up out of disconnected parts, but by appropriation bodily.

Mrs. Lee is a good housekeeper. How I did enjoy a seat at her table. As we bowed around the board and thanked God for mercies so bountifully received from the giver of every good and perfect gift, my mind ran back to the friends in North Carolina, and I heartily wished some of you could have been with us to share the rice, the fejin (beans), and a cup of Brazilian coffee. We had more than this, but these are native products.

Try as best they can, however, it is exceedingly difficult for missionaries to make ends meet. Lard costs fifteen cents per pound; flour from eight to ten dollars a barrel—sometimes twelve dollars; butter fifty cents; cotton goods which sells in the United States for four cents, costs here twenty-five cents, and shoes seven to ten dollars a pair. Mrs. Lee had to pay twenty dollars duty on a set of chinaware for which she paid fifteen dollars at Wanamaker's before leaving New York.

Rents are no exception. While the Board of Missions provides rent, it is often inadequate and the missionaries have to supplement out of their depleted purses. The house occupied by our brother and his wife is one-story, and has only five rooms, besides the kitchen, and they are forced to pay four hundred dollars a year, or 10 per cent on four thousand dollars. A gift of $3,000 to the Board would enable it to build a substantial parsonage and thus save $400 a year. Will not some one do this for Brother and Sister Lee? In addition to the waste in rental, it has often been the case in Brazil that a Roman Catholic landlord has forced us out of doors. We are thus subject to whims or increasing prejudice of the people.

As for Juiz de Fora, I must say that the sentiment which prevails among the better class is decidely tolerant as regards the presence of our missionary force. Such missionaries as the Lees, the Lander, the Tillys and Dr. and Mrs. Tarboux have made it possible through their own patient, tactful treatment of those who at first were almost bitter enemies. A consistent Christian life will often tell more powerfully than much preaching, and we have nowhere better illustrations of the power of the Spirit of God in maintaining such a life than in those same earnest workers.

Granbery Colege has done much for this community. Its presence and influence for good is recognized by the citizens of the town of every class and religious belief. One significant indication of its recognition is the stimulus given to the Roman Catholic institutions. We are stirring up the priesthood, and I trust to better things. Brother Lee teaches in Granbery and has its work and interests very much at heart. The recent opening was unprecedented in hopefulness. Sixty-nine boys had matriculated when I left last week and there were more to follow. Seventeen of these are studying for the ministry. We need ten scholarships at $100 each to aid those boys who are poor. One made his own trousers while I was there—a good job, too. Another is cobbling shoes and working his way. Will not ten friends of Christian education in Brazil send me at Nashville, Tenn., at once, one hundred dollars each to help these boys?

Fayetteville Circuit.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—You will please allow me space in the Advocate to say a few words about the Fayetteville circuit. It reminds me of the boy's coat which was made out of his father's old one, but it was warm just the same. This is a new work formed out of old ones. However, our people are no less loyal than before the change. Here we have some as consecrated loyal Methodists as are found anywhere; yet it is true, there are some I'm sorry to say who have rather lost their grip, but we are praying to the good Father to bring them into favor with Himself again; and when we stand on the plains of judgment God grant that we may be permitted to see marshalled there the Fayetteville circuit, with her robe washed in the blood of the Lamb.

Doctor, I desire to thank my good Father for preserving my health and strength. Not a single appointment missed by this writer on account of sickness during this year. Sixteen years ago I gave my heart to God. I assisted in my first meeting before I united with the church a few days after my conversion. I have been a public worker in revival meetings ever since. Of course I've been in some gracious meetings; but I don't think I have ever passed through a year's grander and more productive meeting than I have had this year. When I say we have had some good revivals on our work, I mean the real thing.

We had a very good meeting at Campbellton and St. Andrews, though not the revival at either place that we desired to see. However, I think the churches were spiritually warmed and six were added to the church. St. Andrews is one of the old historic places where Methodists have congregated to worship God for over sixty years. Here we have a small membership on account of a sparsely settled community, but I'm glad to say some of these are faithful to the little church.

Bro. L. B. Patishall, a local preacher of our church, assisted me in our meetings at the above-mentioned places, and did the preaching well. I think there is a great future for Brother Patishall.

Bro. H. C. Mouzon, of South Carolina, assisted me at Camp Ground. Here is another old historic spot of Methodism. Brother Mouzon did some of his best work here. The meeting lasted for twelve days, resulting in seventy-four conversions, about 50 per cent of which already belonged to the churches; sixteen accessions to our church and several to the Presbyterian. Here we have some faithful Methodists. They, like a great many others on the work, know just how to take care of not only the preacher, but the Presiding Elder also. As I see it, the future for Camp Ground is bright. The good sisters have organized the principal part of the church (and I hope all will be soon) into a Church Aid Society, to raise money to paint the church inside and out. They have already added to its beauty, as well as to its comfort, a new carpet in the pulpit chancel and aisles.

We began our last protracted meeting at Holt's Hill the 3rd instant, and closed the 16th. It will be remembered that this is where we had such sions and reclamations, with seventy-three accessions and reclamations, with seenty-three accessions to our church; but this year goes ahead of that. Bro. J. C. Humble, of Goldston circuit, assisted me here, and all who know John knows I had good help. He was with us nine days. The other five days I had no pulpit help. This was the finest revival that I was ever in, taking everything into consideration. Souls were saved at every service for fourteen days, and at the last service thirteen professed faith. Sunday, the 9th instant, we held three services, resulting in fifty-eight conversions. There were in all conversions and reclamations 198—seventy-eight joined our church on the 16th. Bear in mind here is where we are building a $1,500 church. Hope some one will read this who will send us a nice contribution to help us finish it. Here we have over two hundred Methodists without a house to worship in. We are now worshipping in the Presbyterian church. Any amount will be highly appreciated. Send to writer.

I am acquainted with quite a number of mill towns, but here is the finest opening I know of anywhere. Here we have one of the finest Sunday-schools in the State. One of the most consecrated men in the South, Rev. B. P. Robinson, is the superintendent. Ben knows how to take care of a Sunday-school. Bro. J. M. Bulla, now in Trinity Park, was our superintendent here for quite awhile and did the work well.

Our last District Conference licensed three candidates to preach the Gospel from this congregation. We are going to Conference if life lasts with all collections in full.

With best wishes to the Advocate, and hoping to see your face again, Doctor, in a few days at Henderson, I am,

Yours in His name,
CHAS. A. JONES.

October 17, 1904.

When Columbus sailed from Spain he was afloat on a trackless sea. When Lewis and Clark started on their exploring expedition they plunged into an unknown wilderness. But the Christian has a chart, pointing straight to the promised land. Just as the cross-roads in the east have their sign-boards directing to the adjacent towns, so the Bible is studded with guide-posts for daily direction. "Trust in the Lord, and do good;" "Avoid every appearance of evil;" "Seek first the kingdom of God;" "If sinners entice thee, consent thou not;" "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." It is the only book that brings life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

Soul Food

So long as we love, we serve; so long as we are loved by others, I would almost say we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

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"I don't believe in deceivin' folks, but if you've had hard thoughts you ain't obliged to own 'em up; take 'em to the Lord in prayer, the hymn says, and then don't go on havin' 'em."—Rebecca.

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So now I have learned my lesson,
And brighter the pathway appears;
I darken no more the to-morrow
With forecasts of sorrow and tears.
I know that my Father is guiding
My feet to a glorious clime,
And sweetly I'll finish the journey
By only one step at a time.

—Mrs. Eva W. Malone.

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"Heaven's gate is shut to him who comes alone," sings Whittier. We must lend a hand to others before we can enter into its glories. When I was a child, a dear old servant of ours used to say, when I had given her any help in my small way, "Ah, my dear, a little help is worth a deal o' pity." And that proverb has often pointed the way ever since."—Marian Pritchard.

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Our best gift is this day that is ahead of us,—to-day. Yesterday some things went wrong. We would live it differently if we could live it over, so we think,—but we cannot. Yet each morning a new, clean day is given to us. As we kneel in morning prayer and ask forgiveness for the stains of yesterday, we may find strength to keep the new gift as unspotted as when it came from the Father of Lights. There will be temptation in this new day; but there need be no sin. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

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"'And if you do marry, Christopher,' she went on, harping fitfully on her favorite string, 'remember that keeping in love is as much the profession for a man as it is the art for a woman, and that love feeds on little delicacies rather than on meat and drink. Don't forget the little things, dear, and the big ones will take care of themselves. I have seen much of men and manners in my life, and they have taught me that it is the small failings, not big faults, which are deadliest to love. Why, I've seen a romantic passion survive shame, treachery, even blows, and another wither out of existence before the first touch of bad breeding. "A man's table manners are a part of his morality," your great-grandfather Bolvair used to say.'"—Ellen Glasgow, in "Deliverance."

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Two persons pushing in the same direction will accomplish more than one person. That is evident enough, but a great deal more would be accomplished if we all acted on it. Said a young minister: "I never make any effort to listen to a preacher who cannot interest me in spite of myself." There would be a dark outlook ahead for that young man as a preacher if his congregation followed his rule. It is well for him, as it is for every preacher, to determine to interest his audience in spite of themselves. But it is just as much a duty for him, when he is part of the audience, to determine to be interested whether the preacher is interesting or not. There will be double the result from any sermon if listener and speaker push together. Even a Phillips Brooks of a Paul or Tarsus can do more with the congregation that is actively with him, than with the congregation that waits to be interested. Are you a drag upon your preacher, or an inspiration?—S. S. Times.

An Oregon inventor claims to have discovered an arrangement by which telephone talkers can see each other.

The Field

In Memoriam—Mrs. Martha Atwater.

BY W. H. MOORE.

Thy sun has set; life's days is past;
The night of death is here;
Its shadows thick on thee are cast,
And cover now thy bier.

A soul like thine can never die,
Its heritage is life—
That crowned life—in regions high
Above this mortal strife!

Peaceful in life, a peaceful end,
Has brought thee to thy goal;
And men their prayers for blessings send,
To rest in peace thy soul!

Rest thee, then, in God's embrace—
Thy lot with Him be cast;
The earth was not a kindred place,
Thou'st found it at the last!

Roanoke Circuit.

Dear Advocate:—We have written nothing in some time, so now we will write a few lines. We have just closed our last meeting. The Lord has graciously blessed our labors this year. We began our meetings the third Sunday in August at Ebenezer, which was held a week, resulting in ten conversions and reclamations and six accessions, and the church greatly blessed.

On the fourth Sunday we went to Smith's, where we had a gracious revival, resulting in the conversion and reclamation of seveenteen souls, fourteen accessions and the church greatly revived. The young ladies of that church have decided to get an organ and have gone to work to that end and are progressing finely.

At Tabor we began the first Sunday in September. Brother Stainback, of Weldon, very kindly yielded to our earnest invitation and came to our help in the time of great need, and preached two very strong sermons on Sunday, and expected to preach Monday, but owing to the hard rain there was no service and he returned home in the evening, and Bro. C. A. Jones came to our help, according to promise, and took charge, Tuesday morning. He remained with us to the close the following Sunday evening. We had one of the greatest meetings this community has ever known. Brother Jones is truly a great preacher. He sways his audience and carries men and women captive for the Lord. Some of our people say they will go farther and pay more to hear C. A. than to hear Sam P. Surely, he did a great work for the Lord here. There were as many as seventy-five conversions and reclamations and thirty accessions. The greatest work was the reviving and putting new life in the church.

Next we went to Pierces, but owing to bad weather and the extreme busy season, we had no visible success. We hope some good was done.

Next and last, we went to New Hope the fourth Sunday in September and opened the service with a large congregation and a Conference collection. Brother Langston came to us Tuesday, expecting to spend some days. He was in poor health when he came, and on Thursday morning he was called home to the bedside of his sick wife, and he was taken sick about the same time, and was sick some days. We are glad to know they are both much improved. Brother Langston preached four strong and greatly appreciated sermons, and did much good, though his stay was short.

We continued the service at eleven and at night until Friday, after which we had night service only, except at eleven o'clock Sunday, conducted by Brother Fulghem. We closed on Saturday evening with the baptizing and receiving of fifteen into the church; three received before, making eighteen in all. Thirty-one conversions and reclamations! There are more to join at nearly every church.

We had with us during the meeting at New Hope, Sister May E. Morecock, who is said to be the oldest member of the M. E. Church, South, in the Warrenton District. She is a wonderful old lady. She has just passed her ninety-third birthday, and attended her church every service, I think as long as we had day service. Sister Morecock is happy in the Lord all the day long, and is just waiting and working till her Lord shall come. Her testimony in the exnerience meetings was great. It truly was a great meeting.

We are now working hard on the Conference collections, and by hard work and help of the Lord, we expect to come out.

We hope to do much for the Advocate before Conference. W. B. HUMBLE.

October 14, 1904.

Buckhorn Circuit Summary.

Six meetings held. Thirty-nine received on profession of faith and twenty-two by certificate. Sixty-one new subscribers to the Raleigh Advocate. Four of the six church buildings very much improved. The Missionary and Conference collections paid in full and a little over. Our face is toward the sunrise as we look forward to the roll-call at Henderson. The Lord has been very good to us. To Him, the good people here, my predecessors on this work, and the brethren who have helped us this year, be all the glory.

Sincerely, G. W. STARLING.

October 24, 1904.

Trinity College Notes.

The first lecture of the series arranged by the Faculty Lecture Committee will be delivered this evening in the Y. M. C. A. Hall by President Kilgo. The subject of the lecture will be "A Generation of Great Men." It is the plan of the committee to have at least one lecture each month. To all these the general public is cordially invited.

Thursday was given as a holiday to enable the students to attend the State Fair at Raleigh. A large number of the students took advantage of the opportunity.

Mr. A. C. McIntosh, of the Law Department, has moved his family to Durham.

Col. G. W. Flowers, of Taylorsville, a member of the Board of Trustees of Trinity College, has moved to Durham.

President Kilgo has an engagement to preach in Wilson next Sunday.

The Y. M. C. A. has arranged a number of special courses to be given under the auspices of this organization. Each Monday evening Prof. Durham conducts a conference on personal work.

Each Sunday afternoon Dr. W. I. Cranford conducts a conference on Harmony of the Gospels.

Professor Merritt is conducting a course of study in the Acts and Epistles.

A mission study class will also be conducted by a competent leader, probably Mr. Hinohara.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., Oct. 21, 1904.

Carthage Circuit.

The general condition of this charge is good. Hindrances have, to some extent, been overcome, and we are going forward. Revival meetings have been held, and forty have been received on profession of faith. Finances are assuming fine shape; and, while our gain on the Conference collections last year was nearly 50 per cent, we hope to do even better this year.

Rev. J. B. Hurley, our beloved Presiding Elder, held our fourth quarterly meeting last Saturday and Sunday. He did excellent service, favoring our people with strong sermons, and looking carefully after all church interests. He is steadily growing in favor, and the entire Fayetteville District is developing under his skilful management.

During Rev. J. H. Hornaday's pastorate here fifteen years ago four of the six churches now composing the Elisc Circuit were detached to form the new Smyrna Circuit; the parsonage was built by Rev. L. S. Etheridge at Elise, a new town on the Charlotte and Durham Railway. The circuit, in its present shape, is only three years old. It was my pleasure, recently, to spend five days with the pastor, Rev. J. W. Hoyle, in a gracious revival at Pleasant Hill, four miles from Elise. This is his first year there, and yet signal success is crowning his efforts. Think of one hundred souls being added on profession of faith, of three new church buildings in sight and two more being planned, and of all the finances, contrary to custom, coming up in full! Methodism is alive and thriving in western Moore County. Many heads of families, and even some aged persons, have been received this year. Brother Hoyle can preach a good sermon and then go out and draw the plans and erect a church building. He has won the hearty co-operation of a willing, generous people.

R. H. BROOME, P. C.

What's the Matter with Simmons?

Dear Bro. Ivey:—I see my very dear brother, Geo. T. Simmons, is off again. How in the world could anyone take my plain, gum-swamp writing for the gilt-edge style of Dr. Ivey! I feel flattered; don't you?

There must be something the matter with Brother Simmons' head—the inside I mean. But I'm afraid to write much concerning Brother George ever since he wallopped me so for writing about the fire-baptized nonsense in Bladen County.

That "Esopus" communication, I felt sure, was the one thing that nobody would object to; so you may imagine how I was taken back when Brother Simmons sat down on me.

When I got license to preach I felt mighty cheap. You could have bought me for a copper. I didn't feel even as great as a nigger preacher, and somehow I've not got altogether over that low-down feeling yet.

The thing seems to have worked different with Brother Simmons. He regards being a preacher as "higher" than anything in the world. There are many "great" men spoken of in the Bible, but prophets and apostles are spoken of as good, or righteous—not "great."

I met a preacher some time ago who had just been "doctored" by a little school in Western North Carolina.

"How do you feel now," I asked.

"Altogether different," he replied.

"Thought so," said I.

"O, I mean that I feel humbler," said he.

The school has been feeling humbler, too, ever since.

Preaching the Gospel is a glorious calling, but we should not forget that, like Paul, we are to "glory in the cross."

Fraternally, J. V. WILLIAMS.

Poison Ivy.

When one is poisoned with poison ivy, sometimes called poison oak, those who know say that all the drugs in the world are of no use in preventing a bad case of poisoning, unless one begins to do something as soon as the tell-tale itching begins. When the pustules break open one is almost sure to be in for three days or a week of suffering. It is well to have a little bottle of the extract of grindelia in the house all the time. Ten cents worth is enough. You can get it at any drug store. Rub it on the affected parts every five minutes until the trouble is averted, and be sure to lose no time in beginning!—Detroit News-Tribune.

The announcement has been made of the plan of the International Sunday-school Lessons for the years 1906 to 1912. Beginning with January, 1906, "The Words and Works of Jesus from Matthew, Mark, and Luke," run through the entire year to December 31st. Then for the second year, 1907, we have, January to December, "Stories of the Patriarchs and Judges, from Genesis to Samuel."

The Family

Put in Your Bible.

Here is a handy table, furnished by the Christian World, which it would be well to cut out or copy for reference in your Bible studies:

A day's journey was about twenty-three and one-fifth miles.

Sabbath day's journey was about an English mile.

A cubit was nearly twenty-two inches.

A hand's breadth is equal to three and five-eighths is equal to one inch.

A finer breadth is equal to one inch.

A shekel of silver was about fifty cents.

A shekel of gold was $8.

A talent of silver was $538.30.

A talent of gold was $13,809.

A piece of silver, or a penny, was thirteen cents.

A farthing was three cents.

A mite was less than a quarter of a cent.

A gerap was one cent.

An ephah, or bath, contained seven gallons and five pints.

A hin was a gallon and two points.

An omer was six pints.

The Boy's Peril.

The feebleness of parental authority is one of the sore spots in American civilization. Cases are not a few in which the child rules the parent, or in which the parent carries his point only by compromises, by bribes, or in which obedience, if rendered at all, is grudging, reluctant and surly. Not that we stand for a parental policy which absolutely excludes the child from the domestic council in which his character and destiny are involved. He may sit as a silent member without the right to vote, and be heard only upon invitation and in a submissive mood. The family in which the child has the last and decisive say is a fatally bad place for the child to live.

But at no point is it quite so unfortunate for a boy to have the casting vote as in the matter of deciding upon the school in which he is to be educated. It stands to common reason that an uneducated and immature lad is not capable of determining the merits of schools. If the matter is left to him he will almost certainly choose the school that his chum is to attend, or one that is famous for games of his choice, or from some other motive equally frivolous. Is it proper under such conditions to leave to a boy the settlement of questions which involve the serious items of companionship, ideals, and religion? Surely to these grave problems ought to be brought the most sober consideration. And yet a spoiled boy is often made the judge. Moreover the power to choose the school carries the right to criticise and desert it upon a change of mind. It is not the boy who is sent to a school who forsakes it under impulsive whims, but rather the self-important lad who, having chosen the school, feels at liberty to reject it when he feels like it. Many schools find it hard to retain their scholars and that on the ground that the boys are allowed to have their own way about things.

The boy who selects his school reserves the right to do as he pleases after he gets there. He will determine what studies he will take, what teacher he prefers to be under, and when he will quit his class or that as his caprices may suggest.

The boy that goes off to school in this independent way expects to be run on a financial suitable to his independent habits. He has only to notify the "governor" what his needs are and the helpless and vexed father has no recourse except to respond according to orders. How the money goes. How fast the appeals roll in and the dollars roll out. Why not? The boy was master at the start any why shall he not be so afterwards?

The boy has not been discovered up to this day who selected a school on the simple ground that the standards were higher, the discipline more decided and the regulations more strict than those of other schools. It is not natural that a boy will study to find hard things to do.

Let the boy understand that school work is real. The truth must be put into him that he is not prepared for life until he has had proper educational training. Let him be sent to school—not allowed to go, but sent, and that under a contract between his parents or guardian, and the head of the school. This has the smack of business and will go far to make a boy be a good student.—W. E. H., in Baptist Argus.

The Preacher.

Your pastor is back from his vacation and is pushing things churchly.

While he has been away there has been the usual talk about "the devil never taking a vacation," etc., etc.

Well.

Preachers cannot escape criticism. They do not expect to escape. But—

Did you ever try to put yourself in your pastor's place? We are talking now about the city pastor with a big church.

Do you think two sermons a week, however good they may be, is his whole stunt? Do you realize that he is at the beck and call of a regiment of people day and night?

His church is made up of all kinds of persons. It requires the tact and ability of a general to fuse them all into one spirit. There is more or less friction. There are misunderstandings and prejudices and jealousies and back biting. The church militant is not composed entirely of saints. The pastor who holds his place year after year must have executive ability of a high order, and many sleepless nights.

He must visit the sick, bury the dead, comfort the bereaved, encourage the despondent, lift up the fallen, find places for the unemployed and keep an eye on the choir, elders, deacons, ushers and janitor. To hundreds he must be guide, philosopher and friend.

Morever, he must keep in touch with the progress of things. He must be up-to-date in every particular. An old fogy preacher in a city pulpit will last about as long as a snow-ball in July. Where and when he gets time to read and study and think and write is a mystery.

And it is this man worn to a frazzle to whom you begrudge a vacation.

But now that he has come back refreshed in body and soul, enthusiastic for the future of "the cause," be careful that you do not put your petty burdens on his shoulders. Help him. Speak a good word about the sermons. See that he gets credit for his manifold labors.

Give your preacher a chance.—Kansas City World.

Nervous Prostration as a Fine Art.

The splendid gains of civilization have been accompanied by tragic and pathetic losses. To-day life is interesting as it never has been before. By the railway, the steamboat, the telegraph, the newspaper, the whole world is welded into a common brotherhood; and the man in New York is not content unless he knows something of what the men in Tokio are doing. Assuredly modern life is interesting,—but it is not quiet. It interests the mind, but it does not rest the spirit. Perhaps there never has been so much noise in the world as there is to-day; certainly the stress and strain of life were never before spread over so wide an area. The result is that many,—and these not the weakest and the worst, but often the strongest and the best,—are fainting beneath their burdens.

There are some who, humanly speaking, cannot help themselves. There are others whose physical ruin is, in large measure, their own fault. If they can fairly be called victims at all, they are the victims of their own good nature or stupidity. The malady known as nervous prostration is appallingly common. It attacks the strong, robust, and eager man, as well as the nervous and susceptible woman; but no one who has seen the unhappy victims of its assaults can deny that it attacks many who ought to have been impervious to its attacks, had they used the common sense which God has given them, or availed themselves of the opportunities for rest, refreshment, and recreation, which in many cases were scattered plentifully enough about their lives. It almost looks as if the unhappy sufferers had deliberately aimed to place themselves in the position in which they now are, and had cultivated nervous prostration as if it had been a fine art.

Of course the statement has only to be put thus baldly for the absurdity of it to be self-evident. The disease is a ghastly one. In its power to dull the intellect, to paralyze the moral energies, to cripple the spiritual power, to darken the outlook upon life and God, to envelop the spirit with gloom, and to inspire the sufferer with morbid and suicidal thoughts, it is an affection from which the bravest might well shrink back in terror. But, at the same time, many a man, and perhaps still more, many a woman, lives as if he or she were positively courting its oncoming. They do, —sometimes, indeed, thoughtlessly, but often enough deliberately and with their eyes fully open to all the horrible possibilities,—the very things which are bound, in the long run, to reduce them to nervous wrecks.

For a man has not lived to much purpose if he has not learned that all life is governed by laws, and that his health and his usefulness depend upon obedience to those laws. It matters not what the reason for the disobedience may be; often the sin may seem venial enough. But disobedience must be punished, and the wages of sin is prostration, and often death. Many men burden themselves with unnecessary duties. Imaging themselves to be indipensable to a certain piece of work, they wilfully refuse to avail themselves of the useful help which could easily be had, and work on single-handed or with inadequate assistance until their own power of work is ruined. Then they learn, what they ought to have known all the time, that they were not indispensable. Women yield to the exacting demands of a too frivolous society, thinking that they can only refuse those demands on the penalty of social extinction; and then the nervous affections creep insidiously on, till the woman is a wreck, and the social extinction which she dreaded, and to avoid which she sacrificed everything, becomes a fact.—Sunday School Times.

Wise Words.

Bishop Wilson, though not in robust health physically, writes to the editor of the Baltimore Southern Methodist a letter of encouragement which is good to the use of edifying. We borrow from it the following wise words: "Do not worry yourself with controversy. It rarely pays. Great issues sometimes demand it. In the narrow circles of active life it is waste of time and sometimes an imposition upon the people to cover pages with discussion of things that they understand as well as you do. Let them have all facts and do the concluding themselves. It is, too, so hard for men—even good men—in controversy to keep the law of charity. Some of our papers in the last few years have read as though the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians had been left out when their Bibles were printed. Let us never forget that nothing else will profit if that be wanting. There is no entrance into the kingdom of heaven without it. I have yet many things to say, but my hand and your patience are about exhausted. May you prosper! God is in heaven; and, if the world is not all right, He will see to it that it moves in that direction and that it will at last attain to righteousness. Rest in that assurance and work for it."

It is no use fixing the eye on the compass if the hand is not on the wheel.

Our Boys and Girls

Goldsboro, N. C., October 6, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl of twelve. My mother and father are both dead, and I reside at the Odd Fellows' Orphan Home. Your paper comes to the Home and I read it. I love especially to read the little boys' and girls' letters. This is my first letter, and I hope it will not reach the waste-basket.

I will close, with love to all the little boys and girls.

Your little friend,
FANNIE ROSE.

Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—This is my first letter to the Advocate. I am a little girl ten years old.

I like to read the boys' and girls' letters very much.

My mother and father are both dead. I like to stay at the Orphanage.

I will answer Eva Lassiter's question: Joseph had eleven brothers.

I will ask a question: Who tempted Jesus.

I must close.

Your little friend,
BESSIE FAUCETTE.

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 12, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl four and a half years old. I like to have my mamma and papa read the little boys' and girls' letters to me from the Advocate.

I have one little baby sister three months old. We help mamma keep house. I also have a little playmate named Gladys who comes every day. We have a good time playing dolls and making mud pies.

Papa gave me five cents and I'm going to send it to the orphans. I'm so sorry for them because they have no mamma and papa to give to them.

This is my first letter, and I'm afraid it will get in the waste-basket if I don't stop. Good-bye.

RUTH ELENE WOMBLE.

October, 1904.

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me a short space in your columns as I wish to say a few words concerning our pastor.

Mamma takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading it very much. She is a member of the Methodist church—has been for many years—and she taught me to love Jesus and how to win His love. I joined the church, September 27, 1903, under the ministry of Rev. Y. E. Wright, who is still our beloved pastor. I just think he is one of the best preachers the Conference affords. I love him because I feel he has been instrumental in bringing my soul to Christ. We all hope he will be sent to us another year.

We are anticipating a grand series of meetings at Union church, beginning the third Sunday in October, and we hope it will be a successful one.

I spent a few days very pleasantly with Brother Wright during a meeting at one of our churches called Northeast. I enjoyed being with him very much. May God's richest blessings ever dwell with him and family until we meet where sorrow comes no more, is the prayer of a sincere friend.

EDNA S. DEAL.

Laurinburg, N. C., Octo, 10, 1904.

My Dear Advocate:—I am going to Caledonia school. I study spelling, arithmetic, geography, fifth reader, grammar, and history.

Our pastor's name is Rev. N. H. D. Wilson. This is his last year. My Sunday-school teacher's name is cousin Nealy Jones. Kate McIntyre and I are desk-mates. We are in the same class. My teacher's name is Miss Laura Oglesby. We all love her very much. This is her second session. We live in the country three miles from Laurinburg. It is a sandy country. I love to live in the country best of all. I have four cats and one little one. Their names are Gold, Spot, Blackey, Pretty and May. When Miss Laura staid at our house sheh ad a little cat named Randolph, and we called it Ranny. When Miss Laura would come home from school she would be sitting in the window waiting for Miss Laura to pet her. She would go to sleep in Miss Laura's chair. She died while Miss Laura was in Lynchburg. I have a pet dog and a pet calf. The dog's name is Mack. He is the fattest dog I ever saw. He is so fat he has to sit down to eat. Every day when I come home from school he comes to meet me. Sometimes I go huckleberry hunting. I like to go because there are so many wild flowers. I love pinks the best, and Miss Laura loves violets the best.

Please put my letter in the Advocate.

Your friend,
NANNY ADELINE JONES.

Laurinburg, N. C., Oct. 10, 1904.

My Dear Advocate:—I live in the country near Laurinburg. I go to school. My studies are spelling, arithmetic, geography, Holmes' fifth reader, grammar and United States history.

I am twelve years. In the summer we have a good time wading in the branch and going in bathing. There is a big branch between the schoolhouse and my home. My teacher's name is Miss Laura Oglesby.

Carrie McIntyre and I are deskmates. We study the same book.

Nearly everybody around here has mail boxes.

I have been picking some cotton every evening when we go home from school. There is a library in the school-room. There are fifteen scholars coming to school and there are fifteen desks. They are new desks; we only got them last year, and we think we are going to have a new school-house if Miss Laura can get it built. Our school-house is painted white inside. The top of it is brown. Miss Laura had it painted last year when she came to teach us. We have a pretty yard to build a new school-house on. There are several oak and hickory nut trees. There is one large flower bed and three little ones. Nearly all the flowers died in the summer because we went away and left them, but we are going to have some more in bloom in the spring.

Please put my letter in the Advocate.

Your friend,
SALLIE JAY KENDALL.

The King of Italy and the Peasant.

Here is a little story of the young King of Italy, which is being printed in the Italian papers, and which is worth reproducing. The king was staying in the country at his palace Raccorrigi. He is little known to the people there, for in his walks about the neighborhood he always strives to preserve his incognitio. Hence come some curious adventures. One day, while out tramping, he got very thirsty, and, seeing a woman milking a cow in a field near by, he went up to her and asked her for a glass of milk.

"I can't give any of this," said the woman; "but, if you'll mind the cow, I'll go to the house and get you some."

So the king minded the cow till the woman returned with a glass of cool milk. Then he asked her where all the farm hands had gone.

"Oh, they're always running away now to try to see the king," answered the woman.

"And why do you not go? Don't you want to see the king?"

"Someone must stay and look after things."

"Well, little mother," smiled the guest, "you see the king without running away from your work."

"You're joking!" exclaimed the woman, who could not believe that a monarch could be so quietly dressed. But, when the king put a gold coin into her hand, she fell on her knees, while he continued his walk, laughing over the incident.—Woman's Home Companion.

The Happy Schoolboy.

Will Shakespeare tells a little tale
About a boy who always whined
When schooltime came, and whom a snail
In speed could leave a block behind;
Who'd rather stay at home and play,
And sit around and mope and dream;
But, then, you know, in William's day
They didn't have a foot-ball team.

Now'days the boys look forward to
The morning when the bell disturbs
The autumn air; there's no boo-hoo
At thought of parsing Latin verbs.
J. Caesar's bridge can't make them fret,
Nor crafty Euclid's hardest scheme;
For after school will they not get
A chance to make the foot-ball team?

Vacation time is full of joy;
But Jim's not sorry it has passed.
This year he's not a little boy;
He's twelve pounds heavier than last.
With small-like speed does he approach
The school? Not much; he's full of steam;
Perhaps he can persuade the coach
To put him on the foot-ball team.
—Cincinnati Commereial-Tribune.

The Brush Brigade.

Not long ago I heard a mother tell her boys that intimate and constant acquaintance with brushes goes a great way toward making a gentleman.

The remark struck me, and I asked how many brushes one needs to be familiar with.

"Tell her, boys," said their mother; and the merry fellows shouted:

"One to brush our hair we need,
And one to polish our boots,
One to clean our nails indeed,
And one to dust our suits,
And one to give our hats a switching,
To make us all look very bewitching."

And that's the song of the Brush Brigade.

"Willie always twists everything they have to remember into a jingle, and then they don't forget it," said the mother smiling, as the brigade went off in a vivacious procession to practice on their brushes.

"Tramps went out, but gentlemen came back," said the clever little mother, when they came in again, presenting each of the brush-improved four with an apple turn-over for his lunch-box.

"Cleanliness is next to godliness, and dirt is an abomination," said grandmother from her corner.

"It runs in the family." I heard one of the boys say as they put on their coats. "I guess gran brought up her boys to brush just as mother serves us. Never mind; all her boys are gentlemen clear through, and I s'pose we'll be the same if we stick to the brushes."—Wide Awake.

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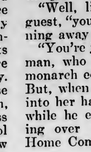

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For Tired Little Folks.

"Auntie, please tell me something nice to do. I'm tired of Sabbath. It's too late to go out, and it's too early for the lamp, and the wrong time for everything."

"Well, let me see," said auntie. "Can you tell me of any one in the Bible whose name begins with A?"

"Yes; Adam."

"I'll tell you a B," said auntie; "Benjamin. Now a C."

"Cain."

"Right," said Aunt Sarah.

"Let me tell D," said Joe, hearing our talk; "Daniel."

And so we went through all the letters of the alphabet, and before we thought of it we were called for supper, the house was lighted, and we had a fine time. Try it.—Lessons for the Little Ones.

An Intelligent Cat.

"I have a cat that can read," declared a lady. "At any rate, she knows when a letter comes for her."

"A letter?" exclaimed her friend in astonishment.

"Yes, a letter. If you don't believe it, I will prove it to you. Just wait a moment while I direct one." She left the room, and presently returned with a sealed envelope, addressed, Miss Pussy, No. ....., Blank Street, City." This letter was duly posted.

The next morning the postman came, and soon afterwards the servant entered with a bundle of letters, among which was that for Miss Pussy. Placing them near her feline highness on the floor, Pussy's mistress said: "Now, Pussy, pick out your letter." Surprisingly enough, Pussy at once showed an interest, and in a moment had pushed aside with her paws the envelope addressed to her.

"Wait a moment," said the mistress, "and she'll open it." Scarcely had she said this when Miss Pussy tore open the envelope, and in a moment was literally devouring its contents—catnips!—Buffalo Enquirer.

OIL CURE FOR CANCER.

Dr. D. M. Bye has discovered a combination of oils that readily cure cancer, catarrh, tumors and malignant skin diseases. He has cured thousands of persons within the last ten years, over one hundred of whom were physicians. Readers having friends afflicted should cut this out and send it to them. Book sent free, giving particulars and prices of Oils. Address the home office, Dr. D. M. Bye Co., Box 462, Dallas, Texas.

A living loving Christian—true of tongue, honest of heart, pure of conduct, and yet lovable in daily life, is the most unanswerable argument for Christianity.—Rev. T. L. Cuyler, D. D.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. B. F. Dixon, Raleigh, N. C.

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How many District Meetings, in the North Carolina Conference Society, have been held; and how many more will be held during this beautiful autumnal weather?

Our Conference Society can boast of nine as efficient and faithful District Secretaries as can be found in the missionary organization anywhere. Let us hear from you, dear sisters, about your plans, your work and your meetings.

How many new Auxiliaries, Golden Links societies and Bright Jewel Bands have been organized during the past two quarters?

The organization of new societies is absolutely necessary to the prosperity of our cause.

In the twenty-sixth annual report we learn that the work in the stations we occupy in China, Korea, Brazil, Mexico and Cuba, is flourishing—the minds of the people, some of them from the best classes, are being enlightened; souls are being brought "out of darkness into the marvellous light and glorious liberty of the children of God," everywhere there are manifest tokens of God's pleasure in, and blessings upon, the work—all of which fills the heart with thanks and praise.

To keep our work, not only in this glorious condition, but enable it to move forward in the ever increasing bounds of usefulness, there is an imperative demand for increase of workers and funds at home, and recruits sent out to the ranks of laborers abroad.

Hence, there must be industry and faithfulness on the part of those to whom we look for the lengthening of our cords and the strengthening of our stakes.

If the duty of each one, in all our home work, is fully recognized and faithfully performed, the present "critical situation"—a great promising field with scarcity of funds and laborers—will resolve itself into one of certain and absolute success.

Raleigh District Meeting.

Although the substance of the following notice has appeared in our column before, we take pleasure in noticing the request of Mrs. T. B. Wilder, of Louisburg:

The meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Raleigh District will be held in Louisburg on Saturday and Sunday, October 29th and 30th.

It will be necessary to come to Louisburg on Friday to be in time for the opening services on Saturday morning.

It is desired that every auxiliary in the District be represented.

Corresponding Secretaries are asked to send the names of the delegates and visitors, who will attend, to Mrs. Thomas B. Wilder, Corresponding Secretary, Louisburg, N. C.

Not Afraid But Not Ready.

In the following pathetic little incident written by Rev. T. Wilkinson, there is the principle of soul-winning, which should give us all great concern:

It was in a city within the bounds of Northwest Iowa Conference. The pastor of the First Methodist Church was called to visit a dying man.

On entering the room he found a young man on whose brow he saw the stamp of death.

"Are you ready for the change?" asked the man of God.

"I am not afraid to die, but I am not ready."

"How is this?" said the pastor; "not afraid, yet not ready? I do not understand."

"I will tell you," said the dying man. "Six months ago I was converted, when sick in a hospital. The young people of the church visited and prayed with me, and I gave myself to Christ. I know I belong to Christ now, but I do not feel ready to die—I have not won one soul for Him who saved me, and if I die now, I shall go into His presence with empty hands. Oh, if I could live another six months, or only six weeks, I would try to win at least one soul."

Just then an aged man entered the room. He was the young man's father, who had been away from home, and had just returned. On coming up to the bed he saw his son was slipping away to the unknown. He knelt beside the bed. The young man threw his arms around his neck, and cried, "Oh, father, will you promise me, now I am dying, to meet me in Heaven?" He commenced to pray for his father's conversion. His prayer was a prayer of soul agony. God heard. The father's heart was broken. He, for the first time, began to pray for himself. The minister prayed. Light came, peace came, joy came into the father's heart. He arose a saved man.

In a few minutes the young man entered the presence of his Lord not "with empty hands." He had won a soul for Jesus, and was now ready to go with the King's messenger.

A GREAT SENSATION.

There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from Asthma, but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a complete cure. Similar cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Grip are numerous. It's the peerless remedy for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Guaranteed by all druggists. Trial bottles free.

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The World As We See It.

General Corbin has recently made himself conspicuous by his published remarks on the subject of the marriage of officers, claiming that no officer who does not receive a certain salary should enter the married state. General Corbin, in the November Cosmopolitan, arraigns the National Guard as at present organized. He says that the United States is a war-like nation.

The Mormons are ever alert and progressive in colonizing new territory. This fact makes them a very dangerous element to deal with. They have furnished nearly 340,000 acres of land in the State of Tabasco, Mexico, furnishing room for a thousand families. Five hundred are ready to take up homesteads on the property. We may hope that after the election Congress will resume its investigation of the polygamy question in Utah. Neither party is willing to do anything in this matter until the Mormons shall have deposited their votes.

Mr. Thomas W. Lawson continues in the October Everybody's his famous story, "Frenzied Finance." Not having space to get his article in the reading part of the Magazine, he spends about $2,000 in utilizing the advertising department. Mr. Lawson says that he thanks God that he can vote for Roosevelt, but claims that the "System" will undoubtedly elect Parker in avenging the insult given, the newspapers say, by the President in "kicking Standard Oil out of the White House." Mr. Lawson promises some important disclosures, and says that his articles will run for a year or more.

The American Bible Society for the last few years has been under a financial strain due to the falling off in the number of bequests. Very urgent appeals have been made through the United States for more liberal contributions for this important interest. We are glad to know from the figures just received that these appeals have met a most encouraging response. The total receipts for the year ending March 31, 1904, were $496,194.34; of this amount, $133,455.32 was given by the living. Legacies amounted to $81,828.12. The work of circulating the Bible in the Philippines is progressing in a very satisfactory manner.

Our readers may have seen in the magazines an interesting account of the Monorail track. This track has only one rail from which the car is suspended. Great things are claimed for the Monorail. It is claimed by the inventor, Howard H. Tunis, that a speed of 120 miles per hour may be obtained. It is predicted that the Monorail will revolutionizze travel in all sections. The cost of constructing the track and running the car is considerably less than in the case of the two rail track and the old trolley car. What makes the Monorail interesting to us is the fact that Mr. O. L. Tunis, of Elizabeth City, who is a cousin of the inventor, is interesting himself in a Monorail line in Bertie County. A road is now being constructed between Baltimore and Washington which will use the Monorail. We await with deep interest the development of this enterprise.

Since 1894, when the Inter-State Commerce Commission began to keep statistics of fatal casualties, seventy-eight thousand one hundred and fifty-two persons have been killed on railroads in the United States. The number has increased year by year. The increase, however, is smaller than the rate of increase in population. In 1904, 9,984 lives were lost. The large number of deaths in late years is due to the increase of population of traffic,and competition in the matter of speed. There is a law providing for safety appliances on freight and passenger trains. We presume that negligence in enforcing this law is responsible to some extent for the large number of deaths.

After a somewhat stormy encounter with the divorce question, the House of Deputies of the Triennial Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church has passed, by a large majority, a compromise canon on the remarriage of divorced persons. The compromise permits the remarriage of the innocent person in a divorce for the cause of infidelity, but provides that no remarriage shall be allowed within one year after a decree has been issued by a civil court. Of course the compromise must be ratified by the House of Bishops. This is perhaps as far as any church should go in its legislation on the divorce question. To go farther would be to go beyond the limit marked by Christ Himself, and would inevitably defeat the true purpose of all anti-divorce legislation.

The Johnston County exhibit at the State Fair was most creditable in every respect. It only suggests the necessity of having the different counties of the State represented in order that the State Fair may be a truly agricultural Fair and successful in every respect. The amusement element of the Fair has been unduly exploited for the last several years, and consequently there has been an unwise strengthening of the sentiment that the prime condition of having a successful Fair is the presence of a great number of amusements. The amusement feature is by no means to be ignored, yet it must be remembered that the true function of a State Fair is to show the progress the State is making in its various forms of life and activity. Hence, we think that the management of the Fair should begin a movement for having special county exhibits. Competition will thus be aroused and the best that the State has will be on exhibition. People will come to the Fair feeling that they will not only be entertained, but that they will come in contact with the real solidity of our State life. The recent State Fair, measured by the usual rule, was a great success. The management is to be congratulated. It was nothing but right that Mr. Ashley Horne, at the meeting on the 20th, should have been re-elected president, and that Mr. Joseph E. Pogue should have been re-elected secretary and treasurer.

The Baltic fleet, contrary to the expectations of the civilized world, has actually set sail for the Far East by way of the Suez Canal. Its passage through the North Sea was marked by an incident which has excited every civilized nation and precipated a crisis which has in it elements very hostile to the peace interests of the world. On last Friday night the Baltic fleet opened fire on a fleet of English fishing vessels operating in the North Sea about two hundred miles from the city of Hull. Over two hundred shots were fired, and every Russian vessel took a part. Two fishermen were killed and one traveler sunk. The fishermen were seized with consternation and left the scene as soon as possible. The Mayor of Hull, on learning the news, at once telegraphed to London. Immediately there was intense excitement all over England. A message demanding an apology and reparation has been sent to St. Petersburg, but up to this writing, no reply has been sent. No one seems to know why the Russian fleet should have been guilty of this flagrant, unparalleled outrage. There are three theories advanced. First, that Russia wishes to precipitate a war with England in order that she may secure France and Germany as allies on her present war with Japan. Second, that, the Russian ships, unduly excited by the appearance of the fishing boats which they took for Japanese torpedo boats, were in their terror led to firing upon the fishing fleet. Third, that the officers and sailors of the Russian ships were intoxicated and desired to have a little "lark." The first theory is hardly tenable, as Russia knows well that it would be fatal to her interests to engage in a war with Engand at present. The other two theories are doubtless correct. The Russians were undoubtedly elated over their departure on their long trip. No doubt many of them were intoxicated with ardent spirits, and were not able to distinguish at first innocent fishing boats from Japanese torpedo boats. All that saved the fishing fleet was the habitual poor marksmanship of the Russians. England is highly excited. Russia will apologize and offer an indemnity, but this will not satisfy England. The commanders and officers of the Russian ships must be punished in some way for their lack of discernment and for their rash foolishness. The true state of affairs has been hidden from the Russian people. The St. Petersburg papers only announce that in passing through the North Sea there was a collison with a fishing fleet, and that two boats of the latter were sunk.

AFTER BUILDING AND FURNISHING, BEAUTIFY.

Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, in his remarkably able address before the State Historical and Literary Association in Raleigh last week, claimed that one of the defects in the typical American is his lack of feeling for the beautiful. He congratulated the State on the recent organization of Woman's Clubs for the purpose of beautifying school buildings and school surroundings.

What these clubs are doing for school-houses, the editor of the North Carolina Methodist Handbook is attempting to do for the Methodist parsonages of the State. He was reared in a parsonage. He is prepared to appreciate the significance and value of the work that is being done by the Woman's Home Mission Society in the line of furnishing suitable homes for the preacher and his family. The home, after having been built and furnished, should be beautified. There should be trees, shrubs, vines, and flowers. While the preacher before the great congregation proclaims the eternal veritics, the parsonage should proclaim through its appeal to the aesthetic sense the gospel of beauty. Aesthetics and Morals are two twin roses which feed and beautify each other.

This is an era of church and parsonage building in North Carolina. Why not make it an era also of parsonage beautification? The editor of the North Carolina Methodist Handbook has been asking this question, and has, for his part, answered it by offering prizes for the most artistically ornamented parsonage front, the ornamentation to be floral. The contestants for the prize, who have sent in photographs, represent both Conferences. A committee will pass upon these photographs. The first prize is worth $12.50; the second, $7.50; the third, $5.00. The pictures of the parsonages represented in the contest will appear in the Handbook for 1905 which will be issued January 1. We trust that this movement will be followed by a regular revival of parsonage beautification.

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Methodist Mention

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The fine revivals being reported cheer the heart of Methodism.

Rev. M. H. Tuttle, of Hertford, was visiting relatives in Caldwell County last week.

Rev. J. T. Brogden, a worthy local preacher of Goldsboro, did us the kindness to pay his respects last week.

We would be glad to get the Advocate for August 17th and September 14th. We are out of these issues.

The Methodists of the Charlotte District have sold their district parsonage at Monroe and will buy or build at Charlotte.

November is generally a fine month for pastoral work. Yet happy is the preacher who is not under the necessity of being rushed during November.

Rev. M. M. McFarland, P. C. Alamance Circuit, attended the Fair last week. He is looking well, and bears the marks of a year's faithful work.

We were able to obtain only a glimpse of Rev. Plato Durham in the Fair crowd last week. He seems to be fully recovered from his late spell of sickness.

The following worthy laymen, the last being of the Baptist church, paid their respects to the Advocate last week: J. S. Kerr, P. R. King and Wm. G. Riddick.

The stately form of Dr. L. L. Nash was seen in the great throng of visitors to the State Fair last week. He is preparing in a very thoughtful, systematic way for the entertainment of the Conference.

The North Carolina Christian Advocate, ever progressive, has made some very taking improvements in type and the arrangement of departments. We notice the same in the Central Christian Advocate.

Rev. W. D. Sasser, Kenansville Circuit, writes: "I have done more work this year than in any year before, and the Lord has been with us, giving us good meetings and success in extending the work in all lines."

Rev. K. D. Holmes, Roxboro Circuit, and wife have the sympathetic congratulations of their many brethren and friends over the recovery of their two children who were very sick at the same time of typhoid fever.

Rev. D. C. Geddie, Trenton Circuit, writes: "Have held a fine meeting at Oak Grove, three miles from Pollocksville. Twelve accessions and some back-sliders reclaimed. Rev. E. H. Davis preached twice and Rev. C. P. Snow three times."

Rev. G. T. Adams, who called to see us last week, reports that his new church at New Bern will soon be finished. He is enthused, as he has a right to be, over his wonderful Wednesday evening prayer-meetings. He began a protracted meeting on last Sunday.

Rev. G. W. Starling came up to Raleigh from Fuquay Springs on last Monday and paid his respects to the Advocate. He has done a hard year's work, as his fine report at Conference and his letter in this issue, will show. He has sown down his charge with the Advocate. This helps to explain his success.

Rev. M. Bradshaw passed through Raleigh on last Saturday. He was returning from Jonesboro where he attended the funeral of his nephew, a fifteen-year-old son of Mrs. Betty Partridge. Bro. Bradshaw does not seem to be in the least nervous over the approaching change in his work. Quite a handsome Sunday-school room has been added to his church at Goldsboro since last Conference.

Rev. B. H. Black, of Ocracoke, was among our visitors on last Tuesday. The sea air agrees with him. He has been visiting Mrs. K. P. Black and other relatives.

Rev. J. E. Holden, the pastor, is holding a meeting in the Methodist church this week. The meeting commenced Monday night and will continue every night through the week. Mr. Holden being absent Tuesday night, Rev. Mr. Parker, of Hobgood, preached, and those who heard him were well pleased.—Scotland Neck Commonwealth.

We met Rev. C. P. Jerome, of West Durham charge, on the Fair grounds last week. He no longer wears a beard, and looks very much like Church (F. L.) We leave the matter to be settled privately by the two brethren. Brother Jerome, like a kind, thoughtful man, brought his wife along to see the sights. Dr. Nash was equally kind and thoughtful.

The Advocate acknowledges with thanks the folowing invitation: "Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Cotten requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Mary Jenkins, to Mr. Frederick Lee Shockley, Wednesday evening, November second, nineteen hundred and four, at five-thirty o'clock, Siant James Methodist Episcopal Church, Tarboro, North Carolina."

Rev. W. W. Rose, pastor of Weldon Station, announces his intention of asking the approaching Conference to appoint him to the principalship of Central Academy, Littleton, N. C. Brother Rose has made a model pastor, and we are sure that he will make a model principal. No parent need hesitate in placing his boy under W. W. Rose. The Academy will be ready to open by January 4, 1905, and the prospects for a fine opening are excellent.

The friends of Brother Church in Georgia will be glad to hear that he is doing successful work in North Carolina. He is serving the Winfall Circuit, and has been blessed with a most gracious revival, having received as a part of the great revival one hundred and thirty-six members into the church on profession of faith. Brother Church always pushes his work. He had good success while a member of the North Carolina Georgia Conference.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

For some time the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of West Market Street Church, this city, has been supporting Miss Helen Richardson, one of our representatives in the China mission. Miss Richardson is at home now on leave, after fourteen years in China, and, on invitation, came last week to spend a few days with us, attending the Greensboro District Meeting on Saturday, and making an address at West Market Street Church on Sunday morning and at Spring Garden Street Church in the afternoon.—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Notice.

To Preachers of North Carolina Conference:

I desire to get copies of the Journals of the sessions of the North Carolina Conference for the years 1898 and 1899. Anyone who can supply either or both of these will please write me, naming price of the Journals. I will appreciate this.

Those who have extra copies of the Journal for 1903 may find sale for them at the session of the Conference, as the supply in the hands of the Secretary has run short.

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General Notes

The Columbus, Ga., Y. M. C. A. has four hundred members.

Statistics show that the average number of persons to a family in the United States is 4.7.

The Young Men's Christian Association's Week of Prayer will begin on Sunday November 13th.

The International Sunday-school Convention will be held in Toronto, Canada, June 23-27, 1905.

The largest Presbyterian Sunday-school is that of Bethany church, Philadelphia, with a membership of 5,076.

A recent article in Christian Work sets down profanity as one of the common vices most characteristic of Americans.

The Methodist Protestant Church now claims 1,557 ministers, 185,445 members, and church property valued at $6,327,334.

The statement is made that the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia has closed about 900 saloons during the past year. That is good.

About two thousand members of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew assembled in Philadelphia last week for the nineteenth annual convention of the organization.

The religious census of Germany reports almost two-thirds of the people Protestants, slightly over one-third Roman Catholics, with less than 6,000 registered as not Christian.

Bishop Merrill's "Digest of Methodist Law," which has long been a standard book of reference in the church, has been rewritten and brought down to date by the author.

The nursery feature connected with Broad Street Church, Knoxville, is a decided success. Mothers attend worship while their babies are taken care of in the ladies' parlors.

The death of Rev. Dr. Vincil, on Wednesday, October 12th, at his home, 3756 Cooke Avenue, St. Louis, removes one of the most interesting men from the fraternal, the religious and the social life of Missouri.

There was a Sunday-school Mass Meeting in the Academy of Music in Raleigh on last Sunday afternoon. The program was very interesting. Dr. A. H. Moment, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Raleigh, made a stirring address.

Methodism of Greater New York is rejoicing over the completion of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital at Brooklyn. The endowment fund has reached $300,000, and the facilities of the institution have been greatly enlarged.

Mr. William E. Johnson had a very interesting paper in the Cautauquan on "Railway Temperance Regulations," showing that from 75,000 to 100,000 new men employed every year on American railroads were obliged to promise to be total abstainers in their work.

The religious census of London, recently made by the London Daily News, shows that 474 persons, out of a possible 1,000, attended church, if the census be accepted as trustworthy. Not a bad showing for the metropolis of the world. The total population of the whole of London is 6,240,366.

Harvard University had during the past year 5,066 students and 534 instructors; Columbia, in New York City, 4,512 and 576; Chicago, 4,463 and 347; Cornell, 3,457 and 393, and Yale, 2,975 and 325. In such crowds of students the individual student and his particular needs are almost lost sight of.

A striking evidence of the missionary revival which is spreading through the Methodist churches of England was witnessed recently in Exeter Hall, London. At the service about one hundred missionaries and other Christian workers took leave of the home church for various stations throughout the world.

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Such is the life of members of the church that it is hard to convince the sinner of his need of a Savior. The Epworthian should so live that his life will be a constant rebuke to sin. And this does not mean that his religion should be long faced and his life doleful. No one has a greater right to be happy than a child of God. But in all our hours of pleasure as well as of sorrow one thing should be made clear: that we never lose sight of the fact that we are the children of God and that to us Christ is "all in all" and that all we do is for Christ, that we may show the world its need of Christ.

Our business is so to live and act as to convince those we come in touch with that their greatest need is Christ, and to awaken in them a desire for salvation.

God Resists the Sinner.

God makes the way of transgressors hard in order that the sinner may weary of it and turn his feet into the path of righteousness. "Behold I will hedge up thy way with thorns and I will make a wall against thee."

As surely as all things work together for good to them that love God so surely does God work against a sinner. The same love that prompts Him to send blessings to the righteous leads Him to send hindrances and warnings to the sinner. The sinner who is lost eternally must fight his way down to hell resisted at every step by a loving, Heavenly Father. He must finally trample under foot the son of God and count the blood of the covenant wherewith he is to be sanctified an unholy thing.

Assurance.

There need be no uncertainty about one's religious life if he will note the difference between the witness of the spirit and his religious emotions. The spirit that convicts of sin also convinces of salvation. An emotional outburst comes and goes, but the witness of the spirit abides, and is by no means affected by sorrow or joy or any other mood of the emotional nature.

And because a Christian is not given to ecstatic moods we must not think he has no assurance of salvation. If he serves God steadfastly and faithfully from principle he no doubt has a quiet and abiding assurance that he is a child of God, and I am persuaded that he may be more safely trusted under pressure than his fellow-Christian whose heart and temperament are such that he is given to fervent outbursts of pious emotions.

The Joy of a Cheerful Disposition.

So many people are gloomy. They have dyspepsia; their food disagrees with them; they take a melancholy view of life; things go wrong with them; they grumble and growl until a sour nature is cultivated. Such people are to be pitied. They are unhappy themselves and they make those unhappy also with whom they associate. There is no necessity for this state of things. If you are sick, then diet yourself, take proper exercise, observe the ordinary laws of affliction is such that you cannot realize health and try to get well. If your gain perfect health, then bring yourself into such loving acquaintance with God that He will give you grace to bear your complaint with something like cheerful submission. Some of the brightest and apparently happiest people whom we have ever known have been those whose health was broken and whose lives were shut in from the world of activity. A gloomy disposition is usually the result of a self-centered and brooding sort of habit. It is just as easy to cultivate and to acquire a bright and cheerful disposition. And that sort of a habit makes one happy and it contributes to length of life. No man, and especially no woman, ought to permit a whine to engraft itself in her voice, or wrinkles to come prematurely into her face. A cheerful voice, a sunny face, a sweet spirit make life worth living. The birds neither murmur nor repine. They scratch and chirp and sing all the day long. God provides for them. And He has made infinitely better provision for us. To murmur and complain is a sin against the goodness of our Heavenly Father. It is better to smile than to cry; it is better to rejoice than to weep; it is better to look up than to be cast down; and it is better to sing than to lament. Thrice happy is the man or the woman who makes it a point to cultivate a cheerful disposition.—Texas Advocate.

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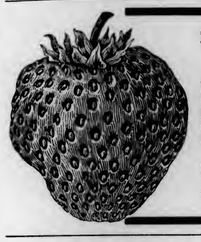

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Sunday School

Lesson for October 30, 1904.

Elisha at Dothan.

2 Kings 6:8-23.

Time—Ninth century B. C. Place—Israel.

The Mystery.—The story of Naaman hints at predatory raids on Israel by Syria; the present story indicates a more serious and formal invasion of Israel by Syria. There is no certainty in the matter of dates, but most commentators place the incident in the reign of Jehoram of Israel, when Ben-hadad was ruling Syria. In this campaign the Syrian king appears to have been directing in person. To his astonishment every plan made in secret council to entrap the Israelites was divulged and defeated. So "his heart was sore troubled," and he charged treachery upon his own men. His comrades, however, had another explanation. "Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber." The words hint at Elisha's extended reputation and at a widespread belief in his power of working wonders. The king accents the explanation and orders the capture of Elisha.

At Dothan.—Elisha is reported to be at Dothan, which has been identified with a place about a dozen miles north of Samaria, on the highroad to Damascus. Hither the Syrian army is brought and the place invested. The investment takes place by night. In the morning the servant of the prophet, having "risen early and gone forth," finds a host compassing the city both with horses and chariots. The hopelessness of escape appals him. He brings word to his master, and exclaims, "Alas, how shall we do?" To which the prophet calmly says, "Fear not: for they that are with us are more than they that are with them." Then the prophet prayed, "Jehovah, I pray Thee, open his eyes, that he may see." And Jehovah opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

Good for Evil.—The rest of the story is not less wonderful. In answer to prayer the army of the Syrians was smitten with confusion of sense and sight. In this condition, and apparently without recognizing him, Elisha led them to the capital, where the king of Israel was encamped with his army. To Jehoram they were legitimate prey to be devoured at once by the sword. "My father," he says to Elisha, "shall I smite them? shall I smite them?" But the spirit of Elisha was of noble temper. With a magnanimity and trust in the inherent power of righteousness and love to work out the interests of righteousness and love, which with all our boasted advance in civilization we do not yet seem to have achieved, Elisha crowned his bloodless conquest with a deed of brotherly kindness. "Set bread and water before them," he commanded, "that they may eat and drink, and return to their master." It was done; and "the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel."

Unseen Realities.—The open vision of the lad at Dothan, as Dean Farrar says, has been full of comfort to millions. It is a picture commentary on an oft-recurring theme in Scripture: "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them" (Psa. 34: 7); "He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways" (Psa. 91: 11); "And I will encamp about Mine house because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more; for now I have seen with Mine eyes" (Zech. 9: 8); "The angel of His presence saved them: in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bare them and carried them all the days of old" (Isa. 63: 9). With what serenity have God's people in all ages been possessed in the strength and comfort of such a conviction! They were not exempt from trial or hardship; they had their share, some of them a full share, of persecution, want, pain, weakness, oppression, and reviling, but in it all and through it all they had the peace of God, which passeth understanding, and which kept their hearts and minds in the joy and patience of Jesus Christ. Nothing can permanently daunt the spirit sustained by this conviction. The man who believes in God and who trusts implicitly His promises is sure of two things: first, that in the struggle of life he is inviolable and invulnerable until his work is done; and secondly, that when he does die he passes to the bliss of the Father's welcome and the King's guerdon of praise. It is related of Felix of Nola that once when flying from his enemies he took refuge in a cave. Scarcely had he entered it before a spider began to spin its web over the fissure. The pursuer, passing by, saw the spider's web, and did not look into the cave. The saint, as he came out into safety, remarked, "Where God is, a spider's web is as a wall; where He is not, a wall is but as a spider's web." There are worse perils than the danger to life. A man will die some time. His worst foes are those of his own heart, the insistent and tireless enemies of justice, truth, purity, the life of righteousness. The stain and degradation of sin abide. Sin hurts and harms both in this life and in that which is to come. Well for the man who in this fight is panoplied in God. The vision of the hosts to aid him, unseen by other eyes, will be as shield and buckler to him. In the hour of direst need the upward look, the unspoken prayer, will bring to his side the armies of heaven, conquering and to conquer. Faber has written the truth in ringing phrase:

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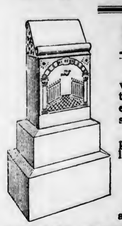

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7 51	4 36		F.....† Barnes.....	9 20	5 04
8 00	4 45		F.....Hobby.....	9 14	4 57
8 15	4 52		M.....†McCULLERS....	9 10	4 52
8 25	4 56		F.....Banks.....	8 58	4 23
8 30	4 59		F.....Austin.....	8 55	4 21
8 80	5 07		S.....†Willow Springs..	8 50	4 15
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9 35	5 20		S.....† Fuquay Springs..	8 39	3 82
9 40	5 31		F.....Buckhorn.....	8 20	3 32
9 45	5 38		F.....Rawls.....	8 17	3 20
10 00	5 45		S.....† Chalybeate.....	8 10	3 20
10 05	5 50		S.....Bradley.....	8 00	3 01
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Secular News

STATE.

There are two lady rural-delivery carriers in North Carolina.

There was a record-breaking attendance upon the State Fair in Raleigh last week.

Dr. A. J. McKelway, who has been for some time editor of the Charlotte News, has resigned.

The Charlotte Chronicle claims that the population of Charlotte, including the suburbs, is now 40,000.

High Point is to be thoroughly paved in the near future at the expense of the city to be later collected from the tax payers.

Charity and Children says that there is no improvement in the typhoid fever situation at the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

The force of colored men employed by the Southern Railway Company on its big coal chute at the Spencer yards went on a strike unceremoniously Saturday night.

Mr. T. K. Bruner, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, has returned from St. Louis, where he has served as commissioner in charge of the special agricultural exhibits.

Engineer Fogus of Spencer, was severely injured the night of the 24th at the Spencer round house by an accidental fall from his engine which he was preparing to take out

The State Agricultural Society, in annual session in Raleigh last week, re-elected by a rising vote, Ashley Horne president, Joseph E. Pogue secretary, and Claude B. Denson treasurer.

The drought in Buncombe County and other sections of western North Carolina is becoming more severe every day. Well have gone dry and people are forced to haul water from nearby streams.

Second Lieutenant William D. Pritchard, son of Judge Jeter Pritchard, of this State, killed a brother officer and then killed himself in the Philippines. It is said he was temporarily insane.

A few days ago the sheriff of Polk County took to the penitentiary a 14-year-old boy, who had been sentenced for train wrecking. He had placed an iron spike on the track and this wrecked the train.

The Union Guano Company of Winston-Salem, organized by Winston-Salem capitalists and incorporated under the laws of North Carolina, will establish two large independent fertilizer plants, one in Winston-Salem and the other in Norfolk, Va.

Passenger train, No. 14, from Asheville to Spartanburg, ran over the end of the first safety track on Saluda mountain at 9 o'clock Sunday morning a week, the engine and tender falling over a distance of 15 feet. The engineer and fireman escaped injury by jumping.

The program has been issued by Guilford Battle Chapter for the annual State conference of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in North Carolina to be held at the Smith Memorial Building in Greensboro November 1st, 2nd, and 3d.

Mr. John McLaurin, for more than 20 years editor of the North Carolina Presbyterian and now deputy register of deeds of New Hanover County, suffered a stroke of paralysis early Monday morning at his home in Wilmington, and his condition is regarded as critical.

After having been delayed for several weeks on account of an epidemic of diphtheria, the session of the graded school at Goldsboro commenced Monday morning. The session has been called two or three times before, but the slim attendance caused the superintendent and board of directors to postpone until the disease had somewhat abated in the community.

Arousing the Interest in Mexico.

There has been inaugurated in the city of Saltillo, Mexico, by the Rev. William Wallace, former President of the National Sunday-school Association, a Teachers' Saturday Night Normal Class. Superintendents of public schools, the president of the Confederation of Sunday-schools and to the Young People's Societies, together with various professors in State normal and missional schools of higher learning, have contributed much toward keeping up, without an interruption, the interest of the class for over two years.

Mrs. Mary Foster Brymer's second visit to Mexico riveted the bands connecting that country with the International organized work. Her platform address and black-board methods are being reproduced all over the country, and her power of physical endurance, her winning, wholesome presence, and her suggestive style, left their indelible impress upon the hearts of the hundreds of Sunday-school workers who were permitted to come into contact with her.

The Presbyterian Sunday-school Quarterly, with a subscription list of over three thousand, and published in Spanish, has introduced a primary and intermediate department, the pictures, suggestive questions, and methods being prepared by Mrs. M. F. Campbell, a missionary who is especially successful in primary work.

An Awakening in the Episcopal Church.

The Episcopal Church has always advocated home Bible study. The Lectionary in the Prayer-book of the Church of England has for centuries appointed daily Scripture readings for church and family use. It is gratifying, therefore, to note the publication of The Church Home Department Quarterly (15 cents a year) for the fourth quarter of the Christian year,—that is, from the thirteenth Sunday after Trinity to the beginning of Advent, 1904. There are many Home Departments in the Church of England in Canada and in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and they will rejoice that at last they have their own attractive publication issued by the Church Record Sunday-school Publication House, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, Ontario.

Undoubtedly the article in the November "Cosmopolitan" which will attract the most general discussion is General Corbin's account of the "Third Battle of Bull Run," as he terms the recent military maneuvers near Manassas, Virginia. General Corbin declares that the United States "never has been a peaceful nation," and intimates that reliance upon the National Guard as at present organized is like leaning on a broken reed. He advocates a change to United States volunteers, under the control of the Federal government. Another article which will be read with a great deal of general interest is on "The Tendencies of the American Stage," by Daniel Frohman. Richard Le Gallienne contributes a most interesting feature to the number. In the well-known meter of the Rubaiyat he has written a powerful argument entitled "Omar Repentant," against the evil of drink. No temperance sermon or pamphlet will make the impression conveyed by these musical quatrains. Lovers of the automobile will read Verner Z. Reed's "To the Sahara by Automobile" with pleasure, while devotees of sport are further entertained with Charles R. Flint's "Upland Shooting." Dulany Hunter has a beautifully illustrated historical article, "The Daughters of Louis XV." John Brisben Walker discusses "The West Point of the Future," and shows how the military academy may have a powerful and uplifting influence upon the business life of the country. "The Great Industries of the United States" series is continued with "The Manufacture of Silk."

I do not know when or how it may please God to give you the quiet of mind that you need; but I tell you that I believe it is to be had: and in the meantime you must go on doing your work, trusting in God even for this.—George Macdonald.

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Receipts up to October 24.

Prof. W. H. Rhodes on subs., $5.00; Haw River Circuit on support of orphan for September and October, viz., Bynum S. S., $2.00; Mann's Chapel S. S., $3.00; Merritts Chapel S. S., $1.00; Mount Pleasant S. S., $3.00; Willie Snipes, $.25. Rich Square Circuit S. S., support of orphan, $5.00; Raeford S. S., $.76; Mrs. H. L. Bledsoe, $1.00.

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Sick.

I was taken with a pain in the head while talking to the good people of Wilson, which soon descended to my neck and shoulders, thence down my spinal column to my lumber regions. For several days the "old rhematicks," as Mr. Jim Leak used to say, played fantastic tricks along that high-way, to my deep interest, but not to my amusement. I tried to manage my own case. But the old saying, that a "lawyer who pleads his own cause, has a fool for his client," is as true as to the doctors. I failed to manage the case satisfactorily. So the Doctors McGee, father and son, were called in. Young Jim made the attack and the elder Jim finished him up. When the McGees attack disease it has to get from under.

I am on my feet again and am doing business at the old stand.

Our Lillie is Gone.

Yesterday evening our Lillie Dill, our oldest child, left us to enter Greensboro Female College. Lucky Lillie. From the Orphanage to the College. Lucky College—to get such a girl. Lucky Orphanage—to send out such a girl as its first representative. It was said when she came here, "There is a woman in her. Will you give her a chance?" We gave her a chance. We are not disappointed in her. That dearest of all the women's societies—the W. H. M. S., gives her a further chance. We send her on a great big, good girl. The woman will be seen later on. She is to work her way as far as she can. The W. H. M. Societies, individually, contributed the needed funds to supplement her earnings, and the Weldon Society furnish her clothes. They furnished these while she was here. We consider this an auspicious beginning. Lillie has been faithful and true. A great help to us—a real comfort. Everybody on the premises respects and loves Lillie. It was like sending away to school our own daughter, with this thought to sadden us: She will never come back as ours. She goes to make her way in the world. But she knows that she has friends, and she will make more. We could not restrain our tears—and, as we looked to catch the last glimpse of her departing form, we could but whisper, God bless our Lillie! While we were all sorry to part with Lillie and sad to see the circle of the "big five" broken, we are glad that four remain. Our Frances, and our Mabel, and our Cassie, and our Bessie V., are worthy comrades. We expect to be just as sad when they go. Lou Sivills will now be one of the big girls. Then in line will come Malinda, and soon after Lola and Bettie, then Corrie and little Mary (Grand Ma), and Bessie F., "The little girl with the golden curl on her forehead;" Mabel, little Margaret and wee tot Willie, and so on—with many to follow. Then our dear boys will soon be going, and we shall hate to part with them.

I scarcely need say that we are indebted to Mrs. Ivan Proctor for this, more than good luck. Blessings on the dear women of the church.

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THIRD ROUND.
Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept. 24, 25
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, Oct. 1, 2
Rich Square, Pinner's, Oct. 8, 9
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, Oct. 15, 16

FOURTH ROUND.
Enfield and Halifax, Enfield, Aug 21, 22
Harrellsville, Harrellsville, Aug. 27, 28
Scotland Neck, Sept. 4, 5
Conway, Providence Sept, 10, 11.
Murfreesboro, Sept. 11, 12
Northampton, New Hope, Sept. 17, 18
Bertie, Ebenezer, Sept 24, 25
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, October 1, 2
Rich Square, Pinners, Oct. 8, 9
Battleboro and Whitakers, Whitakers, Oct. 15, 16
Hobgood, Williams Chapel, 22, 23
Warren, Shady Grove, Oct. 29, 30
Warrenton, Warrenton, Oct. 30, 31
Littleton, Littleton, Nov. 3, 4
Weldon, Nov. 6 7
Garysburg, Seaboard, Nov. 5
Roanoke Circuit, Smiths, Nov. 12, 13
Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, Nov. 13, 14
Ridgeway, Union, Nov. 19, 20
Henderson, Nov. 27, 28

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.
J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N C

FOURTH ROUND.
Hatteras, Trent, Sept. 10, 11
Hertford, Centre Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Perquimans, Oak Grove, Sept. 24, 25
Pasquotank, Newbegun, Sept. 25, 26
Camden, McBride's, Oct. 1, 2
North Gates, Savage, Oct. 5, 9
Gates Harrells Oct. 15, 16
Kitty Hawk, Currituck Inlet, Oct. 22, 23
Currituck, Ebeneezer, Oct. 23, 24
Moyock, Perkins Chapel, Oct. 29, 30
Dare, Manns Harbor Nov. 5, 6
Roanoke Island, Nov. 6, 7
Elizabeth City, First Church, Nov. 13
Elizabeth City Road, Nov. 13
Columbia, Nov. 19, 20
Pantego and Belhaven, Nov. 25
Roper, Nov 26, 27
Plymouth, Nov. 27

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.
Robesonville, Mt Zion, Sept. 3, 4
Washington, Sept. 11, 12
Washtville, Sharon, Sept. 17, 18
Farmville, Farmville, Oct. 2, 3
Aurora, Oct. 8, 9
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter, Oct. 12
Fairfield, Oct. 13
Mattemuskeet, Nebraska, Oct. 15 16
Bethel, Bethel, Oct. 22, 23
Tarboro, (night) Oct. 23
Ocracoke and Portsmouth, Ocracoke, Oct. 29, 30
Greenville, (morning) Nov. 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Skinnerdine, November 6, 7
Spring Hope, Hornes, Nov. 12, 13
Wilson station, (night) Nov. 13
Wilson Circuit, (Lodge Street) Nov. 14
Fremont, Fremont Nov. 15
Rock Mount, Nov. 16
Bath, Bath, Nov. 19, 20
South Rocky Mount and Marvin, Nov. 22
South Edgecombe, Elm City, Nov. 27, 28

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.
Roberdel, Roberdel, Sept. 3, 4
Rockingham station, Sept. 4, 5
Lumberton, Barker's, Sept. 10, 11
St. John and Gibson, St. John, Sept. 15, 16
Laurenburg Sept. 16, 17
Richmond, Steele's Mill, Sept. 24, 25
Maxton and Caledonia, Oct. 1, 2
Hamlet, Hamlet, Oct. 8, 9
Rowland, Rowland, Oct. 15 16
Robeson, Asbury, Oct. 22, 23
Mt. Gilead, Wadeville, Oct. 29 30
Montgomery, Capelsie, Nov. 5, 6
Red springs, Red springs, Nov. 12, 13
Pekin, Concord, Nov. 19, 20
Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Nov. 26, 27

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.
Franklinton, Grove Hill, September 10, 11
Clayton, Elizabeth, September 17, 18
Oxford Circuit, September 24, 25
Central, October 1, 2
Brooklyn, October 2, 3
Milbrook, Pleasant Grove, October 8, 9
Granville, October 15, 16
Wakefield, October 29
Kenley October 22, 23
Cary, October 29, 30
Epworth, October 30
Oxford station, November 5, 6
Youngsville, November 12, 13
Louisburg, November 19, 20
Tar River Plank Chapel, Novembe

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C

FOURTH ROUND.
Mt. Olive and Faison, Mt. Olive, Sept. 17, 18
Jones' Circuit, Lee's, Sept. 24, 25
Goldsboro, Thompson's, Oct. 1, 2
St. Paul, Oct. 2
Centenary, Oct. 9, 10
Pamlico, Bayboro Oct. 15, 16
Oriental, Oriental, Oct. 16, 17
Hookerton, Rainbow, Oct. 22, 23
Grifton Grifton, Oct. 23, 24
Dover, Oct. 29 30
Kinston, Oct. 30
Snow Hill Circuit, Jerusalem, Nov. 5, 6
Craven, Asbury, Nov. 11
Carteret, Harlow Nov. 12, 13
Beaufort, Nov. 13, 14
Atlantic, Wit, Nov. 15, 16
Straits Tabernacle, Nov. 19, 20
Morehead, Nov. 20
LaGrange Circuit, Nov. 23
St. John, Nov. 25
Mt. Olive Circuit, Smiths, Nov. 26, 27

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, at Haw River, August 27, 28
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, September 3, 4

FOURTH ROUND.
Trinity Church, Sept. 11, at 11 a. m.
Carr Church and Branson, at Carr, Sept. 11 at night
Chapel Hill, Sept. 17, 18
Durham McManen, Sept. 24, 25
Maugum Street, Sept. 25 at night
Leasburg, Salem, Oct. 1, 2
Hillsboro, Cedar Grove, Oct. 8, 9
Roxboro, Concord, Oct. 15, 16
Milton, New Hope, Oct. 22, 23
Yanceyville, Bethel Oct. 29, 30
Mt. Tirzah Circuit, Nov. 5, 6
Burlington, Front Street Nov. 13, 14
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, Nov. 13, at night
Burlington, Shiloah, Nov. 13
Alamance, Phillips Chapel, Nov. 19, 20
Main Street, Nov. 27, at 11 a. m.
West Durham, Nov. 27, at night

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.
J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.

THIRD ROUND.
Goldstone Maroneys, August 27, 28
Sampson, Bethel, September 3, 4
Fayetteville, Hay Street, September 10, 11

FOURTH ROUND.
Dunn, Sept. 25, 26.
Cokesbury, Cokesbury, Oct. 1, 2
Elise, Fyrs. Oct. 7
Carthage, Oct. 8, 9
Haw River, Bynum's, Oct. 14
Pittsboro, Zion, Oct, 15, 16
Siler City, Oct. 22, 23
Goldston, Oct. 23, 24
Jonesboro, Poplar springs, Oct. 28
Sanford, Oct. 29, 30
Hope Mills, Nov 5, 6
Newton Grove, Nov. 11
Duke, Benson, Nov. 12, 13
Buckhorn, Cokesbury, Oct. 18
Lillington, Nov. 19 20
Sampson, Andrews Chapel, Nov. 25
Fayetteville, Hay Street, Nov. 27
Fayetteville, Hoft's still, Nov. 27

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
S. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

FOURTH ROUND.
Onslow, Swanboro, September 3, 4
Scott's Hill, Acorn Branch, September 3, 4
New River, Turkey Creek, September 4
Burgaw, September 10, 11
Fifth Street, Sept. 18
Market Street, Sept. 18
Town Creek Zion, Sept. 21
Grace, September 25
Clinton, Keener, Oct. 1, 2
Bladen Circuit, Antioch, Oct. 7
Elizabeth, Wesley's, Oct. 8, 9
Magnolia Cs Jetou, Oct. 15, 16
Carro's Creek, Shiloah, Oct. 21
Whiteville, Cerro Gordo Oct. 22, 23
Shallotte Village, Oct. 28
Waccamaw, Bethel, Oct. 29, 30
Burgaw, Burgaw, Nov. 4
Kenansville Warsaw Nov. 5, 6
Onslow, Tabernacle Nov. 9
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Marriages

SPENCER—HARVEY.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Kate Harvey, in Kinston, N. C., October 4, 1904, by Rev. E. H. Davis. Mr. Thomas W. Spencer, of Hyde County, and Miss Bettie Harvey, of Kinston.

cKINNE — HART.—Miss Addie McKinne, daughter of D. E. and Mrs. Bettie McKinne, to Capt. Edgar L. Hart, of Wilmington, N. C., in the Methodist church at Princeton, N. C., on October 5th, by Rev. J. O. Guthrie.

BIDDLE—JONES.—On August 9, 1904, Miss Lillie E. Jones, of Norfolk, Va., and Mr. Robt. Biddle, of Norfolk, Va., at the residence of the bride's brother, W. F. Jones, of Elizabeth City, N. C., were married, Rev. J. E. Underwood, P. E., and Rev. W. F. Jones officiating.

Obituaries

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ELEANOR.—In Edgecombe County, N. C., near Whitaker, on the morning of July 3, 1904, the angel of death visited the home of Leroy and Nannie Eleanor and tore from them their only child, little Julian Eure, aged nine months and two days. He was sick some time before he died, and all was done that human skill can do, but God wanted the little sufferer to live with him. He was the life of the home; the fond parents almost idolized the dear little babe, but they yield submissively to God's will. While they mourn for their darling, they remember that he is waiting for them at the golden gate, and that when God sees best, He will take them to live with him who is "safe in the arms of Jesus."

MABLE BRITT.

SMITH.—Mrs. Kate Smith, wife of William J. Smith, Rowland, N. C., and sister of Rev. J. E. Thompson, of our Conference, was born August 30, 1842; married to Mr. Smith, her second husband, April 29, 1888. She died at her home in Rowland, N. C., September 12, 1904. She was converted at old Bethesda Church under the ministry of Rev. J. B. Martin, and united with the Methodist Church, remaining a consistent member more than fifty years to the day of her death. She loved her church and loved its founder. We miss her very much in our congregation.

She left a sure testimony of her abode. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." God bless the bereaved.

J. W. BRADLEY, P. C.

VINSON—Young D. Vinson was born February 13, 1871, married to Miss Laura Vick Eason on the 22d day of July, 1900; joined the Methodist Church, South, at Selma, under the ministry of Rev. K. D. Holmes some two years ago, and died October 5, 1904.

He leaves a tender and devoted wife, two small children, a brother, mother and three sisters.

Brother Vinson was a good man, true to his friends, his church, his family and his God.

He was patient in affliction and suffering. None of these things moved him nor did I ever hear one word of complaint from his lips.

He was charitable to the faults of others. I never heard him criticize any one adversely, nor did I ever hear any one speak disparingly of him. May God's blessings rest on those he has left behind.

J. O. GUTHRIE.

Smithfield Herald will please copy.

BOLING.—At the close of a beautiful Sabbath, September 25, 1904, Mrs. Julia A.. wife of Mr. J. W. Boling, went from this to a heavenly home.

She was sixty-four years old, having joined the Methodist church in chilhood, and remained a faithful member of same until death.

In her death the community has sustained an irreparable loss. Her neighbors all loved her, and her memory will ever be a precious heritage. She was ever ready to help when in her power to do good to any with whom she came in contact. Those who knew her best loved her most. She leaves a husband and two children (both married). Her devotion to her husband was ideal. She was his joy and comfort; and her love for her children was that which marks a good and faithful mother. May they look to the God of all grace for comfort; and may we all strive to meet her on that beautiful shore.

Her fond niece,
JULIA BERTHA LAWRENCE.

GOODMAN.—Jessie Page Goodman, infant daughter of Jas. O. and Sallie J. Goodman, of Roberdel, N. C., was born September 14, 1903, and died July 12, 1904, aged ten months and eight days.

Little Jessie was a very bright, sweet babe, and was the joy of the household, but God, who gave her, saw fit to remove her from among us and take her to Himself in heaven. Thus the parents and older children of this home have a new tie to bind their hearts to the good world. They have our sympathy in this their time of sorrow, and we earnestly pray God to give them grace to sustain them here and help them to endure this loss, and also prepare them for a reunion with their loved one beyond the last river, where sorrow and sighing will never come.

"Hope looks beyond the bounds of time
When what we now deplore
Shall rise in full immortal prime
And bloom to fade no more."

PASTOR.

ROGERS.—Fodie Y. Rogers was born December 2, 1873, near Rowland, N. C., and married April 15, 1891, to Mr. R. L. Rogers, and died at her home in Rowland, N. C., September 18, 1904. These dates mark the limits of a lovely and beautiful character. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Thompson, and was favored with kindly influences, both social and religious, from her early infancy. In her fourteenth year she openly accepted Christ as a personal Saviour and united with the Methodist church, South. She had much yet to live for. Her husband, a young business man of a most exemplary character, an official member of the Methodist church, measured up to the ideal of his devoted wife. They were so congenial. Five beautiful children (from eleven years down to eleven months of age), one brother, five sisters and a fond father and true devoted husband survive to mourn their irreparable loss. Amid such delightful surroundings of home life it was but natural that she should desire to live to train her children for usefulness here and heaven in the end. God's mysteries are past finding out. Despite the best trained nursing and medical skill, without shrinking or dread, she fell on sleep in Jesus at 4 o'clock on Sunday. Her spirit, doubtless, winged its way to the place where partings ne'er break up and Sabbaths have no end.

Heaven's smiles be with her sad and lonely husband and teach him how to be both father and mother for the little ones.

J. W. BRADLEY,
Patsor.

GILLAM.—Thomas Bland Gillam, son of Reuben and Elizabeth Gillam, was born in Virginia, December 14, 1820, and died at the home of his only daughter, Mrs. J. T. Wiggins, in Wilson, N. C., August 20, 1904, being eighty-three years, eight months and six days old.

Brother Gillam grew up to manhood with a well framed body, a good academic education and graduated from Randolph -Macon College. His early life was governed by pious parents, and he imbibed from them the principles of right doing which never left him.

He was converted at the age of fourteen and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in which he lived and labored for nearly seventy years. He was an intelligent Methodist, devoted to his church, always present at its services when possible, ready to serve in any and every capacity, and was a faithful, useful steward for a great many years and until his death.

He was particularly a faithful man, faithful to any and everything committed to him. His motto seems to have been—first, faithful and then successful.

Brother Gillam retired from business before I knew him and was then receiving every attention and kindness possible in the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wiggins, his son-in-law and daughter, and never did an old man receive more tender kindness than they gave Brother Gillam.

He was a Bible student throughout his religious life. He read much of it every day and carried a copy in his pocket. He knew much Scripture—could repeat some twenty chapters, besides multitudes of paragraphs and verses. His sight and hearing being impaired for several months before he died, he would sit for hours at a time and quote the Bible and tell me what comfort and strength he received thereby.

He was ripe in his Christian experience, and ready for the exchange of worlds, saying often how happy he would be.

His walk and conversation among these people for so many years has left an influence for good. He was a modest, unassuming man, a devoted follower of Christ, a great believer in his church, constantly doing good, and as far as possible to all men. His life and example will long be felt here. When it was told that "Uncle" Gillam was dead, many were the sad hearts in Wilson. He lived a long, happy and useful life, and died as quietly as a babe goes to sleep. "Blesed are the dead which die in the Lord."

ANDREW P. TYER.

CARROLL.—Mrs. Agnes Estelle Carroll was born March 5, 1865, and died at her home in Warsaw, N. C., September 13, 1904. One of the most choice characters that I have ever met thus went to her reward on the 13th of September.

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W. D. SASSER.

Resolutions of Respect.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased God in His all-wise providence to remove from our midst our beloved sister, Mrs. Emily Bridges; therefore be it

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2. That we bow submissively to Him who doeth all things well.

3. That we record our thanks to the giver of all good for her godly life, her countless deeds of charity and her triumphant death.

4. That we extend our sympathies to her sorely bereaved daughter and grand-children.

5. That these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of our Ladies' Aid Society, a copy sent to her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Goodwin and a copy forwarded to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

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McClure's for November.

McClure's for November is fairly athrill with the keenest interest in the world of men and things of to-day. In both article and story, it is not only pleasing but hewn close to the line of life. Indeed, McClure's seems to become constantly richer, more varied and more brilliant, as this number is well in evidence. Three great political articles especially distinguished the number at this time, and make most important contributions to the literature of the compaign. Vivid pen pictures of the two leading candidates are presented—Parker by ex-President Cleveland, Roosevelt by Senator Lodge; the first by the man whose own experience best qualifies him to speak with authority on the Presidency, the second a most interesting and searching glimpse of the real Roosevelt through the eyes of his long-time friend and political adviser. More new light, a sensational revelation, in fact, is shed by Ray Stannard Baker's researches into the records of the two candidates on the labor question. Though candidates and party managers are dumb, their records speak for them, and tell a story every voter will want to read—a story as interesting as it is important. Mr. Baker's rare power of vivifying facts never showed to greater advantage.

Stewart Edward White begins a new serial, "The Rawhide," like his other stories, full of the free air of the wilderness, poignant with its color and immensity. He has chosen for his present setting the wonderful desert of Arizona, and out of the long monotony of the simple lives of its people he evolves dramatic possibilities which promise a great story. His description of the desert, its meaning and its influence, in this first instalment shows him the master artist here, as in the forest and the mountains. It is illustrated by Maxfield Parrish.

The November number of "The Twentieth Century Home" is a superbly illustrated magazine, and its contents, for interest and variety, are on a par with the artistic side of this new and popular periodical. Some prominent features are "Some Fancy-Dress Balls in London," "Electricity as an Aid to Housekeeping," "Women Who Toil," and "The Homes of George Eliot." This is not taking into account the fiction, which includes a charmingly illustrated story by Florence Wilkinson entitled "The Gipsy Queen," as well as stories by Howard Markle Hoke, Tom Masson and Harriet Prescott Spofford. "The Twentieth Century Home" is primarily a magazine for women with large interests in life, who endeavor to make something of themselves, and therefore it gives considerable attention to means of commercial activity within and outside the home. This month we note at least four articles of this nature, "Why Women Fail in Business," by Elizabeth M. Gilmer; "Is Work Inimical to Beauty?" by Mrs. Wilson Woodrow; "Artistic Bookbinding for Women," and "A Woman's Farm." The desire of every woman for personal details is gratified by sketches of Mr. and Mrs. William Faversham in their Surrey home, and Julia Cooley, the extraordinary child-poet, now only eleven years of age, but already occupying a place on library shelves. Richard Le Gallienne has written a very sympathetic and appreciative account of her personality and work, while Elia W. Peattie does the same for Rose Cecil O'Neill, the popular illustrator. The useful and home-helping departments are up to their usual high standard.

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THE DUTY OF BECOMING USELESS.

In a late article in the Sunday School Times, written by Robert E. Speer, is found this statement: "Our highest duty is to make ourselves useless." Mr. Speer received the idea from H. Clay Trumbull under the following circumstances, described in Mr. Speer's own words: "I remember a few years ago I had letters and telegrams from the Sunday-school Times asking me to come and see them on a business matter. I was shown into Dr. Trumbull's office, and for nearly an hour I enjoyed the privilege of an interview. Delighted, but fearful that I might wear out my welcome, I drew from my pocket the telegram, and handing it to him, said: "You sent for me; you wanted to see me on business." He read the telegram, and from beneath his bushy black eyebrows, gave me a curious glance, and said: "I was writing an editorial the other day on 'The Duty of Becoming Useless.'" I interrupted him and said: "You mean, 'The Duty of Becoming Useful.'" I saw by the look on his face that he had some thought in his mind that I had not grasped, so I sat and listened, as he gave me the purport of that editorial. Then handing me the telegram, he said: "I am going to die some day, and I am trying to make myself useless."

Mr. Trumbull meant that he was trying to live so that his death might not interrupt the work in which he was engaged. So he was training his son and his son-in-law to take up the duties which death would require him to give up.

There is a great deal in this startling, seemingly heterodox thought. It is our duty not only to perform well the duties which have been placed in our hands, but to so perform them that the performance of those duties may not be interrupted at death, but may pass for performance into other hands. We wonder if this double responsibility is properly appreciated? The usual idea is that our responsibility ends with the simple performance of the duties of life. How few realize that we are to see it that those duties may pass safely from our hands into the hands of others.

This thought is the basis of life insurance. Every one who has the physical sustenance of human beings to provide for is under a moral obligation to take advantage of that which, after the death of the provider, takes his place. Every sound life insurance company offers the substitute, and no one should be slow in accepting it by taking out a policy.

The principle is used in many of the best business houses. We are acquainted with a bank president who is so well equipped as a business man that he is competent to manage any large banking institution in the metropolis. His policy is to make his employes, from cashier down, interchange duties occasionally so that any of them may be able to take the place of another in case he should be absent. Each employe is taught to become useless as occasion may demand. We presume that the same is true in a large number of business houses.

The preacher who holds on as long as possible to the old stewards without utilizing new material as opportunity may allow; or who asks to lead in prayer only those who have been praying in public for a long time, and never "breaks in" a new man is certainly making a mistake the germ of which is a failure to teach his people in a practical way the duty of becoming useless. Death and other removing occasions will come and there is a gap which is hard to fill which in a mute pleading way sometimes calls during long years for the one who made himself useful and whose place cannot be filled.

The same is true of every Sunday-school. There should always be a superintendent and teachers in training, so that when the old sloughs off, the new flesh may take its place.

There is a great deal in the old exhortation, "carpe diem"—"seize the present," which means that we should keep our eyes and hearts on the present duty. But there is every whit as much in "vide futurum," which may mean, "use the present so that the future, as far as continuity of personal usefulness is concerned, may take the place of the present." Be useful constantly, energetically, enthusiastically, and with the idea that your work may go on after the tired hands shall have relaxed their grasp. Thus will you prepare for that uselessness which is the badge of a well spent life.

The North Carolina Board of Health has issued a very valuable pamphlet entitled, "Causes and Prevention of Consumption," and this pamphlet should be very widely circulated, and if necessary, forced on the attention of the people. After giving some very important facts on the subject of consumption in general way, the pamphlet gives some specific rules of conduct for the prevention of the disease. The main rule is this: The sputum of a consumptive should always be destroyed before it can dry and assume the form of dust. This brings us to the reflection that all the specific rules may be obeyed, and yet, if a town or city has no regular effective way of allaying dust on the streets, the disease will thrive in spite of all the warning of the physicians and the precaution of the friends and relatives of the patients. The necessity of keeping the streets sprinkled has never yet been fully appreciated by our towns and cities. The idea seems to be that sprinkling should be done in July and August to temper the atmosphere. The real benefit of street sprinkling is keeping down the dust which is more irritating than heat and far more dangerous.

The second Sunday in December was set apart by vote to present in all our city churches the proposition of the St. Louis Christian Advocate to give one dollar on each subscription to the widows and orphans and superannuates.

Our Mission Board has authorized the opening of a new preaching appointment at Jovallanos, Cuba. The new work is among the best and most prosperous people of the town, and will be in charge of Rev. F. Diaz, of Colon, Cuba.

The union evangelistic meetings in the several churches in Atlanta have gone forward during the past week with increasing crowds attending the services, and with deepening spiritual results.

The Christian in Politics.

"We are asked whether Christians should be politicians. We reply by asking another question: Should politicians be Christians?" That significant sentence, quoted from a pamphlet by Herbert Spencer's uncle, in a recent article in The British Weekly, to our mind puts the whole case in a nutshell. Christian men ought to be politicians, because politicians ought to be Christian men. Unless Christian men go into politics, politicians will not be Christian men. We are complaining to-day—and we certainly have ample, and more than ample, reasons for complaint—of the low moral standards obtaining in public life. We ought to do something more than complain. We ought to do our best to remedy the evil. And we can never do our best to remedy the evil till we take our individual share in public business, and add the increment of our own highest principle and utmost rectitude of conduct to the sum total of the forces that make for righteousness in the Commonwealth.

In this free country every man counts one. He has a share in the responsibility—he cannot shirk that, though he may shirk the consequent duty—of carrying on the business of the country. It is the responsibility of a unit only, it is true, but the country is governed by units in aggregation. A vote is the net result of a man's conscientious convictions and highest judgment and best information, embodying his will as to how the country should be governed, and cast for the measures and the men most approving themselves to him. A vote, therefore, represents a man's manhood, it represents him and the best there is in him, in active effort for his country's weal. The more thoughtful and observant and conscientious a man is, the more valuable his vote is to his country, and the more imperative it is that he should use it. In war it is the man behind the gun that does the work; in politics it is the man behind the vote. It is becoming more and more the chief point in the training of an army that each man should be an accurate marksman, so that in actual battle he may shoot to kill; it is becoming more and more a point in the training of a self-governing people that the individual voter should be high-principled, well-informed, and well-balanced, so that he may aim straight, and place his ballot where it will do most good for the country generally.

These are days to arouse Christian men to make their influence felt. There is sore need of a revolution, a revolution in which the best elements of our communities, rather than those not the best, should be most active in our political meetings, and most potential in all the movements which control our public life. And the only possible way to bring this about is for the best people, the men from Christian churches and Christian homes, to take the place which is theirs by every right, and assume the responsibility they have in too many cases sought to evade, and do their duty as citizens and as men. The need of the country is that clean, strong men, men of conscience, character and courage, should throw themselves more and more into the very vortex of politics. We have such men. We have many such men. We have more of such men, thank God, than of any other. But their weight is not what it ought to be in our public life, because they have not been aroused and impassioned to throw that weight into the scale, as it might and ought to be thrown. "We are asked whether Christians should be politicians. We reply by asking another question: Should politicians be Christians?" The conclusion is irresistible.

From October 1, 1903, to October 1, 1904, 2,370 new subscribers went on the mailing list of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, the North Georgia Conference sending 1,330, the South Georgia Conference sending 786; the balance came from outside the State.

FROM NORFOLK TO DENVER VIA WORLD'S FAIR.

BY REV. A. J. PARKER.

My last Quarterly Conference granted me a month's rest. About that time, at the request of our District Conference, my Presiding Elder detached me from my work for a month and appointed me financial agent for the Albemarle High School, in Elizabeth City, N. C. Rev. C. R. Taylor had charge of the station in my absence. At the close of my month's work, the Board of Directors voted me a complimentary trip to the World's Fair.

With a month's rest, and some one to fill the pulpit in my absence, and my expenses paid, I made preparations to see the Fair. August 30th, at 7.40 p. m., wife and I left Norfolk on the Norfolk and Western train bound for St. Louis. When morning dawned we found ourselves in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The day was dark and a fog covered the mountains, so we could see only the dim outline of the great hills. The train hurried on through the fertile valley, beyond the Blue Ridge. Almost before we realized it, we found ourselves climbing the Alleghanies. The mist had cleared away and the day was fine. Our route was through the immense coal fields of West Virginia. Coke ovens and mining fixtures were on every hand. Millions of tons of coal are taken from these hills every year. Is the supply inexhaustible, or will the day come when we will have to substitute something else? A short stop at Columbus, Ohio, just long enough to wash off the smut and the dirt, for the weather was warm and dry, and we were off again. This time it was a Vandalia train. All the morning we were passing through the great corn fields of Indiana and Illinois. At 2.30 p. m., we stepped off the train in the Union Depot in St. Louis. Such crowds of men and women! Everybody had started, it seemed, in the opposite direction, and all wanted to ask a question at the Information Bureau. It is wonderful how the railroads can handle such immense crowds of people and so few get hurt.

Before night-fall, we had secured a nice room and settled down for business. For five days we did our best to see the Fair. The exhibits are fine. The half has not been told. To think of a single building that covers twenty acres of ground —room enough to raise 150 barrels of corn. I shall not undertake a description of the Exposition. To appreciate it one must see it. What a pity to tear these great buildings down! They look as though they ought to stand for years to come.

From St. Louis, we turned our faces westward, and continued the journey. Boarding a train on the Chicago and Alton Road, at 9.45 p. m., we spent the night on the train, and reached Kansas City about breakfast time. Here we changed cars, had a few hours to wait, and an opportunity to see something of the city. At 10.50, we resumed our journey, this time over the Southern Pacific. The country through which we passed was full of interest. Our line of travel lay along the Kaw River valley. Judging from the amount of water in the river, it was a peaceable and well-behaved stream, not larger than one of North Carolina's small creeks. But one does not go far before he discovers the marks of terrible floods. A gentleman boarded the train at a little station, and took a seat in front of me. I plied him with questions, and he seemed willing to answer. He informed me that the deep gullies which were to be seen on either side, partially filled with water, were the effects of the terrible flood of two years ago. He showed me where his own house had once stood, and gave me an account of the narrow escape of himself and family from the angry waters. I suppose the valley was fifteen miles wide at this point. For more than one hundred miles the marks remained. Even the cities have not yet obliterated its trail. Lower Topeka still has houses in ruins as a reminder of the awful flood. Finally, we emerged from the valley and came out on the broad, rolling prairie lands of Kansas. Great fields of corn, as far as the eye could see, stretched away in every direction, and as best I was able to judge, there was a good crop. The farmers were busy cutting and stacking alfalfa for winter use. There was every appearance of thrift, buildings were nicely painted and flowers bloomed in plenty. Soon night came down and shut out the light, and we enjoyed a nap. We awoke in the morning amid very different surroundings. We found ourselves in Eastern Colorado. My watch was one hour too fast. This was the second time I had to turn it back to be in keeping with my surroundings. Here we were, watching the sun rise over this desolate looking country, when it had been shining on North Carolina for two hours. Nearly two hundred miles of this region stretches itself out before we reach Denver. The only sign of life was the numerous colonies of prairie dogs and an occasional coyote, skulking behind a bunch of cattle that were feeding on the short buffalo grass which grows on this arid land. Neighbors live from ten to thirty miles apart, while here and there three or four houses would be bunched together. Often as I looked from the car window, over what seemed to be an endless stretch of land, not a house, bush or any living thing could I see—not even an English sparrow nor a grasshopper.

As we neared Denver, things took on a different appearance. Patches of growing stuff were to be seen on every hand. The ranchmen were busy getting ready for winter, which is near at hand. The farmers do not depend on the clouds to water their crops, but upon a system of irrigating ditches, some of which must be more than a hundred miles in length. The big ditch began up in the mountains and was gradually brought down to the plains. If a hill was encountered, they cut through it; if a valley, they either boxed up this big ditch and put it on a trestle or a high embankment. From this one big ditch many small ones convey the water to the fields. After a ride of more than twenty-three hundred miles, we reached Denver, the metropolis of the Middle West.

IN AND AROUND DENVER, AND THE RETURN HOME.

Situated at the junction of the South Platte River and Cherry Creek, with the Rocky Mountains in full view on the west, Pike's Peak on the south and the rolling prairie on the east, with her numerous parks, artificial lakes and public buildings, Denver is a picturesque city. It has about 175,000 inhabitants and more than five hundred miles of streets. The largest smelters in the world are here. About fifteen miles west of Denver is the town of Golden that was at one time the capitol of the State and marks the place where gold was first discovered in Colorado.

A run of fifty miles over the Colorado and Southern Railroad, up Clear Creek valley, brought us to Silver Plume, ten thousand feet above the sea level. The scenery along this route is the best I ever saw. It is wild in the extreme. Between Georgetown and Silver Plume the grade is so steep and crooked one can look back from the car window and see five tracks and four bridges. Old Mother Grundy, with her head three thousand feet above us, seemed to be standing guard over our passing train, while Hanging Rock, which was as tall, seemed to threaten to crush us as we passed beneath its dark form. At Silver Plume there were a large number of burros, ready saddled, awaiting a rider. Climbing on foot was hard work, and I really felt like riding, but fearing that some officer would catch me for cruelty to animals, I did not try it. Clear Creek valley is full of people, and every fellow seems to have a hole in the side of some hill from which he is constantly adding to the world's supply of precious metals. I saw a snow storm on September 16th, and plenty of snow on Gray's peaks.

One afternoon while in Denver, I had the pleasure of spending an hour or two walking through the Globe smelter. There were great baking ovens for the rock after it had been ground to powder by ponderous machines. From here it was taken to a place where it was melted and the mixed metals, lead, copper, gold and silver were separated from the rock and moulded into lead "pigs" weighing one hundred and twenty pounds each, and worth from fifteen to fifty dollars apiece. The first man I met, I asked him some questions about his work. He replied in a foreign language. My second and third effort resulted likewise. It was all Dutch to me.

On Sunday morning I attended the Galilee Baptist Church. The pastor is a born Englishman who has religion. The services was spiritual and full of enthusiasm. That church has produced seven missionaries within the past two years, most of whom are in China. At night, I went to the Trinity Methodist Church and heard Dr. Warner, the new Presiding Elder. The service was very formal. There was a lack of spiritual fervor. The building was one of the largest and best-equipped I was ever in. The choir had room for more than a hundred persons. The organ was an immense affair, presided over by a man who seemed to know his business. They paid a salary of $3,000 to the pastor last year, $700 for a private secretary to the pastor, $500 to the organist, and I do not know how much to special singers. Their Annual Conference had been held just one week, and this church, with all its fine equipment, was left to be supplied. In conversation with some of the city pastors, I found that the removal of the time limit in thier judgment had hurt the church.

Denver has no Sabbath. Of course there are thousands of people in the city who are strict observers of the Sabbath, but as a people, it is ignored. Business, recreation and dissipation have the right of way. On my way to church Sunday morning, I saw men engaged in their usual avocations. One man was building a fence around his yard. Another was clearing the street of fallen leaves in front of his home. Another was watering his lawn. Another was selling groceries. Saloons were wide open. Clothing stores were doing good business. Automobile parties, with fishing tackle, were out for a day's fishing. Some returned home with gun and game in the afternoon. In fact, every fellow who wanted to do so opened his place of business on Sunday. At night I passed the doors of a theatre. People were crowding in. When I got to church there was plenty of room. That large, well-equipped building, with a new Presiding Elder (and it had been announced in the papers he would preach that night), was not a fourth full, although it was a moonlight night and as beautiful and pleasant as it well could be. The congregation was seventy-five per cent women. All day Sunday the street cars were crowded with people hurrying to some vaudeville, matinee, park, or some other place of recreation or dissipation. I fear if the Christians of our Southland do not pay more attention to the demands of the Sabbath, that the day is not far distant when this Western Sabbath desecration will be upon us in full force. What mean these Sunday excursions? Sunday mails? Sunday travel on business? We are opening the door. Let us take God's Word as our guide and see to it that we keep the Sabbath ourselves, and then we will be in a position to compel the other fellow to keep it too. The preacher who travels on a Sunday train is in poor plight to preach to others about keeping God's holy day.

On our way back home we stopped off at Dublin, Ind., where eighteen years ago I was a school boy. We spent several days in the home of Mr. A. Langston, who was formerly of Hertford County, N. C. He went West years ago and married. He has raised a nice family of boys, and is getting along well in the world. He has recently built him a new circular barn eighty feet in diameter. To me it was rather a curiosity. The roof is self-supporting, without even wind beam or a post to keep it from falling. The town of Dublin has changed some. The old school building remains the same. The boys and girls of eighteen years ago are scattered. Of my class, three are preachers, some are physicians, some are teachers, some railroad men and some, I fear, have not amounted to very much. I found a few familiar faces that still remain around the old town. On Sunday morning I visited the Sunday-school in the Methodist church, and took a seat in the class of which I was a member in the days that are gone. Only one of the old class remains. I had the pleasure of preaching to them at 11 o'clock. I found Brother Waters, the pastor, an enthusiastic missionary worker. The charge paid the pastor $600 and furnished him a parsonage, and he informed me the charge was supporting three native pastors in the foreign field. I said nothing, but I could not help feeling that his congregation was doing more than many of ours, who, to my knowledge, have better opportunities. Here, as in Denver, the men were absent. How times have changed since I was there! On Sunday afternoon the young people of the town usually have a base-ball game.

On Sunday night I preached for the Quakers at Hopewell church. This, to me, was a novel experience. The Quakers of Northampton County, where I was born, would not permit a hymn-book or organ in their church—not even a hymn to be sung—if they could prevent it, and the idea of a "hired" preacher was ridiculed. But here at Hopewell I found it all. The pastor insisted on my preaching, and never said a word about whether the Spirit moved me or not.

I also visited the city schools in Cambridge City, Ind. Here I saw a negro boy and a white boy studying out of the same book. I felt like introducing a "Jim Crow" law then and there, but as I was a visitor, I said nothing about it. The superintendent insisted that I should make a short address, which I did, taking for my subject, Sir Walter Raleigh and Roanoke Island. On my way back to Norfolk, we had to wait one whole afternoon in Columbus, Ohio, for our train. We spent the time in seeing the city. The first place at which we stopped was the penitentiary. It is a walled city within a city. There is not much done in the way of work, except manufacturing, and usually this some iron product. The uniform worn is a gray woollen suit with a small black stripe down the leg of the trousers. The guide took us past the chair in which seventeen men had been electrocuted. The chair and apparatus looked very substantial, but none of the party seemed anixous to take a seat in it. We saw the cell where General Johnson was confined during the Civil War, and the place where the tunnel was, through which he and his men escaped. The prisoners, in the main, seemed to be well fed and cared for. As I came out, and was standing on the porch of the large stone building which constitutes the entrance, I saw a prisoner on the outside without a guard. I stepped up to what I supposed was a uniformed officer and inquired if that was usual. He said it was. I remarked: "I should think he would skip." "Why," he says, "man, I am a life prisoner, myself." He then showed me several, he said fifteen or twenty, on the outside where there was no guard, at work, as porters, messenger boys, guides and the like. It seemed strange to me, but there it was. I suppose the negro population of Ohio is less than 3 per cent, and yet of the fourteen hundred and eighty-six prisoners in the institution, 27 per cent of them are negroes. I could not help but think that their peculiar social advantages, in that great State, had not had the desired effect. One lady bought a gold souvenir of one of the prisoners on the inside. After she had gotten out, she discovered that it was brass. She was making complaint to one of the guides on the outside, who called her attention to the fact that she had bought it in the penitentiary of a thief. She went away feeling that prison life had not reformed that man.

We next visited the State Hospital for the Insane, but arrived too late in the day to see much of this great institution. By the kindness of one Mr. Baron, a Georgian by birth, we saw the eleven hundred insane march into their supper. The sill measure of this one building is more than a mile and a half in length.

We returned to the station, ate our supper and were soon hurrying toward the east. After a stay of one month and two days, we returned to Roanoke Island to take up our work among as loyal and big-hearted people as any Methodist preacher serves.

"Let Us Do Evil That Good May Come."

REV. W. A. BETTS.

Mr. Editor:—The above heresy, like a fretting sore, is eating its way into the body politic and threatens to corrupt most wofully our American civilization. The infection is rapidly doing its direful work. Cases are of too frequent occurrence to regard the stage as simply sporadic; it is epidemic and the situation demands that vigorous and effective treatment be applied for repressing the frightful contagion—a leprosy malignant indeed.

In his espistle to the Roman (3:8) the Apostle Paul characterizes clearly and with drastic severity condemns the all too prevalent custom to-day of seeking to accomplish desirable ends by the use of wrong means. The shockingly common practice of wreaking vengeance upon a culprit by infuriated friends of the injured party, ignoring the solemn warnings of Holy Writ and despising the mandates of civil government, must cease among us, else we are destined to speedily become anarchists of a most despicable type, inviting self-destruction. The serious cartoonist of our times might appropriately portray for our admonition the disastrous drama of the Kilkenny cats, with the humor left out.

The condition that confronts us calls for careful and devout consideration of the duty of the hour. It is a momentous matter by every token. In the present-day method of taking the law into its own hands by an aroused and passionate populace, there is an awful peril seen only by our sanest and conservative citizens. Many of them have spoken out, but their voices erving in the wilderness of our unrestrained wrath have been unheeded, unheard—while arrogating to ourselves the authority of divinity, saying, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay."

Repeat with earnest emphasis your own trumpet notes of warning, Mr. Editor, and still urge the press and pulpit of the land to action in suppressing the unlawful and destructive policy so prevalent of doing evil that good may come.

Prompt measures are required, not words alone, forasmuch as the civic and moral institutions ureared by our fathers (under divine direction, let us believe) are tottering to their ruin.

Oliver Goldsmith, in his "Vicar of Wakefield," pertinently says: "In all human institutions a smaller evil is allowed to procure a greater good; as, in politics, a province may be given away to secure a kingdom; in medicine, a limb may be lopped off to preserve the body; but in religion, the law is written and inflexible, never to do evil. And this law, my child, is right; for otherwise, if we commit a smaller evil to procure a greater good, certain guilt would be thus incurred, in the expectation of contingent advantage; and though the advantage should certainly follow, yet the interval between commission and advantage, which is allowed to be guilty, may be that in which we are called away to answer for the things we have done, and the volume of human actions is closed forever."

May not there be infused, therefore, a modicum of the "written" law of religion into politics with profit? Salt, confessedly, is good, and it has not, in this climate surely, yet loss its saltness. The difficulty chiefly lies in getting it applied directly to the spot where its antiseptic effect is needed.

Nothing short of personal, partisan effort in seeking out and saving our well-meaning, but sadly deluded fellow-citizens from their manifest error, will meet the case. It is the Master's method. An ardent office-seeker will spend months and much money on a still-hunt campaign and button-hole every voter diligently in the interest of his candidacy. A like zeal and pertinacity in the cause herein advocated would accomplish beneficent results beyond a doubt.

Let the true patriot, then, as a guardian of his country's welfare, strive in every practicable way to secure the arrest of any current sentiment that prompts to wicked action among mankind by ceaselessly inculcating motives that are pure and true. He may not longer, like Cain, insolently exclaim, "Am I my brother's keeper?" and hope to escape the penalty of his criminal neglect. It were to encourage the accumulation of a flood that will inevitably inundate his own best interests. Herein operates a universal and righteous law of social ethics, namely, in saving others we save ourselves.

California Letter.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—I have just been changed from Lakeport, Cal., to Wheatland, Cal.; so I hope you will see to it that the Raleigh Advocate finds us there. No other paper can take its place; its the link that binds us still to our "first love" (the North Carolina Conference). We read it and live over the past, and with old friends of other days. As a paper, the Raleigh is inferior to no other of the Advocate family; but to us, it is also a kind of love-letter from home.

Fifteen years ago we turned our face Westward, and started for the front. Here we have found friends, but churches, pointed the lost to a better life, and in it all have spent many precious hours in living and laboring for God and the church. Yet, we talk and think of home, and about Conference times—even sigh for the privilege of taking once more an appointment in the North Carolina Conference.

Thanking you for your kindness for sending us the "Old Raleigh" in the past, and believing you will still do so, I remain, as ever,

Your brother, W. F. COFFIN.

A Few Shams.

Is our religion too clamorous, or are we growing old? We tired of shouting when a boy. Too much fuss for the outcome of it. "Shallow brooks make the more babbling," used to say my good old mother. Father said: "The worst wheel in the wagon makes the most noise." Jesus said: "Not every one that sayeth, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom." Doing a thing is better than promising to do it, and it is modest not to boast of a thing even after it is done. And, as to delighting to serve God, the best proof o fthat is keeping at it.

Some preachers are anxions to keep in the papers. The reporters tell, as Conferences come on, how certain important churches are seeking the Rev. A. How do newspaper reporters get such secrets? Who could guess? If the reverend leaves town a day, the paper tells it. How does the paper keep so well posted. Who could guess? There is a sketch of Rev. A.'s last Sunday morning sermon in the paper. But the paper had no reporter at the church. Strange, isn't it? "Do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites." Does that avoly to preaching as well as to giving alms? But there is a modern maxim: "He that bloweth not his own horn, for him shall not the horn be blown."

At the close of one of his eloquent sermons, Rev. A. steps to the chancel to receive the congratulations of his people. He observes this as an afterlude to his order of worship. The pressure of kid gloves and the compliments of elegant ladies are very grateful to him. This thing is not put down in our order of worship, even among the things that are optional. Is it spiritually healthy? What if fulsome compliments should become more pleasing to the preacher than the tears of penitents and the groanings of true contrition?—Arkansas Methodist.

Our Boys and Girls

Almost a Man.

I don't wear dresses any more—
  See my coat and breeches,
Cuffs and collar; pockets, too,
  Made with many stitches.
I must have a watch and chain,
A silk umbrella and a cane.
No more kilts and skirts for me.
I'm a big boy, don't you see

You can give away my dresses,
  And my other baby clothes.
Give away my horse with rockers;
  I want one that really goes:—
But two nice goats, I guess, will do!
And I want a carriage, too;
No more chairs hitched up for me.
I'm too big for that, you see!

I think I'll give my picture books
  To little sister Mary;
I'll go to school and learn to read
  In the big dictionary;
Or, maybe, in g'ography,
Or, 'rithmetic, or history;
They're just about the size for me.
For I'm a big boy, you see?
—Selected.

Such a Little Thing.

Margaret was in despair when she found that her brother had not mailed her letter three days before. He thought he had it safe with all the rest, but that very morning she had found it between the lining of his coat and the pocket, and now it was too late to hope that the caterer could fill her order. It did not improve her temper to be told that she had promised to mend the coat three weeks before, but Tom would hardly have been a boy if he had not reminded her of that when she scolded about the letter.

"Don't cry," consoled Aunt Agnes; "we'll get along somehow."

"That's what you always say," wept Margaret, "but it won't do in this case. Those boys and girls are used to all sorts of elegance, and I wanted to show them that I know how to entertain, too. I can never get my order to the city in time for the morning train to-morrow, and the whole thing will be a failure."

"Nonsense!" said Aunt Frances. "We have a whole day to get ready in, and you will say to-morrow that we can do better than any city caterer."

"I suppose we will have to make some preparation," said Margaret, with a heavy frown. "I wish I had never invited them, but every one else has entertained, and I must, too. Thank goodness, they'll only be here from ten till four."

That was a busy day in the Croft kitchen. Mrs. Croft made cake. Margaret decocrated the old house with flowers and vines, and Aunt Agnes attended to countless duties everywhere. By 4 o'clock a row of good things stood upon the pantry shelf, and everything was in readiness for the finishing touches in the morning. Margaret was still in a bad humor, and predicted failure for the modest little picnic on the next day. She had graduated with a city class of boys and girls, and each one had given a picnic or party for the rest during the senior year in high school. Margaret had looked forward all winter to the time when she could entertain with a picnic on her father's lawn, followed by a trip on the river, back of the house, in the new steam launches a city company had placed there, but all her hopes were dashed to the ground when her letter ordering the lunch from the city had not been mailed, and the launches had all been engaged for the day by another picnic party. Altogether, she felt very much abused, and almost wished it might rain too hard for the class to come.

"What a delightful place!" cried one and all as Margaret welcomed the class under the big elm trees. Instead of the new dress made for the occasion, she wore a simple frock, and was glad of it when she saw the sensible clothes of her guests. "Let us help get the dinner," they proposed, as Aunt Agnes began setting the table out of doors.

In a short time the whole party was as merry and as busy as bees. The boys donned aprons, and made salad, and the girls helped with every task till the long table fairly groaned with good things. Then Mr. and Mrs. Croft, the guests, Aunt Agnes, and all the little ones, sat down to eat together. Instead of a force of trained waiters, as Margaret had planned, every one helped, and fun reigned. Back and forth, from kitchen to lawn they scurried, and some of the boys took pieces of cake or chicken in their hands as they did errands, so hungry did the country air make them. The home-made cake and ice cream vanished like magic, and long and loud were the compliments the feast received.

"The best dinner I ever had," sighed one boy, looking regretfully at an unfinished piece of cake. "Margaret, you have treated us royally. Our little endeavors are far in the shade after to-day."

"I must tell you that it isn't my fault," said Margaret, with glowing cheeks. "I felt very badly at not being able to have the lunch sent from the city."

"From the city?" groaned the guests; "we are tired of everything from the city!"

So Margaret learned an important lesson that beautiful summer day. She found out that money does not always buy happiness, and that well-bred young people never criticised their entertainers. Often when I see young girls fretting because they can only give simple parties and picnics, I wish they might realize that simple pleasures are, after all, the most appropriate for boys and girls. The dainty refreshments, home-grown flowers, and hearty welcome are worth as much in their way, and often more, than the hired orchestra, elaborate menu, and hot-house roses. Never to go beyond one's means is a safe rule in entertaining and in everything else. Good sense and good cheer go hand in hand, and the young folks who know this are the happiest.—Hilda Richmond, in Religious Telescope.

Cheepy, the Squirrel.

"Fred, do come and see Cheepy. For once I have found him quiet," called Ethel.

Cheepy, you will like to know at once, was a dear little English squirrel. His coat was of reddish brown and his waisteoat a soft white. Ethel often wondered of which Cheepy was the most proud, his soft white waisteoat or his busy tail, that he wore as a plume.

"Hello, Cheepy!" cried Fred, running up, "will you have a nut this morning?"

"Thank you," looked Cheepy's bright little eyes, as he sat up nibbling the nut held between his forepaws.

"He is not always as lively as usual, is he, Fred? Do you think he likes to have food brought to him? Wouldn't he rather go to market for himself?"

"I think he would enjoy nothing better than scampering up and down trees and leaping from one to another, only pausing to gather nuts as he went. Squirrels are such lively, active little things, you know, Ethel."

"They are thrifty, too, aren't they, storing up food for the winter?"

"And, then, think of the feasts they have when they wake up from time to time during their long naps," said Fred. "Perhaps Cheepy would invite his relatives to dine with him."

"Has he many relatives, Fred?" asked Ethel.

"Oh, yes; his family is a large one and they are very sociable little folks, especially the flying squirrels."

"Flying squirrels," said Ethel, in surprise. "I did not know that squirrels can fly. Are they as large as Cheepy?"

"No; they are only four or five inches in length. Big-eyed, graceful little sprites they are, and how they do enjoy sailing through the air!

"They seem to have sailing parties. A hundred or more of them travel together, and it is a pleasure just to watch their enjoyment of the trip."

"But how do they fly?" asked Ethel.

"They have a deep fold a skin, like a fringe, along each side of their bodies. It connects the fore and hind feet, and when the squirrels jump the folds stretch out and support them in the air."

"It must be fun to go visiting that way," said Ethel, "especially if papa squirrel and mamma squirrel and all the children squirrels catch hands."

"Then think of the homeward journey and of getting six or seven baby squirrels into bed. That many live in one nest, Ethel. Comfortable nests the squirrels have, too, as you would believe of such thrifty and careful housekeepers. But would you have thought that when the little ones grow up they crowd the nest so that the old folks have to leave?"

Ethel thought it was sad for the old squirrels to be forced out of their own home, but Fred told her that they like to build new nests, and then the little ones will have to do the same work when they grow up; that is, if they live long enough, so they all have the same experiences.—Selected.

Once Bit, Twice Shy.

"Many happy returns of the day, darling!"

Erica opened her eyes and sat up in bed wide-awake.

"Oh," she cried, "is this really my birthday, after all?"

"Here's a present from Uncle Jack."

Erica opened the basket and gave a surprised scream, for out tumbled a fat, white terrier puppy.

"I think we must call him 'Bounce,'" said the mother. "He rolls about just like a ball."

All Erica's other presents were quite put in the shade of her live toy, and she and the puppy became devoted playmates.

One day, after lunch, she had been giving Bounce biscuits, which rapidly disappeared, and he still begged for more. She was alone in the dining-room, and looked anxiously round to see what could be found. Her eye fell upon the mustard pot.

"O, Bouncy, dear?" she cried, "you shall have a treat! Here's something lovely. Come, I will feed you." And suiting the action to the words, she thrust a spoonful of mustard into puppy's mouth.

The next instant the whole household was alarmed by piercing screams and howls proceeding from the dining-room. Round and round rushed poor Bounce, burnt and terrified, as though he had gone mad, and down on the floor sat Erica, still grasping the fatal spoon, tears of alarm running down her face.

"She has been feeding the dog with mustard," said her father, unable to control his laughter, as he caught up the poor howling puppy and wiped away at its mouth, which was literally smeared inside and out. "Oh, baby, baby, how could you be so cruel?"

"Jam," wailed Erica—"nice jam, and he didn't like it! I won't give him any more."

Poor little Bounce! It was "once bit, twice shy." For many a day he remembered how his little mistress had fed him with a spoon, and often when her arms were tightly clasped around his fat body he trembled lest some other dreadful experience awaited him.

But Erica had hurt him from ignorance and tried hard to atone for her mistake.—Child's Companion.

The Cocoon.

They were playing in the garden
When the baby chanced to spy
A little silken roll of white
Tucked in the wall close by.
The ruthless baby fingers
Would have torn it from its bed.
Wise little brother Ronald
With reverent accent said,
"No, no, don't touch it, baby;
For, when he went to sleep,
He thought the heavenly Father
Safe care of him would keep."
—Adelaide Denning Newton, in Christian Register.

Trouble plus worry will not give less worry. There is no rule in arithmetic by which two factors can be added together and a diminished result obtained.

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Week of Prayer.

Mrs. Swindell, our Conference Corresponding Secretary, has arranged a program for the daily services of prayer week from the one in our Woman's Advocate, making such additions and changes as she thought would be best.

This program, with her article on the importance of the week of prayer, should have appeared in last week's Advocate, but came too late for publication.

We trust all the Auxiliaries will use this program, and listen carefully to Mrs. Swindell's excellent advice. Only one change will have to be made, and that is in the date:

The Week of Prayer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference begins Tuesday, November 1, 1904, 3 o'clock, p. m.

Meetings are to be held every afternoon up to and including Friday.

The Auxiliaries that find it more convenient can observe Thanksgiving week. The others are requested to use the first instead of the last week in November.

We regard this as one of the most important meetings of the year, and so we appeal to each number of every auxiliary to let nothing preventable hinder your daily attendance upon these meetings.

The good accomplished by this Week of Prayer is incomputable. 'Tis a Pentecost; for, while praying for others, a reflex blessing comes down upon our own souls, and our spiritual strength is renewed, our armor is burnished, and we go out from these meetings freshly panoplied for war—war with the enemy of souls—with the tempter who fails not to use every opportunity to obstruct the path of missionary workers. But thanks to Him who giveth us the victory, the conquest is easy to her whose soul has had an infilling of the Spirit during this blessed week.

This meeting at the altar to join in one common prayer—this communion of soul with soul, this union of interest and work, gives a warmth and glow to the heart that isolated effort lacks.

Is there one among us who does not need this?

God help us to be diligent attendants of and participants in these meetings for prayer and thanksgiving.

PROGRAM.

Tuesday, November 1, 1904, 3 p. m.—Hymn, "Try Us, O God, and Search the Ground."

Responsive Bible Reading.

(To provide for this the members should bring their copies of the Woman's Missionary Advocate to the meeting.)

Doxology: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Prayer. Hymn 667: "O'er the Gloomy Hills of Darkness." Let some one previously appointed read this hymn, that all may comprehend the full meaning, and turn their thoughts to the contrast between the lives and opportunity of Christian women and those in heathen and papal countries.

Voluntary Remarks.—Bring out your blessings and look them in the face. Show them to your friends and co-workers, and speak a word that may bring soul nearer soul; in the moments of your deepest humility, words may be spoken in which lurk, unknown to yourself, a quickening power of inspiration that shall transform another life.

A study of the work of our Woman's Board in China and Korea as conducted at the present time. It would be well for the leader to make definite preparation for this study by appointing, previously, those who are to take part. Let one be prepared to speak briefly of the influence of the Russo-Japanese war on China and Korea.

Special prayer for soldiers and their families of both armies.

While members are presenting their offspring, sing, "He Leadeth Me."

Closing prayer of thanks.

Wednesday.—Hymn 572. Prayer. Scripture lesson, Psalm 100; 1st John 4:7-21. In the Psalm we are told to serve the Lord with gladness. Too many of us "serve Him in mournful numbers, with sighs and tears. This makes our religion repulsive to those we most desire to win.

In the lesson found in John we may find the remedy for all sadness and grief and for all discouragements. When perfect love has cast out fear, then shall we enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and even the heathen afar off will share our gifts.

Pray for our work in Brazil, Mexico and Cuba, and especially for our own missionaries, Miss Mary Posend and Miss Elizabeth Davis.

As these are all papal countries, the same conditions exist in regard to the people's knowledge of the Bible, and of experimental religion as unfolded by its teachings.

Brief talks may be prepared on such topics as the leader may suggest: Letters from missionaries, suitable recitations, short articles or clippings, or an invited address. Silent prayer for a moment, and while kneeling sing:

"Lord, if at thy command
The word of life we sow,
Watered by thy almighty hand,
The seed shall surely grow."

Thursday.—Scripture lesson, Haggai, ii. We, of the Foreign Missionary Society may claim the same promises as those recorded in this portion of Scripture. God is still shaking the nations, but the shaking opens doors for the Gospel in hearts and in nations. Hymn 666. Prayer. Pray for China; for Korea; for the speedy ending of the war in the Far East, and for the opening of the closed missionary stations in Korea, especially that of the Lucy Cuninggim Home and School at Wonsan. Use Missionary Drill. Hymn 732. Prayer. Doxology.

Friday.—Scripture lesson. Hymn. Prayer. Pray for the Indians—especially pray for the school at Anadarko, and for Brother Methvin, the missionary in charge. Remarks. A reading. Hymn. Prayer. Pray for all our sixty-eight missionaries. Let this be a thanksgiving prayer, closing with the Lord's prayer. Doxology.

Sunday.—Either the morning or evening hour to be used. Sermon by the pastor. Thank offerings.

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The Woman's Home Mission Society at Sunbury.

It is true that "silence is golden," and could it be reduced to coin, our Auxiliary of Philadelphia Church might turn over a snug little sum to the Treasurer. But alas! it cannot be coined.

I have decided to break the monotony somehow, and convince ourselves, and the community, that our work is of so much importance it is worth while to make much ado about it and call public attention to it.

Our monthly meetings are held regularly on the third Sabbath afternoons, the devotional part being an important feature.

We have a faithful, efficient President, Mrs. Lucy H. Costen, who is untiring in her efforts to waken interest in all of our members. The devotional exercises of our meetings, too, are very near her heart.

We have twenty members, with an average attendance of fifteen. Though few in number, I trust we are strong in zeal. Our members are prompt in the payment of dues.

We clothe an orphan in the Oxford Asylum, besides dispensing various other charities. The mite-boxes, too, are in evidence, with good results.

We held open session on the 17th instant. The afternoon was taken up according to program, consisting of music, readings and an essay, which added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. The audience was smaller than hoped for, but the meeting was full of interest.

In these days of many conventions it is indeed well, in gathering of workers in the Lord's vineyard, to realize the fact that with the great commission under which we labor there is this promise: "Lo I am with you always." Claiming His presence and blessings whenever we thus meet, zeal will become greater and love more abundant.

MRS. GEO. J. COSTEN,
Corresponding Secretary.

A Cordial Welcome.

We are delighted to receive this interesting article from Mrs. Costen, and cordially welcome her to our column, sincerely hoping that she will frequently send contributions, which are valued for their intrinsic worth, for the news they bring from a fine and useful Auxiliary and for the excellent example they are to others.

From New Bern.

The Auxiliary of Centenary Church held its annual reception in the church parlors Wednesday evening, October 5, 1904.

The Committee on Decorations had beautified the rooms with palms, ferns and cut flowers, the prevailing colors being white and green. The soft, delicate lights blended harmoniously with the surroundings. The guests were received by the officers of the Society, and delightfully entertained with music, both vocal and instrumental, excellently rendered by Misses Dewey and Sadler.

"The round table" constituted an interesting feature of the occasion. Several engaged in the contest—the prize, a copy of "The Life of Lucinda B. Helm," being won by Mrs. Virginia Harrison. Elegant refreshments were served.

Our Society now numbers one hundred and twenty-five members, and is doing good work. We receive the Bulletins and thank you very much.

Sincerely,
MRS. J. A. MEADOWS.

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I am glad to share with our readers this entertaining letter from one of the best officers of one of our finest Auxiliaries. The charming New Bern reception is a most attractive model for others to follow, and I hope to receive news to that effect.

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The World As We See It.

One of the best and most practical articles written by Mr. Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, appears in the November World's Work. It is entitled, "The Rich Kingdom of Cotton." In this article Mr. Poe shows the result of what must have been a very discriminating study of cotton from the standpoint of a practical student of agricultural and textile subjects. The article is finely illustrated and forms one of the most interesting and valuable parts of the November issue. The farmer and the student of affairs will find Mr. Poe's article very helpful.

The man and the circular. The estimate of each as an enthusing, enlightening, and convincing power has been more than ordinarily illustrated in the current political campaign. The "cyclone campaign" in which some commanding speaker, breathless, excited, and perspiring, appears before a dozen different audiences in as many hours has become one of the features of the political arena. The earnest efforts made to induce Judge Parker and Mr. Cleveland to make at least one speech utter the same note as that which comes from the "cyclone campaign"—that the circular may be a good thing, but that the man is better.

The opinion of George Kennan on any international subject deserves attention. Mr. Kennan is no sentimentalist, but views things as they are, and is brave enough to record his judgment when necessary. The latest article from his pen is, "Which is the Civilized Power?" He answers the question in favor of Japan. Mr. Kennan is now in the Far East. He knows Russia from the Baltic to the Pacific. He is well qualified for speaking on the subject. He gives Japan the advantage in the following points: Mental and moral culture, enlightment and toleration in religious faith, law, judicial procedure, freedom, individual and national integrity, modesty, morality, and humanity. In the light of the facts disclosed by Mr. Kennan, it is easy to see that the fear of the yellow peril is vastly exaggerated. Gradually new light is being thrown upon Japan and Japanese character.

There is one department of scientific research which does not receive very much attention from the people at large. It looks dry and dusty and has a funereal smell, yet it has played an important part in the onward march of historical truth and is pregnant with vast possibilities. We refer to archeology. Prof. Robert W. Rogers, D. D., F. R. G. S., of Drew Theological Seminary, has the following to say concerning the question of the relation of archeology to Biblical study: "Modern archeological research is today giving greater confidence in great sweeps of Old Testament history that were so shadowy and so unreal that no man not gifted with a splendid imagination really ever thought of them and appreciated them. It sometimes completely dissolves and removes a difficulty. Illustrations are numerous, but perhaps this one will serve from the book of Isaiah. In that books are references to a certain Assyrian king, Sargon, but nobody could find that name anywhere as the name of a king, nor as the name of a man in the ancient history of Assyria. Archeological research has removed the difficulty by producing scores of inscriptions concerning the same king, Sargon, and one of them alluding to the very campaign mentioned in the Book of Isaiah.

The impression has gone abroad that North Carolina did not make a very creditable impression at the World's Fair through her exhibits. The exhibits were not, in fact, very numerous, elaborate or showy, but it appears that North Carolina has received an unusual number of awards—seventy-eight in all. Among the awards are five grand prizes, ten or twelve gold medals, as many silver medals, and the remainder bronze medals. The grand prizes have been given on tobacco, mining exhibits, and forestry. All this must be very gratifying to all North Carolinians. The interesting query is suggested: If North Carolina can do so well with only a small appropriation, and half of a display, what could she do with an adequate appropriation and a corresponding display?

We take the following from the November S. S. Magazine: T. B. Eldridge, of the Morning Post, Raleigh, N. C., a full course Circle graduate, has in the Edenton Street Sunday School of Raleigh, a fine Bible class for men known as the Norman Class. It was so named in memory of Rev. W. C. Norman. During the summer months, the most favorable time, the class has more than doubled in numbers, and the interest and membership are steadily increasing. Mr. Eldridge began with the question and answer method, but as the class increased was forced to use largely the lecture method. Questions from the class, however, are always invited and frequently asked. Mr. Eldridge is a Bible student and fine teacher, and the class is to be congratulated.

REV. H. E. TRIPP, P. C.
Goldsboro Circuit, N. C. Conference.

It is not surprising to us that the Outlook should be in favor of the re-establishment of the canteen in the United States army. But it is surprising to us that the Outlook should base its judgment on the report of Brigadier General Burton, who says that the "abolition of the canteen leads to sickness, desertion and other crimes as well as to impair discipline." For it is not difficult to obtain from General Miles and a thousand other worthy officers that the abolition of the canteen was a good thing for the army. The Outlook thinks that we should have the canteen in the interest of temperance and the general moral welfare of the soldier. This is the argument used in favor of the saloon and other immoral agencies and institutions in thousands of towns and cities all over the land. We have for a long time believed that we have no moral right to do evil that good may come. We have no reason to change our mind in the case of the canteen. Let it remain abolished, as we believe it will.

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Goldsboro Circuit and Its Progress.

The Goldsboro Circuit is in a healthy and growing condition under the pastorate of Rev. H. E. Tripp, who is closing up his third year. The Sunday-school interest, the finances, and the spiritual state of the church have all made gratifying progress.

Two new churches, cuts of which are seen in this issue of the Advocate, have been built and paid for.

These churches are monuments to the faith and untiring energy of the pastor. He has accomplished more than I thought possible, for the outlook was not favorable to the extent of the success he has had. A man less popular and less determined could not have succeeded so well. These churches, we think, will add much to the success of Methodism on that charge.

Brother Tripp is a man of good judgment, of tact and discretion, and an unusually good pastor and hold strongly the confidence and love of his people, and they are solicitors for his return to them for the fourth year.

F. D. SWINDELL, P. E.

Methodist Mention

STATE.

Rev. G. W. Fisher paid the Advocate a call last Monday, and reported a very fine meting just closed at Clayton.

The Fayetteville Observer says that Rev. D. H. Comann is assisting Rev. T. A. Smoot in a meeting at Fayetteville.

Presiding Elder Cole has preached some able sermons in the Methodist church since the protracted services began. He has been assisting the pastor, Rev. J. H. Hall.—Anglo-Saxon.

We have received from Mr. Henderson Cole a neat little pamphlet on Johnson County. Brother Cole was manager of the Johnson County exhibit at the last State Fair. The exhibit was very fine and has been widely and highly commended.

The Trustees of Greensboro Female College met the building committee last week, and found that gratifying progress had been made with the work. Everything will be put in shape for a full report to the approaching Annual Conferences.

Rev. W. H. Puckett, who aided us in a meeting at Creedmoor Baptist Church several weeks ago, proved himself to be a man of God. There were over fifteen professions as a result of the meeting. The church was greatly revived.—Oxford Ledger.

The pastor, Rev. S. T. Moyle, will preach to the Junior Order of Sanford and Jonesboro and to the Daughters of Liberty of this place, in the Methodist Church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.—Sanford Express.

We clip from the St. Louis Christian Advocate the following concerning one who is well known to North Carolina Methodists: Rev. Olin Boggess, pastor of Cape Girardeau, who was unable to attend the annual Conference because of recent illness, has been restored to health and able to do the diligent work characteristic of him.

Rev. D. N. Caviness, of Burlington, preached a very fine, forceful and practical sermon to the Junior Order at the M. E. Church last Sunday at 3 o'clock, p. m. His sermon was based on II Peter 1:5-8. Quite a large number of Juniors were in attendance from the Burlington and Haw River Councils and a few from others.—Alamance Gleaner.

Rev. E. R. Welch, Hope Mills, writes: "The printer made me say in my recent letter 'three (3) revivals, 122 accessions.' I said six (6) and 122 accessions. Please make the correction. I report now that it is seven (7) and 126 accessions. We recently held a good meeting at Parkton. Organized with 24 members, and are pushing our new church as rapidly as possible. At present have a nice lot and half enough to build. I am working hard to close up in good shape."

The revival services which have been in progress at the First Methodist Church for the past two weeks will continue for one week longer at least and possibly after this. At the services yesterday morning there were twenty-two persons received into the church upon profession of faith and baptism and two by letter. The missionary rally by the Sunday-school children last night, was one of the most successful from every standpoint, that the church has ever held.—Elizabeth City Economist.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Conference of the M. E. Church, South, of Raleigh District, assembled last Friday at the Methodist Church, Louisburg. In the evening a reception was tendered the visiting ladies by the local society at the Methodist parsonage. About twenty-five delegates were present and they received a hearty welcome at the hands of Louisburg hosts. The sessions of the Conference extended through Sunday, closing on Sunday evening with a sermon by Rev. G. A. Oglesby, of Montgomery County.

The Reidsville Review says that Dr. J. R. Brooks has returned to Reidsville and will reside with his son, Dr. E. H. Brooks, until the session of the Western North Carolina Conference, which meets in Charlotte in November. Since the death of Mrs. Brooks he has been residing with his oldest son, Dr. W. H. Brooks, at Fort Washington, who is stationed there as a surgeon in the United States Army. The past month or so he visited in Missouri and Kentucky, the Exposition, and the Missouri, Southwest Missouri, the St. Louis and the Louisville annual conferences, in the interest of some of his books.

The "Rally Day" exercises in Edenton Street Sunday-school on last Sunday were successful in every respect. The Sunday-school room was crowded. It was beautifully decorated with autumn flowers and leaves. The music, both vocal and instrumental, was of the best. The address of Dr. Battle's on "Why Should the Old Folks Attend the Sunday-school?" was practical and to the point. Rev. R. F. Bunnas followed up the exercises by an impressive sermon to the children at 11 o'clock. Bro. Joseph G. Brown, who was elected Superintendent by the last quarterly Conference, has thrown his whole heart into his work, and you may look for great things from Edenton Street Sunday-school.

Central Academy, an ad. of which appears elsewhere in this paper, is located immediately on the S. A. L. road in Warren County, near Littleton, N. C., on a 700-acre farm, in a beautiful grove of about fifteen acres. We heartily commend the institution to our friends and predict for it a very successful career. There seems to be a very large opening for just such a school. One of the large rooms on the second floor of the Library building has been fitted up for the law library and the books have been moved in. Orders have been placed for a large number of books for this department. It is the intention of the college authorities to make this departmental library a very complete one. Already during the college year there have been some very important additions made.

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CONNECTIONAL.

Bishop Candler preached every night last week in a revival tent meeting in Inman Park.

The Book Committee has changed the close of the fiscal year from March 31 to December 31.

Emory College opened well, her number of students exceeding that of her last year's opening.

The Louisville Conference has followed the Kentucky in having a "cashier" to receive all funds.

It is especially gratifying to learn through the Mission Rooms of the prosperity of our work in Japan.

Bishop C. B. Galloway is expected to return from his visit to China and Japan about the first of December.

The Baltimore Southern Methodist has nearly 6,000 subscribers. The paper was started only a few months ago.

We thank Dr. W. B. Palmore for complimentary tickets to the Jerusalem exhibit at the World's Fair, St. Louis.

The Arkansas Methodist, under Brothers Anderson and Miller looks "fine" in its new dress. We note other improvements.

In last week's issue of the Central there were calls for eight or ten preachers in the bounds of our two Kentucky Conferences.

Bishop Wilson has authorized a change in the date of the meeting of the Annual Conference from November 9th to November 16th.

Rev. G. C. Rankin, the editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, and his wife have been taking in the sights of the great Fair in St. Louis.

The first edition of the Quillian Lectures by Bishop Hendrix has been exhausted. The Publishing House is making preparations to issue a second edition.

General Notes

Richmond, Va., was selected for the Episcopal General Convention of 1907 by the convention in Boston.

Rev. Albion W. Knight, for ten years past rector of St. Philip's Church, Atlanta, Ga., has been elected Bishop of Cuba.

The King of Spain has issued a decree forbidding labor on Sunday, and ordering shops and places of amusement to be closed on that day.

The per capita circulation of money in the United States on August 1st was estimated at $31.16. It has never been so large in the history of the country.

Mrs. Jemima Luke, whose hymn, "I think when I read that sweet story of Old," is sung in every Christian home, is living in England, past her ninetieth year.

The public schools of New York City opened the fall term recently with an enrollment of six hundred thousand children. They represent nearly every nation on earth.

World's Fair judges to-day gave Grand Prize (highest award) to Funk & Wagnalls for their Standard Dictionary, and Gold Medal for their Literary Digest and reference works.

At Leatherhead, England, the place where Mr. John Wesley preached his last sermon, February 23, 17919, the Wesleyan Methodists will erect a memorial to our honored founder. The building will be a Memorial Hall to cost about $10,000.

The Right Hon. James Bryce, Member of Parliament for Aberdeen, and author of "The American Commonwealth," began a course of seven public lectures last Monday at Columbia University on "The Law in Its Relations to History."

The New York Christian Advocate thinks that Mrs. Berrington, of Cardington, England, is entitled to the unique distinction of being considered the oldest Methodist in the world. She was 104 years old last July. She still attends church.

Eva Booth will succeed Commander Booth Tucker at the head of the Salvation Army Drunkard Brigade. The first company in the country was organized at Pittsburg. Four soldiers with stretchers gathered in helpless "drunks" and took them to the barracks for physical and religious treatment.

A call has been issued for a Baptist Evangelization Convention to be held in St. Louis in May, 1905. This convention is to be composed of delegates from all Baptist Churches in the United States and Canada, and has for its primary object the discussion of the best methods of carrying on evangelistic work.

The International Reform Bureau is starting a movement to induce Britain to nullify the Anglo-Chinese treaty obligations which compel China to tolerate the opium triffic. It is thought that the opening of the whole Chinese question, which is sure to follow the present war, will make the time opportune for such a movement. And surely every patriotic British subject will hope for its success.

Since George Muller founded his Orphan Homes in Bristol, England, sixty-three years ago, $5,712,395 have been given for their maintenance, and $2,088,065 for other charitable and religious objects connected with these institutions, all of which was raised "as the result of prayer to God, without any one having been personally applied to for anything." The income last year was nearly $200,000, and three hundred and eight orphans were received.

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We take pleasure in printing in this issue of the Advocate the report of the General Secretary. It reaches us at a time when other things are pressing for attention, and much that is pertinent to us is lost in the rush of Conference work.

Reader, if you are a pastor and have no League, kindly permit me to call your attention specially to the third paragraph; and, if you have not circulated the Era, to the sixth paragraph.

All who are interested in the growth and development of Methodism should read the second paragraph. And the entire report is good to edifying. Let all read all of it.

Report of the General Secretary of the Epworth League.

To the Bishops and Members of the ..... Conference.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—It gives me great pleasure to be able to report to you that the fiscal year which closed on April 30, 1904, was financially and otherwise the most prosperous in the history of the Epworth League. The General Minutes showed a substantial increase in the number of League Chapters and a very gratifying increase in the League membership. The Book Agents' report, to be submitted to you at your present sitting, will make the very satisfactory showing that the Erworth Era, during last year, paid the entire expense of its publication and had a small balance to its credit.

The spirit of the League remains one of steadfast loyalty to the church, its doctrines and its authority. Many hundreds of League Chapters, composed as they are of our choicest young men and young women, have developed into ideal conditions of activity and service, being centers of consecrated living, testimony, and ministry. It is my profound and thankful belief that, without exception, our nearly four thousand active Chapters are fully "justifying their existence" by reason of loyalty and good works. It is true that in many of these much more might be done, much higher standards of zeal and service might be maintained; but the church that possesses even an organized sentiment of faith and obedience in the shape of an Epworth League is richer for it in its spiritual life.

The question for all pastors to ask concerning the Epworth League is this: "If, for any reason, I have not organized my young people into an Erworth League, what can I do for them, what am I doing for them in the way of their systematic training in righteousness and good works?" The Epworth League describes a something that must be undertaken, in one form or another, by the faithful pastor. Is it not better to exhaust every means to do it in the way prescribed by the church? It is a question of losing or saving our young people.

The activity of the League in missionary study and giving in works of charity and in general co-operation with the pastor, increases and becomes each year more and more a settled policy of our young people.

I call attention of the Conference to the "Epworth League Culture Courses," which have been before the League now for a full year. The success of the plans involved in these courses has been considerable. Especially is an investigation of the "Bible Circle" studies invited. Our success with this particular department of the "Culture Courses" leads us to hope that we have hit upon a plan by which all our young people may be brought to take up a systematic study of the Holy Scriptures. Our literary and reading courses for the coming year will contain selections for Senior, Intermediate, and Junior readers. The circulation of high-grade literature with a positive religious flavor through this means has become a matter of moment. Last year it amounted to six thousand volumes, read by twenty to thirty thousand members of the League. The far-reaching effects of this work must be studied to be understood. We fully expect to circulate ten thousand volumes next year.

The claims of the Epworth Era are earnestly urged upon our pastors. A very large number of our pastors do not read the League paper. To this fact more than to any other is traceable, as we believe, the difficulty which we experience in extending the League work in some quarters. The Magazine Era, issued once a month, is a pledge of what we hope to make the weekly Era in the near future. It is the purpose of the editor to make a paper that will, in its literary and religious spirit and otherwise, fully represent the dignity of our cause and the needs of our young people. We aspire to make a periodical which will equal the best, and which will fully connete with the popular foreign literature which has almost completely taken the literary command of our church homes. We must make such a periodical as this or surrender the literary and religious beliefs of our young people to the care and leadership of alien teachers. Are our pastors ready to make such a surrender? Are they ready to see their young people furnished with literature from the hands of strangers. If we do not give our young people a great, popular paper, somebody else will. When we surrender this right, or even this necessity to others, we surrender the gate of the castle. If we have help, we will make such a paper of the Era. We are ready to do it now; but it can be done only when we get a response from our pastors and young people equal to the greatness of the design.

The General Erworth League Board, under the authority granted it by the book of Discipline, has elected the Rev. Fitzgerald S. Parker, D. D., of the Louisiana Conference, and son of the late Bishop Linus Parker, to be the General Secretary's assistant. Dr. Parker has entered faithfully and zealously on the discharge of his duty, and is bringing helpful skill and experience to the General Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maxton via Atlanta	38.65	32.25	26.25
Raleigh via Richmond	35.60	29.90	24.80
Raleigh via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
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Sunday School

Lesson for November 6, 1904.

Joash, the Boy King.

2 Kings 11:1-16.

Golden Text. When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice. Prov. 29:2.

Judah had fallen upon troublous times when Joash was born. His father was Ahaziah, king of Judah, and his mother was Zibiah of Beersheba.

Ahaziah was the son of Jehoram, who was the son of king Jehoshaphat. The last named, though remembered as a good king, committed a sad mistake in marrying his son Jehoram to Athaliah, the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, for Athaliah inherited all the bad qualities of her mother, who has been described as the Lady Macbeth of Israel's history.

Athaliah's Doings.—Jehoram died after a short reign and his son Ahaziah likewise died after a reign of but a single year. Thereupon Athaliah seized the throne, and to make her place secure, slew, as she thought, all the royal offspring, the fact that she was thus murdering her own grandchildren apparently having not the slightest effect in restraining her thirst for power.

A Woman's Strategy.—Athaliah's fell ambition was frustrated, by the cunning of another woman, Jehosheba, the sister of Ahaziah, who rescued Joash, the infant son of the late king, and hid him safely away, so that he was not slain. Either Athaliah must have been unaware of the existence of Joash, or else she was led to believe that he was included in the slaughter which had been carried out under her orders.

Jehoiada's Plan.—The priest in charge of the temple at this time was Jehoiada, and when Joash had reached his seventh year, Jehoiada devised and carried out a plan for ending the tyranny of Athaliah and exalting the young boy king to his proper station.

Tyrants, though feared, are never loved, and it proved easy to enlist the troops of the royal guard in support of the plan to elevate Joash to the throne. The details of this plan are given in the text of our lesson and need not be recreated here. Suffice it to say that the arrangements made by Jehoiada were carried out, and with armed guards about him, and amid the acclaim of the people, Joash was crowned and anointed king.

Athaliah Slain.—The fate of Athaliah is briefly but dramatically told. Hearing the tumult of the people, she came forth to the temple, expecting to awe the multitude by her approach. But her influence was gone, her cries of "Treason! Treason!" fell upon deaf ears, and she was slain as she fled from the temple by way of the entrance to the royal stables.

Some Practical Lessons.—1. Tyranny is never secure. Even the murderous precautions of Athaliah failed to secure the object which she sought, and sooner or later a like failure awaits every attempt at illgotten power.

2. The book of "the testimony," that is, God's law, was a conspicuous feature in the coronation of Joash. It should also have the pre-eminent place in every important undertaking of our life.

3. An unholy alliance may result in a long train of evil. The marriage of Ahab with Jezebel brought a long series of misfortunes to both Israel and Judah. Christians today are often tempted to make an unholy alliance with the world. Let us beware of entangling associations which may not only wreck our own usefulness but bring sorrow and misery to many others.

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A dozen things stopped him. He had to play a game of marbles with some boys he knew. He saw a balloon up in the sky and watched it till it was a speck like a black pin's-head.

It was almost dark when he came in sight of home.

"Oh, Dilly Dally!" said his mother, "where have you been all this time? It was your party, and all the little boys and girls I sent for had to go home, it grew so late. I had to cut the cake to give them all a piece, and there wasn't anybody to play games or anything. It was too bad!"

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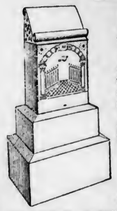

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Marriages

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FORSYTHE — DENNIS. — At Thurman, N. C., October 19, 1904, at 4 p. m., Mr. Geo. H. Forsythe, of Nevada, Mo., to Miss Bertha Dennis, of Thurman, N. C., J. H. M. Giles officiating.

COBLE—ROGERS.—At Swansboro, N. C., in the M. E. Church, South, October 20, 1904, Albert H. Coble, of Kinston, N. C., to Miss Zula Rogers, of Swansboro, D. C. Geddie officiating.

MASON—CROSS. — Married in the Methodist church at Sunbury, N. C., October 25, 1904, Mr. C. B. Mason, of Elizabeth City, N. C., and Miss Lillian Lee Cross, of Sunbury, N. C., Rev. T. J. Dailey officiating.

WALKER — LOFTEN.—At the residence of Mr. E. D. Walker, in Pender County, N. C., October 27, 1904, Mr. George W. Walker, of Burgaw Township, to Miss Blanche M. Lofton, of Kinston, Rev. C. C. Brothers officiating.

UTLEY—SLEDGE.—At Weldon, N. C., October 19, 1904, Mr. Egbert G. Utley and Miss Ethel B. Sledge were united in marriage, J. E. Holden, being a near relative of groom, officiating, with consent of the pastor, Rev. W. W. Rose.

MELVIN—BENNETT.—On October 23, 1904, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. D. F. Melvin, of Cypress Creek, N. C., Miss Lena Melvin, of Cypress Creek, to Mr. L. L. Bennett, of Parkersburg, N. C., A. J. Groves officiating.

Obituaries

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BREECE.—Sister Johnnie (Blackman) Breece was born 1839 and died the 27th of September, 1904.

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HERRING.—Clara May, the little daughter of Bro. J. Fletcher Herring and wife, in the Burgaw Circuit, died of gastric fever, September 26, 1904, aged two years, three months and thirteen days.

Clara May was quite a favorite with all who knew her—bright, happy and affectionate. It was a severe trial to the loved ones to part from her; but faith in the wisdom of God sustains them, and they, in their sorrow, submit to His will. She is one more link that binds them to the sweet beyond. By the grace of God, and steadfast faith in Christ, we will meet the loved ones over there, after awhile.

C. C. BROTHERS.

ATWATER.—Martha Cassander Warren Atwater was born in Wake County, N. C., near old Soap Stone church, August 10, 1824, and died at the home of her youngest son, James B. Atwater, of Bynum, N. C., Wednesday, September 21, 1904, at the advanced age of four score years.

In her seventeenth year she was happily married to Jehiel Atwater, of Orange County. To this union were born six sons and six daughters, six of whom, Edward W., Rufus H., J. Nathaniel and James B. Atwater and Mrs. C. W. Bynum and Mrs. J. W. Jenkins now live.

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LYNCH.—Died, near Mebane, N. C., August 26, 1904, Mrs. Wanita Hamlet Lynch, beloved wife of Mr. Len. Lynch.

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2. That we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family and large circle of friends.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Society, that a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, to the Raleigh Christian Advocate, to the College Message and a copy to the family.

ELLEN THOMPSON,
HELEN CHAFFIN,
CORNELIA CLEGG,
Committee.

Resolutions of respect to the memory of Mr. Ernest P. Mangum:

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father, in His wise providence, to remove from our midst our beloved superintendent and brother, Ernest P. Mangum; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That, while bowing with deep humility to the hand of God, we cannot but deeply lament the death of one so dear to us all.

2. That the heartfelt sympathy of the Sunday-school be extended to his bereaved widow and family in this their sad affliction.

3. That his Christian example of fidelity to the great trust for which he so untiringly labored, and which he so deeply loved, shall be an inspiration to us all and stimulate us to greater zeal and sacrifice.

4. That the officers and members of the Sunday-school attend the memorial services to be held in his memory on Sunday, the 11th instant, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and published in the Raleigh Christian Advocate.

JNO. Y. MOORE,
S. W. VENABLE, JR.,
(MISS) CALLIE QUARLES,
Committee.

Wilson, N. C., Sept. 10, 1904.

Resolutions of respect passed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, Troy, N. C., on the death of Mrs. Cammie Pemberton, which occurred September 30, 1904:

Whereas, our Heavenly Father, in His all-wise providence, has for the first time entered the portals of our Society, and called from membership here to that above, our beloved sister; therefore, in view of the great loss sustained thereby, be it

Resolved 1. That in her death our Society has lost an earnest, sincere and faithful member—one who was always willing to aid, and her heart was ever open to the needs of the work.

2. That while we greatly mourn the loss of so faithful a member, yet we know our Heavenly Father doeth all things well, and we bow in humble submission to His divine will, and that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, whose home has been tourn asunder.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, a copy be spread on the minutes of the Society, and other copies sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate and the Examiner with request ofr publication.

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Editorial

THE MAN OF DIGNITY AND THE "HUSTLER."

It is well-known that Judge Parker, who by this time should be a familiar figure in American life, set himself stoutly in the earlier days of his campaign against the efforts of the party managers to induce him to "take the stump," as did Mr. Bryan and other former candidates. Judge Parker yielded, however, a few days ago, and enlivened to an almost riotous extent the hitherto easy and uneventful flow of the political stream.

Judge Parker, in the first part of the campaign, was the man of dignity; then he became what is known in dear old rough American parlance as a "hustler." The "grand, gloomy, and peculiar" in him changed to a breezy, robust activity which is very dear to the modern practical heart.

In considering Judge Parker's metamorphosis, effected spectacularly, in the midst of red lights, we are moved to propound this question: Are we not as a people losing our sense of the meaning of the word "dignity." Its root is the Latin "dignus," meaning "worthy." To be dignified, then, in the true sense, is to be worthy of approbation or of honors and rewards. It is a quality of mind or heart. It is a possession of character. But according to the accepted definition, dignity inheres in a relation, in a pose, in apparel, in a far away stare, in abstention from certain activity. It has lost its character as a moral quality and has become something that can be doffed or donned as easily as is a suit of clothes.

Why should a Presidential candidate consider it undignified to stand before his fellow-citizens and use the tongue that he uses in talking to his wife and children? Why should the preacher consider it beneath his dignity to wear a short coat or ride a bicycle, or crack a joke? Why should the proprietor of a large business consider it an infringement of his dignity to take off his coat and give an extra push to a barrel of molasses that is being rolled into the warehouse? In doing these things there can be no loss of dignity unless there is a loss of those moral elements which help to form the assets of character. We all know that in these things there is no loss of the latter kind, yet such acts are commonly called undignified. It is clear that we have a spurious, sentimental, "sissyish" idea of dignity. This idea has no place among a people who shout so loudly at times that all men are born free and equal. It should don its royal purple, and step down from its throne.

The man who is dignified according to the modern acceptation of the term is rarely a "hustler." We like this word. We like what it stands for. It breathes the air of independence and activity. It inspheres the spirit of confident resoureefulness. It preaches the doctrine of "get there." The hustler is a man who does not think of himself more than he ought to think, who sits on no dais, who pulls off his coat when necessary, who looks upon no service to man or beast as ignoble, who looks the world squarely in the face, and who feels that he has a right to use in any honorable way and everywhere the faculties which God has given him. We like to think of Gladstone and his axe, and our admiration of the "old man eloquent" would be enhanced if we were only certain that if it had been necessary he would have been willing to use that axe in splitting wood with which to cook his breakfast. We like to think of Dr. Sam Steele preaching on the street corner to men whom he could not get to church, of Dr. Jno. R. Brooks actually selling books, of Bishop Candler preaching in a little old tent, of Bishop Hoss taking subscriptions for his church paper, and of the scores of preachers who are not ashamed to wear out shoe leather, if necessary, in promoting the slightest interest of the church. These are "hustlers" all.

But, as we have said, it is difficult to be dignified and a "hustler" at the same time. Judge Parker, by his latter hustling, received thousands of votes that he would not have received had he maintained that dignified pose of silence. "Hustling" is strained muscles, throbbing brain, and masterful purpose. It is a descent into the arena where real men and women live, where duty pleads, where the symbol gives way to the thing symbolized, and mere externalities are lost sight of in the holy ambition to materialize high ideals, and accomplish grand purposes.

"Hustling" is death to the pose, the languid air, bleached hands, mild-dewed respectability, false prudence, and worm-eaten canons of conduct. The "hustler" is called a plebeian, but he is the only true patrician in the federation of humanity. Let us have more of him in church, in State, and in the domain of ordinary activities.

A POINT FOR PARENTS.

There are more Methodist homes represented in the different schools of the State than in any previous year.

It is only a few weeks since the trunk was packed and the good-bye given. Returning letters have told of comfortable rooms, kind friends, competent instructors, and other necessary equipments.

But there is one point which we fear has not been considered by many parents. It is the question of the spiritual oversight and protection of the boy or girl.

Now is a good time to prayerfully and practically ponder the truth, enunciated by Christ himself: "Man shall not live by bread alone." It will not be sufficient for that boy or girl merely to be warmly clothed, wholesomely fed, comfortably housed, and thoroughly taught. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." That boy or girl should have spiritual culture and development. It cannot always be had within the walls of the institution. It must come from the church service, the prayer-meeting, the Sunday-school, the Epworth League, and the warm grasp of Christian friends.

Parent, under no circumstances, should you depend on your boy or girl hunting up the pastor, the Sunday-school superintendent and other Christian leaders. The young are usually timid and are not generally disposed to introduce themselves to strangers.

You can do a very important work for your boy or girl by writing a note to the pastor of the church where their educational institution is located, or to the Sunday-school superintendent, or to the President of the Enworth League, and ask them to look after the spiritual interests of that boy or girl. These Chritsian leaders will be only too glad to obey your request. They will thank you for letting them know what your boy or girl is in reach. Write. Do not delay.

"ROUNDING UP."

This is an expression taken from a custom incident to the great grazing sections in the "wild and woolly West." Those who understand its significance will have no difficulty in seeing its applicability to the work of a Methodist itinerant preacher just before Conference.

In "rounding up" the preacher should keep before his mind two ideas—the material and the spiritual. These two ideas are cognate. The separation of them would be as fatal as would have been the severance of the ligament binding together the Siamese twins.

In "rounding up," every interest should receive faithful attention. We dare not discriminate and say, "This interest is more important than that interest. No interest can be worked too faithfully or receive too much emphasis. We have never known the reverse of this statement advocated in Methodism. Yet it is known by every one that some interests may not receive sufficient emphasis.

Parsonages and churches should be left in good condition. This means among other things that parsonages and churches should be insured.

Now as to the spiritual. No preacher should approach the end of the Conference year without the consciousness that he has made a faithful effort to win souls to Christ, and that the souls he has won, as babes in Christ, should be wisely mothered. It is a fearful thing to be instrumental in bringing souls into the kingdom and then leave them to the mercy of the Devil; or, to change the figure somewhat, to catch for Christ a string of fish and leave them to spoil on the bank. Be sure that the new convert is receiving wise attention.

The obligation resting upon the preacher to discharge faithfully all his duties in "rounding up" is no more serious and pressing than that resting upon the layman to do his part. Have I paid my preacher? have I given to the extent of my ability to the various causes? am I praying for my preacher and his success? am I doing with my might whatever my hands find to do in strengthening the members and in otherwise extending the kingdom? These are some of the questions which every church member should prayerfully ask with special seriousness just before Conference.

Dr. Ira Landrith, Secretary of the Religious Education Association, has resigned his position, and will return to his former home in this city. He has accepted the position of regent of Belmont College.

The Prince and Princess of Wales participated in the exercises of dedicating the Wesleyan Mission City Road, London. This mission has grown from a small chapel in a side street to a magnificent suite of buildings costing nearly $1,000,000.

Contributions

By Damascus Gate.

Oft-times, when the days are weary, and the pulse of life is low,
When the wheels of toil, in their dusty course drive heavily and slow,
When the meaning of all seems blurred, and the joy of seeking palls,
Oft-times in my desert places a miracle befalls.
Is it a trick o' the blood, a clearing dot in the brain?
Sudden the far-off shower, unguessed, has filled the choking stream,
Some rift in the gray horizon let through a crimson beam,
Once more for me the sky is blue; I quaff the wine of the air,
And taste the fierce tang of the sea, and find the wild rose fair.
Once more I walk the allotted round with unreluctant feet,
And daily bread has flavor, and love and labor are sweet.

O! once in centuries olden, before Damascus Gate
Journeyed one with holden eyes, and a dreary heart of hate;
When a glory shone round about him, and in one wondrous hour
He had passed from death to life. Then knowledge and grace and power
And a new word filled his lips; and joy and courage and love
Were born henceforth in his heart, with the vision that fell from above,
And still when the days are bitter, and life is clogged with care,
And the heart is salt with unshed tears, and tender with despair,
An angel stirs the stagnant soul, and lo! there is healing there.
Once more my soul is loosened, and life and labor sweet:
Once more in the tangled West the pattern shines complete:
And I know that the self-same grace on my soul has been outpoured—
My spirit, by Damascus Gate, has heard the voice of its Lord.

DIVIDE THE BURDEN.

Advantage in Having Two Necks in the Same Yoke.

BY T. B. ELDRIDGE.

There are no two opinions about the care of the business affairs of the church (if that conveys the idea) being a burden. My attention has been directed recently to burdens and yokes. I get a good idea from Drummond. It is that a yoke is a means of bearing a burden. It is not my purpose to argue how that applies to a certain passage of Scripture where the yoke and the burden are brought together in the same verse. I shall try to make it apply to the affairs—the business affairs, as I have said—of the church.

Almost without exception the Official Board tries to carry the burden alone. It does itself an injustice. When the church conference was engrafted upon our polity it seems to have been the intention to divide, or to distribute, the responsibilities so the congregation would carry its share. The General Conference appears to have constructed a double yoke designed to enable the Official Board and the congregation to pull together. The advantages of this arrangement are manifest to my mind, though there are those who take a different view of the matter, or have never thought of it at all. In consequence of the failure to see the matter in the light that the General Conference intended, we see the Official Boards in our churches trying to hold up one end of the yoke and carry the whole burden themselves.

One result of this method of doing business is to impress the unofficial member with the idea that he has nothing to do with the affairs of the church. In practice, the idea is well founded, although in theory it is wide of the mark. To my mind the theory is wise and good, and I believe the results would be most salutary if the theory were put into practice. I have heard of a church where the practice conformed to the theory, but have never known one. I would like to see a church with the Official Board and the Church Conference working in the same yoke.

The Attractiveness of the Ministry to College Men.

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Phillips Brooks speaking to Harvard students in 1886 on the ministry as a profession, said: (Life and Letters of Phillips Brooks, Vol. II., page 803—"I must tell you it is the noblest and most glorious calling to which a man can give himself.") Taking this remark as a text, I wish to write to college men, and in particular to college men of the abler sort, upon certain elements of the attractiveness of the ministry.

(1) The ministry promotes the intellectual breadth of the minister. No other profession so worthily draws its strength and inspiration from every part of the universe. It is debtor to the whole world. It urges one to a knowledge of all things. Whether the ministry is in greater debt to Nature or to literature may be a question, but it is certainly vastly indebted to each. Nothing is foreign to it which relates to man. Several of the greatest preachers of the time present and past have been students of the law. They have declared that their legal studies contributed to the worth of their work in the pulpit and pastorate. The law is in many respects a broadening profession, in other respects narrowing. The profession of medicine is primarily a study of the morbid conditions of the human body and mind. Secondarily it relates to all humanity. But the ministry unites whatever of breadth there may be in both the legal and the medical professions. It represents a study of men as men in body, mind and soul. It also represents the study of man as man; it touches the individual, it touches humanity. It touches every element of the individual and the race.

(2) The ministry also promotes intellectual depth. The themes of the ministers are the profoundest; they quicken the deepest thinking. The ministry touches upon the character of God, upon the revelation of God to man, upon the possibility of man's knowledge of God and upon the degree of man's knowledge of God. The ministry is also concerned with the qualities and elements of the human mind, with the relation of the intellectual to the emotional faculty, of the emotional to the volitional faculty, of the volitional to the intellectual. The conscience, the imagination, the affections, every faculty of the human constitution he should know. His theme is the profoundest touching the nature of the individual. He also considers the deepest problems of society, as well as the individual. He treats of the great questions of philosophy, of theology, of ethics, of science, of education, as well as of religion. His labors for the pulpit and in the parish cause him to think and to think as deeply as he is able, upon the deepest concerns.

(3) A third element regarding the attractiveness of the ministry to young college men relates to its practical character. This reason has special force when united to the preceding reasons. The ministry is a most fitting union of the practical and the theoretical. A certain part of the minister's work discipline's the intellect, and a certain part disciplines administrative talent. In the morning of each day he is a student; he is at his desk; he is among his books. In the afternoon of each day he is a man of affairs, on the streets, in the shop, and in the home. He meets men and associates with them under the most diverse and characteristic conditions. He stands by the side of the criminal in the jail and sits at the bedside of the dying saint. He shares in the joy of the wedding, he tries to offer consolation to those who sit in the shadow of death. He is an intimate associate of the young, even if he be old. He is an intimate associate of the old while he is young. The despairing he is to cheer, and to the ambitious he offers a word of warning. To the erring he ventures a suggestion of guidance, and he is the commander of those who ought to obey him. Financial, benevolent, social, as well as spiritual, work of the church is his. He visits from house to house, speaking to "the woman at the well." He stands in the pulpit speaking to hundreds or thousands. No work is to him remote. His work varies according as he is a pastor in the metropolis or in the mountain or prairie village. But all that relates to humanity, relates to him, and whatever relates to him relates to humanity. The worth of this universal service becomes properly appreciated only when considered in relation to the preceding elements of attractiveness. For many scholarly employments tend to withdraw their followers from life's practical concerns. The tendency, too, of many forms of business is antagonistic to scholary pursuits. In the ministry these and all opposing elements are united and tend at once to develop the intellectual and practical in human character.

(4) A further element of attractiveness relates to what may be called the reflex spiritual influence of the profession. This influence is an influence upon the character of the minister himself. As he thinks and writes upon the highest themes, he represents the highest type of man. As he considers intellectual subjects of the widest breadth and greatest depth, he finds his own intellect developing and broadening. As his work is practical, it makes him a great man with men. The ministry gives at once that intellectual strength which the study and practice of the law develops, and also that knowledge of men which the practice of medicine offers. It also gives that richest possession of what we like to call divine power which qualifies and ennobles the character of man.

(5) The fifth element of attractiveness in the profession relates to its public influence. Outside of his own church and pulpit, in the city or town of his residence, and it may be in the whole State, or the whole nation, he is a conspicuous citizen. The entire community organized or unorganized is indebted to the clergyman for his influence in promoting the welfare of the whole body of the people. If he is a practical educator, as in many cases indeed he is, he must heed the interests of education. If he is not a special philanthropist, he surely is devoted to philanthropy. If he is not a legislator or a judge, he is deeply interested in making interpretations and executions of just law.

(6) The sixth element in the attractiveness of the ministry to the college man includes the opportunities which it offers for the cultivation of literature. The literary fertility of the clerical far exceeds that of any other profession. The number of volumes written by ministers is far larger than composed by lawyers or doctors. This remark is true not only in respect to technical works, but also true in respect to works belonging to literature proper. The clergymen sketched in Dr. Sprague's volumes produced nearly six thousand separate publications, an average of five publications to each. Although no clergyman to-day approaches the voluminousness of Increase Mather, whose name is attached to almost four hundred publicatons—and it is well for the world that no clergyman does approach him—yet every minister is usually an author. The reason of the condition lies in no small degree in the fact that the work of the clergyman trains him to a literary life. Writing is no small share of his business. His appeals to life is made through the address; he is at once a thinker and rhetorician.

It may be said in this place that the literary productiveness of the Congregational and Unitarian ministers exceeds the productiveness of the ministry of other churches. The education belonging to these clergymen has been as good as that obtaining among the clergymen of any other church, and is superior to that obtaining in most churches. This education directly tends to promote literary activity. The traditions of these churches are in favor of a high type of literature.

(7) A further element of attractiveness in this

great calling relates to the ministry as an essential force in the progress of Christianity: It is not to be denied that Christianity would advance if the ministry were abolished. But it is certainly true that if leaders are important in any undertaking, the ministry is necessary for the advance of the Christian religion. In his great speech in the Girard College case, Mr. Webster asks: "And where was Christianity ever received, were its truth ever poured into the human heart, where did its waters springing up into everlasting life ever burst forth except in the track of a Christian ministry? Did we ever hear of an instance, does history record an instance of any part of the globe Christianized by lay preachers, or lay teachers? And descending from kingdoms and empires to cities and countries, to parishes and villages, do we not all know, that wherever Christianity has been carried and where it has been taught by human agency, that agency was the ministers of the Gospel? It is all idle and a mockery to pretend that any man has respect for the Christian religion who yet derides, reproaches, and stigmatizes all its ministers and teachers."

(8) The eighth reason which I shall venture to suggest for the worthiness of the ministry as a calling for college men is this: All that there is good in a man is most easily used in the ministry. Whatever a man has, whatever a man is, the ministry demands. If he be a gentleman distinguished for the graces, society will command the qualities. If he be a gentleman distinguished for graciousness, humanity in its need will summon the best of these comprehensive and supreme qualities. If he be a thinker and a scholar, his intellectual power and resources can be poured out without limit. If he be a great citizen, humanity will call upon him for correspondingly great services. If in his being he be an average man, all there is in him can be employed. If he be more or less than an average man, whatever he possesses will act be found in any respect useless. Every hour of his working day can be used to advantage, and every whole day of his working week should represent a positive increment for the betterment of man. Every week of his church year should embody a mighty condition of human helpfulness, and every year in his whole clerical career should show a community high in purpose, able in conditions, and rich in all that constitutes the highest wealth of a community. His whole career, too, be it spent in one or many parishes, be it long or brief, should prove to be an inspiration to high endeavor, an incarnation in the individual and an embodiment in society of noblest purposes.

Nervous Prostration and the Golden Mean.

How much ought one to think of preserving his health, and how much ought one to disregard health in pushing forward in the Lord's business? Advice on either side of this question is liable to be misunderstoood, or wrongly taken advantage of, according to one's personal inclination. Yet the question is one that faces every conscientious and zealous Christian in this strenuous age, and it must be answered, consciously or unconsciously, by every worker in the Kingdom.

The editorial on the danger and sin of nervous prostration which appeared here a few weeks ago has called forth varied comments from readers of The Sunday School Times. Some have said, with an unmistakable sense of pride, though with a grave face, that they were great offenders in that particular form of sin. Others are undoubtedly making the editorial the occasion of easing off their consciences in doing less than they ought to do. A clear-thinking Yankee reader of The Sunday School Times has written a bit of personal experience, and raised a question, in a letter that is worth studying. She writes:

"Without wishing to appear hypocritical, may I say something apropos of that good editorial on 'Nervous Prostration?' Our church is beautiful as to edifice, fortunate in its pastor, and endowed and endued with harmoniously working members. Last winter one member undertook to escape nervous prostration likely to occur through extra church work. Outdoor life and outside interests were on one side of the scale, and the beckoning influence of a sanitarium on the other. The sanitarium was avoided, a richer Christian experience was obtained, and some small church duties accomplished. Of course, the house wasn't quite so clean, and the sewing didn't all do itself; but the family was happier, and Christ seemed nearer

"There is a golden mean, but we don't all seem able to find it. And the needs seem so many. Of course, in every church there are those who absolutely cannot leave home; but aren't there many who could spare more time, even a brief period in any one day, to get out on more particular church work? I appreciate that editorial highly, but I don't want any lay or laid-down member to hide behind it."

Nor does the editor. It would seem safe to say that the congregations in which the people—and this means pastor and laymen alike—are so excessively devoted to church work as to be on the verge of nervous prostration, are in a minority. The man or woman does not live who can afford to be without some definite, regular occupation in the spiritual work of the church. In creating mankind God made no exceptions to this rule. Therefore if nervous prostration seems to be facing one, let that one make up his mind, to begin with, that it is not likely to be his religious activity that is the cause.

The trouble may not lie at all in the amount of work done, but rather in bad management of the work. A different adjustment of the crowding duties of the day has worked wonders for more than one distracted plodder. A half-an-hour earlier start in the morning may mean two or three hours' greater efficiency before bedtime. Concentration may be the needed remedy,—consecration at play as well as at work. And the setting apart of a certain time every day to certain important duties, in a place where uninterrupted attention may be given to them, may be another needed help.

If, after ordering one's life in these respects so that every ounce of power is giving its ounce of result, and none is wasted or misapplied, the pressure of work still seems too great for the physical and mental system to endure and retain its tone, there may be still another hitch in the machinery to be remedied before it is decided to reduce the work. Are we doing any worrying along with our work? A pound of worry wears out human machinery quicker than a ton of work. If overwork may be wrong, worry is always a sin, in God's kingdom. It may be gloriously right to work the body until the wheels of this human machine stop with a crash; but it is never right nor necessary to worry. Worry says one of two things: either "this state of affairs is beyond God's control," or "God has topped caring for me." Is it strange that the child of God who begins to think in that direction should go to pieces in nervous prostration? Rather call it spiritual prostration, and turn from it with every power of faith and prayer that the Father of love has placed at your command.

Only when one has organized himself into a prayerful committee of investigation on these points and demonstrated to his enlightened conscience that worry is not admitted, and that his work is properly administered, has he any reason to consider doing less than God seems to have called him to do. And even then, if it is plain that we should do less, let us try to make the reduction from our secular activities rather than from our work that is directly in connection with the kingdom. To imply that there is any difference between "secular" and "religious" is not to suggest that one's whole life and every activity is not to be consecrated. The distinction would seem to be a well-recognized one.

Yet there is such a thing as "religious dissipation," and a life of that sort is unbalanced and lacking in real power for God. No one can accept every opportunity for church work that is proffered. "The duty of refusing to do good" is as binding as every other duty, and conflicts with none. It looks as though the person mentioned in the Massachusetts reader's letter had decided wisely and righteously in the change of plans which resulted in declining the invitation of the sanitarium. One who, in considering her duty in this thing, recognizes the temptation to shirk under plea of "overwork," is by that very fact safeguarded.

As between the sin of over-work and the sin of under-work, the judgment of both the world and heaven would seem to be more lenient toward the former. "Work, for the night is coming," and do not be afraid of over-work, is pretty safe counsel for most of us to give ourselves. And there is no need of erring on either side, if we are willing to seek light daily from the Father of light, so that we may say, "According to the grace of God which was given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I laid a foundation."—Exchange.

"A Neglected Wheel" Again.

BY JOHN F. FOARD.

I read many articles in your paper with great pleasure, but none more timely than one in the last issue—"A Neglected Wheel in the Machinery of Our Methodism," by T. B. Eldridge, which constrains me to offer a remedy!

Why refer to the Discipline when so few families keep one? The old rule was for the officials at least to buy a new one every quadrennial when changes were made. Now, some officials never see one unless on occasions when the pastor reads from one during public worship. Our Presbyterian brethren sees to it that their Confession of Faith and Shorter Catechism are taught in each family and Sunday-school of their communion. Other Protestant churches are as faithful in regard to their denominational literature, and the Romish Church has grown to its enormous proportions by indoctrinating their children and converts by its own books! We do more than any of them to convert the world, but less to house and retain our members; for the reason, our standard works are not seen or read by our people. I have often thought, while witnessing, after a revival, the reception of members, that it would pay to give every new member a copy of a new or latest edition of our Discipline! Yes, pay spiritually and temporally, in time and eternity. If so, let our next General Conference make a rule to that effect; then our pastors would have less trouble with wayward members and raising claims.

Is the suggestion not worth a trial?

What noble soul can stop to be happy when there is so much to do—darkness to be illuminated, wrongs to be righted, barriers to man's larger life to be broken away? Spurn as a bribe from the pit all happiness that comes from the closed eye or ear, and the hardened heart. "I wasn't made to be happy," said Charlotte Corday; "I had too keen a sense of human injustice and human misery for that." In such a world as this the Christ life must be a life of pain, but of pain infinitely beyond all passive peace and pleasure, because our souls see and feel that it is divine. Do not stop, then, to haggle about wages or happiness; God will look after that. But be God's volunteers and crusaders, bent on rescuing His earth, which is the true Holy Land, from the forces of evil.—Bowne.

Some prayers are lead. They fall directly to the earth. There is not even a hearing for them. These are the prayers madew ithout thought or meaning. If our prayers are not worth our own attention, we can be sure they are not worth God's attention. Our National Government sets a watch at its gates that no helpless, insane, or incompetent person come in at them. We need to set a watch over our lips that no senseless or insane or incompetent prayers go out through them. If we transferred some of our anxiety that the Lord should hear us into watchfulness that we hear and heed ourselves what we pray, we might often face our greatest difficulty.—Sunday School Times.

The Field

Fayetteville District;—A Word as to the Bible Cause Collection.

Having just reviewed the reports of the pasters to the Fayetteville District Conference last July, I was impressed with the increased amount raised for the Bible cause.

One full report for 1903 was $68.68, representing the greatest gain of the districts, with three charges marked blank. With an earnest effort on the part of every pastor we would easily increase thee ollection to $100. If ten charges report $8179 at the middle of they ear, eighteen charges ought to report nearly twice as much to theAnnual Conference.

Brethren of the Fayetteville District, the American Bible Society, now eighty-eight years old, has a definite, praise-worthy object, "to encourage a wide distribution of the Holy Scriptures;" let us all diligently and generously help prosecute this noble design.

R. H. BROOM.

Carthage, N. C., November 3, 1905.

Littleton Circuit.

I believe I have not written anything for the Advocate this year. Well, we are not dead and not asleep very soundly. I feel we have been able to accomplish something, by divine grace, in four years.

In 1900, the work paid the P. C. $669.66, and paid 67 per cent of the collections. With the exception of a very small deficit in 1901, the charge has paid out on salaries and collections every year since, and will do so again this year. The salary for P. C. has been increased from $720 to $800.

Calvary Church, in the country, has been painted and repaired in general, and the building Committee hope to have the foundation laid for our new brick church in Littleton before winter. When completed this will cost from six to eight thousand dollars.

The entire indebtedness on the parsonage, which amounted to $375 in 1900, has been paid.

There have been a few over two hundred additions to the church: and I believe the spiritual state of the charge has been improved.

Littleton charge is one of the most pleasant in the North Carolina Conference. In healthfulness, culture and loyalty it cannot be surpassed anywhere. The parsonage, being located in Littleton, is in the midst of culture and refinement, and educational advantages unsurpassed. The immediate community around the parsonage is well nigh ideal. The four years spent here have been years of pleasantness and profit. There are many advantages here which are rare to preachers and their families. Happy the man whom the Lord chooses for Littleton Circuit at our next Conference.

The charge has suffered in the loss of some of its best and truest men and women in the past four years. Among the old members, God has translated Uncle Tom Bobbitt, S. Johnston, Miss Mary Beckham, Mrs. G. D. Newsom, and recently, our dear Brother Shearin. All except the last one, near and beyond the seventieth mile post.

We will have a net loss in membership this year, notwithstanding the fact that thirty-five have been added to the church. A great many young ladies come to the college, and are converted and join the church, and go home to enrich other charges. But we would not have it otherwise. God's richest blessings on them every one. Littleton Female College is a great institution, when measured by righteous standards. To have any conception of the magnitude of her labors, the extent of her influence, the expansion of her fields, the thoroughness of her work, and the deep consecration and spirituality of her life, it is only necessary to live for a few years under her shadow. Considerably over two hundred girls are already enrolled, and buildings are now being projected looking toward the accommodation of the next hundred. But I must stop. You will not want me to wait a whole year any more before writing, I am sure.

We are all a unit down here on one appointment—yes, on two—the editor of the Advocate and the P. E. for the District.

H. A. HUMBLE.

Bertie Circuit.

Dr. Ivey:—I want to notify the folks through the Advocate columns that Bertie is all right. All financial claims this year will be fully met; also the work will show a net increase in membership. Two of our meetings this year were quite fruitful. The Holy Spirit wrought in our midst and souls were saved. Twenty-three joined on profession of faith. The other two meetings were seemingly failures; largely because the church members wouldn't come to church. I feel like exhorting some, that church members go to church. As sure as you are editor, God is charging some members with the sin of negligence who pay no attention to this revival in their own church. Indeed, many make light of it, and go their way; one to his farm and another to his merchandise. But God will call them to give an account. Church members need to learn that the Christian's business on earth is to serve God and advance His kingdom, and that the farming and merchandising are only contingent. "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness," said our Saviour. I think He is pretty good authority; but some say that is old and it won't do in these days of commerce and business. Well, maybe not. But I am sure it will do in those days—in those days when God comes to make up his jewels. And by the help of the Lord I am going to live it. Yes, and preach it, too. Too often there is a disposition on the part of us ministers to excuse and make excuses for these worldly-minded church members who serve self rather than Christ and look after business all the time and after the salvation of the souls never. But, brethren, God won't excuse them—we ought not.

Our Windsor people are now agitating buying and building. I am sure that no Methodist church in North Carolina is so poorly located. It is just 150 yards from the river, only two negro cabins nearer, and all the town in the opposite direction. The church is a half mile from the centre of the town, and just inside the limits. Methodism is suffering from this state of affairs. I believe now that our people appreciate the situation, and they will relieve it by buying a suitable lot and either moving or building. It would be a sin for them not to.

For the past six months we have been doing missionary work at Aulander where I hope to see a church erected soon. There is much work in Bertie for Methodism to do. It is the Lord's work and is not being done.

Yours, etc., R. L. DAVIS.

An Urgent Appeal.

This is an appeal to the ministers, laymen and sisters of the North Carolina Conference to assist us in completing a church we have begun to build on Greenville Sound, in Scott's Hill Circuit. We have an organization there of twenty very loyal, royal and faithful members, and they have gone to the extent of their financial ability. I know of no place in the North Carolina Conference where a church is more greatly needed. The church is very desirably located—can be easily reached by all of the people of both Wrightsville and Greenville Sounds. It will cost $800, and it will take $250 more to complete it. We earnestly ask 250 friends of the kingdom of our Lord to send us one dollar each. If you will do this, we will have the church ready for occupancy by the first Sunday in January, 1905. Send the money at once, dear friends, and the Lord will greatly bless you. The Episcopal brethren have kindly given us the use of their church at Wrightsville this year, which, of course, we very much appreciate.

Send to Rev. Y. E. Wright, Scott's Hill, N. C., or John T. Hawkins, Wilmington, N. C., in care of Harden's Pharmacy.

Furnishing the New G. F. C.—Report Five.

The following rooms have been taken since my last report:

Mrs. W. E. Cuningham, Fort Mill, S. C., in memory of her niece, May Belle Rone.

Raleigh Alumnae one.

Mrs. J. S. Carr, four rooms, to be known as the Chinese, Japan, Brazil and Cuba rooms.

Milton Chair Factory, one dozen dining-room chairs.

For rooms already taken, the following have remitted:

F. B. Barden, W. W. Martin, Miss Lilliam Lee Cross, John W. Ward, I. F. Craven, Miss Susa Gibson, Mrs. Mary Exum, Mrs. Marion Cobb, Mrs. E. G. Fletcher, Mrs. Lou McK. Roper, W. T. Lyon, B. B. Adams, Mrs. A. G. Headen, Mrs. A. K. Odom, Mrs. J. M. Stancill, A. W. E. Capel, E. H. Kochtitzky, Miss S. P. Jones, Miss Marie Kramer, Miss Lizzie Carver, Miss Lillie Jones, Z. W. Lyon, Miss Josie Griffin, Mrs. W. E. Cuningham, Miss E. T. Brown, B. F. D. Albritton, Mrs. T. B. Gibson.

The furniture is in the College and, I am informed, is giving great satisfaction. Better than all else, there are young women there to use it. The donors have rendered a needed and noble service.

Will those who have not yet sent their funds, please keep the matter in mind and remit when due? I will need the money to meet the bills.

All friends—and they are legion—are now rejoicing in the fine outlook for Greensboro Female College. Let this be but the beginning of great things in the coming years.

M. T. PLYLER.

Littleton Female College's Great Opening.

Litteton Female College has had the largest opening in her history, having matriculated thus far 216 pupils, which is a larger number than was matriculated during the whole of last year.

The heating and lighting plant, now nearly completed, is one of the best owned by any Southern school. It includes a 600 light generator of the Westinghouse driven by a forty-horse power Eclipse engine.

The heating plant is the Evans-Almirall system of hot-water, the one in use at the University of North Carolina and at Trinity College, and is believed to be the best system of heat in the world.

Ocracoke.

Dear Advocate:—Did you ever hear of the biggest pounding of the year coming on what you might say the home stretch for Conference? Well, that is what has happened to us. Recently, on a beautiful Wednesday evening, just before dark, we saw at our front gate an approaching crowd that for the moment somewhat excited us. We didn't know whether it was Cox's army or the Russians. We soon found, however, that it was neither. It was a band of alms-givers, messengers of good tidings, an army bringing peace and plenty instead of one looking for—I liked to have said—spoils, but that wouldn't be harmonious. You don't find spoils at Methodist parsonages except just after the ponding party leaves.

These Ocracoke and Portsmouth Methodists are loyal to their preacher. They see that he has something to eat and something to spend.

When Bishop Candler calls for my report at Henderson I expect to respond, salary in full and an advance in other collections.

The rally day services, both at Portsmouth and Ocracoke, were creditable and collections good.

Brother Bunday has just left us, and did some good preaching while here.

R. R. GRANT.

The Family

The Artist.

There came an unknown artist, sweet and shy,
Into old Nature's studio one day.
April was sketching there, and June and May;
With careless glance they passed the stranger by,
But Nature kindly bade her come and try
Her skill among them; so, without delay,
She set to work; and first she sketched a gray
And cheerless landscape, with a frowning sky;
Then with deft brush she laid fresh colors on—
Crimson and gold and green and russet-brown—
And over all the living sunlight shone.
"Who art thou?" cried the students, looking down
Upon her work, which put their own to shame.
Blushing, she murmured, "Autumn is my name."

—Frank Roe Bachelder, in Lippincott's.

Misunderstood Children.

Great as have been the achievements through the study of chemistry, those which come from a knowledge of psychology have been equally as great to the home, society and the vast institutional world by which civilization is fostered and protected. The study of the inner working of the human mind in the past fifty years has almost revolutionized the school-room. It is true that we sometimes see an ox-cart with solid wheels sawed from the pine logs laboriously working its way through the mountain districts of Tennessee and Arkansas, but the majority of us are impatient if we speed over the continent in luxurious cars at a rate less than thirty miles an hour. It is true, also, that now and then we find a school whose pedagogical methods correspond to the ox-cart and the solid wheel, but as a rule the science of education has learned to base curriculums of schools and the method of the class-rooms upon psychological facts as firmly established as are the facts of chemistry. No wise superintendent tolerates the practices of fifty years ago any more than does the well-informed physician countenance the medical treatment of that era. We know now that most of the so-called "dull' children are dull of comprehension from defective organs of speech or sight or hearing. We know that many misunderstood children have been accused of obstinacy, wilfulness or indifference, who were merely children whose physical organs are not in the right condition. So closely has psychology related the body to the mind, so closely do they show their interdependence.

I had at one time in my kindergarten a little girl whose conduct taxed me sorely; she was in general an obedient and lovable child, but her hand work seemed to me to be inexcusably careless and to show indifference, almost a defiance, to the directions given for it; both she and I shed many tears over the conflicts which had inevitably to rise from the necessity of the work being undone and done over again. Suddenly it occurred to me that the child must have defective eye-sight or she could not make such repeated blunders. I walked home with her after kindergarten and suggested to the mother that she be taken to an oculist for the testing of her eyes. The mother resented the implication that her child was in any way defective. I urged the matter of, at least, testing the eyesight, and at last, won the promise from the mother that she would take the child to the oculist the next day.

The following day the same mother came to me with tears in her eyes and said: "The doctor tells me that my little child would have lost her eyesight entirely in six months' time had the present strain on her eyes continued." Then she added, almost a sob in her voice: "And I have scolded her so many times for carelessness." I know of another child who was called "old stupid" by her family until she was nearly grown, when the discovery was made that for years she had been hard of hearing. Examples similar to these can be multiplied almost without limit, and yet it was not thought necessary to test the sense organs of a child until the psychologist proved that all thought development for clear mental imagery and that all clear mental images were the result of accurate sense impressions. I did not stop to-day to speak of the enormous value of this relation of body and mind as proved in the matter of fatigue, and the poison of blood; organs of a child until the psychologist proved that is created by physical fatigue, and the reaction of the same upon the mental activities. A number of other valuable facts have been discovered concerning the study of the body in order that the mind and its operations may be as free as possible, and yet this is but the beginning of psychology. It has, however, as I said before, done much to change the school-room program. Family life has not, however, kept pace with school life in the application of psychological principles in the unfolding of a child's powers and the training of those same powers to the service of humanity.—Elizabeth Harrison.

Sending the Heart Before.

A new sense of reality in the world beyond the grave comes to all of us when for the first time we can think of one who has been intimate in our interests as having gone there and sat down in the intimacy of its interests, which have been so foreign to us and so far away. Heaven has at once an association with us. We have a relation there. One name is known in its mysterious streets, and so its streets become less mysterious and remote to us. It is somewhat as when a mother in some little country village sends her boy to the great city, and at once feels familiar with the great city, because somewhere, lost amid its hurrying thousands, her boy is now. She talks of it with a kind affection, as if it were almost her home, because it is the home of one she loves. She catches every mention of it as if it were a message meant for her. To go there is the constant dream of her life, and she feels as if when she got there she would know at once the streets in which her heart has had its home so long.

So when a dear friend dies and goes to heaven, heaven at once catches and naturalizes into itself our love for him. We read about it as if we knew it, and when we think of going there ourselves, we think of it as going home, because our heart has had its home there so long.

"Day after day we think what she is doing
In those bright realms of air;
Year after year her tender steps pursuing,
Behold her grown more fair.

"Thus do we walk with her and keep unbroken
The bond which nature gives,
Thinking that our remembrance, though unspoken,
May reach her where she lives."

—Phillips Brooks.

Two Miles of Sociability.

"Sociability is all right," admitted Bugbee, "for those that have time. I'm too busy a man to indulge. A fellow that's driven all day by business hasn't a minute to be sociable."

"Let's see about that," persisted Wixham. "You still take your constitutional from Massachusetts Avenue to the office every morning, don't you?"

"Bound to; I'd be too nervous to sleep. There's the rub; if I took time to cultivate my fellow-man, as you urge, I'd have to give up that walk."

"I'll prove that you can get the walk and the sociability too. First, you'll meet the man mowing the lawn on the Commonwealth Avenue Parkway. You can manage to say: 'The top o' the morning to you!' as you pass. He's a jovial Irishman, and his pithy reply will keep you chuckling to yourself until you come to the cabmen in front of the Vendome.

"You take off your hat, as though you might be going to wipe your forehead, or maybe make a salute, and you say in a hearty tone: 'Aren't you lucky dogs to be able to ride everywhere, while common people like me have to walk?' See if they don't warm right up to you. You'll still be rolling their juicy retort under your tongue when you come to the old man who scrubs the bases of the monuments of William Lloyd Garrison and Alexander Hamilton, every morning. You sing out as though you had known him all your life: 'Keep 'em looking like Spotless Town, eh?' and then stop and ask him, confidential like, why he does it. You'll laugh at his reply.

"As you cross Charles Street buy two peaches for a nickel of the salted-peanut and fruit man and pass a cheery time o' day. Wave your hand to the children in the swan boats in the Public Garden, feed thed oves and squirrels on the Common, jolly the newsboys at Park Street; and let me know how it comes out."

"Say, Wixham," the glum man who hadn't time to be sociable, informed his friend, as eager as a school boy, when they met for lunch: "I had two miles of sociability and got to the office on time. That's a great recipe of yours. Say, the old codger said he doesn't know why he scrubs Garrison and Hamilton, but s'posed it is just to plaze the boss."—John F. Cowan, in The Interior.

Ocean Waves.

Ocean waves do not run "mountain high," although sometimes to a person tossed about in a tempest, they seem to do so. Lieutenant Paris, of the French navy, says a writer in the London Illustrated Graphic, in observing four thousand waves under different conditions of sea, found that with a rough sea the average height of the waves was about twenty-five and one-half feet, and the average length a trifle over four hundred and eighty-five feet.

In a smooth, calm sea, the average billow was found to be only five feet high, and two hundred and three feet long. In a heavy sea he found the average velocity of the waves was nearly fifty-six feet a second, while in a calm sea the waves move with an average speed of thirty-five feet a second.

Lieutenant Paris found the height of waves to vary in different seas. In the region of the Atlantic trade winds he places the average height of waves at a little less than six and one-quarter feet, and in the region of the west winds in the South Atlantic at an average of a little over fourteen feet, while in the Southern Indian Ocean the average is a fraction over seventeen feet. In the Indian trade winds the height is only a fraction over nine feet, and in the seas of China and Japan the average height is ten feet.

The greatest average length is found in the region of the west winds in the South Atlantic, and the shortest seas are in the region of the Atlantic trade winds.—Selected.

The Blessing of Thoughtful People.

What a pleasure it is in our journeyings to come across thoughtful people! Not long ago, while traveling in a railroad coach, a young and rather uncouth boy sat opposite me. A man sitting near, in taking out his purse, dropped a small piece of paper, such as is placed between visiting cards, from his purse. Instantly the young man, eager to be of service, leaned over, picked up the paper, and handed it to the man, who graciously accepted it, as though it were something he really wished to preserve. The fine sensibilities of this man, illustrated by this small act of thoughtfulness, were indelibly stamped upon my mind. How natural it would have been to have responded to the little act of service by remarking: "Oh, it is of no consequence," thus humiliating the boy and discouraging further thoughts of gallantry that might occur to him.

When we realize that these small acts of consideration give one a clear insight into our real selves, how worth while it seems for us to make an effort to be thoughtful of others' feelings. We never can estimate how far-reaching the influence of our actions may be. Just one act of thoughtfulness may help to mould a young life.—Elizabeth Lee.

Our Boys and Girls

Never Out of Sight.

I know a little saying
That is altogether true;
My little boy, my little girl,
The saying is for you.
'Tis this, O blue and black eyes,
And gray—so deep and bright—
No child in all this careless world
Is ever out of sight.

No matter whether field or glen,
Or city's crowded way,
Or pleasure's laugh or labor's hum,
Entice your feet to stray;
Some one is always watching you,
And whether wrong or right,
No child in all this busy world
Is ever out of sight.

Some one is always watching you,
And marking what you do,
To see if all your childhood's acts
Are honest, brave and true;
And watchful more than mortal kind,
God's angels pure and white,
In gladness or in sorrowing,
Are keeping you in sight.

Oh, bear in mind, my little one,
And let your mark be high!
You do whatever thing you do,
Beneath some seeing eye;
Oh, bear in mind, my little one,
And keep your good name bright,
No child upon the round, round earth,
Is ever out of sight.

—Selected.

Some Queer Animals.

BE ALICE MAY DOUGLAS.

Willie was wiping off the blackboard with a sponge.

"I'd like to know what that funny thing is," said Jennie, who had been in school for a few days only.

"Let's ask the teacher," said May. "She knows, of course."

"That is a sponge," said Miss Williams, who had overheard the question.

"Yes, I knew it was a sponge, cause I have seen mamma use them. But what is a sponge?" asked Jennie bashfully.

"Not a great deal is known about the origin of sponges," said Miss Williams. "It used to be thought that sponges belonged to a family of animals that became extinct—that is, stopped living and growing a long, long time ago, the same as the big animals that some scientific men have found buried deep in the earth."

"But sponges aren't animals, are they?" asked May. "They don't have any feet or mouth or—or anything like animals have."

"Yes. They are classed as animals by those who have studied such things very deeply," said Miss Williams. "But they are so different from all other animals that they make a family by themselves."

"Well, that's a queer-looking thing to ever have been an animal," said Willie, holding up the sponge.

"The living matter is removed long before we see the sponges," said Miss Williams, "and it is only the skeleton that comes to us in the shape of the sponge that we use for so many different purposes."

"Where do these queer animals live?" asked Jennie.

"Under water," answered Miss Williams.

"But there are not any in the lake back of the schoolhouse," said Willie.

"No, there are not any there, though there are sponges found in many of the rivers and lakes of America, as well as in Europe, Asia, and Africa, but none in Australia. But the sponges in common use are found in salt water. The softest and best sponge and the variety that brings the highest price is the Turkey or Levant sponge. This, with several other varieties, is found along the coast and around the islands of the Mediterranean Sea. Several kinds of bath sponges are found along the northern coast of Cuba, though not so plentifully as in other places, on the coast of Australia and in the North Pacific and South Atlantic and Indian Oceans, so you see that people in almost all parts of the world can get sponges."

"How do they live in the water, Miss Williams?" asked May. "Do they swim around, like fish, or do they live in shells, like oysters and lobsters?"

"They are attached to rocks and other objects at the bottom of the sea."

"How do people fish them up?" asked Willie.

"Different means are used, according to the depth of the water and the people who use them. In the Mediterranean several men go out in a boat. While part of the crew remain in the boat, others take a large stone in their arms and jump overboard with it. It causes them to sink to the bottom in the same way that a sinker of lead causes your fishing lines to sink. The divers, as they are called, have a rope tied to the stone; and when they want to come up, they pull on the rope, and the men in the boat pull them up. A diver cannot stay under water more than three minutes, and there are very few who can stay as long as that. When he reaches the bottom he pulls the sponges off the rocks within reach as quickly as he can and puts them into a net that is tied about his waist. In other places, where the water is shallow, they are loosened and hooked up by a harpoon. This is a sort of three-tined fork with a long handle attached. Sometimes when one is not long enough, two are lashed together. There is generally but one man in the boat with a boy to steer, and a stone which has been dipped in oil is thrown a yard or so ahead. The oil, scattering over the water, makes the surface smooth, so that the sponges can be seen. In Greece the sponge fishermen use a piece of zinc, round and hollow like a piece of stovepipe and with a piece of thick glass filling one end. They place this in the water by the side of the boat, the end with the glass in it beneath the surface of the water. By looking through this they can see the bottom through a great many feet of water. In very deep water the sponges are brought up by dredges. These are usually iron frames about six yards wide and one yard high. At the back of this frame is fastened a net of camel's hair cords about as large as one's finger. The dredge is drawn along the bottom by chains attached to a schooner or sailing vessel. It scrapes the sponges from the bottom and into the net."

"Well, I guess I know a lot more than I did when I began to go to school," said little Jennie, "and I'll tell mamma all that I have learned about sponges."—The Childrens Visitor.

The Picture Gallery.

Edith had been ill with fever for several weeks, and now that she was growing better she found the days very long and lonely, and she was so tired of lying in bed and looking at the same things in the room! This afternoon she counted the roses on the wall paper and looked at the pictures until she was very tired and wanted some one to come and see her. She had no little brothers and sisters, and mamma was busy and could come in for only a little while.

Suddenly the door opened and Cousin Miriam came in, carrying a long package in her hand. Cousin Miriam had graduated in the spring from a big university, and a picture of her in her cap and gown was on the little table by Edith's bed. Edith loved to look at it and think that when she should go to college she would wear a cap with a tassel and a gown with long sleeves.

Cousin Miriam was always bright and cheerful. She soon smoothed the pillows and made the little invalid more comfortable. Then she found two pairs of scissors, gave one pair to Edith and kept a pair. As she got her package and sat down by the bed, she said she had come to stay all the afternoon and had brought a wonderful new game to play. Edith clapped her hands and laughed with delight, for Cousin Miriam's games were always fine.

They opened the package, and first there was a big square of black paper, then some old magazines, a bottle of paste, and a box of tiny little tacks that do not make holes in the wall.

Then Cousin Miriam told Edith to find some pictures and cut them out of the books, and she would cut out pieces of black paper a little larger than the pictures, and they would paste the pictures on the paper.

In just a moment they were at work, and Edith soon had lots of pictures cut out. They were the little King of Spain, the King and Queen of England, our own President, the new battle ship Maine, some pretty horses and dogs, some dear little white-and-black kittens, and some little Chinese boys and girls, besides many other pictures.

My, how fast they worked! Very soon they had them mounted on the pieces of black paper, and they looked just like the pictures in the windows at the bookstores down town. Cousin Miriam then put them up on the wall by the bed with the little tacks, and Edith had a regular picture gallery to look at during the long days. When she was well and strong again, she told Cousin Miriam that she was going to tell all her little friends about the picture gallery game.—Julia Barrett, in Youth's Companion.

Gentlemen.

A few years ago a gentleman, going through the crowded part of the city of Glasgow, noticed a pale-faced little bootblack waiting for a job. Touched by the delicate look of the child, he thought he would give him the blacking of his boots to do. Accordingly he gave the little fellow the signal. The boy at once crept lamely toward the gentleman, and as he pulled himself along was nimbly supplanted by another bootblack, who was immediately at the gentleman's feet and ready to begin.

"What's this for?" said the gentleman to the intruder, somewhat angrily.

"It's a' richt," said the newcomer, brightly. "Jamie's jist a wee while oot o' the hospital, and the rest o' us takes turns aboot o' brushin' for him."

Jamie smiled pleasantly by way of assuring the gentleman that his comrade's story was true.

The gentleman was so gratified by this act of brotherly kindness that he gave Jamie's friend a whole shilling for his work, telling him to give a sixpence to Jamie and to keep the other sixpence himself.

"Na, na, sir," quickly replied this little hero, giving the shilling to Jamie and hurrying from the spot. "Na, na, sir; nane o' us ever takes ony o' Jamie's siller."—Exchange.

To Save Time.

Good-bye, papa, and don't forget
The things I wanted you to do;
And send a doctor for my doll,
Her cold has made her very blue.
And if you think you haven't time,
Why, please remember what I say:
You needn't earn my bread for me—
I'll get along on bread to-day.

—Harper's Bazaar.

It is
ROYAL
Baking
Powder
that makes the
Delicious Biscuit,
Griddle Cake
and Doughnut

Wise and Otherwise.

School Teacher: "What little boy can tell me where is the home of the swallow?"

Bobby: "I kin, please."

School Teacher: "Well, Bobby?"

Bobby: "The home of the swallow is in the stummick."—Christian Work.

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Edith: "Papa is going to give us a check for a wedding present."

Edward: "Then we'll have the ceremony at 11 o'clock in the morning."

Edith: "Why not in the afternoon?"

Eward: "Well, the banks close at 3, my dear."

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He pointed out to a newly arrived Paddy the grandeur of the Niagara with the words, "There, now! isn't it wonderful?"

"Wontherful?"

"Why, to see all that water come thundering over those rocks!"

"Faith, Oi can't see anything wontherful in that—what is there to hinder it from coming over?"

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Angry mother: "Now, Bobby, don't don't let me speak to you again!"

Bobby (helplessly): "How can I prevent you, mamma?"

"De man dat devotes hisse'f to fault-findin'," said Uncle Eben, "turns out many a fine job o' work dat doesn't give satisfaction to nobody."—Washington Star.

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Hawkins: "That picket-pocket they caught is really a very intelligent fellow."

Sampson: "No doubt of it. He proved that by his ability to locate a lady's pocket."—Judge.

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Mrs. Hogan: "Phwat does yes ould mon do, Mrs. Casey?"

Mrs. Casey: "Shure, he's a doimond cutter."

Mrs. Hogan: "Yes don't name it!"

Mrs. Casey: "Yis, he cuts th' grass off the baschall grounds."—Chicago Daily News.

DISASTROUS WRECKS.

Carelessness is responsible for many a railway wreck and the same causes are making human wrecks of sufferers from Throat and Lung troubles. But since the advent of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, even the worst cases can be cured, and hopeless resignation is no longer necessary. Mrs. Lois Cragg, of Dorchester, Mass., is one of many whose life was saved by Dr. King's New Discovery. This great remedy is guaranteed for all Throat and Lung diseases by all druggists. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

I feel and grieve; but, by the grace of God, I fret at nothing.—John Wesley.

Womans Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. B. F. Dixon, Raleigh, N. C.

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Notice.

Read this important note from Mrs. Swindell, and "do thy diligence" to meet its demand, not only promptly, but gladly:

To the members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference:

You are urgently requested to raise the money for our missionary candidate who is now at the Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, and forward the same, as soon as possible, to our Conference Treasurer, Mrs. B. B. Adams, Four Oaks, N. C.

MRS. F. D. SWINDELL,
Conference Corresponding Secretary.

Main Street Auxiliary, Durham.

Our genial and faithful Secretary of the Durham District, Mrs. W. H. McCabe, is the first to respond to our request for news from the different Districts. Mrs. Gibbons, the efficient Secretary of the Wilmington District, will have something to say to us next week.

Mrs. J. W. Allen, President of Main Street Auxilary, Durham, kindly contributes the following:

By request, I send you a short report of our Society, which was organized about fifteen years ago, by Mrs. R. F. Bumpas, when Mr. Bumpas was pastor of Main Street Church.

For a number of years interest has been manifested in the usual work, and success of the organization.

Six of our members have entered into the records of the righteous, during the fifteen years.

We hold our meetings on the afternoon of the first Monday in each month. We are encouraged by a good average attendance of the members; and oftentime several visitors are gladly welcomed.

We usually follow the program as laid down in our Missionary Advocate, and read leaflets and papers on missionary topics. We review the foreign fields, where our missionaries are located, and the work they are engaged in. We speak of the Scarritt school—the training that is given to the pupils, and the different teachers who instruct so wisely the different courses of study. The "missionary Drill" is often read and enjoyed as a matter of information to all.

We inquire at every meeting if there are any sick, afflicted, or bereaved in the congregation—if so, we visit them to cheer and comfort. We also visit the strangers who attend our church, and those who have recently become members of the church we give an invitation to attend our meetings.

I am glad to say our ladies go from house to house, and do the work of the good Samaritan beautifully.

Our Auxiliary is a live one of at least sixty-five consecrated women.

The dues and pledges are promptly met. The officers are earnest, thoughtful, zealous workers.

We held a Silver Tea to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the General Board.

We hold the usual public meetings every year, and are now preparing for our Week of Prayer, beginning November 6th. Wednesday of that week we have arranged a memorial service to our dear, honored dead. Friday we close the services with a consecration meeting.

Mr. Hinohara, a Japanese student at Trinity College, frequently comes to our meetings, and makes very interesting talks. He is a very intelligent, consecrated, Christian young gentleman, and has been the promoter to greater zeal and earnestness in our striving to work to send the Gospel to heathen countries. Mr. Kugimya (now of Japan), when at the College, attended our meetings quite often, also, and proved, by his bright, lively faith in Christ, a great inspiration to our members. The late lamented Prof. J. F. Bivins was an honorary member of our Auxiliary. He often presided at our public meetings, and would deliver most beautiful, soul-stirring addresses. He encouraged us to labor on to send the light and warmth of God's love to the benighted ones over the islands and seas, till all nations should know the story of the cross.

Our heart's desire—yea, our earnest prayer, is for every member of Main Street Church to unite with us in our missionary work; to read our missionary literature of the General Board; to ponder and realize the responsibilities and duties resting upon them as Christian women.

If each one of us would persevere and use energy, we would enlist every available woman in our church to become a worker in this noble cause.

"Rescue the perishing" is a work for us all to do, a place for all to fill. Love for God and humanity will direct what to do, where to go, what to say. May our watchword ever be "Go Forward" when He bids us go.

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For the W. H. M. S. Society.

O what are we doing, dear sisters,
For the lands not so far away,
Where many are groping in darkness—
Are we helping any, I pray?

Are we pointing others to Jesus,
The Saviour who lives above?
Are we giving our time, or our money,
To help send the news of His love?

Do we pray for the spread of His Gospel,
Do we pray for His kingdom to come,
Do we pray for those who are laboring,
While we are sitting at home?

Have we faith that our prayers will be answered,
Have we faith in the work being done?
Do we believe God will bless every effort,
That we make for the cause of His Son?

Then sisters, O let us take courage,
And remember God seeth it all;
He will help us enlarge His kingdom,
E'en tho' our efforts seem small.

MRS. E. M. ANDERSON.
Durham, N. C.

I am sure these plain questions, asked in rhyme, must have come to many of us during our Prayer Week services—how did we answer them? I trust the reports will show large thank-offerings. They are much needed, for our great work grows apace, and we must not allow it to languish for want of funds. We, and all that we have, belong to our Lord—can we dare withhold His own?

How Many Auxiliaries Have Raised the Extra Dollar per Member?

I would urge the importance of this. The Board asks it of us because of the many and pressings demands; as on-half the amount of dues collected is kept in each Conference, our connectional enterprises must suffer unless we raise the extra dollar per member. Our schools have opened finely, the first month showing a larger enrollment than of any previous year in their history. We love all our enterprises and are loyal to them, especially our own Brevard; let us gladly redouble our efforts and see to it that in every Auxiliary dues are paid in full, the extra amount asked for raised—and as much more as we can possibly collect. We will soon begin our fourth and last quarter of this fiscal year, and it behooves us to improve these remaining months.

Educational Needs.

Last year the cost of maintaining the educational institutions of the Woman's Home Mission Society was $19,183.11. This outlay covered only the salaries of the workers and necessary repairs on buildings. The income from fees was only $8,015.75. Is it surprising that again and again comes the call from the Board for this extra dollar per member? I give you these figures that you may clearly see the needs for my reminding you of what devolves upon us. Would that I knew how to make a clear clarion call that would be heard and heeded to the end of our borders—and beyond!

Needs of Christian Education.

In the daily papers the stories of sorrow and suffering, often the saddest effects of ignorance, force upon us with startling reality the need of missionary teachers and the Christians must find and send them out. The growing cosmopolitanism of our large cities increases the need, for in these are frequently found the educated, without Christianity. In Chicago alone, on a recent Sunday, there were meetings or services of fifty-eight different religions and cults, among them a company of Sunworshippers!

Ahoskie Auxiliary.

We are glad to welcome this new band of fifteen helpers; may they grow in numbers and consecration and zeal, proving a great blessing to our beloved Society. Again, we congratulate our successful District Secretary, Mrs. Ida T. Wilkins. Let me present the officers:

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Prayer Week Services.

I am looking for accounts of our blessed Week of Prayer. I trust it was a time of refreshing throughout the Conference. The fine program was comprehensive and complete, full of information and rich in spiritual nourishment; may the lessons linger with us, uplifting and strengthening through many days. Sisters, write me or tell in your county papers of the gracious season. How many Auxiliaries have published articles in secular papers? Please be sure to write me this month; also report to me the use of Bulletins in your regular meetings.

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The World As We See It.

Not very much has been said of New York's subway line which was opened a few days ago. But it means a great deal not only for New York City, but for the world in general. The subway was completed at a cost of $35,000,000, and is now municipal property. Its chief benefit in the form of revenue will be very great. The many trains are very much crowded. Another benefit of the subway will be in the fact that it will enable a great many areas, which are not now habitable, to be thickly populated.

If Bishop Potter bases his advocacy of the subway tavern on the idea that anything in the form of a substitute of a saloon must still dispense intoxicating drinks, the experience of the coffee saloon in Califrnia is sufficient to dispel that idea. Eight years ago a coffee club was established in San Diego as a substitute for the saloon. In this club no intoxicating liquors of any kind have been sold. The club pays its own way, and has a daily attendance of a large number of men, half of whom were frequenters of a saloon before the opening of the club.

The coroner's inquest at Hull, England, discovers that George Henry Smith and William Leggett were, at about 12.30 a. m., on October 22, while out fishing with trawls, aboard the British steam trawler Crane, with board of trade marks exhibited and regulation lights burning, killed by shots fired without warning or provocation from certain Russian war vessels, at a distance of about a quarter of a mile. It seems from the finding that no charge of murder is preferred. This is on account of the diplomatic negotiations pending between England and Russia. The testimony will be considered in the investigation by the General Commission, which has been appointed and which will begin its work in a few days. The Baltic fleet has left Vigo, but it is assumed that all the officers implicated in the North Sea incident have been left behind.

That was a horrible catastrophe at Winston-Salem on the morning of November 2nd. The wall of a reservoir contiguous to one of the main streets, burst at about 5 o'clock in the morning and poured a great torrent of water through the street, which acted as a channel. It is stated that nine met their death and that quite a number sustained serious injuries. The wall which gave way was fully thirty feet high. Mingled with our feelings of sympathy for the bereaved and the city of Winston-Salem, is the reflection that a great many accidents might be averted through a little municipal precaution and oversight. This old reservoir has for a long time been a standing menace to life and property, but the fact, it seems, has not been fully appreciated until now, after lives have been lost, bodies injured and property destroyed.

Mr. Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, who has been most unmercifully scoring the Standard Oil Company, is represented as feeling unusually complacent since he has forced from the Standard Oil Company, for the first time in its history, a public denial of the many charges brought against it. Whatever may be said of Mr. Lawson and his articles, it is certain that he is beginning to make his influence felt and feared. His articles have added nearly 400,000 subscribers to Everybody's Magazine in which they are appearing. This fact is significant and cannot be laughed down.

It is commonly remarked that those composing a jury in any murder case in North Carolina are, as a rule, not marked by any appearance of more than ordinary intelligence. In fact, it is said that the most unintelligent men are selected for jurymen. Beyond a quiet a stolid attention given to the evidence and the speakers, there is generally no sign of individuality or strength of character. The incident which occurred a few days ago in a murder trial in the State of Virginia, when a juryman called for the testimony of a witness whom neither side has seemed willing to present, is not only novel, but refreshing to those who have been depressed by the thought that our jury laws need revision. It is certain that when a man is placed on trial for his life the best and most intelligent men should be selected—men who have an opinion and a will, and who will speak out when occasion demands it.

It is a matter of regret to many of both parties that in the last days of the Presidential campaign that has just closed that Judge Parker and Mr. Roosevelt should have indulged in such personal asperities. Governor Odell also took a part in preferring serious charges against Judge Parker, charging that the latter, while in official life, was in collusion with the trusts. Many of Judge Parker's friends feel that he made a mistake in charging that President Roosevelt and the Republican managers had perniciously exploited Mr. Cortelyou's intimate knowledge of the inner workings of the great corporations by appointing him manager of the campaign. Mr. Roosevelt replied on last Friday, in a characteristic fashion, using words too heated for a Chief Magistrate. The incident, whatever may be the outcome, has marred a hitherto very pleasant campaign. It is time for personal hostilities to sink out of sight in small or great campaigns.

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(4) That we are hoping to hear at Conference from every subscriber who owes the Advocate anything or whose renewal is due.

Will you remember all this in a practical way and rejoice the "Old Raleigh at Conference? We believe that you will.

DEATH OF REV. N. M. JURNEY.

Rev. N. M. Jurney died at his home at Mount Olive on last Sunday night. This news will bring sorrow to the thousands of his friends and ministerial brethren all over the State, who had not even heard of his sickness. He was in the very prime of life, and his physical appearance gave no indication of any approaching breakdown.

The deceased was for many years a member of the North Carolina Conference. He was a man of preaching ability, and had very fine social qualities. He had a warm, impulsive heart, and those who could not always commend his judgment loved him for his many noble qualities. A few years ago he located, and since that time he has been living at Mount Olive and has been engaged in the teaching business, in which he was very successful.

The deceased loved his church and Conference. His was a familiar figure at our annual gatherings. We shall miss him. The Craven Memorial Hall will remain as one of his monuments. The bereaved family have our sympathies. A suitable memoir will appear.

Attention!

Preachers, delegates, and others expecting to attend the North Carolina Conference at Henderson will read very carefully:

Reduced rates to the session of the Conference will be given over the A. C. L., S. A. L., Southern and Atlantic and North Carolina Railways under the following restrictions:

(1) Tickets will be sold from all points in the State, including Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Boykins and Danville, Va.

(2) Tickets will be on sale as early as Monday, November 28th.

(3) Tickets will be sold to preachers, delegates and others officially connected with the Conference and their wives and families.

(4) Such persons buying tickets will be charged full first-class fare going, but be sure when you purchase the ticket to secure from the agent certificate of purchase filled out on the "standard form of certificate," which all agents are supplied with.

(5) When you reach the Conference deliver this certificate to the Secretary for his endorsement so that when you present the endorsed certificate to W. W. Morris, agent at Southern Railway station at Henderson, he will endorse your certificate so that you can get at the S. A. L. or Southern stations a return ticket at one-third the regular rate, plus twenty-five (25) cents, provided the first fare to Henderson was not less than seventy-five cents.

(6) At least fifty or more persons holding properly receipted certificates of the standard form must have been in attendance upon the Conference before the special reduced rate will be granted for return passage to any one.

(7) Tickets over the Norfolk and Southern and boat lines will be sold to Norfolk on the same conditions, except that you will not need to get a certificate from the agent when you purchase your ticket.

(8) Tickets returning from the seat of the Conference must be purchased not later than the 10th of December.

Please give special attention to these restrictions, as there will be no means by which your failure to do so may be corrected.

Very truly yours,

W. L. CUNINGGIM,
Secretary of N. C. Conference.

Durham, N. C., November 4, 1904.

Announcement.

The Conference Historical Society will meet in the Methodist Church of Henderson, Tuesday night, November 29th. The address will be by Rev. A. D. Betts, D. D., on "My Recollections of the North Carolina Conference."

W. H. WILSON, President.

Methodist Mention

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News of good meetings all around.

Bishop W. W. Duncan will preach in Wilson on the third Sunday in November.

The North Carolina Conference will meet in Henderson three weeks from to-day.

Rev. A. L. Ormond, Kittrells, writes that the parsonage has been lately painted and furnished.

Read carefully the statement made by Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, secretary, concerning rates to Henderson.

The Western North Carolina Conference convenes in Charlotte to-morrow, Bishop W. W. Duncan presiding.

Rev. R. H. Broom writes that Center Church, on Carthage Circuit, will be dedicated on Friday before the fourth Sunday in this month.

We appreciate the following invitation: "Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Bays, at home, to the Western North Carolina Conference, Friday, November 11th, 4 to 7 p. m., 501 North Poplar Street, Charlotte, N. C."

Rev. J. O. Guthrie, Selma Circuit, reports that he had a most successful day at Selma on last Sunday. He received seven members into the church, which makes more than thirty received at Selma during the year.

Rev. W. C. Merritt filled his appointments at Sharon M. E. Church on Saturday and Sunday. The work of repairing the church is rapidly going on, and ere long, it will again be ready for full, earnest work.—Windsor Ledger.

Rev. G. T. Adams writes that he is in the midst of a gracious revival in New Bern. He is assisted by the church. On last Sunday twenty-seven were received into the church. At night, there were seventy-five professions at the altar. God is wonderfully stirring up the people.

Prof. William H. Glasson, Ph. D., Professor of Political Economy in Trinity College, has our thanks for his pamphlet, "A Costly Pension Law, Act of June 27, 1890." Dr. Glasson, in this pamphlet, discusses an economic subject from the standpoint of a scholar.

A series of revival meetings are being held in the M. E. Church at Chadbourn this week by the pastor, Rev. J. T. Draper. He is assisted in the work by Rev. Geo. B. Webster, pastor of Bladen Street M. E. Church, Wilmington. The meeting will continue until the end of this week.—Clarkton Express.

We have the following from Rev. L. B. Jones, Plymouth: "We are in the midst of a series of meetings which we are hopeful will result in a glorious revival. Rev. W. P. Constable is doing the preaching. His sermons are pointed and uplifting. We hope to give a full account of our year's work later.

The debate with Randolph-Macon will be held in Ashland, Va., February 22nd. The question is: "Resolved, that all nominations for important municipal, county, State and National offices should be made by direct vote of legalized primaries rather than by party conventions." Trinity has the negative side.

We regret to learn of the death of Rev. J. F. Smoot, for a long time a member of the North Carolina Conference before its division, and at the time of his death one of the oldest members of the Western North Carolina Conference. He was a man of spiritual integrity, and was very useful as a preacher. His latter years were marked by affection, but his interest in the church and his faith in Christ never weakened. His character is a noble legacy left to his daughter and four sons, one of whom is Rev. T. A. Smoot, of the North Carolina Conference. All the bereaved ones have our sympathy.

We are informed that the matter of uniting the Mizpah and Midway Methodists, by building a church at some point between the depot bridge and the fork of the road, is being discussed. Should this be done, it is probable the parsonage of the Richmond Circuit will be built near the church.—Richmond Headlight.

Rev. E. E. Rose, of Jackson, preached to his Pleasant Grove flock last Sunday morning. His people are deeply saddened at the fact that he will not be returned to this charge another Conference year. Few men have ever had the hold upon the affections of the people that he has enjoyed since he came to this field four years ago.—Roanoke-Chowan Times.

We beg to express our acknowledgement of the receipt of a very valuable pamphlet containing a paper on "The Educational Significance of Modern Language Study in the Secondary School," by John Christian Ransmeier, Ph. D., Professor of German in Trinity College. In this paper Dr. Ransmeier contributes something valuable to educational literature, and reflects credit on himself and his institution.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle writes as follows from Elizabeth City: "My third year here is closing up with full reports on all collections. Have had a very helpful revival season recently in which I was assisted part of the time by Rev. F. I. Church, who preached vigorously with plainness and power. Preached a week by myself. About thirty conversions, and twenty-five joined on profession of faith. Old troubles between God's children gave way to peace. Have recently organized a Senior Epworth League that starts off well."

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CONNECTIONAL.

The Sunday-school of First Church, Opelika, reports an enrollment of 1,267. This is about double the membership of this church.

Twenty-seven orphans in the South Georgia Conference Orphanage are being clothed by the Epworth Leagues of that Conference.

Rev. G. B. Winton, editor of the Nashville Advocate, has been visiting the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, and writes entertainingly of his trip.

The Methodist and Presbyterians of Inman Park and Atlanta are holding union services in a tent located near both churches. For the past week Bishop Candler has been doing the preaching.

Pacific Conference, M. E. Church, South, reported a gain of nearly eight hundred more members than the California Conference, M. E. Church, in the same territory—the former a net gain of 400, the later a loss of 387.

The Holston Conference's Historical Society has ordered published the second volume of the History of Methodism in the Holston Conference. The first volume is in the third edition. Dr. Richard N. Price is the author.

Dr. S. M. Hosmer, President of the Southern University, and Dr. J. S. Frazer, presiding elder of the Montgomery District, are making a canvass through Southeast Alabama in the interest of the endowment fund of the two Alabama Conference colleges.

Prof. J. W. Kilpatrick, A. M., Professor of Natural History, Mineralogy and Geology in Central College, was stricken with paralysis Thursday noon, October 20th, and died that night about midnight. He was fifty years of age, and has filled his chair at Central College for twenty-four years.

Dr. Atkins, our Sunday-school Secretary and Editor, was "raised" in the Holston, and has been "going up and down" in our land all his life; but his address on Thursday night of the Conference, at the anniversary of the Sunday-school Board, was universally conceded to be the best and strongest address he has ever delivered before the Holston Conference.—Cor. Holston Conference.

The increase in the collection for domestic missions in the Louisville Conference last year was $1,226.99. This enabled the Board to pay all the appropriations in full.

The Methodist Churches of Norfolk and vicinity are co-operating in building a small church at Cape Henry, a summer resort, half way between Norfolk and Virginia Beach.

Ralph Rogers, eighteen years of age, a junior in Wofford College and son of Rev. W. A. Rogers, of the South Carolina Conference, accidentally killed himself Sunday, October 16.

Martin Female College, located at Pulaski, Tenn., one of the best school buildings in the South, was completely destroyed by fire at 11 o'clock on the morning of October 19.

Grace Church, Dallas, received last year 430 members, and this year 215, making a total of 645. Seventy of these were received at the great Stuart meeting, which has just been closed.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth, after a trip of several months visiting the missions in Brazil, returning via England, reached Nashville Friday evening, the 21st, leaving next morning for the seat of the Tennessee Conference.

The sudden death of Rev. H. B. Cockrell of the St. Louis Conference, editor of the American Illustrated Magazine, on Saturday, the 23rd, was one of the saddest and most unexpected in the history of St. Louis Methodism.

The movement for the consolidation of the Publishing Houses and for the combination of the several benevolent societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was favored by the recent General Conference, will now be in the hands of commissions appointed by the Bishops. The Commission on Publishing Houses, in union with the Book Committee, has power to act. We are not quite clear as to the prerogatives of the other commission.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

The report has gone abroad that ex-Lieutenant-Governor James H. Tillman would enter the ministry of the Methodist church. The report is so utterly absurd that we did not think it necessary to correct it. But as some of our brother editors of church papers in other Conferences seem to take the matter seriously we take occasion to say that Colonel Tillman is a member of the Presbyterian church—he has no idea of entering the ministry.—Southern Christian Advocate.

On September 7 the doors of Epworth University, at Oklahoma City, Okla., were thrown open to students. Students who had been coming in for a day or two and people from the city filled the audience room. The university opens under very favorable auspices. In the few months since his appointment President McSwain has not only succeeded in bringing together a faculty of trained and experienced teachers, men who have been connected with some of the strongest schools in the country, but he has made a fine impression upon the community by the thoroughness with which his plans have been worked out and his capacity for mastering the details of a situation.

Mark Guy Pearse, the English preacher, remarked on his return to England: "I never saw a woman in any public house in Canada or the States; I never saw on any table, or even in the dining cars, or in the hotels a glass of beer, wine, or spirits. I never saw a drunken man until I reached an English port." This was not because these sights are not to be seen sometimes among us, but it is a good thing for our people accustomed to pessimistic anti-saloon oratory once in a while to be made to remember that we are not in all things quite so bad as some other people.—Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

Roman Catholics in New York City recently held a congress in the interest of their church, which was termed the "Eucharistic Congress." The sentiment of the meeting was that all other churches but the Roman Catholic were "human fabrications." The Congress was attended with much pomp and display and much parading in public.

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Mission Study Class.

The General Epworth League Board, at its meeting in Waco, Texas, May last, created the Department of Missionary Work. Provision was then made for the organization of Mission Study Classes in the League under the care of a Fourth or Mission Vice-President. Prominence is thus given to the great work of the church—the evangelization of the world.

It is to be hoped that every League Chapter in the North Carolina Conference, that has not done so, will at the earliest convenience elect a Fourth Vice-President, and organize a class for the systematic study of missions, and set apart one meeting each month for missionary talks. These talks, and general missionary reading, have a very important place in the work of the League; but there is nothing that can take the place of a study class, with its group of four or more, who are really making a study of missions and whose interest is so awakened as to cause them to pray as they study. With such a missionary committee the work of missions will not lag. No Missionary Committee should be satisfied until they have organized a Missionary Study Class, if others cannot be enlisted, of their own number.

A very comprehensive course, adapted to our young people's societies, is offered that will be found most interesting reading.

The text-book adopted for next year is Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom. It is an outline of missionary work in Japan by Rev. John H. DeForrest. Not only has this book been adopted by the Epworth League, but most of the young people's societies of America have also adopted it.

It has been claimed, by those who are in position to know, that Japan is the key to the religious situation in the East. All eyes are turned to Japan, and we deem ourselves fortunate in having offered to our League such a book for their study as Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom.

Arrangements have been made with the Mission Rooms at Nashville on which special helps will be given that will make it comparatively easy for an unexperienced leader to successfully conduct a class, and we are also informed that fresh missionary letters, one for each lesson, will be sent to all study classes enrolled at Nashville.

Application for enrollment cards, report cards, special helps, and general information regarding the mission study should be addressed to Mr. John W. Shackford, Methodist Mission Rooms, Nashville, Tenn.

And the Mission Study Text Books may be had of Smith & Lamar, Agents, Nashville, Tenn., as low as thirty-five cents per copy.

The Missionary Committee

Miss Lela Clark, in her pamphlet, "The Missionary Committee," has this quotation:

"Information plus consecration minus selfishness plus activity—by every Christian equals successful missionary effort."

She makes David Parks answer the question: "Who shall compose the missionary committee?" And he answers the question well under seven divisions.

There are other valuable hints and suggestions. Every Chapter ought to be "sown down" in this leaflet, and also Bishop Galloway's, "The Epworth League and Missions."

The Handbook for the Department of Missionary Work.

We again call attention to this Handbook, not because we regard it as superior to all other handbooks, but because we recognize the value of such helps to our Chapters and to our inexperienced officers; and, also, that we may, if possible, quicken interest in the Fourth Department, by making it appear that the work in this Department is no more difficult than work in other departments of the League. When we first turn our attention to this department great difficulties arise which soon disappear when we begin the study of the literature and methods that the church has placed in easy reach of the Missionary Committee. The Handbook in question, though small, and costs only five cents, is replete with helps, suggestions and references to other helps. Send to Mission Rooms or the League Office for this Handbook and a package of missionary literature (free), and begin at once to develop the Chapter in knowledge of and zeal for the world's evangelization.

Remember that "all for Christ" means "Christ for all," not merely for us.

Notes.

The Publishing House agents announce that the Reading Courses for the Junior and Senior Leagues are now ready for distribution at $1.00 in paper and $1.40 in cloth for the Senior Course, and $1.25 each (in cloth) for the Intermediate and Junior Courses.

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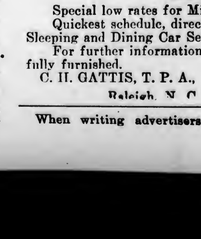

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Sunday School

Lesson for November 13, 1904.

Joash Repairs the Temple.

2 Kings 12:4-15.

Golden Text.—We will not forsake the house of our God. Nehemiah 10:39.

It was entirely in accordance with the training of Joash that he should desire to repair the breaches in the temple caused both by age and by utter neglect. As a child he had lived in one of the chambers of the temple, and its dilapidated condition had undoubtedly been impressed upon his mind by his daily contact with it.

Furthermore the book of the testimony had figured laregly in the coronation ceremony, and this must have furnished a strong stimulus to the youthful king to show the utmost honor to the house of the Lord God. Likewise the influence of Jehoiada, the priest under whose care Joash had been brought up from childhood, would naturally be exerted to effect a revival of the worship of Jehovah and a restoration of the temple to its former wonted beauty.

Ecclesiastical Delay. — Though Joash early gave instructions to the priests to gather funds for the repair of the Lord's house, yet years passed and still the work was not done.

Various reasons have been assigned for this delay on the part of the priests. It is not necessary to suppose, as some have done, that the priests actually embezzled the money. Yet on the other hand it is hard to acquit them of great remissness in this matter, for they had explicit instructions and full authority to proceed with the work, and the subsequent action of Joash shows that he considered them greatly at fault.

Royal Vigor.—When Joash in the twenty-third year of his reign found that the repairs to the temple were still waiting to be made, he took drastic action. The dilatory priests were relieved from the duty of soliciting further contributions, and instead of relying upon their efforts, a box or chest was placed in the temple by Jehoiada, and the people as they entered the temple made what offerings they pleased toward the restoration of the sacred edifice. When any considerable amount had accumulated in the chest, then the king's scribe and the high priest came up and took the money and put it in bags, which were duly marked with the weight which each contained.

Faithful Financiers.—Under the new impulse given to the work by king Joash the repairs upon the temple went steadily forward. Masons and carpenters and the other artisans engaged in the work wrought faithfully each at his own appointed task. Moreover, those in charge of the workmen showed their fidelity, for we are told that no reckoning was made with the men into whose hands the money was delivered to be bestowed on the workmen, "for they dealt faithfully."

Timely Suggestions.—1. In his zeal for the restoration of the Lord's house to a proper condition, Joash stands as a splendid example to all young men.

2. Giving is a part of worship. Our homage to the Lord is not complete unless we have given of our substance for the support of his church and the spread of his kingdom.

3. Faithful financiers are a blessing to every community. Laxness in money affairs is a blot on any man's character and a disgrace to any institution. The church of God should set an example to the world of the utmost accuracy and fidelity in the handling of the money entrusted to its care.

God's promises are ever on the ascending scale. One leads up to another, fuller and more blessed than itself. In Mesopotamia, God said: "I will show thee the land." At Bethel: "This is the land." In Canaan: "I will give thee all the land, and children innumerable as the grains of sand." It is thus that God allures us to saintliness. Not giving us anything till we have dared to act—that he may test us. Not giving everything at first—that he may not overwhelm us. And always keeping in hand an infinite reserve of blessing.—F. B. Meyer.

Why is our attitude at our work so destitute of practical enthusiasm? Because we too are not lifting our eyes to the hills. We are looking for nothing but little things, and therefore we see nowhere any threshold or field worthy of God. How can the sense that the living God is near to our life, that he is interested in it and willing to help it, survive in us, if our life be full of petty things? Absorption in trifles, attention only to the meaner aspects of life, is killing more faith than is killed by aggressive unbelief.—George Adam Smith.

Come what may to the dearest ones we have on earth, God and his upholding grace will be there, and he cares for them more than even we can do. An earnest commendation to his love will avail them more than all our fretting.—H. L. S. Lear.

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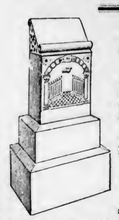

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Secular News

STATE.

Raleigh News and Observer: North Carolina people will contribute more to the care of orphans than to any other cause. More than five thousand dollars have been sent to the Baptist Orphanage in response to the appeal since the typhoid fever scourge. "Yesterday I had a check of twenty dollars from a Jewess," said Mr. Archibald Johnson.

Says the Winston-Salem Sentinel: Though a dry month the leaf sales on the Winston-Salem market in October showed a good increase over the same month last year. With a "season" the new crop will come in rapidly. The average of eight cents a pound made last month is regarded as excellent in view of the fact that the offerings were common.

In the presence of six bishops, more than a score of priests and a vast congregation, that taxed beautiful St. James Church to its full seating capacity, Rev. Robt. Strange, D. D., was Tuesday consecrated bishop coadjutator of East Carolina. It was one of the most interesting and impressive church services ever conducted in Wilmington, and the immense audience, which was present, represented all denominations.

The following from the Wilmington Messenger is very interesting: "No doubt that the statement is a surprise to most North Carolinians that the cotton mills of our State consume ninety-seven per cent of her raw production. It is said the crop of the State this year will be between half a million and six hundred thousand bales. With the rapid growth of the milling industry in the State, we will soon have to draw on the production of other States or greatly increase our own."

Raleigh News and Observer: The date set for the North Carolina Day in the public schools of the State has been fixed for Friday, the 23rd of December, and and in future the last Friday before Christmas will be the regular date for these distinctive exercises. The subject this year will be "The Pamlico Section." Superintendent Joyner has been busy arranging the program, which is now in the hands of the printer, and will be ready for distribution in pamphlet form, it is hoped, not later than November 10th.

Oxford Ledger: The Inter-State Tobacco Growers' Protective Association of Virginia and North Carolina published Monday, through The Southern Tobacconist and Modern Farmer, the scale of prices for farmers' tobacco, which was adopted at a meeting of the Association Sales Executive Committee held a few days ago. There are now nearly 3,000 members of the Inter-State Association, and these farmers are pledged, it is said, to hold their crops for the prices agreed upon by the Sales-Executive Committee. These prices are comparatively high.

At the meeting of the State Literary and Historical Association in Raleigh a few days ago, these officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Hon. R. W. Winston, of Durham; First Vice-President, Hon. A. C. Avery, of Morganton; Second Vice-President, Gen. W. R. Cox, of Edgecombe; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, of Winston; Secretary-Treasurer, Clarence H. Poe, of Raleigh. Resolutions were adopted urging the building of a fire proof building by the State to preserve its valuable books, papers and relics, pledging continued aid to rural free libraries and endorsing the starting of local historical associations.

Cold Olds: Farmers say that more cotton has been picked in the last fifty days than at any time before since that crop began to be a great feature in North Carolina. The amount of work done has certainly been remarkable and there have been more white pickers than ever before, particularly women and children.

Thos. J. Jarvis has been Governor of his State and a Senator of the United States. But when the circle of his influence diminishes, he wisely adapts himself to his limitations, and does with his might what his hands find to do—in the present instance it is serving as chairman of the board of trustees of the graded school in his town. This is a North Carolina way. Nathaniel Macon, Badger and Mangum, if we remember aright, were active in forwarding neighborhood and local interests after their retirement from public life at Washington.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Col. Olds: In an interview with Dr. Tait Butler, the State Venterian, regarding the extension of the territory in North Carolina free from the cattle ticks, says: "It really looks as if he will get a big increase in the free territory. Of course he cannot tell definitely until the reports from the inspectors come in. A Federal inspector is now in the State at work, and so far has inspected the counties of Wilkes, Surry, Catawba, Lincoln, Gaston and southern Burke. It seems that we are to get most of these exempted. This is a matter of very great importance to cattle growers. If the latter will take hold of matters and really have faith in what we are trying to teach them about the tick and its deadly work and about its effect as regards prices of cattle and possibility of shipping the latter out of the State, a vast enlargement of the free territory could be quickly made. Here is Wake County, for example; there are ticks on not over a tenth of the farms. Every year cattle die from tick fever here, and yet no attention of any importance is paid to it."

GENERAL.

Guatemala is on the verge of another revolution.

Pope Pius is steadily recovering from his recent attack of gout.

The third general assault by the Japanese on Port Arthur has begun.

The Emperor of Japan celebrated his fifty-third birthday anniversary.

The Liberals won a sweeping victory in the Canadian general elections.

Ten miners were killed by a fall of 1,400 feet into a shaft at Nanticoke, Pa.

The Russian inquiry into the North Sea incident is in progress at Vigo, Spain.

President Roosevelt has issued his Thanksgiving proclamation for Thursday, November 24th.

The Baptist ministers, at a meeting in Richmond, Va., adopted resolutions denouncing lynching.

It is reported that Great Britain will ask Admiral Dewey to serve on the Anglo-Russian commission.

Engineers in 240 Illinois colleries went on strike and a lockout of 50,000 miners is expected to follow.

The body of ex-President Paul Kruger was put on a ship at Rotterdam and will be taken to South Africa.

The Datto Ali, the rebellious Moro leader in the Philippines, is making overtures for his surrender to General Wood.

A war panic prevailed in London for a time, but it was allayed by an official statement from the foreign office.

Russians report their killed, wounded and missing in the fighting from October 9th to 18th as 800 officers and 45,000 men.

Ex-Mayor McCue, of Charlottesville, Va., was found guilty of the murder of his wife, and sentenced to be hanged. He appealed.

Roy Knabenshue, of Toledo, made his second ascent from the World's Fair aeronautic course in Baldwin's airship, the California Arrow.

The Anglo-Russian negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily, but nothing has been definitely decided yet as to place of meeting, etc.

Dowie has given orders to his 3,000 Zion City adherents that all must vote for Deneen, Republican, for Governor, as well as Roosevelt for President.

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Sometimes they write: "Come to see us, and tell us something about the Orphanage. We don't know what it is, nor where it is. Let us know how you are getting along and what you are doing." So many schools would be all the better for sending us a monthly collection.

An Exciting Time.

Berry and LeRoy and Ross caught a rabbit—a regular Mollie cotton tail—to-day. This is the fourth year that they have had rabbit gums, and this is the second that they have caught. I am sure that they have had enough gums to catch all the old Mollie hares in Wake County.

Are the children in orphanages like these? When one gets a thing every other one wants the same thing, or something like it. A boy gets a hoop to roll. All must have hoops if they have to break a bucket or tear down a tub to get it. If one has a tom-walker, all must have tom-walkers—each one higher than the others. If one makes a trap to catch our English sparrows, all must have a trap.

The rabbit gum fever is raging just now; and all have gums. We have had frost, and of course all the rabbits are fat. We shall have one at breakfast in the morning.

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Have you read the Thanksgiving Proclamation? Does it not say: "Remember the orphan and the poor and needy." When you are enjoying your good things, remember those who have them not. We are not raising any turkeys here. Not even a goose or a duck—and the hen crop is over. Our pigs are not quite ready for the knife.

Brethren, have Thankgiving in every congregation. Have a big time of it. Take the collection whether you have service or not. Appoint a bright girl or boy, or both, to go around and collect it. They will enjoy it, and so will the people. Ask them to give as God has prospered them. We give great thanks here. God has been so good to us! Not a case of serious sickness in our little family this year. Then the people have been so good to us. Oh give thanks unto the Lord!

Another Request.

Will not our ministerial brethren ascertain how much their Sunday-schools will do for the Orphanage by the month, or for the year coming, and let us know at Conference, or before, whether they will support an orphan, or a half, or a third, or a fourth, or a fifth, or a sixth, or whether they will take a monthly collection or not?

Will not the Sunday-schools please send their contributions to me? Don't send the money to Conference by the preacher. You will get things mixed, and it will take me a half year to get them straight. I have a special book for the Sunday-schools. Help me to keep them straight.

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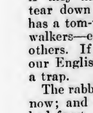

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Marriages

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WOMBLE—PASCHAL.—At the residence of the bride's father, Goldston, N. C., October 12, 1904, A. Marvin Womble, of Winston, and Miss Emma Paschal, Rev. J. C. Humble officiating.

SMITH — MATHIAS. — At the home of the bride's parents, in Gates County, N. C., on October 26, 1904, Mr. J. Marvin Smith, of Greenburg, N. C., was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Mathias, Rev. W. H. Brown officiating.

ELLIOTT—MYRICK.—At Calvary church, near Littleton, N. C., October 19, 1904, Mr. John Pool Elliott, of Norfolk, Va., and Miss Myrtice Pierce Myrick, daughter of Mr. T. W. Myrick, of Halifax County, N. C., H. A. Humble officiating.

BROTHERS — FRANKLIN.—At Parker's Church, Gates County, N. C., on October 27, 1904, Mr. N. B. Brothers, of Nansemond County, Va., was united in marriage to Miss Cora Mae Franklin, of Gates County, N. C., Rev. W. H. Brown officiating.

Obituaries

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MORRISON.—B. Frank Morrison, one of the best men in Harnett County, was born September 24, 1868, and died suddenly at his home October 29, 1904, leaving a wife and six children. A. D. BETTS.

FUSSELL.—On October 25th the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fussell, Jr., and bore to heaven their baby girl, Mary Henry, aged one year, one month and eighteen days. Though her illness was of short duration, she suffered intensely, and as the little life ebbed away we could but say, "God doeth all things well." Oh! How it hurt our hearts to see the lid of the casket close over the little form we loved so dearly; lips we never more shall press and know that we shall never again hear that sweet voice say bye, bye. Yet God needed one more flower to adorn His home and we must give her to Him cheerfully. May the thought that they have a jewel up in heaven comfort the bereaved parents. AUNT IDA.

PERRY.—Miss Pattie Perry, daughter of Mr. E. B. Perry, Sr., and Mrs. Sallie Burgess Perry, departed this life September 29, 1904, in Washington, D. C., and was buried in the cemetery in Littleton, N. C., September 30, the funeral services being held at the Methodist church.

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The end came unexpectedly to her loved ones, but those who knew her know that the summons found her ready to depart, and look forward to a happy meeting on the other shore. May a kind Father bind up all the broken hearts with gentlest cords of consolation. H. A. HUMBLE.

WHITE.—Earle Randolph, son of Charlie and Ella White, died in Belhaven, N. C., October 8, 1904, aged two years, four months and one day. Earle was a bright little boy, the light and joy of the home; but he has gone from that home and from the fond embrace of his loving parents. God took him to Himself, for of such is the Master's kingdom. Surely God's ways are past finding out, but the bereaved ones can trust in His wisdom. Their faith will enable them to say: "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

May the consolations of our holy religion bring comfort to the sorrowing parents, and enable them to say:

"Yes, Master, Thou mayest take my own,
For it is thine;
Safe in the house not made with hands
'Tis thine and mine."

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SHEARIN. — Nathaniel Harris Shearin was born in Warren County, N. C., November 30, 1844, moved to Littleton, N. C., in 1873, was married to Miss Sarah Bobbitt, December, 1871, and died October 6, 1904.

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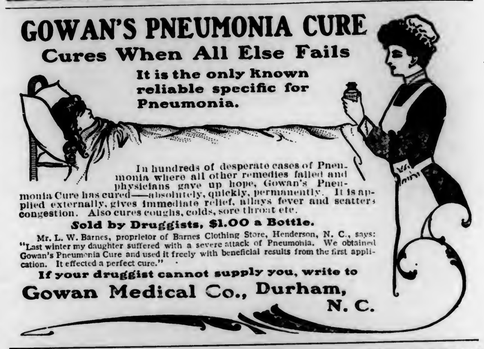

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Whereas, we desire to express our appreciation and esteem of her beautiful character and faithful service in our midst; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we bow in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well, for the Lord seeth the ripe fruit and gathereth it.

2. That while we lament her departure, we rejoice in the fact that she was truly a follower of Christ and one whose example we will strive to emulate.

3. That we, as a Sunday-school, extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved sons and daughters to whom she wished to be a bright and shining light, and trust that the Father's love, which passeth all understanding, may comfort and sustain them.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Society and one be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

MRS. T. S. HARRIS,
MRS. L. E. GATTIS,
Committee.

Resolutions of respect passed by McKendree Methodist Sunday-school:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst, Miss Katie B. Sugg, a beloved teacher of our Sunday-school; and,

Whereas, we, the members, desire to testify our high appreciation of her character and wish to record our loss in her death; now therefore be it

Resolved 1. That while we bow in humble submission to God's will, yet we feel keenly the loss of our faithful friend and zealous co-worker.

2. That we sympathize with those most deeply afflicted, to whom her love was so strong and tender, and by whom she is so sadly missed.

3. That she will be missed not only in our Sunday-school, but also in our Epworth League, of which she was an active member.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication, one to the bereaved family, and one be spread upon the minutes of the Sunday-school.

MRS. LUCY CHERRY,
MISS MAY LANCASTER,
MISS LILLIE JENKINS,
R. G. HART,
T. F. CHERRY,
Committee.

Whereas, God in His all-wise providence has seen fit to remove by death our beloved brother and co-laborer in our Missionary Society, Mr. Haywood Edward, who died the 27th of July; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That while the Hookerton Missionary Society has lost one of its best members, our community one of its most valuable citizens, we bow in submission to the divine will.

2. That we extend to the sorrowing wife and family our tenderest sympathy and commend them to God, who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent the bereaved family, a copy to be written on the minutes of our Society and a copy be sent the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
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Myra Kelly's Tales.

"Little Citizens" is the title given by McClure-Phillips to the book in which are collected the stories of school life east of the Bowery, by Myra Kelly, which have been appearing in McClure's Magazine the last year or so. Miss Kelly has certainly discovered a new field, and developed admirably the humor that there is in it. Eva Gonorrowsky, Morris Mogliewski, Patrick Brennan, Nathan Spiderwitz and their companions make plenty of fun with their antics, and their dialect is certainly the most extraordinary literature has yet encountered. As gathered in the volume, the stories give a very interesting peep into the life of the East Side tenement classes, and one sees the pathos as well as the humor of it.

We are indebted to the Enniss Publishing Company, of Raleigh, N. C., for a copy of Turner's N. C. Almanac for 1905, an old and valuable publication. A reliable State Almanac, astronomically calculated for the State and which gives all of our State officers and institutions, all of our Courts, State and Federal; and all matters pertaining to the Courts; the most important statistical information concerning the growth of the State, farm and honshold, and medical receipts for home use, with much miscellaneous matter, is in need in every family, and by all business men for reference during the coming year; and no publication is so full, complete and reliable as the Old Standard State Almanac. Be sure you get one and hang it up by your fireside. The price is only 10 cents. To be had of merchants and postmasters throughout the State, and Enniss Publishing Co., Raleigh, N. C.

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To E. J. Wickson, author of "California Fruits," Elwood Cooper, Chas. H. Allen, Volney Rattan, H. P. Stabler, W. P. Lyon, Philo Hersey, A. Block, W. R. Radcliff, Mrs. B. R. Follett, Mrs. K. M. Tileston, Mrs. S. B. Hankins, Mrs. A. E. Gibson, Mrs. C. Goodwin, W. W. W., Housekeeper, Mrs. Weisendanger, Mrs. H. A. Lee, Miss Emma Riehl, Mrs. E. C. Hatch, Miss Mabel Follett, Mrs. C. P. Taft, Mrs. Dr. Greenleaf, Miss Cooper, Mrs. Alice Richardson and other authorities, thanks are tendered for ideas taken and recipes submitted.

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The great Japanese and Russian armies along the Shakhe River, Manchuria, are confronting each other under conditions which are regarded as almost certain to lead to a engagement soon.

The United States Supreme Court dismissed the complaint against the Southern Railway Company, alleging disparity in freight rates at Danville and Lynchburg, Va.

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Editorial

THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

It is only an invisible line which the separates the two Conferences in North Carolina. Consequently there is always an eager interest on the part of every North Carolina Methodist in the affairs of both Conferences. The invisible line exists only in name. It divides the organizations but not the hearts. It is interesting to me to meet up here in the highlands men who decades ago served charges away down in the flat lands of Eastern Carolina—charges with whose people and conditions I am well acquainted.

It seemed natural to see Bishop Duncan in the chair. He presides with the old-time dignity. His face wears that same expression, which makes you wonder at times whether it means seriousness or is only the advance guard of a witticism. The Bishop's hair is whiter than it was when, at a District Conference in Mooresville, he struck terror into my heart as I contemplated making my first report as a Methodist preacher. It seems to me that he preaches and speaks with more animation and fervor than he did then. No one can see him preside for one session of the Conferenee and prophesy an early superannuation. There is one fact which impresses one who half-way knows the Bishop. It is that beneath all his bright sarcasm, vigorous insistence on punctuality and decorum, there is a heart exceedingly tender. It may be truly said of him that he loves his fellow man.

The Western North Carolina men are as a rule full of physical and spiritual vigor. They speak readily and with force. It seems to me that they are more emotional than the brethren of the North Carolina Conference. We heard shouting at Monroe two years ago. We have never heard any at any session of the North Carolina Conferenee. This brings us to the reflection that there is more confusion in the Western North Carolina Conferenee than in our own. The brethren in the former Conference are harder to manage. The excess of vitality calls for a more strenuous disciplinary enforcement. The announcements at the close of the daily session remind one of the Chicago wheat pit. Why do not the brethren pattern after their Eastern brethren in having the Secretary to read out all the announcements.

I was glad to see that a large class of young men was received on trial—sixteen in all, I think. This makes me feel good after contemplating for several years the large number of "supplies" in our own Conference. There is undoubtedly among those who are now being received on trial an educational trend. The faet is being recognized that a call to preach means a call to prepare to preach.

"Collections and salaries in full" was a familiar expression in the reports of the preachers. From what I heard I would judge that the increase in membership this year will be most gratifying. Numerous revivals and many accessions were reported. The assessments on Foreign Missions were more than paid. There was a deficit in Domestic Missions collections. It appears to me that all the commendable zeal and energy displayed in securing a surplus for Foreign Missions should be used in securing at least a full collection for Domestic Missions. The needs in the latter case, are, to say the least, as pressing and vital as in the former.

Bishop Cheshire, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, appeared before the Conference and made a stirring report on the divorce question. He was very attentively heard, and the matter was placed in the hands of a special committee whose report we hope to give our readers through these columns.

A pleasing feature of the Conference was the dedication of Trinity Church, which is one of the handsomest churches, not only in the city of Charlotte, but in the whole State. This church was begun in 1898, and was completed at a cost of about $25,000. It is a very handsome structure. The auditorium is ample and the acoustic properties are fine. On Sunday morning Bishop Duncan preached the dedicatory sermon.

The number of visitors was the smallest I have known at this Conference. It was my pleasure to hear on Sunday night a strong missionary sermon by Dr. Seth Ward, Assistant Missionary Secretary.

From the reports at this writing I judge that the Western North Carolina Conference is opposed to the consideration of the question of the consolidation of the two papers. Ever since the re-establishment of the Raleigh Christian Advocate in 1899, on account of conditions which no longer exist, there has been a disposition on the part of some to criticize the North Carolina Conference as desiring to hold off from the Western North Carolina in the common interests of the church. The North Carolina Conference at its last session appointed a Commission to confer with a similar Commission to be appointed by the Western North Carolina Conference to consider the question of consolidating the two papers. The movement was started after the Raleigh Christian Advocate had reached a point of wonderful success. It now has between 7,000 and 8,000 subscribers, over 2,000 more than the consolidated paper had at Greensboro. But the late Western North Carolina Conference opposed any consolidation, as it had a right to do. Our Conference has done all it can do. The Western Conference has expressed its preference. Both Conferences have every reason to be content and there will be nothing but the best of feeling between them. But hereafter the charge cannot be made that it is the North Carolina Conference which is opposed to the consolidation of our connectional interests.

The Conference was saddened by the fact that Rev. H. L. Adkins, one of its best men, and during the past year Presiding Elder of the Salisbury District, had been compelled to give up his work and go out to Arizona for his health. A collection of nearly $500 was raised on Saturday for him and his family. It is to be hoped that he may soon regain his health, and have many years of activity among the brethren who esteem him so highly.

Bishop Duncan, during the Conference, expressed himself as decidedly opposed to the plan of placing as "second men" on charges those who are mere figure heads, and who do but little preaching. How this conviction affected the appointments I do not know, as this is written before the reading of the appointments.

The following are some of the figures given in the General Minutes for the year 1904:

Number of local preachers, 186.
Number of members, 78,790.
Gain in members, 683.
Infants baptized, 1,593.
Adults baptized, 1,826.
Number of Epworth Leagues, 94.
Number of Sunday-schools, 741.
Number of Sunday-school teachers, 4,963.
Number of Sunday-school scholars enrolled this year, 58,464.
Amount necessary for Conference claimants, $6,500.00.
Amounted collected for Conference claimants, $5,611.92.
Amount contributed for missions—Foreign, $15,611.12; Domestic, $8,376.90.
Amount contributed for church extension, $4,451.13.
Amount contributed for Bible Society, $906.91.
Amount contributed for support of Presiding Elders, $13,814.27.
Amount contributed for support of preachers in charge, $105,948.68.
Amount contributed for support of Bishops, $2,183.63.
Number of societies, 856.
Number of houses of worship, 752½.
Value of houses of worship, $1,137,953.
Indebtedness on houses of worship, $34,179.31.
Number of pastoral charges, 200.
Number of parsonages, 161.
Value of parsonages, $209,536.
Indebtedness on parsonages, $18,204.
Number of districts, 11.
Number of district parsonages, 8.
Value of district parsonages, $21,500.
Indebtedness on district parsonages, $4,500.
Number of churches damaged this year, 1.
Amount of damage, $650.
Insurance carried, $316,400.
Premiums paid, $1,844.53.
Collections on losses, $710.
Amount contributed for education, $5,975.78.

Dr. William Osler, who is one of the most eminent physicians this country has produced, and who has been appointed lately Regius Professor of Medicine in Oxford College, England, has excited the theological world by his statement in a recent lecture to the Harvard students that practical indifference on the subject of immortality is the quite common attitude of mind and "that the question has not the slightest influence in the settlement of the grave social and national problems which confront the race to-day.

Dr. Osler is a believer in the doctrine of immortality, yet it takes only a little knowledge for any one to see that in his view, as above stated, the eminent physician has missed his mark. There is nothing woven so closely in every department of thought and activity as immortality.

It is said that not a single railroad passenger in England was killed last year. The record for this country is 9,000.

Contributions

Some Earlier Scenes in My Ministry—No. 1.

REV. E. A. WRIGHT.

To the Raleigh Chritsian Advocate:—For a long time I have been thinking I would write for the "Old Raleigh Christian Advocate" a series of articles, giving from memory, an account of my early ministerial work in Wayne, Lenoir, Wilson and other Eastern counties of the "Old North State," commencing in 1875 and running up to 1883; so I send to you the following for publication:

As I have come to that period of life when "the frost that never melts" has come down upon my head, and I am pilgrimaging along, on a limping hip, down already on the "sun-set side of hill of life," and will soon be bid to take passage on that "ship drifting with the dead to shores where all is dumb," I thought it would not be amiss in me to put on record some of my early ministerial work, or, in other words, a short review of my early ministerial life.

When in 1875 I was licensed as a local preacher by the Quarterly Conference of the "old M. E. Church, South," of the town of Goldsboro, N. C., I promised the Quarterly Conference to be "no drone in the Lord's vineyard," but, on the contrary, to go out into Wayne County and look up places destitude of Methodism and try, as best I could, to establish Methodist churches in all such places. Commencing first at Daniel's schoolhouse in 1876, holding a regular monthly appointment there until the fall of that year, and then with Rev. A. J. Finlayson, in September, holding a series of revival services for two weeks, resulting in the establishment of a church, with thirty or thirty-five members, which, in a short while, cultimated in the building of the church now culminated in building of the church now stand-Chapel." We took into membership there old man Barney Daniel and his family, and Mr. Daniel being the owner of the land, gave the acre upon which it stands, or upon which it was standing ten years ago, when I left Goldsboro, N. C. Brother Daniel also contributed a handsome sum of money in the erection of the building. When I last saw it, it was one of the handsomest churches of our denomination in Wayne County. Brother Daniel, being dead, yet speaketh to our people in this splendid donation to our beloved Methodism. Long may this church stand to be a memorial to his memory, and may hundreds of the people living in that section, in ages to come, find a spiritual home in Barney Daniel's Chapel, nestled among the oaks and hickories on that ridge nearly opposite the old home. This church was the outcome of the first Methodist seed sown by this humble scribe in that neighborhood.

The next place I took an appointment (monthly) was at "Piney Grove" school-house, six or seven miles further east, in the Park's, Moses', Ivey's, and Sutton's neighborhood. Here I kept up a regular monthly appointment until October, 1877, and then in that year Brother Finlayson and myself held a revival there, which resulted in about forty conversions, and from this sprang the present "Piney Grove Church," one of the largest Methodist churches, I am informed, in Wayne County. The last I heard of it, it had nearly two hundred members. At this point was built also a fine church building, called "Piney Grove Church." It is located in one of the richest sections of Wayne County—the section bordering on the rich "huckleberry section" of Lenoir County. This church is located near the now famous "Seven Springs," at the foot of "Sapona Hills," near the banks of "old Neuse." This church stands as an evidence of the unbounded liberality of the Moses, the Parks, the Iveys and the Suttons, and here, I hope, it will stand "until the last click of the clock of time," as a monument, more lasting than iron and granite, to be a "trysting place" of generations of men and women, boys and maidens, who are to come upon the stage of action, as long as time shall roll. I thank God to-day that here, too, I planted the first Methodist seed sown in that neighborhood, after the close of the war between the States. In those days, which have made an indelible stamping upon memory's tablet, Bro. A. J. Finlayson and myself went, as it were, hand in hand, heart to heart, as co-workers in the Lord's vineyard—he, as I called him, my "Paul," and I, as he called me, his "Timothy." When he was called to take passage on that "ship drifting with the dead to shores where all is dumb;" to that undiscovered country whence no traveler has ever returned, I preached, before a large concourse of people, perhaps a thousand, his funeral sermon from the text: "Know ye not that a prince has, this day, fallen in Israel." And at the succeeding District Conference, as chairman of the Committee on Memoirs, among the many good things I wrote concerning this sainted "man of God," who, perhaps, did the most, the best, the furthermost reaching and the noblest work in the vineyard of the Lord than any local preacher within the bounds of Wayne County, N. C., I used in closing that memoir, the following verse of one of our grand old hymns:

"Soldier of Christ, well done
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle's fought, the victory's won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

(To be Continued.)

The Missionary Training School.

WALTER R. LAMBUTH.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held in Dallas, Texas, in 1902, authorized a system of city missions in the following terms: "The Board of Missions shall be authorized to organize, with the endorsement of the Annual Conference, and in co-operation with the Annual Conference Board of Missions, a system of city missions. These city missions shall in all cases co-operate as far as possible with the Church Extension Board and with the Woman's Home Mission Board."

In pursuance of the foregoing, a draft of a plan of city missions was submitted to the Board of Missions at its annual meeting in St. Louis, May, 1904, by the Secretaries and was adopted. This plan provided for the development and training of a corps of city missionaries and required at the same time that the Secretaries should make a careful study of the field in relation to conditions among our city, factory, mining, and rural populations. The results of their inquiries to be published in our church papers.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Missions in Waco, Texas, in May last, another step was taken authorizing the establishment of a Missionary Training School in the following terms:

"Resolved, that the Secretaries be authorized to arrange for a training school, or school of methods, to be opened in the months of January, February and March, and that our candidates for work in the foreign fields, as far as possible, be required to attend."

EUGENE R. HENDRIX,
CHARLES B. GALLOWAY.

It will hardly be necessary to emphasize the need of this provision the Board has so wisely made. We have been for fifty years sending men to the foreign field without any special instruction as to the character of work they were expected to do, the equipment required, the care of their health (often in a trying climate), the problems to be solved, and the policy to be pursued in the light of the experience of other Boards and of missionary effort during at least a century of modern missions. The writer himself was sent to the field with scant knowledge of book-keeping and absolutely none of architecture. And yet, during the first ten years he had to act as Treasurer of the Mission, later on a superintendent of two missions—China and Japan—at different times; and had to build two churches, three residences, one hospital and three school-buildings. There is scarcely a missionary who remains on the field for a decade without having at some time or other, to build, to translate, to nurse the sick, to keep accounts, to establish schools, to teach the Word, and to have the care of several native churches. Careful instruction both by lectures and in conferences upon the part of our Bishops and the Secretaries of our Board who have first hand knowledge of the needs of the field and the demands made upon the outgoing missionary cannot fail of being beneficial. The case should be put in even stronger terms. Such instruction has become absolutely necessary if we would keep our working force up to the highest state of efficiency.

That which is true of our foreign missionaries applies with equal force to the heroic men who are appointed to our Domestic Missions. With the most meager provision financially, and almost without equipment, many of them go to posts of difficulty under conditions which try men's souls and which are scarcely less exacting than those in the regions beyond. We have thirteen hundred of these men in our church at home. If only a few could be relieved annually by their presiding elders, for four weeks even, the heartening and inspiration which might come through Bible study, and even daily conference with each other, and with a few presiding elders of experience who might meet with them, must surely result in some spiritual uplift and in valuable light thrown upon the problems of missions among factory people, in mining districts, among foreigners within our borders, and in behalf of those so difficult to reach in our cities. If some laymen could furnish us with a small fund, it would be a pleasure to place at least two new books in the hands of each of these hard-worked and hard-pressed men, as an addition to their library when they go out from the Training School. It is probable that not one hundred of the thirteen hundred have been able to buy two new books a year for the past five years. The supreme problem of missions at home is not so much the mission church as it is the man in charge of the mission church. Give him the inspiration and equipment and the question of self-supporting, self-propagating church will be solved.

Our Training School will open January 4th, in McKendree Church, Nashville, Tenn. The month of January to be devoted largely to Foreign Missions and February to Home Missions. Three of our Bishops who have been in charge of foreign fields will deliver addresses, in addition to the more didactic work by members of the Theological faculty of the Vanderbilt University, a number of connectional officers, some of our returned missionaries, Dr. John F. Goucher, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Dr. S. H. Chester, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board, and a number of others.

There will be neither recitation nor examination. But original papers on subjects will be requested and an earnest, through-going and prayerful study of the great missionary questions of the day sought for. The matriculation fee of one dollar and a tuition fee of five dollars for the entire term will be required to meet the current expenses of the school. A scholarship of $25.00 ought to cover these items of expense and board and lodging for four weeks. It is to be hoped that a number of annual conferences and individuals will follow the example of the Tennessee Conference Board of Missions which has provided through voluntary pledges ten scholarships for one month.

Bishop Hendrix has rightly styled this a "School of Methods." We purpose to meet in one of the historic churches of Methodism. It is eminently appropriate that we should centre this movement in a church which has been for years a hive of activity, for we shall come together to study church methods; the English Bible from a devotional standpoint and how to impart its truths, and with the supreme object of qualifying our students for Christian service. May this also prove to be under the leadership of the Holy Spirit "a school of prayer and of power."

Ingersoll's Testimony.

On one occasion, Mr. Ingersoll was announced to deliver a lecture in the city of Pittsburg upon the subject, "The Foundations of the Christian Faith." There happened to be living in the city of Pittsburg at that time a lawyer who had been a schoolmate and friend of Mr. Ingersoll. When he had graduated he had started in his life's profession with bright promises, and had married a lovely girl. Two children had come into their home, and then there fastened upon him that awful habit of drink, which was dragging him down to the very lowest depths of hell. It broke up his home, it sent his children into the street, took the roses from the cheeks of his wife, took from him his good name, character, and friends. It left him one night lying in an alley in New York City, poor, friendless, hungry, sick, and alone.

There came to this man a slum-worker. He was taken to a house, where he was washed, put to bed, and in the morning he was fed. This slum-worker pleaded with him that he would change his mode of living. The young man lifted his hand to heaven and said: "By the help of Almighty God, I will make one more effort: this time it is heaven or hell, life or death for me. For God's sake, for my own sake, I will change." He never drank another drop, he brought his children in, and he painted the roses again on the cheeks of his wife, and then went down again to the city of Pittsburg, where he was practicing his profession. When he read in the newspapers that Mr. Ingersoll was to speak, he wrote him a little note something like this:

"My Dear Old Friend:—I see that to-night you are to deliver a lecture against Christianity and the Bible. Perhaps you know some of my history since we parted; perhaps you know that I disgraced my home and family; perhaps you know I lost my character, and all that a man can hold dear in this world almost. You may know that I went down and down until I was a poor, despised outcast, and when I thought there was none to help and none to save, there came one in the name of Jesus, who told me of His power to help; of His loving kindness and His tender sympathy, and through the story of the Cross of Christ I turned to Him. I brought my wife back home, and gathered my children together again, and we are happy now, and I am doing what good I can.

"And now, old friend, would you stand to-night before the people of Pittsburg and tell them what you have to say against the religion that will come down to the lowest depths of hell, and find me and help me up and make my life happy and clothe my children and give me back my home and friends—will you tell them what you have to say against a religion like that?"

Mr. Ingersoll read that letter before his audience, and said: "Ladies and gentlemen, I have nothing to say against a religion that will do this for a man. I am here to talk about a religion that will do this for a man. I am here to talk about a religion that is being preached by the preachers."

You can find fault with the church, but let me say that there stands One supreme—and that is the character of the Son of God. His name shall be called Wonderful, because no man has ever dared to point his finger at the character of Christ and find any fault with Him.—Episcopal Recorder.

Conference of Theological Students.

To Students for the Ministry of all Denominations.

Dear Brethren:—The professors and students of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia extend to you a cordial invitation to attend the Biennial Eastern Conference of the American and Canadian Young Men's Christian Associations of the Theological Seminaries which is to be held at this institution, in Richmond, Va., on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of December, 1904. The last conference at Princeton brought together a large number of delegates from about thirty seminaries of different denominations east of the Alleghany Mountains, and they testify with one accord not only to the spiritual uplift which they received personally from participation in the conference, but also to the increased efficiency of the organization for Christian work in their several institutions. It is hoped, and believed, that under the blessing of God, this year's conference will be no less fruitful of good to the delegates who attend and to the institutions which they represent.

The delegates will be our guests during the sessions of the conference. Arrangements have been made for lodging them in the Seminary buildings and serving their meals on the Seminary grounds, thus securing thorough commingling and acquaintanceship and promoting Christian fellowship which is one of the ends aimed at by the conference and also one of the surest means of effecting the other important objects contemplated in our organization.

We shall take pleasure in meeting as many of you as possible on your arrival at the railway station of Richmond on December 1st and 2nd, but, in case any of you should not find us there, please take any electric car going up town from any station, ask the conductor how to reach the intersection of First and Broad Streets, and transfer there to the Lakeside cars, which will bring you to the Seminary campus.

The program, so far as arranged, is as follows, though it may be subjected to some slight alterations before the actual opening of the conference:

Friday, December 2nd, 3.30 p. m.—Devotional Exercises in the Seminary Chapel.

Address of Welcome by the President of the Seminary.

Address by Mr. Robert E. Speer.

8.00 p. m.—Address: "The Spiritual Life of the Theological Student," by Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D. D., pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York.

Address: "The Pastor as a Missionary," by Mr. John R. Mott.

Saturday, December 3rd, 9.00 a. m.—Devotional Exercises, Seminary Chapel. The remainder of the forenoon and afternoon will be occupied with four conferences, beginning, respectively, at 9.30 and 10.30 a. m., and 3.00 and 4.00 p. m.

8.00 p. m.—Address: Speaker not yet determined; probably Dr. D. Clay Lilley on Colored Evangelization.

Sunday, December 4th, 11.00 a. m.—Addresses in the city churches.

3.00 p. m.—Missionary Conference led by Mr. Harlan P. Beach.

Student Volunteer Conference.

Prayer Service.

8.15 p. m.—Address: Africa, by Rev. W. R. Hotchkiss.

Adoption of Policy.

Farewell.

In addition to the above program, we expect addresses from Rev. Floyd B. Thompkins, D. D., pastor of Philip Brooks' Church, Philadelphia, and Mr. Lester McLean.

There is promise of blessing in such addresses and conferences as those here indicated, and we trust that we may all come together in the spirit of prayer and with the expectancy of faith.

Fraternally yours,

W. W. MOORE,
T. C. JOHNSON,
W. E. HILL,
W. N. SHOLL,
R. H. McCASLIN,
H. H. HUDSON,
R. C. DEAL,
F. D. VIEHE,

For the Faculty and Students of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

Just to be good, to keep life pure from degrading element, to make it constantly helpful in little ways to those who are touched by it, to keep one's spirit always sweet and avoid all manner of petty anger and irritability—that is, an ideal as noble as it is difficult.—Edward Howard Griggs.

Soul Food

And the lilies ever seemed
Like altars bright to heaven,
Where the angels knelt and dreamed.

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It is only when to-morrow's burden is added to the burden of to-day that the weight is more than a man can bear.—Geo. MacDonald.

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The kingdom of God, how glorious also in its aim! For this is nothing less than the full realization of the perfect will of the perfect God, so that the human become one with the divine. In that large and abundant life, full and complete, we shall live, yet not we, but Christ shall live in us.—Selected.

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It is only a poor sort of happiness that could ever come by caring very much about our own pleasures. We can only have the highest happiness, such as goes along with being a great man, by having wide thoughts and much feeling for the rest of the world as well as ourselves.—George Eliot.

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While we sit brooding over our troubles and the hardships of our lot, the great world goes tranquilly on, the infinite sky hangs over us, the everlasting order abides, and "God is where he was." Can we not forget or endure our pestering "insect miseries" for a little while in the presence of the eternal laws and eternal powers?—Charles G. Ames.

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To those whose hope is in heaven, everything becomes a means of discipline,—an instrument of strengthening their cheerful acceptance of their Father's will. Their irksome tasks, privations, sickness, heaviness of heart, unkindness of others, and all the sorrows which their Father allots them in this world, are so many means of conforming them to their Saviour's image. Then doth everything which God doeth with them seem to them "very good," even because He doth it.—Rev. E. B. Pusey.

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When we turn away from some duty or some fellow-creature, saying that our hearts are too sick and sore with some great yearning of our own, we may often sever the line on which a divine message was coming to us. We shut out the man, and we shut out the angel who had sent him on to the open door. . . . . There is a plan working in our lives; and if we keep our hearts quiet and our eyes open, it all "works together;" and, if we don't, it all fights together, and goes on fighting till it comes right, somehow, somewhere.—Annie Keary.

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Many and many of these men whom we see plodding on in their dusty ways are traveling with visions in their souls. Nobody knows it but themselves and God. Once, years ago, they saw a light. They knew, if only for a moment, what companionships, what attainments, they were made for. That light has never faded. It is the soul of good things which they are doing in the world to-day. It makes them sure when other men think their faith is gone. It will be with them till the end, until they come to all it prophesies.—Phillips Brooks.

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All formal religions are efforts to escape spirituality. It matters not what the form is—ritual, idols or doctrine, the essence is all the same—they are devices to escape spiritual worship. There is nothing a man will not do to evade spirituality. The supreme factor in arriving at spiritual knowledge is not theology, it is consecration.—Henry Drummond.

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Life is a burden; bear it;
Life is a duty; dare it;
Life is a thorn crown; wear it;
Though it break your heart in twain;
Though the burden crush you down;
Close your lips, and hide your pain,
First the cross, and then, the crown.

—Father Ryan.

The Field

Conference Reports—A Word to the Preachers.

1. In making your report to the Annual Conference, please use the yellow slip, being careful to state thereon in plain figures all items of cash, checks, and receipts enclosed in the envelope with your Report.

2. Get checks on Raleigh, Wilmington, Richmond, Norfolk, Baltimore, New York, or Philadelphia wherever possible, and save the cost of exchange charged on local checks.

3. The total amount on the yellow slip and on outside of envelope should agree. Verify your figures before turning in your Report.

4. Original receipts and vouchers should be enclosed in every instance. The Board has no authority to allow credit for items not covered by cash, check, draft, or original receipt, or duplicate receipt in case original is lost or mislaid.

5. Have your Report ready the first day of Conference, and deposit same in the box promptly at the opening session. The sooner these Reports are in, the quicker the Joint Board can finish its labors and submit its Report to the Conference.

These plain and simple directions, if followed, will very much lessen the labors of the Joint Board, relieve the brethren of needless annoyance, save the Conference needless cost, and promote the convenience of all concerned.

Q. K. NIMOCKS,
Treasurer Joint Board Finance.

Men and Places.

Allow me space for a few words. I have been deprived of the pleasure of a people I could call mine to serve as pastor this year. No one but those who have had a similar experience knows how I have felt. The true preacher and pastor can never be satisfied in any other work than that of the ministry. My throat still gives me trouble. I hoped to be able to take a charge at the approaching Conference, but every time I attempt to preach I find I cannot hold out. What can I do? Oh, brethren and friends, pray for me that I may be restored and be made able to take my charge as in days past, for I am so anxious to do so. I have been in the bounds of Bethel Circuit several times this year, and preached a number of sermons to those I served last. It gives me pleasure to say that I also heard Rev. W. H. Kirton preach several sermons and he is a strong man, and is making full proof of his ministry. He is a transfer among us, but those whose lot it is to secure his services may be sure they have one of our best preachers. He has had a great deal of sickness in his family this year, but notwithstanding he has been kept at home much of his time, he informs me his collections are in sight.

I have also been in Mt. Olive and Tarboro, and hear the people speak well of their preachers.

It was my sad privilege to attend the funeral of our dear brother Jurney last Tuesday, and it was a scene to be long remembered when the church was filled to overflowing and the casket was laden with beautiful flowers in token of the high esteem in which that good man was held, and when the thirteen-year-old son of the deceased stood up, hand on casket, and said: "This is my father, the last words he spoke to me were: 'Nat, meet me in heaven,' and I intend by the grace of God to meet him." There was not a dry eye in the church.

I remained over, and Wednesday went out with Bro. F. E. Dixon to visit a sick brother, Bro. Dan Kornegay, who we found improving, though yet quite unwell, of typhoid fever, and in the afternoon I was pleased to preach to an appreciative audience which had assembled to engage in the protracted services which were being conducted by Brother Dixon at Smith's Chapel. Let me say that Brother Dixon is one of our preachers whose health has been poor and is not physically able to do so much work as many, but he is a man of as kindly a disposition as any man among us. I have learned to love him and his dear family this year, having been thrown with them often.

I have lived in Goldsboro this year, and of course have been with Brothers Bradshaw and Anderson right much. These are true men and faithful to their work. Brother Bradshaw's four years is up, and he will receive another charge at Conference. We are sorry to give him up.

Excuse the length of this scribble.

Yours fraternally,
J. J. BARKER.

Pelham Circuit.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—We are closing up the best year we have had in Conference. All of our churches have been graciously revived, and many souls have been converted and brought into the church.

The general state of the church is better than at any time since I have been here. A deep brotherly spirit pervades the whole work.

Bros. J. A. Dailey and M. D. Giles helped me in two meetings, and they both did some good preaching, and we feel they have sown seed that will yield an abundant harvest.

We have no better people in our Conference than we have in this work, and we feel that our lot has been cast in goodly land.

The graded school at this place, with Prof. J. C. Gibbs superintendent, has grown far beyond our expectations. The trustees have just added to the already accomplished faculty, Miss Eunice Gibbs, daughter of our beloved Presiding Elder, Dr. Gibbs.

These four Christian teachers are a great blessing to our community and to our church in every way.

We hope to bring everything up in full at Conference. Hope to see you soon.

Yours fraternally,
J. H. McCRACKEN.

Grimesland and Vanceboro Circuit.

We are now on the homestretch, and it will only be a few weeks before I shall hand in my report at Conference. In a great many respects I can truthfully say: "Well, Bishop, I have had a good year."

Brother Bundy, our beloved Presiding Elder, held my last Quarterly Conference, and dedicated our church at Shelmerdine, on November 6 and 7. And now I am holding a very interesting meeting here.

It is the last one for the year. In all I have held nine meetings, and had no minister to help me, except Brother Hornaday was with me at Ayden, and preached some very fine gospel sermons, indeed. All of our people there were perfectly delighted with him. Then Brother Powell, a worthy local preacher on this circuit, has rendered some valuable assistance. He is a true, good man.

There have been about 70 conversions, and 40 additions on profession of faith, and the names of 25 more to join.

All reports will show a considerable advance in finances for all objects this year. The people have been very kind and hospitable to us this year, and I can never forget them.

With best wishes to you and the Advocate, I remain,

Yours,
B. E. STANFIELD, P. C.

Presiding Elders Take Notice.

Will the Presiding Elders of the North Carolina Conference please to send me the names of the delegates and alternates from the various districts to the Annual Conference? Also the post-office address of each delegate and alternate.

Very truly yours,
W. L. CUNINGGIM.
Durham, N. C.

Trinity College Notes.

The Columbian and Heysperian Literary Societies have arranged to have an inter-society debate to be held in Craven Memorial Hall, December 17th. The Columbian Society will be represented by Messrs. S. B. Underwood and J. A. Morgan, and the Hesperian Society by Messrs. J. T. Jerome and C. R. Warren, alternate L. T. Singleton. The subject for debate is

Resolved, "That the franchise laws of the Southern States should not by their terms or methods of execution provide means for discrimination between the races, but that they should exclude from the right of suffrage all persons of both races who cannot read and write."

The preliminary debate to select representatives for the debate to be held with Randolph-Macon will be held Saturday evening, December 10th. Sixteen men have entered the contest.

An arrangement has been recently made between Watts Hospital and Trinity College and Trinity Park School whereby any student of the College and School, upon the payment of a fee of one dollar, may be guaranteed for one year all necessary hospital treatment in case of illness. This treatment consists of medicine, bed, board, and nurse. The physician is to be selected and paid by the student himself. The prescribed number of students has paid the fee, and the arrangement is now in effect. Watts Hospital, which will thus serve the College as an infirmary, is located on grounds adjoining Trinity Park. It was built and endowed by Mr. George W. Watts, a well known citizen of Durham, and the valuation of the hospital property and its endowment amounts to sixty thousand dollars. The institution is well equipped, and is provided with a staff of experienced nurses. The liberal policy of the Hospital trustees thus enables Trinity College to offer exceptional facilities for the proper care of the sick among the students.

President Kilgo and Prof. J. A. Bivens are in Charlotte attending the session of the Western North Carolina Conference, and also the meeting of the North Carolina Library Association. Dr. Kilgo and Professor Bivins are both on the program to speak before this organization.

Professor Durham is also attending the Conference in Charlotte.

Dr. Few has returned from New Orleans where he represented Trinity College at the meeting of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Southern States.

Note from Greenville.

Wednesday afternoon, November 9th, about 5 o'clock, quite a number of the ladies of the Methodist Church congregated in front of the home of their pastor. Presently, a cart loaded with numberous bundles and packages of all descriptions, with a colored man in charge, stopped in front of the parsonage gate. The waiting ladies quietly approached the cart, loaded themselves with bundles and packages from the cart, gave orders to the colored man to carry the heavy articles in, then they filed through the gate and into the parsonage dining-room, where they deposited their packages in great heaps on tables and floor. Then it was that the bewildered but fortunate pastor and his family woke up to the pleasant fact that the dear, good sisters of the church had planned and executed a first-class "pounding" without so much as a hint of their purpose reaching the parsonage in advance of them.

Since we came to Greenville, now almost a year ago, the people have been exceedingly kind to us. Almost every day some token of their appreciation has reached us, and now just before the Conference year comes to a close, the climax is reached, and our pantry is well supplied with almost every description of high grade groceries. We wish to assure every one who has shown us kindness that it is sincerely appreciated. Our deliberate opinion is, that Greenville is the most pleasant charge in the North Carolina Conference, hence we believe we will come back next year.

Rev. J. D. Bundy, our justly popular Presiding Elder, was with us last Sunday morning, and preached grandly. Our people are delighted with him.

Sincerely, J. A. HORNADAY.

The Family

At My Loom.

I'm tired, Master tired:
My loom is of fashion old, and long disused.
My thread but broken ends and brittle flax.
And yet, of this, oh, Master, must I weave
A fair, unblemished length of goodly cloth.
I sit alone in the gloom,
And drive the slow, unwilling shuttle endlessly,
For so Thou hast commanded me.
But oh, my Master, when Thou drawest forth
This pattern, wet with scalding tears,
And seeming dark and dull to me,
Wilt Thou not find it fair
And fit for Thy high uses—there?
I may not know; Thou dost not tell:
I only know that Thou hast set me here.
With darkened windows, fast-shut doors,
And bid me weave as but I may.
And so, alone, and sore afraid,
I send the shuttle swift across,
And back again, and on and on!
I see no rythmic warp,
No rimed woof of pattern fair,
I only know that I must weave.
Dear Lord, I weave therein my broken hopes,
My deep desire to know and do Thy will,
My passions pent within my breast
Like raging beasts confined close.
There gleams my youth, a golden thread
Soon spent, like dawn's recurring glow;
My riper years, so soon to fade;
And now with weary hand, and fainting heart
I weave the thin, gray thread of age,
Still in the dark and still alone.
I'm tired, Master; hearest Thou?
—Julia Neely Finch.

Smile

The young woman had been working in an effort to meet a trying situation. She was perplexed, and scarcely knew which way to turn. In her anxiety a friend of former years called at the office. Formal greetings were exchanged, and after a few moments the caller said:

"Miss Brown, will you do something for me?"

"Why, certainly, if I can," was the reply.

"Smile."

The worried look immediately left the face, and the humor of the situation was at once apparent, and it was also contagious. During the remainder of the day, when the duties were exacting and close application brought back the wrinkles, the request of that friend came again to mind—"Smile!"

I am not sure but this would be a capital motto to put over our desks. It would make the work easier, and certainly it would make people near by happier.

A young woman of my acquaintance went to room with an elderly couple, who at once nicknamed her "Sunshine." During all the time of her stay there, if doubts came up, or angry thoughts came into her mind, her beautiful nickname served to banish the clouds, and sunshine came back again. It was the contagion of cheerfulness which brightened the day for all round.

Over the desk of another friend of mine hangs this motto: "Don't Worry, But Work." And here is another cheerful worker, who always goes at her task with a bright face. Work is hard, but how much harder it is under a threatening cloud—and the clouds are not all in the heavens, either. Indeed, the most depressing ones are sometimes in our own faces. "Smile!"—Baptist Union.

The Old Farmer's View of It.

A few days ago we came across a story in an English paper which left its impression upon us. An old farmer came in from the country to make a short visit on his son, a recently graduated physician. The father had helped the boy through college and medical school at considerable sacrifice, and was naturally interested in knowing how he was succeeding.

"Well, how are you getting along, my boy?" he asked.

"Sorry to say, I'm not getting along at all," was the boy's disconsolate answer. "Business doesn't seem to be coming my way very fast, and it's hard work keeping up."

The old man's face fell, and it was evident that he was grievously disappointed. But that afternoon he went with his son to the free dispensary and clinic where the young man had an appointment. For several hours, an intensely interested spectator, the father watched the son as he prescribed for and operated upon a long line of waiting patients. When it was all over, he turned to his boy and remarked:

"I though you said that you didn't have anything to do?"

"O, well, this, of course; but it doesn't bring me in anything—there's no money in it."

"Well," said the old man, with enthusiasm glowing in all his features, "if I could do as much good in a month as you have been enabled to do here this afternoon in a few hours, I should count myself supremely happy. Never mind the money. You just keep right on doing as you are. I'll go back to the farm and make money enough for both of us."

We rather liked the old farmer's view of the thing, and his program might be taken up by many more who, lacking great opportunities of being philanthropic themselves, might help somebody else who is in a position to do it to "keep right on" without worrying.—Selected.

The Battleground of the Disagreeable.

A great many of us waste energy in consideration of whether we like or do not like our necessary work. By the time we have sputtered a bit over the question of taste, and roundly scolded Providence because we cannot do what we enjoy, the first freshness of ability to accomplish results is gone. It would be absurd, of course, to expect that any one should like what she dislikes merely because it has to be done, but liking or disliking is, after all, not the question. If the work is ours, the real question is to get it done as quickly and as well as possible. Many people think of the former, like the servant girl who never sweeps behind doors, and whose washed dishes bear traces of grease and egg; but real people take a pride in doing disagreeable tasks as they ought to be done. And they have their reward in character, if not always in immediate satisfaction. Nor does satisfaction always fail. The sense of mastery is not to be despised as an element of content. To lie down conqueror after a day of drudgery is something well worth while. In this connection we may quote the words of the hard-working sister in "Ellen Glasgow's Deliverance." "When it comes to doing a thing in this work," returned the little woman, removing a speck of dust from the cream with the point of the spoon, "I don't ask myself whether I like it or not, but what's the best way to get it done. I've spent sixty years doing things I wasn't fond of, and I don't reckon I'm any the less happy for having done 'em well."—Boston Congregationalist.

"Inasmuch as Ye Did it Not."

"Master, I have this day broken no law of the ten—have hurt no one. Is it enough?"

"Child, there stood one by thy side burdened with heavy tasks of lowly, earthly labor. For a little help, a little easing of the burden, he looked to thee. Thou hadst time and strength."

"Master, I did not see."

"Thine eyes were turned within. There was an ignorant one crying from out of his darkness, 'Will none teach me?' I have given thee knowledge."

"Master, I did not hear."

"Thine ear was dull. There came a guest to seek thy converse, a human friend in quest of fellowship. I marked thy sigh, thy frown. Why was thy heart not glad?"

"I was reading. I hate to be disturbed, to be called from great thoughts to trifling talk."

"The children would have had thee a few moments in their play. Without thee they went wrong—how far wrong thou wilt know. It is too late."

"Child's play? But I was searching for a hidden truth of spiritual import."

"Thou didst not turn aside to lift that lame one who had fallen by the way."

"I was in haste to do what I had planned. I meant to help him when I should return."

"Another lifted him. And shall I question further?"—Push.

Finding the Grain of Gold.

To discover what makes our neighbor disagreeable is easy enough: to realize his or her capacity to be vexatious or annoying does not require genius or inspiration. "The northeast side" of human nature is a sadly prevailing one, but it is a fascinating bit of psychological study to discover where the vulnerable side lies and see it grow yielding and able to give and receive pleasure through what we have done to thaw the ice and mellow the hard and sacrificed crust which kept back the living motion of the feathered and perhaps sorely wounded spirit hidden away below and within.

To be ready to say that we dislike those whom fortune makes our companions, and to shrug our shoulders and pass on, is common enough; to find out that the plain face can light up with keen intelligence, the cold, limp hand at last respond to our grasp with an affectionate pressure, and the emotionless voice say, "I have missed you more than I can say," is much like finding a grain of gold in some desert place, and discovering that it leads to a mine.

Just now my mind has been strongly awakened to the breadth and height of such possibilities, and it seems not an unreasonable addition to the category of our endless duties to our neighbors to cultivate this power to bring out the best there is in their natures and give them opportunity for exercise, to breathe on half-dying spirits such warmth of interest and expectation of good that they shall respond to our joy and their own resurrection from loneliness and doubt.—C., in New York Post.

Entranced.

The wind has hushed its whisperings in rapt forgetfulness,
The brook, reluctant, lingers there, as loath to move along
The dainty little ruby-throat neglects to preen her dress,
And all because a bobolink has lost himself in song!

Let us do as the Christ said: Give ourselves for others; deny ourselves that those who need may have a share in the good which has been given to us. Thus by giving we shall first know the joy of having, and we shall truly join in the chorus that sounded over Bethlehem on the first Christmas morning. Our deeds of help will have more music in them than cathedral chimes in the tower, or cathedral carols in the choir, and from humble homes and happy hearts will sound the antiphony of the angels' song. Bring holly and mistletoe, hemlock and cedar; festoon the walls with vines of smilax, soft and green and tender; scatter flowers; light tapers on Christmas trees; put greens on Christmas graves; fill house and street and earth and heaven with shouts of exultation!—Bishop Vincent.

Why should'st thou fill to-day with sorrow
About to-morrow,
My heart?
One watches all with care most true,
Doubt not that He will give thee too
Thy part.
—Paul Fleming.

Let us only be patient; and let God our Father teach His own lesson in His own way. Let us try to learn it well and learn it quickly; but do not let us fancy that He will ring the school bell and send us to play before our lesson is learned.—Kingsley.

Our Boys and Girls

Goldsboro N. C., Nov. 4, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl cleven years old. I stay at the Orphan's Home, and I like to stay here very well. I am in the fourth grade. I have two brothers here. My Sunday-school teacher is Miss Mea Raney, and I like her very well.

I will close, hoping to find my letter in print.

Your friend,
LULA PHILLIPS.

Tulls, N. C., Oct. 31, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. I go to Sunday-school when I can. My teacher's name is Mrs. Walker. Our Superintendent is Mr. Simmons. Our pastor is Rev. J. Y. Old. We all like him very much. I am going to school now. My teacher's name is Miss Annie Clark. My father takes the Advocate.

Now, I must close, with best wishes for the orphans.

NELLIE BAXTER.

Cerro Gordo, N. C., Nov. 4, 1904.

My Dear Advocate:—I'm a little girl nine years old, and go to school every day. I study spelling, reading, arithmetic, grammar, geography, history and physiology.

My teacher is named Mrs. Lee Powell, and my desk mate is Aliee Hawly. I go to Sunday-school regularly.

Mrs. Lewis teaches my class.

Our pastor is Rev. J. T. Draper. Our Presiding Elder is Mr. John. He was to see us a few weeks ago.

I will close.

Your friend,
AGNES GRIFFEN.

Red Springs, N. C., Oct. 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—This is my first letter to the Advocate. I am a little girl eleven years old. I like to read the little boys and girls letters very much.

My father and mother are both living.

I have a little sister. Her name is Polly. She is so sweet.

I will answer Eva Lassiter's question: Joseph had eleven brothers.

I will ask a question: Who tempted Jesus.

Your little friend,
SUSIE POWELL.

Goldsboro, N. C., Nov. 4, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will try to write a few lines to let you hear from me. I am thirteen years old. I stay at the orphan home in Goldsboro, and I like to stay there. It is a nice place, and I like the officers.

I am in the sixth grade. I like my teacher. Her name is Miss Florence Mayerberg. She is a nice teacher. My Sunday-school teacher is Mrs. Brinson.

I have two brothers and one sister here, and mamma has got one little sister with her.

I will close, hoping to find my letter in print.

Yours truly,
ELIZABETH MARKHAM.

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 28, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—This is my first letter to the Advocate. Father takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little girls and boys letters. I live in the country. I go to school every day. My teacher is Mr. E. S. Edwards, and I like him very much. We have preaching every first Sunday. Our preacher is Rev. Y. E. Wright. We all like him very much, and hope he will come back next year. We do not have a Sunday-school out here. I wish we did.

As this is my first letter I will not make it too long. I will close, hoping to see this in print.

Your unknown friend,
LOTTIE KERR.

Arapahoe, N. C., Nov. 6, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday that I can. My teacher's name is Mrs. R. Harrison. Our Superintendent is Uncle J. A. Johnson, and our pastor is Rev. F. S. Becton.

My mama is living but papa is dead. I have two brothers and four sisters. My mamma takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks letters most. I will close by asking if any one knows the song of "Helping Just a Little," please put it in the Advocate.

With best wishes to the Orphanage. Your little friend,
BESSIE M. BAMDEN.

Middleburg, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—As my last letter escaped the waste basket, I will try to write again.

I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My teacher is cousin Billie Rowland. I like him fine. He is such a good teacher. Our Bible class teacher is Mr. Crocker. He is also a fine teacher.

I live three miles from the church, so it isn't so I can be there every time when the roll is called.

I am going to Middleburg Graded School this year. I like it very well, but would like it much better if I didn't have two miles and a half to walk. My teacher is cousin Hattie Rowland. I like her fine.

Find inclosed 10 cents for the Orphanage.

Yours sincerely,
BERTHA A. PASCHALL.

Lumberton, N. C., Nov. 3, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—It is raining today, so I decided to write at last to the Advocate. The woods are so pretty here, especially in the spring and they are pretty in the autumn, too, but I like spring best because when I go flower hunting I am always sure to be rewarded with violets. But there are many fall flowers, too, such as Black-eyed Susies, Snakeroot flowers and many others. In spring my favorite place to walk in the woods is a wide path which is very grassy, and mossy. Where the path comes to an end there is positively a carpet of high moss, flowers and huckle berry bushes. Now is not that a contrast to the hot, dusty city, with its crowds of busy people? I have never lived in the city, and perhaps would feel different if I had, but it seems an advantage to live in the country. I went to school early in the winter last year, but am afraid I can't start till January this year. I go to Sunday-school almost every Sunday. My cousin was my teacher, but he has gone to college, so I have no regular teacher now. Our patsor's name is Mr. Paris, and our Superintendent is Mr. Pitman. At Sunday-school we get the Visitor, and I wrote a letter to that. It appeared, but I wrote another one, and I suppose it went where this is apt to go—to the waste basket. I have two little sisters, who are younger than myself. The youngest one has a kitten that she calls Moley, because it is slick like a mole. My brother and myself are always saying to her.

Mrs. Moley
You are sholey
Quite unholy.

I will close with best wishes to the Advocate and its readers.

ANNA LOIS BOONE.

P. S.—I am eleven years old.

Boy Philosophy.

An incident occurred in a city school-room where boys and girls, from ten to thirteen years old, were practicing gymnastics.

"Which will jump better, the boys or the girls?" I asked. The experiment proved skill on both sides.

"Which ought to jump better, the boy or the girl?" I questioned.

"The boy," was the prompt response.

"And why?" I continued.

"Because boys are always jumping. All their games are jumping games. Girls just sit in the house and read a book."

"Then tell me something that girls can do better than boys."

"They can cook," was the ready reply. "They can sew," came next.

A third boy, with freckled face and merry eyes, added demurely. "Two girls can stay mad at each other longer than two boys can."

The situation was interesting. The girls assented to the statement, and the boys, upon further questioning, explained in boy fashion.

"Well, you see how 'tis. Boys like to go with a lot, and a girl likes to go with one. When one girl gets mad with another girl, she goes off with her girl friend and talks it over and they keep talking it over and that makes it worse still, and then they don't speak to the girl that they're mad at, and the girls take sides and talk it over and keep it up: and sometimes they stay mad for weeks."

Being in pursuit of the boys' theory, I made no comment on choice of terms. The word "mad" was evidently understood by all parties.

"How is it that the boys make up so quickly?" I pursued.

"Well, you see, we said that boys like to play with a lot; and perhaps the two boys that are mad with each other are on the same side in a base ball game, and the captain says to 'em, 'You two fellows make up or you get out!] Then they make up. 'Or, maybe,' the speaker continued earnestly, 'the fellow you're mad at is on the base, and when you're running to the base you call to him to get out of the way; and then you have spoken and made up. Even if you have been figthing you have to shake hands when the fight is over.'

"Is this the rule of the game?" I asked gravely.

"Yes," the boys assented "Always."

"And do you learn, at the same time, not to show when you are vexed?"

"Well, boys learn pretty soon. They have to. Suppose you are walking down the street with some boys and one of them says to you, 'Is that your grandfather's collar you're wearing?' Another one says, 'How many years have you wore that hat?' and another says, 'Where are you going to put the next batch of freckles?' There isn't room for them now.' If you just laugh they will stop, but if you show that you're mad they keep on, and so you learn to laugh and not show when you are teased."

The replies were suggestive, to say the least I warmly recommend the girls to adopt the policy of the boys, thinking of the various committees and clubs in which the power to work a "lot" was demanded of women. How good it would be if the girl's training developed in her the power which the boy acquires! "You make up or you get out," says the boy captain, briefly. He recognizes that the success of the game depends upon co-operation and good fellowship. But so it is in other games in which the players have not learned this vital lesson. Is not our failure sometimes traceable to this very lack? The question is worth discussing.

The boys have given me food for meditation. I was grateful to them. One more question I asked, with my thought upon the school curriculum. The question was addressed to the boys and girls:

"If you had to select some one to live with, which would you choose, a person who was able to laugh when he was vexed, or the other one who never fails in arithmetic?"

The answer was unanimous, no contrary minds: Oh! the one who laughs when he is tested and doesn't show that he is mad."—Congregationalist.

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Yours truly,
J. F. CARTER.

Williamston, N. C., April 8, 1904.
Mrs. Joe Person:—Yours of recent date came duly to hand. In reply would say I have no objection to your publishing my letter, if you think it will help you in any way. Your Remedy is all right, and I wish for it a sale of a million bottles among suffering humanity, and if there is anything I can do to help bring that about, I shall consider the opportunity a privilege. Is there any argument against one's experience? Surely not. Well, your Remedy did for me what the M. D.'s and other medicines failed to do, so I can conscientiously recommend it, and will not hesitate to speak of its merits to my friends. Wishing for your success in your work, I am,

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J. F. CARTER.

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We hope our sisters will send us accounts of their Week of Prayer service.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering and come unto His courts"—let this inspired passage from God's word be in your mind, dear sisters, as you attend your daily prayer service.

At the last meeting of the Woman's Board, the Secretary was instructed to prepare a card for the transfer of members from one auxiliary to another, to be used as a Church letter, or letter of introduction, when they remove to a new home. These cards are now ready, and may be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs. S. C. Trucheart, Nashville, Tenn.

The above was clipped from our Woman's Advocate, and we think it a good arrangement. Each Auxiliary should get a supply and use them when its members move from one place to another.

Raleigh District Meeting.

We are glad to give our readers an occount of this good meeting. It is an affliction indeed, when illness prevents attendance upon such an occasion. We congratulate our District Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Whitaker, upon her success.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Raleigh District recently held its annual meeting in Louisburg.

On the evening of the 28th of October the meeting was inaugurated by a splendid reception at the Methodist parsonage, given by the ladies of the Auxiliary to the visiting delegates.

This was a most elegant function, lasting from 8 to 11 o'clock, every moment of which time was greatly injoyed by the large company present.

The Society met Saturday morning, the 29th, in the Methodist church. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. E. Massey. Mrs. R. H. Whitaker, District Secretary, being in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following delegates responded: Central Auxiliary, Raleigh, Miss Bettie Ruth; Franklinton, Mrs. A. M. Person; Salem, Miss Lottie Barnes; Banks, Miss Pearl Floyd; Louisburg, Mrs. M. C. Pleasants; Edenton Street Young Woman's Auxiliary, Raleigh, Miss Celestia Smith; Oxford Bright Jewels, Misses Lillian Minor and Myrtle Shamberger; Franklinton Bright Jewels, Miss B. R. Staunton; Salem Bright Jewels, Miss Lottie Barnes; Louisburg Bright Jewels, Miss Josephine Parnell.

Miss Beckwith, of the Louisburg Female College, in a very graceful manner, made a beautiful address of welcome, which was most fittingly responded to by Mrs. A. M. Person, of Franklinton.

The District Secretary read her annual address, which was followed by reports from the delegates—all of which were very good, showing improvement upon those of last year.

The Franklinton Golden Link's delegate, finding at the last moment she could not attend the meeting, sent a very fine report. They will support a pupil in Miss Peseud's school in Brazil.

Four interesting papers were read by Mrs. R. R. Harris, Miss Bettie Ruth, Mrs. Person and Miss May Jones.

Some very interetsing talks were made with reference to the reading and study of missionary literature, and the advantage of circulating libraries in the Auxiliaries.

Miss Lottie Barnes, who is expecting to go as a missionary to South America, and who for three years has been in Moody's Training School, endeared herself to all present by her talk and prayer at the closing up of the meeting in the evening.

Rev. L. S. Massey, the pastor of the Louisburg church, preached an able and very inspiring sermon on Sunday morning to a large congregation.

At night, the crowning feature of the occasion was presented by Miss Mabel Davis, Lady Manager of the Louisburg Bright Jewels, in a program that was charming all the way through, consisting of fifteen numbers, every one of which, including the address of welcome by Miss Ada Mayo, and the response by Miss Lillian Minor, of Oxford, was bright and sparkling; indeed, there was nothing on the program that did not please the audience and intensify the ardor of the young missionaries.

Of course a collection came in its place, and ten dollars were raised.

At the close of the entertainment, Miss Barnes gave a very earnest and entertaining talk to the children, which was enjoyed by both old and young.

The Louisburg people did all they could to make the District Meeting a success, and they succeeded.

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Our Supply Department.

The eighteenth annual report gives the following statements regarding this most useful department: "This year 192 boxes have been sent to preachers, 373 to orphanages and 112 to mission schools, making a total of 683, valued at $19,339.18."

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The above report does not include the boxes sent from our own Conference. Our Superintendent, Mrs. I. M. Proctor, reported twenty-nine boxes sent to our Methodist Orphanage, valued at $232.02. She stated that many of the boxes were not valued by the donors, thus making it impossible for her to do so correctly.

When we decided to take up this work for the Orphanage, we memorialized the Board to allow us to report it through the Supply Department. Many other Conferences have made the same arrangement.

We desire to ask the Auxiliaries to value their boxes—many are now sending winter clothing. Let the Corresponding Secretaries of the Auxiliaries write postals to our Superintendent at Raleigh, giving the values in plain figures, that she may make a correct report to our Conference Society and to the Board. The value of boxes should also be included in the reports to Conference Secretary and Conference Treasurer.

MRS. J. E. UNDERWOOD.

FURTHER EMPHASIS

I am glad of this reminder from our President, and urge the Corresponding Secretaries to read carefully and follow her instructions. There are two strong reasons for this, viz.: That our entire work may be known, and that our faithful Conference Superintendent of Supplies may be helped and encouraged in the fine work, of which we all know she may be called the inspiration in our Conference. Many of you must regret that the North Carolina Conference is left out in the record of this department because our Superintendent was unable to make a correct report.

I would, also, emphasize the fact that this Orphanage work is connectional, and, consequently, one of the regular channels through which our best efforts can be exercised. But is it necessary to say this? Our beloved Orphanage lies close to the hearts of us all, and we take delight in helping it.

OUR MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Our President, ever alert and watchful of the highest interests of the Home Mission Society, sends, also, this clipping from the North Carolina Advocate, adding fervently: "Let us stand by Brevard!"

"We learn with pleasure of the good opening of the Brevard Industrial School. There are twenty-two girls in the home, which, with the teachers, are all that can be accommodated until the rooms on the fourth floor are furnished.

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"Let all Methodists consider the needs of this worthy cause and lend a helping hand, and we will soon have the building finished and paid for. Now, this means you; please do something. Since last report: From Aberdeen Circuit, North Carolina Conference, $50. All contributions of money to be sent to Mrs. F. E. Ross, Greensboro, N. C. All barrels of supplies to be shipped to Prof. E. E. Bishop, Brevard, N. C."

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The World As We See It.

The storm of last Saturday and Sunday was in some respects more destructive to telegraph wires and traffic interests than was the great blizzard of 1888. The snowfall, while not heavy, was phenomenally early—the earliest that we remember in this latitude, with one exception, and that was the snow in Raleigh the last of October, 1903. In some places the sleet was very heavy, breaking telegraph wires in many places.

A very interesting and significant visit to North Carolina was that made by Senator Aldrich and other Northern gentlemen last week. They inspected Beaufort harbor with a view to determining the practicability of the Inland Waterway Scheme inaugurated and indomitably pressed by Congressman Small. The result of the visit is not known, but as Senator Aldrich is the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the United States Senate, it is the hope of many that the Inland Waterway project may become a reality. Mr. Howland, lessee of the A. and N. C. R. R., is very much interested in the development of Eastern North Carolina, and it is to him, that the State is indebted for the visit of Senator Aldrich.

J. Edward Addicks, of Delaware, has made himself notorious by his unblushing efforts to have himself elected to the United States Senate by any means, fair or foul. So corrupt has he been in the means employed that his name has become the synonym of all that is venal. He has disrupted his own party in Delaware. It is very fortunate that after the victory of the Republican party in Delaware, Addicks will hardly have enough strength to be elected. A deadlock is probable, and it is likely that the Democrats will unite with the Republicans in electing a good regular Republican to the Senate to succeed Senator Ball. Twenty-seven votes will be necessary to elect a United States Senator in Delaware. The next Legislature will stand as follows: Democrats, 21; Addicks Republicans, 22; Regular, or anti-Addicks Republicans, 9. The whole nation is interested in the results.

It is now known that General Kuroki, one of the ablest of the Japanese Generals, and the worthy hero of Liaoyang, was killed on October 5. The fact that the news is just now getting to the public illustrates the wonderful secretiveness of the Japanese. The news from Port Arthur for the last week has been very meagre. There is hardly any doubt that the city has practically fallen and is now in the hands of the Japanese. The latter are taking their time, and the fall of Port Arthur will be both dramatic and decisive. The two armies are still facing each other on the Shakhe river. Both positions are strongly fortified. The Baltic fleet is said to have reached Cape Verd. The war expenses of Japan so far are estimated at about $450,000,000. It is proposed to provide for the war by increased taxation, by retrenchment in administrative expenses, by the suspension of public works, and by loans.

Squire Bailes is in trouble. And who is Squire Bailes? He is a South Carolina Notary Public of York Count, who by varied, judicious, and extensive advertising had built up a matrimonial business which gave him a good living. Runaway couples hied themselves as instinctively to Squire Bailes as they did in the days of the famous blacksmith of Old England. But Squire Bailes is in trouble. Governor Heywood has revoked the commission of Squire Bailes as Notary Public. "Othello's occupation is gone." This reminds us of a good Baptist preacher who, in a legitimate way, had built up quite a reputation as a tier of matrimonial knots far from the presence of fathers and mothers. It was our misfortune to get some of his trade on a certain occasion. He was so disappointed that he directed his deacon who kept the hotel to send for him at any cost the next time a runaway couple to be married should strike the town. The deacon was a practical joker. The time came. The pastor was sent for. Breathless and excited he had proceeded far in the service before he looked at the face of the bride and groom. When he did look he saw two faces as black as the ace of spades. The preacher collapsed.

The national election is over. Theodore Roosevelt was elected by a majority in the electoral and popular vote unparalleled in the history of the nation. Mr. Roosevelt's popular majority is nearly 2,000,000,000, receiving nearly two-thirds of the electoral vote. Congress will have an unusually large Republican majority. The solid South is at last broken. Missouri, while electing a Democratic Governor, Mr. Folk, went Republican by a large majority. Wisconsin and Massachusetts elected Democratic Governors, but will give their electoral votes to Roosevelt and will help to swell the Republican majority in Congress. North Carolina elected the Democratic ticket by a reduced majority—probably 45,000. There will be a few more Republicans in the Legislature than were there two years ago. It is conceded that, taken all in all, the national Democratic party has received the most overwhelming defeat in its history. The Republicans were as much surprised at their majorities as were the Democrats. The latter are still dazed, and are hardly able as yet to project plans for the future. Among these plans will be one to nominate four years from now a man well known, aggressive, and standing for something radical. The American people will never elect an extemporized candidate, no matter how good a man he may be. They will never elect a man with a personality incapable of gripping the public heart. On abstract principles, it is good that the Solid South has been broken. The South's solidity—which means that the South is willing to swallow any candidate and any platform presented by a hidden hand in Washington or New York city—has become a national joke at the South's expense, and there are thousands of men down here who chafe under it.

A conference of fifteen or twenty representatives of various denominations, including one from each of the theological schools, called by Mr. John R. Mott, the leader of the evangelistic work of the Young Men's Christian Association in colleges, was held in Chicago last week to consider thep roblem of enlisting more students for the Christian ministry.

The new buildings of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, at Louisville, have been completed and dedicated. The dining hall has been beautifully furnished, and will serve as a place for social gatherings for the Presbyterians of that city.

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(6) At least fifty or more persons holding properly receipted certificates of the standard form must have been in attendance upon the Conference before the special reduced rate will be granted for return passage to any one.

(7) Tickets over the Norfolk and Southern and boat lines will be sold to Norfolk on the same conditions, except that you will not need to get a certificate from the agent when you purchase your ticket.

(8) Tickets returning from the seat of the Conference must be purchased not later than the 10th of December.

Please give special attention to these restrictions, as there will be no means by which your failure to do so may be corrected.

Very truly yours,

W. L. CUNINGGIM.
Secretary of N. C. Conference.
Durham, N. C., November 4, 1904.

The Presbyterian Synods of Tennessee and South Carolina have voted in favor of the proposed University in Nashville.

Methodist Mention

STATE.

Two weeks from today.

Those who so kindly sent us the issue of August 17, will please accept our thanks.

The memorial services this year will be unusually solemn. Death, the Reaper, keeps busy.

Bishop Candler will deliver an address at the missionary anniversary at Henderson. A treat is in store for those who hear.

Will the Annual Paradox face us at Henderson? Read the directions given by Bro. Q. K. Nimocks in this issue. Those reports. How carefully they should be made out!

Rev. J. E. Abernethy, of Waynesville, recently delivered a course of lectures before the students of Grant University at Athens, Tenn.

Rev. Euclid McWhorter made a visit to Mt. Olive last week, and did some preaching which is highly commended by the Mt. Olive Tribune.

The women of the South Georgia Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society are supporting sixteen missionaries in the foreign field.

Rev. L. S. Massey and wife, of Louisburg, spent a night and part of two days in Raleigh last week. They paid the Advocate a very pleasant call.

The reception given by Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Bays on last Friday evening was one of the most pleasant features of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Dr. J. F. Miller, of Goldsboro, President of the Raleigh Advocate Company, was in Raleigh on last Tuesday to attend the marriage of his son, Dr. R. B. Miller, to Miss Rosa Battle, of Raleigh.

Rev. A. W. Price writes that he is closing his year with fine results, and that he is doing all that he can for the Advocate. Of course. Fine results and work for the Advocate always go together.

Mr. W. L. Parsons delivered an excellent address to the Methodist Sunday-school, last Sunday night. His theme was the contest between the Prophets of Baal and the prophet Elijah to bring rain.—Richmond Headlight.

Rev. S. T. Moyle, P. C. Sanford Circuit, will preach the sermon at the dedication of Centre Church, Carthage Circuit, on the 25th inst. Rev. R. H. Broom, P. C., will dedicate Ingram Branch Church on Carthage Circuit on Sunday, November 27th.

The Mt. Airy News has the following to say of one who is among the valued correspondents of the "Old Raleigh": "Rev. F. L. Townsend closes his year's work here with the services here next Sunday morning. He requests his members to all be present on that occasion. There may be more brilliant men in the W. N. C. Conference than Mr. Townsend, but there are few men who are so well rounded in character, both educated in the books and the ways of men. He is a power for good wherever he may go."

The South Atlantic Quarterly for October contains a number of articles of more than usual interest. The table of contents is: "The Task of the Critic," by the Editor; "A Plea for Light," Carl Kelsey; "The Decline of Self-Ownership," Dr. Frank C. Woodard; "The Poetry of Bayard Taylor—An Appreciation," Edward Reinhold Rogers; "The Educational Significance of Modern Language Study in the Secondary Schools," Dr. John C. Ransmeier; "Massachusetts and the New England Confederation," Helen Henry Hodge; "A Costly Pension Law—Acts of June 27, 1890," William H. Glasson; "National Supervision of Negro Education," Carl Holliday; "A Revival of Interest in North Carolina History," by the Editor; "An Author's Fight for His Opinions," John Raper Ormond.

CONNECTIONAL.

The Mid Year meeting for Holston convenes at Asheville, N. C., this year.

The Alabama Methodist Orphanage received more than $1,200 as a result of the observance of Orphans' Home Day.

The New Orleans Picayune published the picture of Bishop Keener for that of Senator Hoar, the day after the death of the latter.

Work is progressing rapidly on the site of the new Publishing House. The Agents expect to get the foundation completed this year.

Bishop Galloway states that in spite of the war the past year has been by far the most successful in the history of our work in Japan.

The Baltimore Southern Methodits is only six months old, and has over 6,000 subscribers to its credit. This is something remarkable in Southern Methodism.

Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Field Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, left Nashville last Wednesday for a trip to Mexico to visit the enterprises of the Board in that country.

According to the Southern Christian Advocate, the Charleston Orphan Home has become the recipient of a donation of $100,000 in bonds—$86,000 city of Charleston 4 per cent bonds, and $14,000 city of Columbia bonds.

The second edition of "Great Revivals and the Great Republic," by Bishop Candler, is now passing through the press. The first edition has been exhausted in about four months, and the book seems to grow in popularity as it sells.

Representatives of the Canadian Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian Churches, will meet in Toronto next month to discuss the matter of amalgamation and seek to frame a plan of action that will bring about their union.

We are sincerely glad to note a cheerful tone in our church papers with reference to the general situation and we are also glad that some if not all of them are increasing their subscription list, and also improving in their make up mechanical and moral. In some the improvement is quite noticeable, as in the case of the Arkansas Methodist, the Raleigh Christian Advocate and others.—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

A Request.

Preachers of the North Carolina Conference who have kindly taken some of my books to sell, or have collected from others who have bought from me, will please hand any money they have for me to Bro. D. H. Tuttle, who has kindly consented to receive it for me at Conference. And if they have books which they have not sold and which they think they cannot sell, they will please carry them to Henderson and deliver them to Brother Tuttle. By so doing they will greatly oblidge their friend,

JOHN R. BROOKS.
Reidsville, N. C., Nov. 7, 1904.

Lillington Circuit.

We have had profitable meetings. We had the help of Bro. D. McNeill, local elder, for two weeks, Bro. J. M. Culbreth one week, and Bro. J. W. Leak, of Rockingham, three weeks. About forty professed conversion. Several professed to be reclaimed. Eleven have joined our church. Others will. Many are yet unsaved. I beg the reader to pray that I may see many more saved.

A. D. BETTS.

Notice.

The Presiding Elders will please meet in Henderson on Tuesday evening, the 29th inst., at 7.30 p. m. The place of meeting will be designated on arrival.

W. H. MOORE.

Notice.

The class for admission on trial will please meet the Committee in the Methodist Church in Henderson at 3 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, November 29, 1904.

G. T. ADAMS, Chairman.

General Notes

The Congregational Church in the United States has eight women ministers.

The Wesleyan mission, in City Road, London, has grown from a modest chapel to buildings worth $1,000,000.

From October, 1903, to October, 1904, the trustees of the Peabody Educational fund expended in the South $80,000. Of this amount Georgia received $6,200.

By a vote of ninety-six to fifty-two the South Carolina Synod has agreed to the removal of Columbia Seminary to Atlanta, to be merged into the Atlanta University.

The Congregationalist says: "Cambridge, Mass., refuses to have as teacher in her public schools a man who was the guilty party where a divorce was secured for infidelity."

A Jewish yearbook just issued for the period from September 10, 1904, to September 29, 1905, the Jewish year 5665, contains statistics showing that the Hebrew population of the world is now 10,932,777.

The International Convention of the Disciples of Christ called together in St. Louis over ten thousand delegates. Nearly nine thousand of them participated in the observance of the Lord's Supper in the Coliseum.

The Church of the Holy Communion, of New York City, has connected with it an orphanage for babies, which is one of the few such institutions in the metropolis. A new building to cost $10,000 has been designed, and will be speedily erected.

Rev. Dr. John Watson, otherwise known as "Ian Maclaren," has intimated to the Sefton Park Presbyterian Church, Liverpool, England, that he will in September, 1905, resign his pastorate, which he will then have held for twenty-five years.

According to the Michigan Advocate, Dr. Thirkield, one of the connectional officers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is of the opinion that prejudice against the negro is greater in the North today than at any time since their emancipation.

Special services have been held in old John Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in New York City, to commemorate the one hundred and thirty-sixth anniversary of the founding of Methodism in that city. Bishop Foss preached the sermon for the occasion. The original church, built by Philip Embury, stood on the site now occupied by the modern edifice.

The General Conference of the Protestant Methodists decided to submit to the Annual Conference the proposition to unite with the Primitive Methodists on the following basis of agreement—acceptance of all that is common in the Books of Discipline of the two churches, equal representation in church courts, and the adoption of the system of appointments in the primitive body. The Methodist Protestants have 184,000 members and the Primitive Methodists 7,000.

Our worthy State Treasurer, Hon. B. R. Lacy, who is sojourning awhile in Arizona, in the interest of his health, is setting a worthy example to all young and older men. The following is taken from the Arizona Bulletin of November 4: "The Presbyterian Church was crowded on last Sunday night with people eager to hear Hon. B. R. Lacy, whom The Bulletin had announced as the occupant of the pulpit. Many had heard and enjoyed him from the political platform and were anxious to hear him speak from the pulpit. They were not disappointed, for he delivered an excellent and a broad-minded sermon. He has no patience with 'buttoned up' religion. Mr. Lacy has gained the admiration of all our people, and has already become a great favorite as a public speaker."

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No Trouble.

The Baltimore Methodist says the debts on the churches of that city are melting away under the warm stream of generosity that flows from the pockets of the lovers of the Lord.

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The Care of Young Converts.

The season or revival effort has just recently closed. Many may, perhaps, have joined the church. But we have not done our full duty by getting people converted (?) and into the church. Suppose a mother were to treat her new-born babe as we treat the babes in Christ? How many children do you suppose she would rear?

We should use every legitimate means to induce our converts to join our church. They are the fruits of our ministry, and we are entitled to them.

As Leaguers, who love the church, we should not only, by personal effort, labor for the conviction and conversion of those over whom we may exert an influence, but when once converted, we should strive to bring them into the church—our church. Our ministers often are lax at this point. They seem to think their work done when they have secured the conversion of the individual. Our people (as I have said once before in these columns), in their effort to be broad, have become latitudinarians, hence they neglect the very important matter of "stringing the fish."

The importance of the work of Epworthians at this point cannot be over-estimated. They can be eminently useful to the church of their choice in inducing the young converts to join our church. We have been too generous with the fruits of our labor. All along we have led other denominations. We rarely ever get members from the meetings of others, but there is scarcely ever a successful meeting held by our ministers that other churches do not "enter into their labors" and "reap the reward of their doings."

But this is not all. We have not done our duty when we have gotten the converts in our church. Here our work has been more sadly neglected than at either of the other points named. We forget that the new member is but a babe in spiritual things and must be nourished and developed into strong, useful men and women. The minister, of course, must do his part; he must feed them on food that is convenient for them. But as Leaguers who come into more frequent personal contact with them, see their needs and know their qualifications for work better than the minister, and are, therefore, better prepared, if we are what we ought to be, to nourish and develop them into works in the vineyard of the Lord.

Nothing so develops Christians as some definite work. Let us find out the aptitude of the converts and assign them to that for which they are qualified, and advance them to new fields as they become filled for other spheres of duty and privilege. Work is the secret of growth. We have let thousands of our young church members die because we have given them nothing to accomplish for the Master.

Let the Leagues take charge of all young converts and patiently train and develop them into intelligent workers in the church of Jesus Christ. Put them into immediate contact with good companionable associates: the church papers; some good, helpful books; and, above all, interest them in the study of the Bible. Thus we shall soon have robust and stalwart Christians who, in turn, will take their places as workers.

A Good League.

The Brookwood (Ala.) League, though a small one, may justly lay claim to the appellation of a "good League."

With a membership of only twenty-five, fifteen are taking the institute studies, sixteen are pursuing the reading course and twelve subscribe to the Epworth Era. Its special work this year is a contribution of twenty dollars to Cuban missions.

Notes.

Have you ever noticed how much of Christ's life was spent in doing kind things.

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Speaking of entire sanctification—who has attained unto it more thoroughly than one who has been called into the ministry of intercession, and who is daily making "supplication, prayers and intercession, with thanksgiving, for all men?"

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The Era editors and League column editors of other Advocates scan the League columns of the "Old Raleigh" for Chapter news. Of late, there has been a dearth of news from our Chapters and, of course, it has been with difficulty that other editors have filled their columns, and the New Orleans League editor has been forced out of business and has "shut up shop." Why are our Chapter secretaries so careless about sending us items of interest? They surely are not conversant with the above facts, or they would be more careful to send us news of what their Chapters are doing. Lest the Era itself should suffer from your neglect, send us some news at once.

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Sunday School

Lesson for November 20, 1904.

Isaiah's Message to Judah.

(Isaiah 1:1-9, 16-20.)

Golden Text: Cease to do evil; learn to do well. (Isa. 1:16, 17.)

In order to a thorough understanding of this lesson, the historical situation of both Judah and Israel should be studied. This is portrayed in 2 Chronicles, chaps. 26, 27 and 28. Light is also thrown upon the prevailing conditions in 2 Kings 14: 21-26 and 15:1-9.

The occasion upon which Isaiah uttered the words which have been selected for our study was at the time of some great invasion of Judah either by Syria or Assyria. This invasion followed a season of great prosperity upon the part of both the northern and the southern kingdoms, and the blow to Judah was as severe as it was unexpected.

The Prophet Isaiah.—Isaiah was the son of Amoz (not to be confounded with the prophet Amos). He prophesied in the regins of Uzziah (also called Azariah), Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. The sixth chapter of Isaiah gives a striking account of his call to the prophetic office, although some are inclined to think that this followed his actual induction into the role of a prophet and was designed rather to deepen his spiritual life than to mark the beginning of his prophetic career. Isiah lived in Jerusalem. Jewish tradition affirms that he was martyred by Manassch, his body being sawn asunder, and some have supposed that Hebrews 11:37 refers to the manner of his death.

A Sinful Nation.—The picture of the moral condition of the people of Judah, which is given us in the opening verses of Isaiah's prophecy, is one of unrelieved darkness. They are described, as a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, and children that deal corruptly. The whole body is said to be unsound. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is nothing but wounds and bruises and putrifying sores.

The reason for this moral unsoundness is found to some extent at least in the national conquests which had been made by Uzziah. The people had become intoxicated by success and the rich plunder secured from their beaten enemies had been a source of great demoralization.

A Desolate Country.—National impiety was soon followed by national disaster. The Syrians had made incursions into Judah and carried great numbers of captives to Damascus. Pekah, the king of Israel, joined with the Syrians in the attack upon Judah. On the south the Philistines had invaded the land, while Tiglath-pileser, the Assyrian usurper, had likewise made incursions into the land of Judah.

A vivid picture is given by Isaiah of the condition of the land. He says to the people, "Your country is desolate, your cities burned with fire; your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate. . . . and the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city."

A Gracious Invitation.—Isaiah's counsel to his people under the above conditions is well worthy of note. He does not advise the raising of larger armies, an increase of armament or any other military measures. He presents the call of God to a life of righteousness. He urges that deeds of kindness and of mercy replace the sinful doings of the past. Finally he utters those words of gracious invitation, which have ever sounded sweetly in the ears of all humanity: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

The Present Application.—Isaiah's mesage to Judah is also a message for our own times. All around us there are people sunk in iniquities as dark as those of Isaiah's day. Let us present to all the gracious invitation to repentance which fell from the lips of the prophet, and let us take to ourselves the injunction, "Cease to do evil: learn to do well."

Home Courtesies.

In the close relations of members of the same household and the constant contact through long association, there is apt to be a lack of the friendly greetings and delicate attentions which are given to visitors and strangers in the household. Children are commonly not trained to sweet courtesies in their treatment of parents and one another. Husband and wife do not preserve their first gracious care of each other. But thoughtful and loving little services sweeten home life and pour the oil of joy over daily experiences. When a husband or son is prompt and helpful in placing her chair for her at table, what woman does not feel happier? An act of courtesy cultivates in its performer more appreciation and attachment. The spirit which prompts little attentions and the habit which preserves them will banish hard feelings, sharp words and alienations that naturally and easily come in times of difference of judgment or conflict of interest.—The Watchman.

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NORTH CAROLINA ELECTION RESULTS.

I.—The Legislature.

The North Carolina election last week resulted in a majority of about 45,000 for the Democratic State ticket; and of the ten Congressmen, all are Democrats save E. Spencer Blackburn, the Republican candidate who seems to have been elected in the Eighth District. The Democratic majority in the Legislature will be about the same as two years ago. Says the Raleigh News and Observer:

"With but a few counties and Senatorial districts not yet decided, the composition of the two Houses of the General Assembly of 1905 is known.

"There will be but a small change from the vote in the last General Assembly. In the Senate there are forty-three Democrats, five Republicans, and the Thirty-fourth District in doubt. If it sends Democrats, as it did last session, and this is the indication, there will be forty-five Democrats and five Republicans. In the House there are ninety-seven Democrats, twenty Republicans, with three counties in doubt, two of these returning Democrats the last session and one a Republican, the counties being Brunswick, Graham and Macon."

II.—Chairman Simmons' Claims.

Senator Simmons yesterday, talking of the result as it would affect the next Legislature, said that without doubt the Democrats would have the same majority they had two years ago in the Lower House—seventy-eight—there being apparently twenty-one Republicans elected out of 120. "We carried," said he, "nine of the thirteen counties of the Tenth Congressional District—McDowell, Rutherford, Buncombe, Haywood, Transylvania, Clay, Macon, Graham and probably Jackson. We lost Polk, but that is the only county the Republicans have carried that they did not carry two years ago in the Tenth, while we have carried Clay, Macon and McDowell that we did not carry in 1902. We have carried Transylvania, too, and Yancey, that elected a Democrat by only seven majority two years ago, seems to have given Mr. Byrd a majority of 200 or more. In the Eighth we have lost two—Stanly and Caldwell. That is the only change there. In the east we seem to have lost Brunswick.

"As to the Senate, up to the Twenty-eighth District, we do not lose a man. They get the Senator from that district, Stokes and Surry. They also get the Twenty-ninth, Yadkin, Davie and Wilkes. We get the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, and Thirty-third. I think they have elected the two Senators from the Thirty-fourth—Alexander, Caldwell, Burke and McDowell—although we may have one of the two. They have carried the Thirty-fifth—Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga, and also the Thirty-sixth, Madison, Mitchell and Yancey. We carry the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth. The Thirty-ninth is very close. They carried it before by about 225. I think we have it. That is composed of Macon, Clay, Graham and Cherokee.

"The Republicans certainly have not over seven Senators at best, and I don't think they have over five. Last time they had six."—Raleigh Post.

III.—Chairman Rollins' Statement.

"We have made heavy gains in every county in North Carolina, and we have every reason to feel gratified," said Chairman Rollins of the Republican State Executive Committee in reply to inquiry by a Charlotte Observer reporter last week. "Four years ago Aycock carried the State by 60,354 majority, two years ago Boddingfield carried the State by 67,631 majority, while in this election we reduced the majority to about 35,000. In other words, we succeeded in cutting down the Democratic vote over 32,600, while the Republicans have increased their vote from 68,209 two years ago to about 90,000 in this election. Two years hence we propose to carry North Carolina, and we are going to begin organizing now for that purpose."

"How many members have you elected to the General Assembly?"

"We have elected thirty members, which is an increase of nine over two years ago, and there are fifteen other counties that are Democratic by less than 300 majority which should have gone Republican. Yes, Judge Ewart is defeated by 1,000 majority. We made a strong, aggressive fight in this district, but the odds were too much against us. I have just received a telegram stating that Mr. Blackburn has been elected to Congress from the Eighth District by over 1,000 majority. He made an unprecedented fight and won a splendid victory."

"How many negroes voted in this election?"

"Very few; in fact, the colored people took but tlittle interest in the campaign, and I don't think 1,000 voted in the State, and of those that did vote more than one-half of them voted the Democratic ticket."

IV.—Officers Elected and Other Notes.

The Democratic State ticket elected Tuesday is as follows:

Governor—Robert B. Glenn.

Lieutenant-Governor—Francis D. Winston.

Secretary of State—J. Bryan Grimes.

Auditor—B. F. Dixon.

Treasurer—B. R. Lacy.

Attorney-General—Robt. D. Gilmer.

Superintendent Public Instruction—J. Y. Joyner.

Commissioner of Labor and Printing—H. B. Varner.

Corporation Commissioner—S. L. Rogers.

Associate Justices Supreme Court—W. A. Hoke and Geo. H. Brown, Jr.

Judge Superior Court—First District—Geo. W. Ward.

Following the the new Congressmen-elect:

First District—John H. Small.
Second District—Claude Kitchin.
Thir District—Charles R. Thomas.
Fourth District—Edward W. Pou.
Fifth District—W. W. Kitchin.
Sixth District—Gibert B. Patterson.
Seventh—Robert N. Page.
Eighth District—E. S. Blackburn.
Ninth District—E. Y. Webb.
Tenth District—J. M. Gudger, Jr.

The surprise of the camraign was a Republican majority of 75 to 100 in Stanly. For years and years that county has been reliably Democratic by 500 to 600.

The Tenth Congressional District, the only one except the Eighth in which there was any doubt, appears to have given Gudger, Democrat, 1,000 majority or more.

The Democratic majority in New Hanover is about 1,200. In Brunswick the Democrats were split over the Watts law, but all the nominees were elected, except Curtis for the House, who was defeated by Taylor, Republican, and McKeithan, Democrat, for treasurer, who was defeated by Stanfield, Republican.

A man named Newman, at Mills Springs, Polk County, Tuesday afternoon, shot and killed his brother-in-law, named Holbert, as the result of a drunken quarrel. Newman and Holbert quarreled, whereupon Newman left his companion, and, going to his home, got a shotgun.

Governor Aycock has appointed Jas. J. Webb, of Clevland County, Judge of the Twelfth District to succeed Judge W. A. Hoke, who resigned on account of his nomination and election to the Supreme Court bench, and he appoints Mr. Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte, solicitor, to fill the vacancy made by the appointment of Mr. Webb as judge.

Two Democratic election judges at Goldfield, Col., were killed by a Republican deputy sheriff, who had been ordered to leave the polling place, and Democratic election officials, including a woman, were attacked and beaten by Peabody deputies.

Analysis of the returns shows that the sweeping Republican victory in Indiana is largely due to Silver Democrats, who knifed Parker. For every Gold Democrat who returned to the fold about ten Silver Democrats voted for Roosevelt.

The preliminary estimate of average yield per acre of tobacco is 819 pounds, as compared with the final estimate of 786.3 pounds in 1903, 797.3 pounds in 1902, and a six-year average of 730.7. The average as to quality is 89.5 per cent as compared with 85.9 per cent one year ago.

Some profess to believe that the near future may witness contest for supremacy within the Democratic organization, the principals in which contest will be Mr. Bryan and Mr. Parker, both defeated candidates for the Presidency.

Judge Parker says he is going to return to the law business.

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The Christmas Delineator.

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Thanksgiving—A Word from the Executive Committee.

To the ministers and members and friends of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, within the bounds of the North Carolina Conference:

Beloved, will you not remember us in Thanksgiving on the 24th of this month. These are prosperous times. God has greatly blessed you. You have so much to be thankful for. The completion of our Main building is an additional cause for thanksgiving for the Methodists of our Conference. Its doors will be thrown open to the needy orphans among us by the time you meet for worship on that glad day.

This struggling young institution greatly needs your aid. Open wide your hearts, loosen your purse strings, give largely. No penny collections will meet our wants. God calls to the church, "Forward." Have a big rally. Talk it to the people. Inspire the preachers to preach on it. To set forth its claims. To stir up the people. Let us have such a Thanksgiving as we have never had. Everybody will give to this cause. Give them a chance.

Friends, if there is no public service at your church, and you have no chance to give, send along a check, a money order, or registered letter, or put a good bill in a letter and send it along. That would be a mean thief indeed that would steal money sent to the orphans. It will do you good to give. It will do us good to receive. God will smile, Heaven will be propitious, and the needy orphans will rejoice and give thanks.

J. W. JENKINS, Chairman.
For the Executive Committee.

At the Home Church.

A telegram from Bro. Merritt, of Conway, informing me that a funeral in his work would block my way, doomed me to stay at home Sunday. The hour of 11 o'clock found me at the home church. The startling intelligence, "No preacher," precipitated a crisis. It was Jenkins, or nobody. There was a good congregation. So he took in the situation and did the best he could. Our little Bettie said on our arrival home: "You preached a right good sermon." That was encouraging to a young hopeful. Brooklyn is coming, under the hard-worked faithful pastor. If the Board of Missions would give us $50 more and the church here would give us $50 more, with a comfortable parsonage, our preacher ought to be in a comfortable condition as to support. This is the church where the orphanage furnishes "bench warmers."

Bre'r Rabbit Come Again.

The boys are largely engaged in the rabbit business. They have caught three since our last report. If the bad boys around here would keep off of our land and quit stealing the boys' guns, and not hunt on the land with dogs and gun on Sunday, they might do good business.

My! what an idea—steal an orphan's gun, and kill his rabbits!—on Sunday!

The right idea. Bro. D. H. Tuttle does not send an application for an orphan, now, that he does not provide for its support. We could take a large number on those terms. They must be indigent, and over six and under fourteen years.

One more word to the Sunday-schools.

We say from our hearts: bless the Sunday-schools. They are our smoke house, our corn crib, our commissariat, just as the W. H. M. Society is our clothing store.

Now if they would only send us the amounts due, it would greatly help our finances. Send it to the Superintendent, if you wish to get credit for it in the Advocate.

Receipts up to November 14.

Parkers S. S., for November, $5; Red Springs S. S., for November, $2.50; Lumberton S. S., $10.00; Mr. L. R. Hamer on note 20th century, etc., $5.00; Miss Marie Hamer, on note 20th century, $5.00; Miss Lizzie Strickland, $1.00; Weldon S. S., $10.

Donations in kind: Clothes for little girl, from Mrs. Worth's S. S. class; clothes from W. H. M. Society, Fremont; clothes from W. H. M. Society, Warrenton; clothes for little girl, from Mrs. J. L. Everett, of Rockingham; bedstead, springs, and mattress, by Mrs. Dawn, of Raleigh.

The Orphanage and the Western North Carolina Conference.

At the last session of Conference a resolution was passed kindly inviting the W. N. C. Conference to unite, or co-operate with us in the orphanage work, and the Executive Committee was constituted a committee to transmit that resolution to the W. N. C. Conference and to meet a like committee from that Conference to arrange for such union or co-operation on satisfactory terms to each, to be submitted to their respective Conferences for consideration.

Whether that Conference will accept the offer and appoint the committee remains to be seen. The chairman of the Executive Committee was directed to transmit the resolution. It was out today, Nov. 15.

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Roanoke Circ'l 1, Smiths, Nov. 12, 13
Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, Nov. 13, 14
Ridgeway, Union, Nov. 19, 20
Henderson, Nov. 27, 28

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.
J. E. Underwood, P. E., E. City, N. C.
FOURTH ROUND.

Dare, Mann's Harbor, Nov. 5, 6
Roanoke Island, Nov. 6, 7
Elizabeth City, First Church, Nov. 13
Elizabeth City Road, Nov. 13
Columbia, Nov. 19, 20
Pantego and Belhaven, Nov. 25
Roper, Nov 26, 27
Plymouth, Nov. 27

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.
FOURTH ROUND.

Greenville, (morning) Nov. 6
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Shilmerdine, November 6, 7
Spring Hope, Hornes, Nov. 12, 13
Wilson Station, (night) Nov. 13
Wilson Circuit, (Ledge Street) Nov. 14
Fremont, Fremont Nov. 15
Rock Mount, Nov. 16
Bath, Bath, Nov. 19, 20
South Rocky Mount and Marvin, Nov. 22
South Edgecombe, Elm City, Nov. 27, 28

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.
FOURTH ROUND.

Montgomery, Capelsie, Nov. 5, 6
Red Springs Rep Springs, Nov. 12, 13
Pekin, Concord, Nov. 19, 20
Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Nov. 26, 27

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W. H. Moore, P. E., Pittsboro, N. C.
FOURTH ROUND.

Oxford Station, November 5 6
Youngsville, November 12, 13
Louisburg, November 19, 20
Tar River Plank Chapel, Novembe

NEW BERN DISTRICT.
F. D. Swindell, P. E., Goldsboro, N. C
FOURTH ROUND.

Snow Hill Circuit, Jerusalem, Nov. 5, 6
Craven, Asbury, Nov. 11
Carteret, Harlow, Nov. 12, 13
Beaufort, Nov. 13, 14
Atlantic, Wit, Nov. 15, 16
Straits, Tabernacle, Nov. 19, 20
Morehead, Nov. 20
LaGrange Circuit, Nov. 23
St. John, Nov. 25
Mt. Olive Circuit, Smiths, Nov. 26, 27

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham N. C.
FOURTH ROUND.

Mt. Tirzah Circuit, Nov. 5, 6
Burlington, Front Street, Nov. 13, 14
East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, Nov. 13, at night
Burlington, Shiloah, Nov. 18
Alamance, Phillips Chapel, Nov. 19, 20
Main Street, Nov. 27, at 11 a. m.
West Durham, Nov. 27, at night

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J. B. Hurley, P. E., Fayetteville, N. C.
FOURTH ROUND.

Hope Mills, Nov 5, 6
Newton Grove, Nov. 11
Duke, Benson, Nov. 12, 13
Buckhorn, Cokesbury, Oct. 18
Lillington, Nov. 19, 20
Sampson, Andrews Chapel, Nov. 25
Fayetteville, Hay Street, Nov. 27
Fayetteville, Holt's Hill, Nov. 27

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
R. B. John, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.
FOURTH ROUND.

Burgaw, Burgaw, Nov. 4
Kenansville Warsaw Nov. 5, 6
Onslow, Tabernacle, Nov. 9
Jackson and Richlands, Richlands, Nov 10
Southport, Nov. 3
New River, Sneed's Ferry, Nov. 18
Scott's Hill, Scott's Hill, Nov. 19, 20
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Marriages

FLOYD—FLOYD.—At the home of Mrs. Mattie Floyd, by Rev. J. M. Ashby, on the 25th of October, 1904, Mr. H. G. Floyd and Beulah V. Floyd.

MASON — HILL. —At Atlantic, N. C., in the Methodist Church, September 17, 1904, Mr. Ralph Mason to Miss Bessie Hill. Thos. W. Mansfield officiating.

WILLIS — GASKILL. — In the Methodist Church at Wit, N. C., on October 19, 1904, Mr. James B. Willis to Miss Frances Gaskill, Thos. W. Mansfield officiating.

BREEDLOVE—RICE.—On November 1st, at the home of the bride near Oxford, N. C., Mr. L. G. Breedlove, to Miss Rebecca Rice. Rev. W. H. Puckett officiating.

GOOCH — HUNT. — October 4, 1904, in Salem Church, near Oxford, N. C., Mr. Joseph H. Gooch, of Stem, N. C., to Miss Sudie Hunt. Rev. W. H. Puckett officiating.

STEWART—MEUSE.—In Carthage, N. C., at the bride's residence, October 27, 1904, Mr. Neill Stewart and Miss Janie Meuse, both of Moore County. R. H. Broom officiating.

WHITAKER—CASH.—On October 26th, at the home of the bride near Tally Ho, N. C., Mr. Hal Whitaker, of Stem, N. C., to Miss Zula Cash. Rev. W. H. Puckett officiating.

ROWLAND—PARHAM—On October 18th, at the home of the bride, near Oxford, N. C., Mr. J. M. Rowland, of Middleburg, N. C., to Miss Emma Blanche Parham, Rev. W. H. Puckett officiating.

PALMER—TWITTY. — At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Robt. Twitty, Warrenton, N. C., on 20th day of October, 1904, Mr. J. D. Palmer and Miss Annie S. Twitty. Rev. C. W. Robinson officiating.

HAYE—MIXON—At Cove Point, Beaufort County, N. C., September 19, 1904, at the residence of the bride's father, C. W. Mixon, Esq., Mr. Harvey Hale to Miss Mattie Mixon, Rev. J. M. Lowder officiating.

Obituaries

Obituaries containng not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit

WOOD.—Thomas Alva, son of Thomas W. and Sarah Elizabeth Wood, of Wilmington, N. C., was released from the sufferings and dangers of this life and taken to the bosom of the Savior, October 18, 1904, aged 7 years, 3 months and 5 days. He was a child of a loving, affectionate spirit and entwined himself very closely around the heart of those nearest to him. May the bleeding hearts of parents and grand parents bow in true submissions to the will of a kind Heavenly Father.

A. G. HANKINS.

MOORE.—Little Ruth, the sweet daughter of brother and sister M. W. and Susan Moore, died October 6, 1904, near Aurora, N. C., at a little more than twelve months of age. She was a sweet little child, and her parents found it trying to their faith to give her up. But in this dark hour they put their trust in Him that does all things well. The loss of the parents is the infinite gain of the child. Let us, dear brother and sister, strive to meet our little one in Heaven, where we will never say good-bye.

J. M. LOWDER, Pastor.

O'NEAL.—C. T. O'Neal was born at Ocracoke, July 14, 1849, and died at the same place September 26, 1904. I have learned from best authority that he has always been a kind-hearted man. He was a kind husband and an indulgent father. He left a widow and ten living children. He was never a member of any church, but during his last sickness he prayed much, and before his death he said "it was all right."

God bless the widow and children. May they give their hearts to God and meet their father on the celestial shore.

R. R. GRANT.

DAWSON.—William Dawson was born August 30, 1836. Died, at his home, at Stedman, May 26, 1904. He leaves a tender and devoted wife and an adopted son, who, with his family, share tenderly the wife's sorrows.

Brother Dawson was a good man, true to his friends, his church, his family and his God. He was patient in affliction and suffering, never uttering one word of complaint.

Having long been a consistent member of the Methodist Church and a regular attendant of Sunday-school, he will be greatly missed.

May God's blessings rest on those he has left behind.

A FRIEND.

KEMP. — Alexander Strange Kemp, of Elizabethtown, N. C., was born November 30, 1871, and died August 14, 1904.

His death was caused by a burn received June 2, 1904. This accident occurred in Wilmington, and he was at once taken to the Walker Hospital in Wilmington. He remained there for treatment until his spirit passed beyond the vail.

Brother Kemp made a profession of religion in the early part of his sickness. He had always lived a strictly moral and upright life, and after his conversion he rejoiced because of the love of God which was shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost which was given unto him. He was a great sufferer, but rejoiced in the hope of the glory of God.

He leaves a mother, two sisters and one brother. The devotion of the Kemp family for each other is something beautiful. May God comfort and strengthen their hearts in this and all other visitations of his providence.

W. E. BROWN, P. C.
November 2, 1904.

BRAND.—Mrs. Antje Brand, nee Visser, was born November 26, 1813, in North Holland, and died October 1, 1904, at 10.30 a. m., near Havelock, N. C., in the home of her son, Hon. John Buys—lacking less than two months of being 91 years of age. Sister Brand was twice married, the first time to Mr. John Buys, of Holland, March 21, 1844, who died May 28, 1869. The second time to Mr. Cornelius Brand, of Holland also, who died in 1895, and in 1896 Mrs. Brand came to Chicago, Ill., U. S. A., to live and die with her son, Hon. John Buys, taking her church certificate with her and depositing with the Dutch Reform Church of America in Chicago, where she found her people had nothing but a barn in which to worship, gave her own means to build a house for the Dutch Reformed Church of America—her honorable son being the contractor. Mrs. Brand was received into full connection of the Dutch Reformed Church at Keromenie, North Holland, while young, we have not the date, but it was about 1826, we suppose. She has been faithful to her profession. No wonder that she died in great peace. She was connected with the elite of Holland—had in her possession the historic and famous Headdress of Holland, which must have cost hundreds of dollars. It is the first and only one that this writer ever saw, and is now in the possession of her highly esteemed and honorable son, Hon. John Buys. Let me say to all of the relatives: prepare to met her in heaven. Peace to her sweet memory.

J. H. M. GILES, P. C.
Newport, N. C.

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"A gasp, a breath—
And life's begun;
A breath, a gasp—
And life is done.
"Great tests, great sins,
And earth is run;
Great strength, great good,
And heaven's won."

"Let every thought, and work, and word,
To Thee be ever given;
Then life shall be Thy service, Lord,
And death the gate to heaven."

J. H. M. GILES, P. C.,
Newport, N. C.
Nov. 4, 1904.

HAYES.—Mrs. Margaret Hayes was born December 22, 1831, and departed this life at her home in Gatesville, N. C., October 22, 1904. She joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life, and was one of our most faithful members. She loved the church and took a deep interest in her church and preacher. For twenty years, when there was a change in preachers, she was at the parsonage to greet and welcome the new preacher and his family on their arrival. She was truly a good woman, kind and obliging, ever ready to help those who were in distress and to nurse and wait upon the sick. She left no dying testimony, as she died suddenly, but we have every reason to believe that she was ready. The lovely October day had just closed, and the evening shadows were falling about her little home, when the death angel, with noiseless tread, slipped in and quietly bore her pure spirit off to the better home above.

She leaves one son, a noble and pious young man, several step-children and a host of friends to mourn her departure, but they know where to find her, and may they all live so as to meet her in that blessed abode where patring is no more.

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Editorial

A CHRIST-CENTRED THANKSGIVING.

We use this heading, because the older we grow the more firmly we are convinced that much of our thanksgiving is self-centered.

It is astonishing that the powers and faculties granted to us by God for reaching out after Him and growing into His image should be used so often in burning incense to Self. The very Christian graces are ruthlessly pulled from their places in the temple of righteousness and made into altar stairs up which Self mounts to the shrine of Indulgence.

What a grand capacity and agent of the soul is faith! Yet Christ himself was tempted in the wilderness to use faith as a base agent in the exploitation of faithless presumption and in satisfying an illegitimate desire to pluck prematurely the flower of His Father's Providence. There are many who yield to the temptation in converting faith into a blind unreasoning trust which loses sight of the fact that we are "workers together with God." They are told to take no anxious thought for to-morrow. Their obedience consists in taking no thought whatever. They accept the doctrine that the grace of God is sufficient and they practice it in their own way by expecting God to give the "daily bread" prayed for as He gave manna in the wilderness or by throwing away the very life-prolonging and health-producing minerals and herbs with which God has stocked the earth. It is nothing but Faith revolving around Self as a centre.

Thanksgiving as an act is nothing but the soul's expression of gratitude for benefits received. The spirit or motive which prompts the act is constant because the reception of benefits is constant. But thanksgiving, whether an act or state, is purely unselfish. It ever looks toward Christ, the Unspeakable Gift. Like the wise men of old it carries in its hands gifts of "gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

It is sad that both the spirit and act of thanksgiving have been made to turn inward on Self and pour at Self's feet the gifts of "gold and frankincense and myrrh." A day set apart theoretically for thanksgiving, but practically for stuffing the stomach with heavy dinners which are an abomination to the Lord as well as to good digestion, or for taking rod and gun and revelling for a day in pleasures which are purely sensuous if not selfish, is surely not a day of Christ-centered thanksgiving. It is altogether self-centered.

As we write these words, we stand on the threshold of another Thanksgiving Day. Have we the spirit of thanksgiving? Do we wish to express it? If so, the spirit must find its true expression in a gift which will not fall short of the hands of Christ. He is the Living Christ, and we may find Him. Gladden His heart by making for Him a clean and beautiful place in the heart's chamber. He wishes to occupy the throne. Gladden Him by casting out idols. He is sitting by thousands of firesides or in the shadows of thousands of rooms of pain and sorrow. He is in the slums, the jails and penitentiaries, the haunts of poverty. He is trudging the dusty highways. He is standing with pitying eyes over the breaking heart wherever that heart may be. Gladden His heart by taking the "cup of cold water" which has not lost its refreshing coolness through all the rolling centuries, and placing it in the hands of as many of His "little ones" as possible. Thus only can Gratitude lay at His feet the real treasures. Thus only can your thanksgiving be Christ-centered. Thus only can you reach the heart of the Great Giver of Gifts.

A BOOK OF VERSE BY A NORTH CAROLINA PREACHER.

Dr. W. H. Moore, Presiding Elder of the Raleigh District, North Carolina Conference, has just issued from the press of Edwards & Broughton his story in verse of "Virginia Dare," the first white child of English parentage born on the American continent. The story is well told. There are some variations from the historic narrative, but the line of authentic events is very closely followed, and there is no liberty taken that is not legitimate.

The verse is well constructed and flows rhythmically. The metre limps in astonishingly few places. We undertake to say that the intelligent, appreciative reader who begins the perusal of this story of "Virginia Dare" will be so charmed with the narrative and the rhythmical flow that he will be tempted not to close the book until he has finished it.

It is a book which has a rightful place in the purely literary works of the State. It should be used as a reader in our schools. The verbiage is Anglo-Saxon, and mainly monosyllabic.

Dr. Moore is the only member of the North Carolina Conference, as far as we know, to bring out a volume of poems. He has laid more than Methodism under obligations to him. The members of the North Carolina Conference should be the first to procure a copy, which costs only 50 cents. The volume is beautifully printed, with gray covers and silver ornamentation.

Causes for Thanksgiving.

I believe in Thanksgiving Day, and think every true American should observe and honor it.

1. Because we are still alive, we might have been summoned hence, like so many others. But God has yet spared us. Laus Deo!

2. Because we are Christians, and not heathens, nor pagans. We are not "aliens from the commonwealth of Israel," but "fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God." A great thing, surely.

3. Because we live in the twentieth century, and not in any previous century. It is the best century the world ever saw, by long odds. Better "fifty years" now and here, "than a cycle of Cathay!" We are at last beginning to "think clear and see straight," as to all matters of human concern, and shall do this more and more as the years roll onward.

4. Because we are Americans. It was a good thing to be a Greek in the days of Pericles, or a Roman in the days of Caesar, or a Frenchman in the days of the great Napoleon; but who would not infinitely rather be an American in the days of Roosevelt? The Anglo-Saxon is going to dominate this world, and we are going to dominate him in the near future if not now. The American is the coming man, and is going to be the best man the race has produced. Let us help to make and keep him so!

5. Because we are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is the best church the world ever saw—most helpful to human kind. It has its faults, but they are not many nor great, while its virtues are multiplied and enormous. Its humanity is incalculable, its piety inextinguishable, its missionary zeal immense and increasing. It has set its heart to capture the whole world for Jesus, sooner or later, and it will do it. Let us be thankful for its ministers, its members, its churches, its missionaries—for all that it is, and all that it aims to be. And in the words of tiny Tim, in one of Dickens's best books, "May God bless us all, every one!"—General James F. Rusling, in the Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

Suppose that the Christian life, in its daily manifestation, should come to be marked and known by simplicity and happiness. Suppose that the followers of Jesus should really escape from bondage to the evil spirits of avarice and luxury which infect and torment so much of our complicated tangled, artificial modern life. Suppose that, instead of increasing their wants and their desires; intead of loading themselves down on life's journey with so many bags and parcels and boxes of superfluous luggage and bric-a-brac that they are forced to sit down by the roadside and gasp for breath; instead of wearing themselves out in the dusty ways of competition and vain show, or embittering their hearts because they cannot succeed in getting into the weary race of wealth and fashion—suppose, instead of all this, they should turn to quiet ways, lowly pleasures, pure and simple joys, "plain living and high thinking." Suppose they should truly find and clearly show their happiness in the knowledge that God loves them, and Christ died for them, and heaven is sure, and so set their hearts free to rejoice in life's common mercies, the light of the sun, the blue of the sky, the splendor of the sea, the peace of the everlasting hills, the songs of the birds, the sweetness of flowers, the wholesome savor of good food, the delight of action and motion, the refreshment of sleep, the charm of music, the blessing of human love and friendship—rejoice in all these without fear or misgiving, because they come from God, and because Christ has sanctified them all by His presence and touch.—Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D. D.

Philip of Macedon kept a servant whose duty was to say, to him every morning, "Philip, remember you must die."—Selected.

Contributions

Religious Work in the Cities.

BY REV. D. ATKINS.

There are two distinct theories of work in cities. One is to have one, two, three, or more very large churches, according to the size of the city, with a number of small churches, called mission churches, supported by mission boards, or by grants from the large, wealthy churches. The other is to provide a sufficnt number of churches about equal in size, strength and equipments, each strong enough to suport a first-class pastor. The former theory is most common in practice; the latter is by far the best.

Very large churches are not conducive to the best work. In ordinary cases, a membership of four or five hundred are amply able to support a pastor. They also constitute an inspiring audience, and are about as many as can well be organized into a working force. Houses of worship should be built with reference to an audience of such size, and, while neat and tasteful, should be plain and unpretentious, and moderate in price. It should be a religious work-shop rather than a temple or cathedral. There is much money wasted on some of our finest churches. It is not to the glory of God as much as it is to the gratification of a luxurious taste. The great, rich, central metropolitan church is a misfit in Methodism or any form of Christianity in earnest. Very large salaries are also very much out of place in Methodism. A comfortable, economical living, with a little laid up in store, is all our portion, and this is far better for all concerned than salaries which smack of luxuary. As prosperity smiles on the South, and wealth increases and cities grow, we should restudy our lessons of simplicity, and of our own will keep within proper bounds.

With few exceptions, there is very little need of any city missions. There are enough Methodists in any ordinary city in the South to support all the ministry needed. The reason why this does not seem so is that the members are not properly distributed. There is one church of seven or eight hundred members containing the wealth of the city, and it is very easy for them to pay a large salary, and many incidentals. There is a large congregation and fine preaching. It is more comfortable to belong to this church, the social standing is higher, and it really costs less than membership in one of the smaller churches. This church could well spare two or three hundred members. There are three or four other churches in town, but they are all small and weak; some of them are mission chapels. Not many people of means attend these. The social caste is not quite so high—some say they would not allow their children to go there to Sunday-school. Some members of the great church live much nearer one of the small churches, and some even pass by the small church to get to the great one. Now, let these three or four hundred who can well be spared from the great church be distributed according to their locality among the small ones, and they all will become self-supporting, will be able to have first-class pastors, and will be toned up every way. There will be then five strong churches, five strong men, all practically equal, able to co-operate, instead of one strong church, overgrown, unwieldly, undeveloped, and three or four weak, struggling churches, with inexperienced pastors between whom and the great pastor there is little in common, and real co-operation between these churches and the great one an impossibility. The answer will be made to this that our people prefer the great church, and you cannot drive them out into the smaller churches; they will leave the denomination. You cannot drive people, should not attempt it. In some cases pastors encourage them not to leave. There are cases in which members have resolved to join the small church near by, and the pastor of the great church has persuaded them out of it, telling them they cannot afford to do so on account of their children. Let us hope there are few such pastors in the pulpits of Southern Methodism.

Just now we are doing much to instill into our people a missionary spirit, and not without success. If we can make them missionary in the matter of giving their money to the cause of Foreign Missions, we can surely inspire them with that degree of missionary spirit sufficient to place them where they can do the most good, giving themselves and their money to the kingdom at home. There are very few Methodists who would refuse to go into a second or third church if the duty were properly presented. When it becomes possible to divide and build up a new church, let enough go to make it a strong church at once, even at the risk of weakening the old church. It will open a new opportunity to the old church and afford an incentive for more diligent and strenuous work to fill up the ranks thinned by the division. It will also develop the liberality of the church as nothing else will. In some cases help from the Mission Board may be necessary until a start is made, but it is very rare that a church should remain a mission many years.

All the churches of a city of the same denomination should have some strong organic bond of union and co-operation, such as a City Mission Board or City Church Extension Society. This organization should equally or proportionately represent all the churches, and should have some well-defined and important function, such as fixing boundary lines for pastoral charges, instituting mission Sunday-schools, inaugurating and locating new church enterprises, establishing and supporting night schools, hospitals, and any institutional work necessary, and should employ deaconesses and city missionaries to labor under its direction for the benefit of all the churches. This strong bond of union between the churches is very important in any city of two or more churches.

One of the most serious problems of the work in cities is how to conserve and utilize the young life of the church. Most of the conversions should take place in the Sunday-school among the small children. The children should be formed into groups for personal oversight and leadership, and trained to religious activity from the start. In some cities the young people seem indifferent to Christian work. It is mistakenly said sometimes that their conversion was not genuine. Rather should we say that they have not been led into that kind of devoted and consecrated life which makes them Christlike.

With increase of wealth and increase of pleasure and worldiness, there is a corresponding increase of responsibility on the pastors placed in charge of our city work. It is easy to win favor and have smooth sailing, but not so easy to discharge obligations and present every man in his charge perfect in Christ Jesus.

The conditions demand able preaching. The preaching of the Gospel is the last resort. If that fails, all fails. But it must be the preaching of the Gospel, a prophet's message from men who bear the burden of the word of the Lord, who can wield the truth as the mighty sword of the Spirit.—Nashville Advocate.

Pauline Hill Brooks.

BY JNO. N. COLE.

The religious and the secular press have announced the death of this good woman. The end came on the 29th July last at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. M. S. Davis, Louisburg, N. C. She was in her sixtieth year. Louisburg was the place of her nativity. It was the home of her ancestors for many generations. Here she was reared in the traditions of a family of long and honorable standing. For the Lord began several generations ahead to produce the virtues that appeared in her life. She was the great-granddaughter of John King, Methodist pioneer preacher, a mighty man in his day, who had much to do in laying the foundations of Methodism and of Christian civilization in this country. She was the great-grand-niece of the celebrated Green Hill, minister, patriot, planter, treasurer of the Commonwealth of North Carolina in 1776. She was the daughter of the late Col. Daniel S. Hill and his wife Susan Irwin Hill. The home of her youth was of noble rank that had a high social setting in a community of exceptional wealth and culture. Here her chilhood was spent, and here she passed into womanhood in the midst of a life as pure and sweet and strengthening as was ever upon the earth. Rarely has a human spirit had a fairer morning or moved amidst scenes that were happier or more inspiring; and rarely has a young heart chosen for itself so many of the excellent virtues. In that early hour, and in the beauty and freshness of her young life, she chose Jesus for her Lord and Saviour and asked that his glorious image might be stamped upon the unworked tablet of her heart. And faithful and true was the dear Lord in the answer He gave to her prayer. Her girlhood was innocent, unselfish, gentle, full of kindness, full of love. The young life in its opening glory revealed the pure atmosphere and the sweet light in which it had found its being. It was natural, and it was the beautiful that in after years when her task seemed finished in the places where God had appointed her to serve, she should return to these scenes of her childhood to end her labors where she had made her beginning, and to sleep at last with her fathers.

In 1879, she was married to Rev. Dr. John R. Brooks, student, author, minister of Christ, and a member of the North Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, South. Never was a minister more happily mated. It was my privilege and heaven's kindness to me to become acquainted with Doctor and Mrs. Brooks about twenty years ago. Our acquaintance soon ripened into a friendship that has brought me great gain. Plutarch said of his brother Timon: "Though fortune has on many occasions been favorable to me, yet I have no obligations to her so great as the enjoyment of my brother's invariable friendship and kindness."

After the same manner I can say that there have come to me few blessings that have so enriched my life as the friendship of Doctor and Mrs. Brooks.

Of Mrs. Brooks, it may be said that she possessed almost every qualification for a life of large and effective usefulness in the kingdom of God. She was an instrument prepared of the Lord. "We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works." It was after that pattern and bearing the works of divine workmanship that Mrs. Brooks was fashioned. The Lord gave her an attractive personality. She had all the marks of that true refinement that is essential to all high service. She had an intellect that was always sane in its processes of thought and that always held her to the path of wisdom. She had a heart that found its happiness in doing good. Doing good was the passion of her soul—it was the bright dream of her life. Ah! what kinship she had to her Lord! "Created in Christ Jesus unto good works!" This was the Corinthian pillar in her character. Her mind was always active in plans for doing good. She thought upon her Lord's business, and was never happier than when her Lord opened to her some door of usefulness and of mercy. In the fields in which her husband was appointed to work, she was always his helpmate and co-leader of the hosts of Israel. The good women in every community where she lived found in her true leadership and the loftiest inspiration to service. I never saw her when I was not impressed that she was under the constraint of the love of Christ. Her one business was to do good. In her home, in the Sunday-school, in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in the Woman's Home Missionary Society, in the Rescue Work, in visiting the sick and in helping the poor, she found the appropriate service and the fields white unto the harvest that her soul loved. In the sacred precincts of her own heart she kept nothing that was dark or ugly or sinful; Satan held no seat there. She was incapable of revenge. She had no bitterness toward any human spirit. Her heart forgave a wrong before forgiveness was asked. She could not hate anybody. She thought no evil. The blessed Christ walked in the garden of her soul. He was its keeper. Truth was the light of it. Love was the law of its life, and all things sweet and beautiful grew there.

When I think of Mrs. Brooks, I think of the beautiful things, I think of the things that are pure and of the things that are just, and of the things that are lovely and of good report. Her name calls me at once out of the world of coarse and rude things into that world of refinement and grace where God's elect dwell and where nothing that defileth shall enter. Men would never think evil thoughts, there would never be another ugly thing to mar the life of men if they could always be in the presence of such spirits as she was. Her pure spirit forbade the approach of sin. When she was present the leprosy of sin dwelt without the camp.

Ah, how uplifting have been the hours that I have spent in her presence! What discourse of heavenly things, what interchange of thoughts and plans about the Lord's kingdom! What social pastimes that brought rest to tired workers and that inspired to larger service! What strengthening fellowship was in those happy hours! How real heaven was and how true the truth was when I heard of either from her lips.

Her removal from the tasks of earth is a distinct loss to the ranks of God's workers here. We can but believe that the dear Lord has advanced her to higher service in the principality of the skies.

I do not wonder that the evening with her was clear and full of the peace of God, and that the voice that called her awakened no fear because it was the voice of her Lord.

Anti-Saloon League of Bertie.

There will be a convention of the Anti-Saloon Leaguers of Bertie County, held in the courthouse at Windsor, December 13, 1904, at 12 o'clock.

At this convention there will be speaking by some prominent temperance worker, the election of delegates to the State Anti-Saloon League Convention to be held at Raleigh in January and the election of officers for the year 1905. If you are a temperance man, let nothing deter you from coming. It is very important that we keep our League in tack and in working condition. The Legislature is soon to meet. We want to be prepared to throw all of our influence on the side of any possible temperance legislation. Thorough organization alone will bring this about. The Liquor Dealers' Association is at work. We must be. We have elected through the Democratic organizations our choice for Representative. Now let's back him up. If you have not joined the League, this will be your opportunity. I ask all pastors of churches in Bertie County to read this notice to their Bertie congregations, and set them the good example of coming to the convention. Let us take courage from our victories in the past and press forward the cause of temperance in the future. For this is to advance the kingdom of God.

Yours in faith, R. L. DAVIS,
President of Bertie County Anti-Saloon League.
Windsor, N. C., Nov. 14, 1904.

What the religion of Christ desires of us is, not that we should alter the outward form of our life, but that we should infuse a new spirit into it, even the Spirit of Christ. It is not that we should renounce the business or occupation or profession formerly ours, but that we should carry it on henceforth, realizing it to be a way in which God is with us, by which He is leading us, through which He will bring us to a promised heritage at the last.—Andrew Bruce Davidson.

The Dartmouth College Decision, by Chief Justice Marshall.

It is the peculiar function of the Supreme Court of the United States to interpret the Constitution and to guard it from encroachment of both National and State legislation. During the thirty-four years of his judicial career, Chief Justice Marshall gave to the Constitution the liberal powers which were necessary to its durability.

In 1818 an Act of the Legislature of New Hampshire, altering the charter of Dartmouth College was, on an appeal, taken to the Supreme Court, declared null and void; that the College was an eleemosynary corporation with immunity from legislative or municipal disturbance. Upon this decision the present college system of the United States has been endowed and built up.

THE TRUSTEES OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE VS WOODWARD.

(Syllabus.)

The charter granted by the British crown to the trustees of Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, in the year 1769, is a contract within the meaning of that clause of the Constitution of the United States, Art. 1, Sec. 10, which declares, that no State shall make any law impairing the obligation of contracts. The charter was not dissolved by the revolution.

An Act of the State Legislature of New Hampshire, altering the charter, without the consent of the corporation, in a material respect, is an Act impairing the obligation of the charter, and is unconstitutional and void.

Under its charter, Dartmouth College was a private, and not a public, corporation. That a corporation is established for purposes of general charity, or for education generally, does not, per se, make it a public corporation, liable to the control of the Legislature.

EXTRACT FROM OPINION OF COURT

It require no argument to prove that the circumstances of this case constitute a contract. An application is made to the crown for a charter to incoporate a religious and literary institution. In the application, it is stated that large contributions have been made for the object, which will be conferred on the corporation as soon as it shall be created. The charter is granted, and on its faith the property is conveyed. Surely in this transaction every ingredient of a complete and legitimate contract is to be found.

The points for consideration are:

1. Is this contract protected by the Constitution of the United States?

2. Is it impaired by the acts under which the defendant holds?

1. On the first point it has been argued, that the word "contract," in its broadest sense, would comprehend the political relations between the government and its citizens, would extend to offices held within a State for State purposes, and to many of those laws concerning civil institutions, which must change with circumstances, and be modified by ordinary legislation, which deeply concerns the public, and which, to preserve good government, the public judgment must control. That even marriage is a contract, and its obligations are affected by the laws respecting divorces. That the clause in the Constitution, if construed in its greatest latitude, would prohibit these laws. Taken in its broadest, unlimited sense, the clause would be an unprofitable and vexatious interference with the internal concerns of a State, would unnecessarily and unwisely embarrass its legislation, and render immutable those civil institutions which are established for purposes of internal government, and which, to subserve those purposes, ought to vary with varying circumstances. That as the framers of the Constitution could never have intended to insert in that instrument a provision so unnecessary, so mischievous, and so repugnant to its general spirit, the term "contract" must be understood in a more limited sense. That it must be understood as intended to guard against a power of at least doubtful utility, and abuse of which had been extensively felt; and to restrain the Legislature in future from violating the right to property. That anterior to the formation of the Constitution, a course of legislation had prevailed in many, if not all, of the States, which weakened the confidence of man in man, and embarrassed all transactions between individuals, by dispensing with a faithful performance of engagements. To correct this mischief, by restraining the power which produced it, the State Legislatures were forbidden "to pass any law impairing the obligation of contracts," that is, of contracts respecting property, under which some individual could claim a right to something beneficial to himself; and that since the clause in the Constitution must in construction receive some limitation, it may be confined, and ought to be confined, to cases of this description; to cases within the mischief it was intended to remedy.

On the effect of this law, two opinions cannot be entertained. Between acting directly, and acting through the agencies of trustees, and overseers, no essential difference is perceived. The whole power of governing the college is transferred from trustees appointed according to the will of the founder, expressed in the charter, to the executive of New Hampshire. The management and application of the funds of this eleemosynary institution, which are placed by the donors in the hands of trustees named in the charter and empowered to perpetuate themselves are placed by this act under the control of the government of the State. The will of the State is substituted for the will of the donors, in every essential operation of the college. This is not an immaterial change. The founders of the college contracted, not merely for the perpetual application of the funds which they gave, to the objects for which those funds were given; they contracted also to secure that application by the constitution of the corporation. They contracted for a system which should, as far as human foresight can provide, retain forever the government of the literary institution they had formed, in the hands of persons approved by themselves. This system is totally changed. The charter of 1769 exists on longer. It is reorganized, and reorganized in such a manner as to convert a literary institution, moulded according to the will of its founders, and placed under the control of private literary men, into a machine entirely subservient to the will of the government.

This may be for the advantage of this college in particular and may be for the advantage of literature in general, but it is not according to the will of the donors, and is subsersive of that contract on the faith of which their property was given.

Watchfulness.

ERNEST BURHAM.

It is now the time of the year to be watchful. We are getting in our money now, and if we don't mind some of us will let it slip for some very foolish thing, as gambling, drinking, and other evil things; but it is a very foolish thing to work hard all the year, and just as soon as you get in your money, that you have worked so hard for, go and spend it for those foolish things. But I hope there are not many that will do that way this fall; but of course, there are some that will.

The devil is going to tempt us, but let us be strong and watchful, and yield not to the temptations of the evil spirit.

And there are other things that we might do if we do not watch, as using profanity, smoking and chewing tobacco, etc. I don't know as there is so much harm in smoking and chewing tobacco, but there is some harm in it. It will not do anybody much good, and let us save that much, and use it for some good purpose. Let us watch and pray so that we may receive a blessing in the eternal life to come.

The memory of the past is only worth preserving as a motive to the future.—Sunday School Times.

The Field

Conway Circuit.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." This is the reason for the appearance of this letter.

If other charges "have whereof to glory," Conway certainly has not less. And here are some of the facts of which is born what we believe a "pardonable pride."

By a rearrangement of circuits in 1902, one of the churches, Concord, with a membership of about 110, was given to an adjoining circuit, leaving four churches on this charge and bringing the work within easier reach of the pastor. The former arrangement was exceedingly difficult.

Nothwithstanding the loss of one church, and the removal by death and otherwise of many members of the remaining four churches, the total amount of money raised for all purposes during the three years immediately preceding the present (i. e., 1901, 1902, 1903) is considerably more than double that raised during the three years next preceding (i. e., 1898, 1899 and 1900). One church alone in 1903 raised more for the collections than did the whole circuit (five churches) in 1900. During these years our assessments for the various Conference collections have been raised, and a little added for good measure. The assessments had not been raised for nine years preceding 1901.

While charity has not been chained at home, she has not neglected home; for we have now a splendid new parsonage, fairly well furnished, where nearly any preacher with a family smaller than Susannah Wesley's might bestow his loved ones in tolerable comfort. The parsonage property four years ago was valued at about $300, now at $1,900, an increase due, not to advance of values, but to the value of advances.

And again, Conway has a bright prospect of a new church of modern pattern, a delight to the eye and adequate to the needs of the place. The subscriptions to the building fund are now not far below the requirements, and we are enjoying the hope of a new house to worship in early in the new year. For this prospect, as well as for the parsonage, already finished, occupied and paid for with the exception of a very few dollars, we are indebted to the untiring zeal of our present pastor, Rev. W. C. Merritt. As this is his fourth and last year with us, we give him our most hearty "God bless you," as he goes up to Conference to learn what people he is next to serve.

And yet, notwithstanding the unusual activity in repairing and improving the old churches, and the burden of building a new one, our pastor expects to receive his salary in full for the present year, as for the last three years he has received the full amount, and more.

"Last but not least," the accessions to church membership on profession of faith during the last four years have averaged about twenty-three a year.

If the liberality of a people in contributing to the financial support of the church is even a fairly good index of the State of their spiritual health —the pulse-beat, from which we may judge as to the condition of the heart; if "by their fruits ye shall know them," then it seems as if the people of Conway Circuit had been receiving and assimilating a liberal supply of wholesome spiritual food, and grown stronger because of it.

Yet we boast not but in the Lord: we are unprofitable servants. D. H. REED, M. D.

Conway, N. C., November 13, 1904.

Bladen Circuit.

We closed a good meeting at Beattie's Bridge last week which was our last for this year. The church was revived, a goodly number were converted, and fifteen added to the church on profession of faith. Our people there have planned to build a church and will begin the work right away. The progress of our work here has been impeded by our not having a suitable place to worship in. We have had gracious revivals at several of our appointments this year, while at others it seemed to be only seed-sowing. Rev. D. H. Coman, of Lenoir, N. C., preached ten days for us at Bethlehem. Our people there were edified and strengthened by his preaching. Brother Coman needs no commendation from me, but I would like to say this—he is the finest Bible expositor from a spiritual standpoint that I have heard. Rev. D. G. McDuffie and J. H. Johnson helped me at Center and Live Oak, doing faithful work. In many respects this has been the best of our four year's work on Bladen Circuit.

Under the divine providence that has so kindly overshadowed us we have made some material progress during these four years, though we have not grown much numerically. We have added ninety to the church on profession of faith, yet have made a net gain of only one. This large falling off is due to three causes: revision of the church register, enforcement of the discipline, and our people moving away. Our people at Antioch have built a new church complete, which is one of the prettiest and best furnished country churches I have seen. Our people at Center have ceiled their church, and those at Bethel have moved their church from a place where it had almost run down to where the congregations have increased several hundred per cent, and the membership has nearly doubled in the last two years. Prior to 1902 the circuit had never paid over 50 per cent of the Conference collections. That year we paid all of the assessment for missions and 50 per cent on all others. In 1903, we paid all the collections in full with a small surplus on missions. This year we will pay all in full, with an increased surplus.

The preacher that is read out for Bladen Circuit at Henderson need have no fears, if he is not afraid to work, for we have here as good, kind, clever people as you will find anywhere. They have been almost continually giving us some substantial token of appreciation, such as $5.00 in cash by Bethlehem stewards, a large quarter of fine beef, pigs, hams, chickens, smaller sums of money, etc., etc.

Several weeks ago the good women of Bethlehem and Deen's Chapel presented my wife with a purse to buy a dress.

To say that we are devoutly grateful to our Heavenly Father and these good people for this kindness but feebly expresses our feelings.

Our work here among these good people, while hard, often-times over-taxing our strength, has been very pleasant, and our association and work with them will always have a pleasant place in our memory. A. J. GROVES.

Trinity College Notes.

Mr. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, editor of the Biblical Recorder, will deliver a lecture in Craven Memorial Hall, Friday evening, November 18th. The subject of the lecture will be "Political Readjustment of the South. This is the second of the series of lectures arranged for by the Committee of the Faculty. Mr. Bailey's coming is looked forward to with pleasure and the public is cordially invited to hear him.

Mr. A. L. Phillips, of Richmond, Va., Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Presbyterian church, delivered a most interesting address in the Y. M. C. A. Hall last evening on "The Opportunities of the Southern College Man."

Bishop Wallace W. Duncan, of Spartanburg, S. C., is spending a few days at the Park as the guest of President Kilgo. Bishop Duncan is a great favorite with the College and community, and he is always a welcome visitor to Trinity Park.

President Kilgo and Professor Plato T. Durham have recently returned from the sessions of the Western North Carolina Conference at Charlotte.

The library has recently received a number of new books which have been published this fall for the various departments of the college. Other consignments of book are expected in a short time.

During the present week there have been a large number of visitors to the Trinity campus and buildings from among those in attendance at the sessions of the Presbyterian Synod, which is this year being held in Durham. The College Library has been the centre of attraction.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., Nov. 17, 1904.

South Mills.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—It is now two weeks to Conference, but my work is already about finished. Conference collections practically all in hand. I have already doubled the amount for the Advocate and will collect much more.

Through the kindness of Dr. J. L. Lister and W. A. Foster, I was enabled to see the great World's Fair at St. Louis. I think ten days in this Fair is worth two or three years in college. One can learn much as he passes through those large buildings if he will look and think.

Last Sunday I made my last trip to Wesley's at Old Trap. The day was very rainy, but a good congregation met us, and God was with us too. It was hard to say good-bye to those good people. May God ever bless them. When I was leaving, Bro. J. D. Perkins handed me $21.25 to buy me a suit for Conference. More would have been given but for the rain that kept several away. Such kindness can never be forgotten. I also received a very fine China cup and saucer, the gift of Miss Clara Burgess.

There is a stock company being formed at Old Trap to build a $1,200 academy. About all the stock has been taken.

Doctor, you see we are on the up-grade, and old Camden Circuit is forging to the front.

Yours in Christ, W. E. HOCUTT.

Morehead City.

On last Sunday we closed a series of meetings which had lasted two weeks. Brother Earp, of Beaufort, was with us one day and preached two good sermons. The rest of the preaching was done by the pastor. As a partial result of the meeting, twelve persons were received into the church Sunday night on profession of faith. In all, we have received into the church this year on profession of faith nineteen and by certificate eleven.

Our finances are in good shape. The collections will all be paid in full, with the missionary assessment overpaid. The collection at the missionary rally day service held a few weeks ago amounted to $80.

The Harry North School is in prosperous condition. There have been enrolled this fall 143 pupils. An extra teacher has recently been employed, there being now five teachers giving their whole time to the work. The friends and patrons of the school are very much pleased with the work being done. R. H. WILLIS.

L. F. C. Notes.

Littleton Female College will soon witness the completion of its heating and lighting plant which will be one of the best owned by any Southern school. The generator is a 37½ K. W., of the Westinghouse type, driven by a forty-horse power Eclipse engine.

The heating plant is the Evans-Almirall system of hot-water heat which is believed to be the best system in the world. It is the one in use at the University of North Carolina and at Trinity College.

The matriculation of the college has already extended beyond that of the whole of last year, the number having matriculated thus far being 216.

Never indulge inordinate desires for an earthly good. Experience has taught me to fear the gratification of any ardent desire, unless I have first been brought to yield my own will entirely.—Mary Lyon.

Tar River Circuit.

Dear Advocate:—I have been thinking for some time I would write you a few things about the Tar River Circuit. The spiritual interest of the charge, I am sure, has been progressing for some time, and during the revival season the church was much quickened and many souls were regenerated, and the visible result of the meetings is, eighteen have been added to the church on profession and two by certificate. To Him be all the praise and glory.

Rev. W. H. Puckett gave us valuable service at Trinity by preaching some fine sermons. Rev. L. S. Massey preached two excellent sermons at Ebenezer which all enjoyed and much good was accomplished. Dr. L. L. Nash preached two able and soul-stirring sermons at Plank Chapel, and our beloved Presiding Elder, Dr. W. H. Moore, gave us one of his strong, instructive sermons at this point. Rev. J. W. Holmes, of the Protestant church, gave us valuable aid at Kittrell. We are very thankful to all these brethren for their valuable help and assure them we were much benefitted by their coming.

We want to thank the people for their kind consideration of us and their love for us in contributing to our pantry during the year, and I feel that the Trinity congregation needs special notice in this regard; on our return they gave us a heavy pounding and very few times since has the preacher left them for home without some contribution and some times his buggy loaded.

I want to say further that the material interest of the church has been making progress also. We have spent $115.00 improving the parsonage this year, repairing the inside, furnishing some necessary things, painting inside of parlor and painting the outside, also the fence, giving the place a much more pleasing and attractive appearance as well as giving the occupants the necessary comforts.

We have also repaired Ebenezer church, making it much larger and much more desirable in every way, and the members of this congregation are to be congratulated and deserve credit.

Besides all other things, our four Sunday-schools are caring for Charles Ross Ashley, one of the orphans, and the work is doing much more for the Orphanage that the Superintendent knows not of yet, but will know soon. On the whole, the good people of this charge have done well, and we are sure they will continue, for they love their church and her interests.

Begging you to pardon us for taking so much of your space, and wishing you much prosperity, I am, A. L. ORMOND.

A Commendation.

Resolutions of appreciation, adopted by the Board of Stewards of Goldsboro Circuit, New Bern District, N. C. Conference, November, 1904.

Wheras, the Conference year is nearing its close when thef ull time limit of four years, allotted by our church, will have been served so faithfully for a second term by our beloved Presiding Elder, Rev. F. D. Swindell, whose acceptable service, coupled with his genial spirit has won a place in our affections that time cannot effacc, and we know that he cannot be returned to us as our Presiding Elder; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we, the Board of Stewards of Goldsboro Circuit, wish here to express for the people we represent as well as outsiders, our highest esteem for him as a truly meek, polite, cheerful Christion gentleman, going about doing good, carrying joy and sunshine in many homes, making glad many a burdened heart as well as performing so faithfully and well every duty assigned him, and that no interest of our church has suffered or been neglected by him.

2. That we regret our separation, but rejoice because we have thus been twice honored with such association and so noble and gallant a leader, and we pray that his services will be rewarded by an appointment to as worthy people as we, and will love him as we do, and his place will be supplied by one who will carry our banner triumphantly, and with it the sincere love and confidence of our District.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication, and that the Goldsboro Argus copy the same.

Signed in behalf of the Board of Stewards.

R. W. EDGERTON,
Chairman and Secretary.

The Family

A Song for Thanksgiving.

A song for Thanksgiving! Weve garnered the wheat,
We've gathered the vintage all purple and sweet;
To-day we may feast, for the reaping is done,
The crowns of fulfillment our labors have won!

And over the land, in the blessing of God,
The banners of peace wave in beauty abroad;
In freedom of conscience the home is seenre;
What the fathers bequeathed to the children is sure.

Thank God for the schools where the little ones throng,
For their sweet, silvery voices in story and song;
Thank God for the promise of hope in their eyes
To serve Him when they to our places shall rise!

Thank God for the Gospel that carries afar
The tidings once gleaming in Bethlehem's star!
Thank God that the desert grows bright with the rose,
As o'er its waste spaces life's glad river flows!

A song for Thanksgiving! To Him be the praise
Who has pledged to His people full strength for their days
A song for Thanksgiving! We honor the name
Of the Triune Jehovah, through ages the same!

—Margaret E. Sangster.

"God Reigns and All is Well!"

"God's in His heaven—all's right with the world."—Robert Browning.

I

God reigns and all is well!
No sparrow falls, no flower lives its day
Without His loving care that guards alway.
Who shall His wonders tell?

II.

God reigns and all is well!
The stream of living water ever flows.
The wilderness shall blossom as the rose.
Love conquers death and hell.

III.

God reigns and all is well!
His love accepts His children's sacrifice.
To blend with angel-tones our praises rise.
Our songs of triumph swell.

IV.

God reigns and all is well!
None asks in vain for help to bear the cross.
The poverty of life, the pain and loss.
The solemn passing-bell.

V.

Of youthful hopes, their knell
Rings in our hearts; yet love and mercy sweet
In benediction make our lives complete.
God reigns and all is well!

—Martha A. Kidder, in The Living Church.

Thanksgiving Catechism.

Here is a Thanksgiving catechism, with the answers to the questions appended:

1. When was the first Thanksgiving proclamation in this country?

2. Who makes the Thanksgiving proclamation?

3. How is it done?

4. What is done with the proclamation when it has been thus written and signed?

5. What do the different Governors of the States do when they have received their copies of the President's proclamation?

6. Who signed the first Thanksgiving proclamation ever issued by a President?

1. November 19, 1621; made by Governor Bradford to the Pilgrim fathers. He announced that since they had just gathered abundant harvests of grain and the cold weather had sent plenty of game to their forests, December 13, 1621, would be observed throughout the Plymouth colony as a day of thanksgiving.

2. The President of the United States.

3. The President writes it out with his own hand, trying to put in as much of the spirit of the day as possible. This is not an easy task. He must avoid repeating expressions that have been used by preceding Presidents, and yet he must cover the same ground that they covered.

When he has finished writing it out it is copied and this copy is sent to the State Department. One of the clerks who is a good penman writes the proclamation artistically on parchment. The parchment is then sent back to the White House, and the President signs it. After that it is taken back to the State Department, where the Secretary of State adds his name. Then the great seal of the State Department is affixed.

In order to put the great seal on the proclamation a note from the President is necessary, in which he says: "I hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of State to cause the seal of the United States to be affixed to my Thanksgiving proclamation, dated this day and signed by me, and for so doing this shall be his warrant."

4. A great many clerks in the State Department are then ordered to make as many copies of the proclamation as there are Governors of States and Territories. These copies are written by hand on long sheets of blue paper. The State Department never uses the typewriter or any other means except artistic handwriting for making copies of official correspondence.

5. They then write special proclamations of their own, announcing to the people of their States the fact that the President has fixed on such and such a day for the observance of thanksgiving, worship, and festivities.

6. George Washington, in 1782.—Boston Herald.

The Commercial Value of a Good Mother.

Boys recommend their mothers, we sometimes say, but mothers also recommend their sons. His mother's character, in a place where she is known, is a valuable part of the stock-in-trade of a boy just entering upon business. A striking instance of this has come to our knowledge in a most unexpected quarter—the liquor trade. A boy from the country applied for a position in a liquor-store in Boston, and would have entered upon the work had not his mother objected. The proprietors made an effort to get her to withdraw her objection, and wrote as follows:

"We employ some fifty-odd men, and have not a single man who is not steady, upright and industrious. We are even stricter and more particular than we would be if engaged in any other business, and, unless your determination is fixed, we would like you to come to Boston and see us. The fact that your son has a mother that is interested in and watching over him is one of the strongest recommendations he could have for us."

This is much better testimony to the commercial value of a good mother than it is to the business which handles such dangerous goods that it is forced to insist that its servants shall be as unlike as possible to its customers.—Congregationalist.

A Sunday Meditation.

The ringing bells call me to Thy house, O Lord, on this day set apart for thy worship.

All days are thine, O Lord, and in all the ways of life, and in all places, I may truly adore thee.

But on this day, and in thy house, where thy people assemble in thy name to honor thee and to hear thy Word, there are treasures of grace and strength and peace for all the other days and for all the other duties of life.

Therefore, O Lord, hear thy servant, who now goes forth for this blessed season of public devotion and instruction.

I surrender myself to thee; I leave behind me all worldly cares and studies; I go to thy house to join with thy people in loving and reverent devotion, and as we shall together praise thy name, hear thy Word, plead thy promises, and consecrate ourselves to thy constant service, do thou pour out upon us, O Holy Father, thy blessed Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Bishop Vincent.

Our Boys and Girls

Jack Frost.

He's taken a nip at the salvia bush,
Its flower is turned to black;
He blew a breath on the hollyhocks,
Their bloom will never come back.
He danced in the meadow all night long
And turned it a rusty brown,
And now do you see, he's touched the trees,
And the leaves are straying down.

He softly covers the window panes
With sketches rich and rare
As ever with dainty paint and brush
An artist could picture there.
And so, though the merry birds are flown,
The song of the stream is lost,
And summer is hiding far away,
We'll try to forgive Jack Frost.

—Sydney Dare.

The Little Brown Bowl.

PHILA BUTLER BOWMAN.

Once there was a little brown bowl that stayed always in a great closet among many other bowls.

There were big bowls and little bowls, bowls with beautiful gold bands, and bowls over whose sides clamored rosebuds so beautifully painted that they looked as though they were growing. There was a bowl that wore violets all around its brim, like a little girl wearing violets on her hat. And there was one broad, shallow bowl tinted with such colors as are in the sky when the sun is going down, and on this bowl was the prettiest little shepherdess! She wore a broad hat and a blue dress, and her eyes and lips always laughed.

So it can be seen that there were bowls of every description, only that all were beautiful except the little brown bowl, which could never be anything but a plain, thick little brown bowl, with not even a daisy to wear. She was so shy among all her beautiful companions that she did not often speak; but one day, when the maid, who took care of the china, set a pretty little pitcher so close to her that it touched, she gathered courage to ask why the shepherdess always smiled, and why all the other bowls were taken out of the closet at times and then brought back again, but she was always left.

The little pitcher told the little brown bowl that the shepherdess smiled because she was happy; for every morning she was carried to the big, sunny breakfast room, where Clarita ate her bread and milk from the shepherdess bowl.

Then the little brown bowl grew bolder, and said, so loudly that everybody heard, "And why don't they come and get me sometimes, as they get the shepherdess bowl, and the violet bowl, and the rest?"

And the little pitcher answered—for I have said the little pitcher was always kind—"They have not needed you yet. Perhaps some day you may be needed. Then the maid will come and get you."

"And shall I see Clarita then?" cried the little brown bowl, in great happiness. But before the little pitcher could answer, such a laugh arose from the mouths of all the bowls that they rattled on the closet shelves and the maid said: "How the wind blows!"

"Ah," cried the rosebud bowl, "you foolish thing, you will always stay on the closet shelf! You are too ugly ever to be needed. Do you see the big rosebuds on my sides? Clarita loves them. Once I sat for an hour on a little table and held bonbons for her."

"And I," said the gold-banded bowl, "have been near her at dinner, and held water where she dipped her rosy fingers." And the gold-banded bowl laughed scornfully. "But she loves beautiful things. She would never look at you."

"No, indeed," said the violet bowl. "I wonder that you were ever put here. Once, long ago, for an hour, I was carried to Clarita's own room and held violets for her."

"Yes, and you were upset," cried a tall vase, "which showed that you were never meant to hold flowers. I wonder at Clarita's ever taking you."

But the little brown bowl sat quite still and very sad. She knew, at last, why for so long she had stayed in the closet, never taken out, and never needed. If only she, too, could have been beautiful! And she wished she might go away and never come back, since she could never be loved and never be of any use.

She must have wished it aloud, in her sadness of heart, for the shepherdess bowl, to whom all the others always listened, spoke to her very gently: "Do not grieve, little brown bowl. Clarita loves beautiful things, but she loves useful things, and, if she ever sees you, she will love you. Only be patient and wait."

And the little brown bowl grew very quiet. Her life had never been a very bright one. She had wished, sometimes, that she might be needed and used, as all the others seemed to be; but she had never known what it was to be unhappy.

Today, for the first time, she had been pained by rude, unfriendly words; but today she had learned to hope, and it was the best thing the little brown bowl had ever known.

So the days came and went. Each morning the shepherdess bowl was carried away and came back, looking brighter than before; and one by one the violet bowl and the rosebud bowl and the gold-banded bowl were taken out, and brought back—I am sorry to say—haughty and vain, and saying scornful and unkind things to the little brown bowl.

There came one morning when the maid came in and hastily set the little pitcher down; and the little pitcher, who always heard what was going on, was quite breathless with eagerness.

It was Clarita's birthday, she said, and Clarita was eight years old, and eight beautiful hyacinths were lying by her place at table; and Clarita, as soon as she saw them, would surely be looking for something to hold them.

"Oh, dear," sighed the shepherdess bowl. "Perhaps, if I were not so shallow, she might take me, since she loves me. Think of the joy of holding Clarita's birthday flowers!"

"Are the hyacinths purple?" asked the violet bowl. "Indeed, I stand a good chance, with my lovely shape and color, of being chosen at once."

"You, indeed!" cried the tall vase. "None of you are fit to hold flowers. It would be well for you to be taught your place. As for this pert violet bowl, after the disgrace she has suffered, trying to hold flowers, one would as soon expect Clarita to choose that ugly, silent little brown bowl in the corner!"

But no one answered; for just then the door swung open, and the little brown bowl saw, for the first time, a little girl with sunny hair, lovelier than she had ever dreamed.

Her lips wore a smile happier than that of the shepherdess, and her eyes were deep, like pools of quiet water.

She held her flowers lovingly and looked eagerly among the bowls, seeking something, touched the rosebud bowl for a moment, and then—the little brown bowl fairly trembled with joy, for Clarita was looking straight at her, and crying out: "O, here is the dearest little brown bowl, mamma, just right for my flowers! It is so deep and so strong, and too heavy to upset. Why did I never find you before, little brown bowl! You shall hold flowers for me all summer!"

Long days afterward the little brown bowl, filled, as she always was now, with flowers, found herself on Clarita's breakfast table, close to the shepherdess bowl.

"Dear shepherdess bowl," she whispered, "I love you, because you were kind to me when I needed you."

And the shepherdess bowl whispered back softly: "I told you it was better to be able to hold beautiful things than to be beautiful outside."

And the shepherdess smiled more brightly than ever before.—The Churchman.

How Alice Found Her Mamma.

Alice was a doll. So her mamma was a little girl, of course—a little girl named Lina. Now there was to be held, in the old city of Salem, a big three days' fair, and Lina's mamma was to help at one of the tables. She took her little daughter with her, and the child spent whole days, only going home for her dinners.

You must know that in those days, the beautiful dolls, with poreclain heads, glass eyes and real hair, were not at all common, as they are now. Sometimes some fortunate little maiden would have an aunt or a generous-minded uncle, who traveled a great deal, and who would bring her one from the far-away city of Paris—but such dolls were not often seen.

On the very first day of the fair Lina was watching some ladies arrange the table that stood next to her mother's and right in the centre they placed a beautiful doll, the loveliest doll that she had ever seen! She had long flaxen haid and blue eyes, and her lovely head would turn, and each day she was dressed in a charming new gown.

Lina loved dollies more even than most little girls do, and from the moment she first saw this one, it seemed to her as if there were nothing else in the whole fair worth looking at. She used to stand by that table by the hour, and gaze at the lovely doll child, and wonder and wonder how it would seem to own such a dolly as that.

One day she was dressed in a dainty white dress, all tucked and ruffled; another day she wore a black and white Japanese silk all trimmed with rows of cherry velvet; and this dress was made real little girl style, "all buttoned up and down" behind, with wee cherry-colored buttons; and on that day she carried a little jumprope in her hand, as if she were just going out to play. On the third day she was dressed in blue poplin, trimmed with a narrow white silk fringe, and she had a charming little blue parasol, just to match, that would open and shut. A red-lined seal-skin sack and cap were displayed as belonging to her, and other pretty hats.

Each day she grew to be more wonderful and more entirely delightful to the little girl who stood by the table and looked with longing eyes.

The dolly stood in her place till the very end of the fair, and almost everybody who came to look at her, saw also the little girl with the eager face, and many people wished that she might have the doll which she evidently so much admired.

Now, it so happened that the lady who did have the doll was a dear friend of the little girl's mother, and she had watched the quiet, upturned face many times while the fair was going on. Her own children were all grown up, and did not care to play with dolls at all, so perhaps you can guess what she did with this beautiful creature, all nicely put up, with her whole wardrobe, her jumprope and sun-shade, in a large, dark green box!

On New Year's morning, which came only a few days after the fair had closed, Lina heard her mother calling her—and the dear mother voice had a great deal of love and gladness in it as it said:

"Come, little daughter, come into the sitting-room; there's is something here for you!"

Quickly the child ran, and there on the sofa lay a large, dark green box, plainly marked with her name. Her mother left the room, so that Lina was all alone with the big box—I think she may have peeped through the crack of the door, for I am quite sure she would have wanted to see her lassie's face when she lifted the cover.

Well, the cover was lifted, and there, inside, lay the beautiful doll—the very one that Lina had loved so at the fair, and thought she should never see again—there she lay, and she was her very own now, her own to keep!

She named her Alice, and she loved her just as a little mamma should love her child—and she kept her, how long do you think? She kept her till she was a grown-up woman, and had a little golden-haired girl of her own! And now, this little golden-haired girl plays with Alice.

Some other day I am going to tell you how Lina went to housekeeping, with Alice for her child.—Selected.

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. B. F. Dixon, Raleigh, N. C.

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"The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord—let us come before His presence with thanksgiving—bring an offering, and come into His courts."

Week of Prayer is being observed this week in Edenton Street Auxiliary. A large number of members are in attendance every afternoon. We are glad to note an increase in interest and offerings.

The Secretaries of the Durham, Wilmington, Warrenton and Elizabeth City District have our sincere thanks for their kind responses to our call for news from their work—it is all encouraging news, so far, and will be given to our readers as we have room.

Perhaps some of the members of our missionary auxiliaries do not realize the magnitude of their work and office. Read the following selection:

O ye members of the Woman's Foreign Misionary Society, be glad and joyous! You are laborers in the vineyard of the Lord; you are co-workers with God; you are shepherds to gather into the fold those that are far astray; you are watchmen on the towers of Zion; you are pilots on the trackless sea of ignorance; you have been commissioned to enlist soldiers for the campaign against sin and idolatry; you have been appointed by the High Architect of the universe to be a master builder for the temples of the Holy Spirit; you have been called to be embassadors for the King! More than these, you are the Lord's treasurers, His stewards.

Here is a letter to you, dear Bright Jewels—be sure to hear and heed the wise council of your faithful leader, Mrs. L. M. Hendren:

"Dear Jewels: It is only about a month before the Christmas season will be with us again. I hope you are planning for an entertainment in the interest of our work.

"In celebrating the advent of the Savior of mankind, how appropriate that those who are enjoying the glorious results of this grand and wonderful advent, should seek to share its blessings with those in ignorance of the provisions made for their salvation!

Children in heathen lands know nothing of the joys of Christmas time, and to you children in this happy favored land, their sad condition should appeal with special power, and awaken in your hearts a willing response to do what you can to give them the light of the Gospel.

"By sending to 'The Lorenze Pub. Co., Dayton, O.,' you can secure a program called 'World Wide Christmas,' containing many beautiful, inspiring songs and appropriate recitations, at fifty-five cents per dozen copies.

"Attend to this at once, and by your efforts cause the children in heathen lands to hear with you the glad strain that once pealed in the plains of Bethlehem.

"Lovingly,
"AUNT LIZZIE."

The following letter from the beloved Secretary of the Wilmington District, Mrs. James Gibbons, will be enjoyed by our readers:

"Dear Mrs. Dixon: I hope the women of the Wilmington District are becoming more zealous and interested in missionary work—which means growing in grace—as last year's reports showed a decided increase, both in membership and collections.

The summer reports are never very good, so those for the last quarter were not encouraging; but I trust the auxiliaries in my District will buckle on the armor of faith and good works, by attending the meetings regularly, and bringing in full collections for all purposes, now that the heated term is over, and all are at home again. I shall write to all my Corresponding Secretaries of auxiliaries and Lady Managers of juvenile work, asking them to send you frequently items of interest connected with their work, for our column in the Advocate. I will endeavor to give you something of the District work every quarter.

"You heard through Mrs. E. L. Prince, President of Grace Church Auxiliary of our annual District Meeting; also something of the Society. I hope she will give you another item soon. Grace auxiliary, and the Bright Jewel Band of that church, are in a flourishing condition.

"We organized a Bright Jewel Band at Fifth Street Church, Wilmington, last quarter, thirty-nine members enrolled.

"I will organize a Golden Link Society in this little town (Wallace, N. C.), in the near future.

"The small auxiliaries in the District seem to take great interest in the missionary work, and will, I hope, let you hear from them during the year.

"My heart is in this work, and I pray that many names may be added to the list of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society during this year. Yours sincerely,

"IDA E. GIBBONS."

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Manteo Auxiliary.

Again I have been cheered by a charming letter from one of our young women, Miss Hattie S. Taylor, Corresponding Secretary of the Manteo Auxilary. I will share a portion of it with our readers:

"We have a flourishing Missionary Society here. The President, Miss Ruth Evans, is a fine, energetic young girl.

"We have had only two regular meetings, and I suppose our members number twenty-five. We are working to send in a fine report by December 1st.

"The Week of Prayer was observed and very well attended. The leaflets read were enjoyed by all. Miss Dicken, our Treasurer, is the same good church worker she was when you knew her.

"Our band is just starting out, and we want the prayers of all the officers, I am

"Most sincerely yours,
"HATTIE S. TAYLOR."

I feel that the prayers of our entire Society will ascend for these enthusiastic young women, and I believe their faithful efforts will be greatly blessed.

An Item From Ahoskie.

I find that the youngest of our Band, Ahoskie, organized with 15 members, five of whom subscribed at once for Our Home, and with the subscriptions sent an order for the Wolff Record Books. This wise beginning augurs well, and, I doubt not, we will soon be receiving good reports.

Latest News From "Our Home."

The subscription list of the organ of our Society now numbers 10,068, an increase of 801 since April. May the time soon come when this excellent paper shall be in every Methodist home throughout our connection!

The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial as Held by Windsor Auxiliary.

Miss Helen Gillam, the efficient Corresponding Secretary of Windsor, writes of the growing interest in her Auxiliary, shown in the best possible way, viz.: the increase in membership. Their pastor preached an excellent Home Mission sermon at the close of Prayer Week, and I publish below the fine program of the last day, which services, she added, the President, Mrs. H. V. Dunstan, made very impressive:

PROGRAMME.

Hymn 342, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"?
Prayer, by Mrs. R. L. Davis.
Scripture lesson, St. Matthew, chap. 9.
Reception of three new members.
Hymn 489, "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling, 'Who Will Go and Work Today?'"
Selection from "Our Home," read by Mrs. M. F. Gillam.
Solo, by Miss Maud Gurley.
Recitation, by Miss Helen E. Gillam.
Hymn 540, "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken."
Reading, "How Persis Green could make an offering," by Miss Mac Nicholls.
Paper, "How the Woman's Home Mission Society Helps the Pastor," by Miss Helen E. Gillam.
Sentence Prayer, led by Mrs. H. V. Dunstan.
Collection for the week, $11.00.
These beautiful exercises show careful planning, and the generous offering tells of self-denial and consecration.

QUERY.

"The Board appropriated fixed sums for each department of the work. These sums comply as nearly as possible with the estimates from the field. They are made on the basis that each auxiliary will raise a sum corresponding to its membership over and above dues. When auxiliaries insist on directing their donations to cover some phases of the work not included in the estimate from the field, will they tell us how we are expected to meet these obligations?"

This is to remind us of the confusion, indeed, consternation, that would result if many auxiliaries were to take up work outside of that arranged by the Board, and without their advice and consent. I cannot believe that one would willingly infringe upon the laws. Let us, then, study them carefully and know thoroughly, and continue to rejoice in our careful, conscientious, consecrated leaders.

A Repeated Request.

I hope all Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries will send their reports to our Conference Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Scott, that she may have a full report for Conference. Also that all will write me of every article published in secular papers, as well as report the use of Bulletins in the regular meetings.

A Notre Dame Lady's Appeal.

To all knowing sufferers of rheumatism whether muscular or of the joints, sciatica, lumbagos, backache, pains in the kidneys or neuralgia pains, to write to her for a home treatment which has repeatedly cured all of these tortures. She feels it her duty to send it to all sufferers FREE. You cure yourself at home as thousands will testify—no change of climate being necessary. This simple discovery banishes uric acid from the blood, loosens the stiffened joints, purifies the blood, and brightens the eyes, giving elasticity and tone to the whole system. If the above interests you, for proof address Mrs. M Summers, Box 285, Notre Dame Ind.

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The World As We See It.

Judge Parker, having resigned his office in the New York Court of Appeals before election, and having failed to be elected to the office of President of the United States, has opened a law office in New York City. Judge Parker may not have occasion to demonstrate his ability as President of the United States, but he can demonstrate his ability to make an honorable record for hard work as an American citizen.

The American Cotton Manufacturer figures that the cotton crop of the South will bring into the hands of the planters $27,500,000 over all expenses. What to do with this large surplus is the question with the Southern people. The Manufacturer advises against the multiplication of mills, and contends for an expansion of export trade and investment in knitting mills, shoe, corset, and lace factories, curtain and embroidery mills, braid manufacturing plants, and a great many other enterprises.

"There is nothing succeeds like success." A man that is down draws very few friends. The man who stands firm on his feet can draw more friends than he can utilize. These reflections to us are very pathetic as we think of the good things that are now being said of a man in our State who deserves all the good things said of him, but who, a few years ago, when things looked dark, would have given a great deal for the encomiums of the men who are now great friends and admirers, but were then as silent as the grave.

The personality of a man is a great factor in his structure of success. It has a force which mounts above that of creed, party, and ancestry. The plank in the Republican platform which elected Mr. Roosevelt by such an overwhelming majority was the personality of Mr. Roosevelt himself. It was the personality of William L. Douglas, the Democratic Governor-elect of Massachusetts which fought against seemingly invincible political conditions and finally overcame them. Governor Douglas had no prestige, no eloquence, no money to throw away on scouring voters, but he had something stronger—a personality which gripped the hearts of even his political foemen. When personality is the synonym of strong, rock-ribbed, God-centered character it is a thing invincible.

The Morning Post in discussing the unrighteousness of the Legislative act which rendered the so-called towns of Williams and Shore exempt from the provisions of the Watts Law, announces its determination to speak out hereafter when such things shall be attempted. In doing so, the Morning Post will be performing the function of a true newspaper, at the same time, aiding in one of the best ways the cause of temperance. The Post is right in warning the people that during the next Legislature attempts will be made to duplicate and carry out the Shore-Williams programme. May such attempts be futile. The Post is in error, however, in saying that it was the only newspaper to cry out two years ago against what was done in exempting Shore and Williams from the provisions of the Watts Law. The Advocate spoke of, and denounced the deed, and cited it as one of the evidences that the Watts Law would have been passed if there had been no temperance movement, whatever, in the State.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hon. E. Y. Joyner, makes a very encouraging report on the progress of education in North Carolina during 1904. It shows that the grand total of receipts for educational purposes during 1904 was $1,901,237.29 against $1,384,222.13 for 1903—a gain of $317,051.16 for 1904. The grand total of disbursements was $1,870,780.77 as compared with $665,319.16 for 1903. The value of school property increased from $1 632,349 in 1903 to $1,908,675 in 1904. There has been during the year a gratifying growth in the matter of enrollment and attendance, school funds, salaries of teachers, consolidation of districts, length of school term, and number of new buildings.

If we may believe certain press dispatches of post-election date, President Roosevelt is going somewhat out of his way to placate the South. Such an act on the part of the President gives the South an excellent opportunity of showing that it is capable of a sane construction of the Presidential motive. The President is capable of doing without the South's good-will and votes. It makes very little difference with him, as far as personal welfare is concerned, whether he is loved or hated by the South. The fact that, under these circumstances, he craves the good-will of the South, is greatly to his credit. Let not the South belittle itself by crying out that the President is trying to regain Southern favor for political or personal reasons. Now is the time for the South to show a sound head and heart.

Should the Legislature of North Carolina at its coming session repeat the experience of former sessions in opening wider the divorce gate, it will do so under the protest of almost every religious body in the State. The Episcopal Convention, the Western North Carolina Conference, and the Synod of North Carolina have spoken the mind of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Southern Presbyterian Church in the State on the subject of divorce. The North Carolina Conference and the Baptist Convention will doubtless be as outspoken in condemnation of loose divorce laws. Yet we would not be at all surprised to hear some man proclaim in the legislative halls that the Bible is out-of-date on the question of divorce. We heard such a proclamation two years ago, and we will continue to hear it until moral public opinion shall express itself more emphatically at the ballot-box.

There are not lacking thinkers of wide observation who firmly believe that in no past period of the nation's history have men so generally attended church as now. They maintain that we are now on the threshold, if not in the midst, of a general religious awakening. The following facts are used in the conclusion formed. After the distinctively religious period in our early history when colleges were established, these came a "religious ebb-tide." During the first two decades of the history of Princeton over fifty per cent of the students had entered the ministry. When the college reopened in 1780, nearly all the students had been affected by French infidelity. In 1782, there were only two students who professed Christianity. From the opening of the century to about 1810, there was a religious renaissance followed by a decade of transition. During the next thirty years came the great revivals, and then followed twenty-five years of adaptation to new science and thought. Since that time there has been a higher trend.

The indications are that a very fierce attack on Port Arthur will be made in a few days. The Japanese are erecting fortifications as if they themselves should in time be the beseiged. The torpedo boat which ran a few days ago into Chefoo harbor, and blew herself up was not the only boat that left Port Arthur. Two other torpedo boats left at the same time and were destroyed by the Japanese. The operations on the Shakke river are a little livelier than usual. It is said that the Japanese have captured the Russian trenches. Important news will doubtless be given to the world in a few days.

Attention!

Preachers, delegates, and others expecting to attend the North Carolina Conference at Henderson will read very carefully:

Reduced rates to the session of the Conference will be given over the A. C. L., S. A. L., Southern and Atlantic and North Carolina Railways under the following restrictions:

(1) Tickets will be sold from all points in the State, including Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Boykins and Danville, Va.

(2) Tickets will be on sale as early as Monday, November 28th.

(3) Tickets will be sold to preachers, delegates and others officially connected with the Conference and their wives and families.

(4) Such persons buying tickets will be charged full first-class fare going, but be sure when you purchase the ticket to secure from the agent certificate of purchase filled out on the "standard form of certificate," which all agents are supplied with.

(5) When you reach the Conference deliver this certificate to the Secretary for his endorsement so that when you present the endorsed certificate to W. W. Morris, agent at Southern Railway station at Henderson, he will endorse your certificate so that you can get at the S. A. L. or Southern stations a return ticket at one-third the regular rate, plus twenty-five (25) cents, provided the first fare to Henderson was not less than seventy-five cents.

(6) At least fifty or more persons holding properly receipted certificates of the standard form must have been in attendance upon the Conference before the special reduced rate will be granted for return passage to any one.

(7) Tickets over the Norfolk and Southern and boat lines will be sold to Norfolk on the same conditions, except that you will not need to get a certificate from the agent when you purchase your ticket.

(8) Tickets returning from the seat of the Conference must be purchased not later than the 10th of December.

Please give special attention to these restrictions, as there will be no means by which your failure to do so may be corrected.

Very truly yours,

W. L. CUNINGGIM.
Secretary of N. C. Conference.

Durham, N. C., November 4, 1904.

Notice.

The Presiding Elders will please meet in Henderson on Tuesday evening, the 29th inst., at 7.30 p. m. The place of meeting will be designated on arrival.

W. H. MOORE.

Notice.

The class for admission on trial will please meet the Committee in the Methodist Church in Henderson at 3 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, November 29, 1904.

G. T. ADAMS, Chairman.

Methodist Mention

STATE.

Read carefully the Conferences notices in this issue.

Rev. J. B. Hurley, P. E. of Fayetteville District, spent last Monday in Raleigh.

The brethren are giving every indication that they are doing some hard work.

Littleton Female College has now an enrollment greater than the whole of last year. There are 216 matriculates.

Rev. A. J. Parker reports that on last Sunday a very severe storm struck the Banks and washed away seven houses at Chicamacomico.

Be sure to arrive at Henderson in time to hear the address before the Historical Society by Dr. A. D. Betts. It will be interesting and spiritual.

Happy is the preacher in the North Carolina Conference who has no special reason for caring whether next Sunday be fair or rainy. Yet we fear that his name is not legion.

Rev. J. E. Underwood writes that the building of the Albemarle High School at Elizabeth City will be the handsomest school building in Eastern North Carolina. We hope to have a cut of it soon.

Rev. J. H. Shore writes that there is a great deal of sickness in his congregations. He is going to make a report at the Conference which will not only show all collections in full, but will make every friend of our Orphanage rejoice.

The congregation of the Methodist church, along with their zealous pastor, Rev. F. M. Shamburger, are to be warmly congratulated upon the cancellation of a debt of $5,500 upon the beautiful house of worship, which can now be dedicated.—Oxford Ledger.

We have received the following note from that true servant of Christ, Rev. J. A. Lee, of Louisburg: "During the summer and early fall my health had so much improved that I was much cheered with the prospect of taking pastoral work for next year. But as cold weather has arrived, my throat and bronchial affection are in such bad condition that my physician has positively forbidden me to take work, or even to preach at all. I would be glad to meet the brethren at Conference but cannot go. I have strong faith in God and love for my brethren."

The following comes from Rev. F. B. McCall, of East Durham: "A generous pounding in January, two gracious revivals in the summer and collections all in full at Conference, comprise the principal events of this, my fourth year, on Carr church and Branson charge. In our two revivals about fifty souls were converted and fifty-nine names have been added to our church roll during they ear. During the past few years I have been the recipient of some highly appreciated presents which place me under special obligations to the donors. The Lord reward them."

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CONNECTIONAL.

The Western North Carolina Conference contributed $960.61 for the American Bible Society.

The new Methodist Hymnal is in press, and will be ready for distribution early in the spring.

Bishop Hendrix preached in Sixth Street Church, Brooklyn, last Sunday morning, a week ago.

The last Wesleyan Christian Advocate contained a strong sermon from Bishop Candler on "The Ten Virgins."

Bishop Galloway, returning from the Orient, landed in Vancouver November 8th. After a brief visit home, he will visit some of the Annual Conferences during their autumn sessions to present the great interests of our work in the East.

The Board of Directors of the Mississippi Orphans' Home will move the Home from Water Valley to Jackson.

The Board of Church Extension of the M. E. Church has collected and disbursed by loan and grant over $8,000,000. It has helped to build 13,914 houses of worship.

The Virginia Conference was in session last week and adjourned on last Monday. This is something new for the Virginians. They generally linger for over a week.

Judge E. H. East, long one of the most prominent lay figures of Methodism in Nashville, died at his country home on November 12th, at the age of seventy-four. His health had been impaired for several years and his death was not unexpected.

Bishop H. C. Morrison has reached his home in New Orleans after a western trip occupying three months. He reports that all the Conferences are making substantial progress, but he modestly omits any mention of his own work or the many evidences of favor which attended his visitation.

"A sight never before witnessed in Atlanta was presented to-day, when during the principal hours most of the business houses were closed, and an air of Sunday quiet pervaded the principal streets, the greater part of the city's business men taking part in the prayer services, which were held in the opera houses and central churches."—Alabama Advocate.

"Our" Bishop Wilson is now holding the Virginia Annual Conference at Lynchburg, Va., which met on the 10th. From Lynchburg he will go to Alabama to hold the Alabama Conference, and afterwards to hold his other Conferences and to attend to other work. He does not expect to get home again till after Christmas.—Baltimore Southern Methodist.

NOTICE.

The stockholders of the Methodist Orphanage are requested to be present at an adjourned meeting at 3 o'clock, Thursday, December 1st, Henderson, N. C.

Class of First Year.

The class of the first year will meet in Henderson at the place named in the Directory, Tuesday morning, November 29, at 9.30 o'clock.

R. H. WILLIS, Chairman.

Class of Second Year.

The class of the second year will please meet the committee at 4 p. m., Tuesday, November 29.

N. M. WATSON, Chairman.

Class of Third Year.

The class of the third year will meet the examining committee in Henderson at the place designated in the Conference directory, promptly at 12 o'clock Tuesday, November 29th.

R. C. BRAMAN, Chairman.

Class of Fourth Year.

The class of the fourth year will meet at 9.30 a. m., Tuesday, November 29, at place designated in directory.

E. H. DAVIS, Chairman.

The Rev. Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander have completed their mission at Cardiff, Wales, and opened up at Liverpool on Sunday week. A tabernacle to seat 12,000 people had been erected, but fully 20,000 people are said to have come to the opening service. The choir numbers over three thousand, and there are eight hundred trained workers to assist in the meetings. Dr. Torrey continues to be somewhat severely criticized in some quarters for his extremely conservative attitude in the matter of Biblical interpretation, as well as for some of his methods in his meetings, but, all things considered, he is received with wonderful unanimity.

General Notes

James Bellows McGregor, of Northville, N. H., is believed to be the oldest mason in the United States. Recently he celebrated his one hundred and third birthday.

The St. Louis Exposition receipts for September aggregated $2,008,700.55. The total receipts since the opening have been $22,673,721.19, and the disbursements $21,843,467.60.

The present orange crop of Florida is estimated for the entire State at 2,000,000 boxes. These will easily net to the growers $2,500,000, and another $500,000 to the railroads in Florida.

A course of training covering two years will be given at the Catholic University, Washington City, to prepare priests for the conversion of Protestants and non-Catholics to Romanism.

The increase of money in circulation in the United States during the month of October was $21,449,174. It is now about $31 for each person, a gain of over fifty per cent in the last ten years.

The congregation of which Rev. Robert J. Burdette is pastor, in Los Angeles, has rented the Haggard Pavilion for religious services. This is one of the largest public halls in California, and has been used for prize fights.

United States Senator Proctor, of Vermont, announced last week that he would give $10,000 in cash and the house in Rutland in which he was born, valued at $10,000, for the establishment of a home for indigent and worthy public-school teachers who have passed the age of usefulness.

Robert E. Speer, one of the Presbyterian missionary secretaries, is the author of a striking work, "Missions and Modern History," in which some of the great world movements of the nineteenth century are considered in their relation to missions.

Helen Keller drew the largest throng to see her last week at St. Louis Fair that has gathered in a single assembly since the Exposition opened. She is one of the great personages of this country, both because of what she has done, what she is, and the gospel of altruism and optimism which she preaches.

Rev. A. A. Fulton, of Canton, China, has within two years baptized more than a thousand adults and received them into the Presbyterian churches of the mission of which he has charge. As reported in the General Assembly Minutes of this year, he received and baptized 568 last year alone. His churches have a membership of 2,051.

"Poor's Manual," the authoritative compendium of the railways of the United States, is about to appear. It reports the total mileage of our railroas January 1, 1904, as 206,876, an increase of 7,191 for the year. The mileage of trains was 999,983,566. The number of passengers carried was 696,949,925, yielding $429,705,287. For carrying 1,306,628,858 tons of freight, the roads received $1,344,150,719. The net earnings per mile were $8,696. The ratio of operating expenses to earnings was 68.96 per cent, which was higher than for any year since 1897, when it was 69.74 per cent.

The report of the Missioner of Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, just made public at Washington by the Secretary of the Interior, shows that 16,009,361 pupils, or twenty per cent of the entire population of the country, attended the public schools during that year. As compared with the previous six years, this percentage shows a slight decrease in the number of pupils as compared with total population. The total cost of the public school system is given as $251,457,625, an increase of $16,000,000 over the previous year. It amounts to $31.15 per capita of the total population, and $22.75 per capita per pupil.

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The Junior League.

In looking over the field the pastor, as a rule, looks for Senior League timber, and when he does not find this ready to hand, he seems to forget that, perhaps, there is a lot of undergrowth that might be grubbed up out of the low lands and transplanted in the Junior League Department of the garden of God. And when these plants have outgrown this department we would have an indigenous growth out of which to compose Senior Leagues, and not exotics gathered from comparatively foreign soil. For, as far as the history and workings of our church are concerned, the average young man and young woman, of the church, knows almost as little as the worldling.

The fact of the business is, we should interest ourselves earlier in the young people. Let us reverse the order of things. Let us organize a Junior League first and put it in charge of an intelligent, consecrated, godly woman, and then make a move upon the laddies and lassies, the young men and young women, and organize them into a Senior League. Had this been our order from the beginning, by this time our Conference would have been full of healthy, active, aggressive Senior Leagues, constantly fed by members who have been trained in the Junior ranks.

In many places where Senior Leagues would not thrive because of worldliness of our young people, a Junior League under the fostering care of an intelligent woman of decount piety, is our only salvation. Let us no more neglect the Juniors than a mother would neglect her babe, for out of them must come our future church.

If it be objected that an ideal League cannot be successfully operated, it should be remembered that we must not expect perfection at once, of our young people, who have had no training. As compared with the Sunday-school the League has advanced by leaps and bounds toward perfection. After a hundred and more years of history we are now only playing at Sunday-school. And as for the financial management, who does not know that stewards who attempt to manage their own business as they do church finances would bankrupt themselves in less than six months. For any man who knows how the church and Sunday-schools have been managed for the last century, up to date, to object to the League because it is not from the very first a perfect organization, seems to us to be wanting an excuse for not taking hold of it. Is such hypocrisy sin?

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Notes.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle reports the organization of an Epworth League in his church that starts off well.

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So many young men think they will be green if they do not learn the ways of the world. You ought to thank God that you know nothing of the corruptions of life. It is a blessed greenness. Life is too short for the cultivation of evil. You need all the time you have at command to cultivate goodness. Remember that you will never have to reap wild oats if you do not sow them.

The man who lives only for himself is dead while he lives; and the man who lives for others lives after death. How will posterity think of you, as a dead live man; or a live dead man. "He being dead yet speaketh."

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All around us are multitudes of young people who are indifferent and careless in regard to personal religion. The church does not grip them. They perhaps attend the public services of our churches, but thta is as far as they go. Unless the League influences them they may be lost.

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We speak of "Woman's work for women." "Young people's work for young people," ought to be a phrase as familiar. We are all co-workers together with Him, and our best work is with those of our own sex and age. Let the phrase "young people's work for young people" become a most familiar phrase, one that is on the lips of all—old as well as young.

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By the time this issue of the Advocate reaches the majority of its readers Thanksgiving dinner will have been eaten. I wonder how many of our Leaguers have remembered the orphans and Father Jenkins in a substantial way.

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The General Epworth League Board of Canada decided upon an "Increase Campaign" somewhat similar to that which has been carried on for some time by the Christian Endeavor Society. The purpose is to induce their members to do something out of the ordinary to bring into the active and associate membership of their young people's societies those who are at present outside. Let us have something of the kind among our Chapter members. It would be a good thing also if such an idea would take possession of our preachers. Let us have next year an "Increase Campaign" for Chapters.

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The State League Conference of Alabama ordered that a Thanksgiving service be held in every chapter and a collection be taken for the Alabama Methodist Orphanage. This too while they are collecting $1,400 for Cuban mission work.

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Order is said to be heaven's first law. Order is there because one supreme will is law. Heaven is heaven because all do the will of one supreme Being. Hell is disorder and confusion because all do their own will. There is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. The nearest place to hell is the family in which there is no governmenttal head; but each member is a law unto himself or herself. The League recognizes the pastor as its head.

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Those who send "items of interest" to the League columns of the Texas Advocate write as though they had a deep and abiding interest in League matters. They had their Alamo, and have forgotten how to be dead in earnest.

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Henderson via Atlanta	38.75	32.30	26.30
Maxton via Atlanta	38.65	32.25	26.25
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Sunday School

Lesson for November 27, 1904.

World's Temperance Lesson.

Isaiah 28:1-13.

Golden Text: They also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way. Isa. 28:7.

This being the fourth Sunday of November, which has been set apart for several years by the English Sunday-school leaders as Temperance Sunday, the International Committee has selected a lesson on the subject of temperance, which will be studied all over the Christian world.

Israel and Assyria.—At the time when Isaiah uttered the words which form the subject of our study today, the kingdom of Israel was engaged in a life and death struggle with the Assyrian foe. The fall of Samaria was fast approaching, and a few years later the extinction of the northern kingdom would be complete.

A Voice from the Watchtower.—It was under the conditions outlined above that the prophet Isaiah, looing out from Jerusalem, as from a watchtower, over the northern kingdom, uttered his words of warning and remonstrance.

The imagery which the prophet uses is striking and effective. Samaria is spoken of as "the crown of pride, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower." The nation of Israel is styled "the drunkards of Ephraim," because Ephraim was the leading tribe. The dire prediction is made that the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim shall be trodden under foot. How well this prophecy was fulfilled is but too sadly attested in the pages of history, both sacred and profane.

Isaiah's Warning to Judah.—Using the condition of the northern kingdom as an illustration of the results of evil of all kinds, and especially of the evil of intemperance, Isaiah utters an earnest word of rebuke to the people of Judah, who seem to have been tempted to the same excesses of indulgence as their northern neighbors and kinsmen.

Though the people taunted him because he was ever repeating precept upon precept, and line upon line, he continued faithfully to warn them of their besetting sins, and to assure them, that if they continued obdurate, the voice of the prophet would be succeeded by the tongue of the Assyrian conqueror into whose hands they should fall backward and be broken and snared and taken.

Modern Conditions.—Some of the conditions which Isaiah faced in olden times may be discerned in the present day.

There are ministers and teachers of today who have been led astray through strong drink. There are Christian men, occupying high places in the religious world, who have erred in vision and stumbled in judgment respecting the great problem of the proper attitude toward strong drink and the best means of checking the ravages of intemperance.

The True Remedy.—The only way in which to deal with a thing which is confessedly evil is to extinguish it. The only sure way to crush intemperance is to extinguish the love of strong drink, which is the very root of this great evil.

There are many hopeful signs in the battle against intemperance. The liquor traffic is being curtailed and restricted by the operation of economic laws as well as by the adoption of prohibition as a governing principle in an ever-increasing number of localities.

So let us press forward bravely in the fight, assured that God is on the side of temperance, and that in the end it will gain the victory.

Dandy and the Axe.

Dandy was a little dog, who lived with his mistress in a New York apartment flat, up two flights of stairs. They indulged in the luxury of an open-wood fire in cool weather, and Dandy was the errand boy, who brought wood from the cellar when necessary.

One day Mrs. Scott, his mistress, discovered she had no wood, so she said, "Dandy, go down cellar and bring me a stick of wood." He usually brought one stick at a time, and traveled up and down stairs until the wood-box was replenished.

Away went Dandy, as gay as a lark, but only to appear in a few minutes with a very doleful air, and without any wood.

"Why, Dandy," said Mrs. Scott, "did you hear me? I said bring up some wood."

Downstairs went the little dog a second time, and soon Mrs. Scott heard a noise as of something being pulled or dragged across the cellar floor. Going herself to investigate, she found the little dog at the foot of the cellar stairs with the axe, the handle of which was in his mouth, and he was trying his best to carry it upstairs to show there was no wood cut. This is a true story, and is vouched for.—Christian Endeavor World.

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Daily, ex. S.				Daily, ex. S.	
Second-Class	First-Class			First-Class	Second-Class
101	105	Lv.		104	102
A. M.	P. M.	Ar.		A. M.	P. M.
7 20	4 15		Raleigh	9 45	5 35
7 35	4 25	S	Carsleigh Mills	9 35	5 20
7 45	4 30	F	*Sprinola	9 30	5 13
7 54	4 39	F	† Barnes	9 20	5 04
8 00	4 45	F	Hobby	9 14	4 57
8 15	4 52	M	WILLIAMSTON	9 10	4 52
8 25	4 56	F	Banks	8 58	4 25
8 39	4 09	F	Austin	8 55	4 21
8 50	5 07	S	† Willow Springs	8 50	4 15
9 05	5 15	M	† JOHNSON MILL	8 40	4 03
9 15	5 17	F	† Cardenas	8 38	4 00
9 20	5 22	S	C. F. & N. Junction	8 33	3 55
9 35	5 26	S	† Fuquay Springs	8 30	3 52
9 40	5 31	F	Buckhorn	8 20	3 35
9 45	5 36	F	Rawls	8 17	3 20
10 00	5 45	S	† Chalybeate	8 10	3 20
10 06	5 50	S	Bradley	8 00	3 01
10 15	6 00	F	*Smith Mill	7 55	2 55
10 25	6 10		Lillington	7 45	2 45
		Ar.		Lv.	

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Secular News

STATE.

The ten thousand dollar Sprunt annex to the James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington will be completed and ready for occupancy by Christmas.

R. J. Pickleimer, a prominent and wealthy merchant of Brevard, was convicted in the Federal Court recently of permitting the operation of an illicit distillery near that town.

The British steamer Anglo-Canadian sailed from Wilmington for Liverpool with the largest cargo of cotton that has been cleared from that port the present season. She carries 15,783 bales, valued at $840,000.

W. C. Newland, Esq., Democratic candidate in the Eighth Congressional District against Spencer Blackburn, has declined to concede the latter's election until the official count of the district shall have been announced.

It is claimed that Thomas W. Dewey, late defaulting cashier of New Bern, is living in peace and quietude in San Antonio, Texas, engaged in work as a chemist and sailing under the high sounding name of Thaddeus Von Weber.

Work on the new railroad from Conway to Marion, S. C., which is part of the proposed line west to Sumter and east to Southport, N. C., is progressing rapidly. Mr. F. A. Burroughs, the president, is losing no time in the building of the road.

The Winston-Salem tag machine, was chartered in Raleigh for the manufacture of tobacco tags. The company has applications now pending in the patent office at Washington. The principal incorporators are Maslin Davis and W. E. L. Martin.

Unknown persons broke into the store of the Middleburg Supply Co., at Middleburg, and cut the hinges off the safe, but failed to get in. Evidently they were frightened off as they left a small saw, a large steel bar, a hammer, a file and another instrument of steel which they were using.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has approved, and warrants on State Treasury have been issued for, the State's share in a number of rural school libraries. There are included one each in Brunswick, Mitchell and Caswell counties, also appropriations for two supplementary libraries in Richmond County and one in Durham County.

A beautiful granite memorial to Col. William Washington and the Marquis of Bretegny and their Virginia and North Carolina cavalary, is about completed and ready for shipment to Guilford Battle Ground. It will be erected east of Spring Vale on the top of the steep hill, where these cavalrymen made their fierce and successful charge through the ranks of the Highlanders.

A partly successful attempt to wreck the rolling stock of a railroad was made near Asheville, when Raze Love, a negro, 18 or 20 years old, uncoupled three loaded cars of the Bee Tree Railroad, loosened the brakes and started them on a wild run down the Craggy Mountain. The Bee Tree road runs from Swannanoa station, five miles into the mountains, and was built for the purpose of getting chestnut wood to the works of the United States Leather Company at Old Fort. Love had been employed by the company, but was discharged and attempted to take revenge.

GENERAL.

The Indian government has offered a prize of $165 to all officers who pass an examination in the Thibetan language.

In the French army soldiers are allowed to have gardens in any spare barrack ground and grow vegetables, which help out their rations.

Among the various "public utilities" owned by Yarmouth, Eng., is a music hall, out of which the municipality made nearly $4,000 last year.

A Paris correspondent says that mules' brains make very good eating and are frequently used instead of calves' brains in Parisian restaurants.

A recent mechanical wonder is a telegraphic instrument that sends 1,000 words a minute. A human operator can transmit 50 words a minute.

Sir Jervoise Clarke, of Australia, owns the largest sheep ranch in the world, and 50,000,000 sheep wander over the thousands of miles of pasture land.

The consumption of spirits per head of the population in Great Britain was 0.99 proof gallon, as compared with 1.03 proof gallons in 1902-3.

Along the banks of some of the California rivers has been found a kind of weed known as tula, which is said to be better than cork for life-preservers.

Hitherto San Francisco has prohibited the erection of buildings to a height greater than 201 feet. Now an ordinance has been passed permitting a hight of 221 feet.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is agitating the abolition of or a change in the present system of mail cranes. Several engineers have been struck and killed recently by the device.

A vast body of pure white clay has been found four miles east of Boulder, Col., which makes excellent porcelain. A local clay company will utilize the product in the manufacture of white, cream and granite bricks.

The steamship Argyl brought from Honolulu to San Francisco the other day the first shipment of island frogs—100 dozen. The demand of San Francisco gourmets for frog legs has exhausted the local supply.

A student of the population of the anthracite region of Pennsylvania reports that there are 630,000 people inhabiting that section, of which 430,000 are foreign born. Of this latter number over 50,000 cannot read or write.

DISASTROUS WRECKS.

Carelessness is responsible for many a railway wreck and the same causes are making human wrecks of sufferers from Throat and Lung troubles. But since the advent of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, even the worst cases can be cured, and hopeless resignation is no longer necessary. Mrs. Lois Cragg, of Dorchester, Mass., is one of many whose life was saved by Dr. King's New Discovery. This great remedy is guaranteed for all Throat and Lung diseases by all druggists. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

The American Illustrated Methodist Magazine, St. Louis, Mo., is now five years and six months old. It has an attractive cover and is filled with wholesome reading matter. It stresses the union or federation of the two great Methodist bodies of America on some fair basis.

The advertisement of the publishers in this issue of our paper offers a very attractive proposition.

A North Carolinian in Korea.

Rev. J. Robert Moose writes from Seoul, Korea: "The past quarter has been full of work, and I trust that it has not been all in vain that I have labored. I have been able to spend sixty days in country work, traveling 901 miles. During one of these trips I was in Kang-wao Province for more than twenty days. This is a part of our work that has not been visited much by a missionary, and has not had the attention of a native that it really demands. The outlook in many places was hopeful at the time of our last visit to them. In fact, it was our first visit to a number of places, no missionary ever having been in those regions before. Brother Gerdine was with me on this trip, and to say that I enjoyed having him is but to state it in the mildest form. I am fully persuaded that no man can do the best work on these long trips when entirely alone, as I must so often go. I think that wherever possible we should have our men go out "by twos," as the Master sent them out in His time. I am sure that if this work can be properly followed up, in a few years we shall have many strong churches in that part of our district. I organized at three new places on this trip, baptizing about twenty persons and taking on others as probationers. I could have baptized many times the number that I did, but I am more and more convinced that it is a sad mistake to baptize too soon after they first make a profession of faith in Jesus. Many evil results have come to our work from this very cause. We are now getting a hold on some of the men, and a good number of boys are attending the services regularly. I have recently bought a lot in the southeastern part of the city and want to begin the erection of a chapel on it just as soon as the rainy season is over—which is now on in good earnest—so that we shall soon move the work from our residence compound to this part of the city. I think the Presbyterians have a small chapel something like a quarter of a mile from where we shall build; but there is no reason for our being in each other's way in the least, as the field is large and the people are many thousands more than we shall be able to reach for years to come."

Judge Parker has opened a law office in New York City.

The Australian government has adopted a nickel-in-the-slot machine which is quite novel. When a stamp cannot be bought conveniently a person can drop a letter, along with a penny, in a box, and the legend "One penny paid" will be stamped on the envelope.

The St. Louis Exposition proves that the inventions and discoveries which are doing most to change the world are radium, the submarine boat, wireless telegraphy, the aeroplane, the automobile and the gas producer—a simple machine to replace coal for manufacturing uses.

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Leave Goldsboro	3.30 p. m.	8.00 a. m.
" LaGrange	3.59 "	8.38 "
" Kinston	4.22 "	8.48 "
" Dover	4.43 "	9.18 "
" Cove	5.00 "	9.30 "
" Tuscarora	5.12 "	9.50 "
Arrive New Bern	5.40 "	10.40 "

Station.	No. 7 (Accom.)
Leave New Berne	5.50 p. m.
" Riverdale	6.15 "
" Havelock	6.30 "
" Newport	6.58 "
Arrive Morehead City	7.20 "

Station.	No. 4.	No. 8. (Accom.)
Leave Morehead City	7.11 a. m.	5.30 a. m.
" Newport	7.54 "	6.29 "
" Havelock	8.08 "	7.00 "
" Riverdale	8.21 "	7.30 "
Arrive New Bern	8.45 "	8.05 "

Station.	No. 6
Leave New Bern	6.30 p. m.
" Tuscarora	6.56 "
" Cove	7.00 "
" Dover	7.17 "
" Kinston	7.37 "
" LaGrange	7.57 "
Arrive Goldsboro	8.30 "

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Appreciated Visitors.

The visit of Sister Brannon, the President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference and her friend, Mr. Hannah, was highly appreciated last week. They expressed themselves as highly pleased. Come again, friends.

We were delighted to have some of the teachers and quite a number of the pupils from the Institution for the Blind to visit us this week. They promised to come again.

Full Reports.

It is greatly to be desired to publish full reports in the Conference journal from all the charges. Those hitherto published have been very defective. I give receipts for all moneys sent me. I have now sent out receipts for the amounts raised by me in public collections. Brethren, if there is any mistake, let me know immediately. Of course I receive money that I do not know where it comes from. Would the pastors kindly inquire if there are persons holding receipts in their congregations? I would like for every church to have full credit for what it has done. So also the Sunday-schools and the W. H. M. S. Societies. They have our receipts.

Orphanage Money at Conference.

Report all money for the Orphanage that you carry to the Conference to the Joint Board, except the Sunday-school money. Don't take that at all, please. We shall never keep things straight if you do. Tell them to send it to the Superintendent. He keeps the books. Get up all the receipts on your work and put them in with your reports, that the full amount that your work has paid may appear in the journal. The superintendents or the secretaries of Sunday-schools have the receipts for what they have paid. But do not expect it to appear in the Advocate. Please report all that is paid you. We shall need every cent. Don't forget, brothers. Will you not collect all subscriptions also. It would greatly help us. Will not all who have subscribed to send it in?

Hints—Items.

Do you wish to send a box to the Orphanage on Thanksgiving Day? Start the ball to rolling; a little boy or girl may do it. Keep it rolling. Roll it all around. Let everybody know. Give everybody a chance. Get a nice box. Fill it well. Nail it up tight. Direct it plainly. Pay the freight and let it come.

Yelping is in the air. The voice of the turkey is in the land. 'Tis the voice of the female. But just as good, so far as it goes; just send enough of them. The fact is, a young Shanghai rooster or Langshang or Plymouth Rock will make a good substitute. In fact, a good fat goose or two, or a half dozen ducks, will make a dish smell high. Don't forget the cranberries or some huckleberries—Sampson blues. Canned peaches are toothsome.

Receipts up to November 19.

Miss Marie and J. L. Bailey and others, $2.00.

Mr. J. W. Grainger, to furnish dormitory, $100.

Riverdale Sunday-school, on furnishing sewing room, $3.00.

Wilson Sunday-school, for treasurer, $25.00.

Mr. C. R. Thompson, 50 cents.

City Roads Sunday-school, November, $5.00.

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Kinston Sunday-school, for 1904, $60.00.

Union Sunday-school, Bertie Circuit, $2.00.

Salem church, on subscription, $2.25.

Donations in Kind.—Clothes for a little boy, W. H. M. S., Selma; books from a friend, Raleigh.

Thanksgivings from the Bible.

Psalm 67: God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause his face to shine upon us. Selah. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let all the people praise thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for thou shalt judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Selah. Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase: and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. Psalm 103: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Second Thess. 5: 16-17-18: Rejoice ever more. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. O give thanks unto the Lord for his mercy endureth forever.

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The Outlook in China.

In a recent letter Rev. Arthur D. Peill (London Missionary Society, T'sang Chou, North China), says:

"Things have changed since 1900, and the people are willing now to listen, and no longer ridicule and cavil as they did. The door that leads to these people's hearts is standing open, but the laborers are few. 'Pray ye the Lord of the harvest,' is the cry on the lips of us all. Will you not join us in this prayer, and do what you can to get it answered?

"My first assistant, Huang Shu T'ang, has been to Tien-tsin and Paoting-fu, and he returns with heart on fire, full of praise for what his eyes have seen—new schools in Tien-tsin, industrial schools, medical college run by the Chinese themselves, public reading rooms, where all sorts of Chinese newspaper, etc., may be seen and read for a fee of 20 cash (say, 2d.), a new desire for learning abroad, Christian truth even in English 'readers' from Japan, encouraging edicts from the Empress, large growth in the church in Pating-fu, and substantial progress there toward self-support. All this and more besides has made his heart right glad. Perhaps he takes a rosy view; but then the rosy view is the right one. Disappointments will no doubt surely come; but Christ is leading on, and our place is with him in the forefront, looking forward to certain victory, while we know that even the seeming disaster will be over-ruled for good, and that Satan and all his legions are subservient, even in rebellion, to Him whose name we bear.

"Since 'the foolishness' of 1900, Buddhism in this region has markedly declined. In recent journeys Mr. Murray has seen fine temples in decay, and even being pulled to pieces and their bricks and stone built into private houses. It is rare to see a well-kept temple, and even priests are scarce.

"One of our preachers returning from a great annual 'temple fair,' which has been the headquarters of the incense trade in this region for many years, reports the general conviction that both trade and fair are dwindling, and though he still saw many signs of superstition, yet devotees were said to be fewer every year.

"Men went about there on hands and knees, with saddles and bridles, like donkeys; or cut pieces out of their thighs as large as the palm of one's hand, quite regardless of streaming blood. Some of these were under vows in regard to illness of parents, and did it to get them cured. Some were bumping their heads on the ground at every pace they went, others at every ten, with a man to mark the intervals. But even in this stronghold of rampant Buddhism there was interest in Christianity."—Selected.

McClure's for December.

McClure's Magazine for December fairly radiates the spirit of Christmas. There is good cheer, pleasant entertainment, the beauty and joy of life shining out of its pages; and underlying all this there is compelling seriousness and importance. The magazine seems to grow constantly richer, more varied, more brilliant, more authoritative—all qualities well reflected in this number. That rare combination of illuminating serious article and absorbing story is effected by Ray Stanard Baker in his story of the Garment Workers' strike, "The Rise of the Tailors." Mr. Baker discusses the whole question of the "open shop," the very crux of the labor problem, with discriminating analysis, while he recites the dramatic narrative of "democracy on its way up" in New York's East Side. What will be a revelation of tremendous significance to most readers are the hard facts, sustained by incontrovertible figures and comment, found in an article on "The Increase of Lawlessness in the United States," by S. S. McClure. Mr. McClure sees the worst, but hopes for the best. In the midst of depressing conditions of misgovernment, corruption and lawlessness, he finds at work "the pioneers of a new righteousness which shall become a new passion—the love of country," when we shall have obedience to the law because it is the law. His statement of the case is powerful and convincing.

The position of distinction held by McClure's in story as well as article is well sustained by the fiction of the number. James Hopper leads with "A Jumble in Divinity," which for charm of style and quality of sentiment can hardly be excelled as a Christmas story. There are more stories that appeal to our primal sense of what is beautiful and tender to our better instincts and tastes, with a moving force. George Madden Martin's "God Rest You, Merry Christmas," Marion Hill's "His Journey to the Gates," Janet Reminton's "The Way Wonderful," Herman Knickerbocker Viele's "The Money Meter," are about the people and things we all know, real and homely and familiar, feeling what we have felt and drawing our warmest sympathy. Mrs. Martin's is a Christmas story, which reflects the season and its meaning. Then there are more of the masterly studies of men and things in the rough, of that great America which lies far west of Hoboken, as as artistically perfect expressions of the unfamiliar as are these other stories of the ordinary. Rex E. Beach describes a terrible contest of two miners with cold and hunger and distance in the Arctic circle, "The Test," in which mind defeats matter. Stewart Edward White continues his serial, "The Rawhide," and carries us with unbroken interest into the mysteries of "the round-up" and "the trail" in the Arizona desert. O. Henry has a delightfully humorous sketch of the matrimonial adventures of two retired miners in "The Ransom of Mack." A collection of thrilling stories, condensed under one title, is found in "Notes from a Trainer's Book," by Samuel Hopkins Adams.

John La Farge continues his discussion of the Masterpieces of Painting under the alluring head of "Allegories." George W. Alger writes a most comprehensive and comprehending review of Ida M. Tarbell's marvelous "History of the Standard Oil Company," just published by McClure, Phillips & Co. These are poems. "The Dream Child," by Florence Wilkinson, and a "Ballade of the Brave," by Richard Burton, which round out to completeness this most attractive magazine.

Darkness Rather Than Light.

Even Spain has now come to a wise determination to stop the influx into that priest-ridden land of the monastic exiles from other countries, and it certainly would seem that the decision has not been arrived at any too soon. No fewer than 6,000 monks and friars have found a refuge in Spain from the Philippines, and before that immigration there were more than 40,528 priests and monks and 28,549 nuns, in addition to a huge army of "secular clergy" in the country. As Rome's strongest foundation is ignorance, it is therefore not surprising to find that, despite legislation in favor of compulsory education, out of a population of about 17,000,000 in Spain, 12,000,000 can neither read nor write.—Selected.

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Fifth Street Methodist Church, Wilmington, N. C.

BY J. W. HEWITT.

In the year 1847, at Front Street M. E. Church, during the pastorate of Rev. A. M. Chreitzburg, of the South Carolina Conference, of which Wilmington was then a part, a few of its members then living in the south end of town conceived the idea of joining together and building a church that would be more convenient to their homes; to this end prayer-meetings were held in many of their homes and work began, assisted by the pastor and others, among whom were Wm. Sutton, John C. Millis, Frank D. Smaw, Edward Hawkins and Isaac Hawkins. Soon a revival sprang up and God's manifestation was seen and felt in that whole section of town. An unoccupied house was then secured from Jas. Casidy, Esq., himself a Methodist, on Castle Street, between Second and Third Streets, and regular meetings were held afterwards.

The next year, 1848, the Rev. Mr. Chreitzburg was sent back to Front Street station and Rev. W. C. Parsons was sent as his colleague in the work at the south of town. In 1849, Rev. Wm. Crook and Rev. S. H. Brown were sent, and old Fifth Street Church was built. The contract was given to a Mr. Milmore.

A little incident may not be out of place here. While the rafters of the church were being placed in position, a well-known citizen, whom we will call Capt. G—, was passing by, and with a loud, sonorous voice, as was his custom, called to an old colored woman who was passing—she having a deep interest in the building, "What are they building there?" She answered: "Dat is de Metidist church." Oh yes, that is the Dry Pond Poor Bockra nigger church, he said in derision; and she replied: "You nebber mind bout dat—dat church buildin' on a solid rock."

In 1850, Rev. H. A. C. Walker and Rev. J. T. Munds were sent—the preachers alternating—and Fifth Street Church was soon known for its spirituality. Well do we recollect a sermon by J. T. Munds from this simple text: "For Jesus sake." I have not words to express the feeling in the church produced by that sermon. From the building of the church until it was torn away its spirituality was at high-water mark, and we seldom worshipped here without seeing God's presence manifested in some way. It was during a series of meetings held by the two churches that this writer was converted under the pastorate of Wm. H. Bobbitt, in the month of January, 1852. He was assisted by a Mr. Adams from a Northern Conference. Every night the meetings were held and kept up for several weeks—a short sermon at 7.30 o'clock, and in an hour the altar and front benches would be crowded with penitents. After these were converted, the preacher would announce another text—say about 11 o'clock—and again would the altar be crowded with earnest seekers, and we seldom got back home before 1 o'clock in the morning. Yet it did not seem very tiresome; soul-saving was the business of the church; "to heaven" was the watch-word. Scores and hundreds were converted to God, among them many young men. So plain and pointed was the preaching that some would get offended and leave the church; but the Spirit was doing His work. Some of the hardest cases were converted and became prominent and useful members of the church.

From this manifestation of God's presence, old Fifth Street Church commenced her spiritual record at home and abroad. Among our most earnest workers we might mention Brothers Sutton, Smaw, Millis and the Hawkins brothers; a power for good were these men. What a help and encouragement to the young convert; especially the young men. Often would the young men, under the leadership of Brother Smaw, repair to the woods in warm weather, and under a large spreading pine hold a short service before the preaching hour on Sunday morning. What a glorious time we would have. These fathers have all passed over the river and are resting under the shade of the trees. May we emulate their example, and so live that when our time shall come our children may have reason to call us blessed.

We had congregational singing, led by two young men full of the Holy Ghost—the Garman brothers. We used the Methodist Hymn Book, and had no organ or choir. On Sunday morning, while the congregation was waiting for the preacher to make his appearance, how it filled the heart with joy to hear such singing as we had; how soul-refreshing the hymn;

"How happy are they, who their Saviour obey
And have laid up their treasures above;
Tongue cannot express the sweet comfort and peace
Of a soul in its earliest love."

Old-time religion was good neough for us. We have now a more beautiful church to worship in; but the Lord forbid that we should ever forget the old landmarks and our captain at the helm who has guided us through so many years in safety; and bearing in mind the motto that was placed over the pulpit in 1856 by T. Page Ricaud: "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good." May we extend this blessed invitation to all wayfaring ones that may come within her walls.

How well we remember Brother Tuttle's experience meetings on Sunday afternoon. So popular were they that they would draw large crowds from every point of the city. The old sea captains in port—what a pleasure to listen to their experience while in mid-ocean during a storm, and how God had protected them and saved them by appealing to Him for help! Very often would sinners be converted at these meetings—and no wonder.

Truly the old colored woman's reply to Capt. G— was based on a firm foundation. For fifty-two years we have watched the eventful course of Fifth Street Church with more than anxious care. It is true, her spiritual sky has not always been cloudless; we have seen dark and murky clouds hang over her spiritual horizon many times; and as many times have we seen the promises of God verified. "In the sixth trouble I will be with you, and in the seventh I will not forsake, and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Allow an old member to give his recollections of his church home and to appeal to all his brethren and sisters to be faithful and put their trust in the promises of God.

After the transfer of the North Carolina territory from the South Carolina Conference in the year 1850, the following preachers have served Fifth Street Church:

L. S. Burkhead, Wm. H. Bobbitt, Abraham Weaver, T. P. Richard, J. W. Tucker, J. E. Mann, T. W. Guthrie, Joseph Wheeler, Jas. W. Wheeler, J. W. Thomas, S. D. Peeler, J. W. Robothom, Samuel Pearse, Frank H. Wood, A. A. Boshamer, N. N. Conoly, Jas. Wilson, J. T. Gibbs, J. M. Rhodes, B. R. Hall, Wm. I. Hull, D. H. Tuttle, R. C. Beaman, L. L. Nash, Wm. L. Cuninggim, J. H. Hall, F. M. Shamburger, A. McCullen.

We are sorry we have not the data to write an accurate account of the work of all these faithful servants of God, but suffice it to say, under the circumstances, and the many vicissitudes through which the church has passed, it has prospered under their ministry and the good seed sown is still producing fruit.

We cannot change the world, taking out all its thorns, making its tasks easy and its burdens light, modulating all its discords into harmonies, transforming its ugliness into beauty; but we can have our own hearts renewed by the grace of God, and thus the world will be made over for us. A new heart makes all things new. A heart of love will find love elsewhere.—Miller.

Letter from Brazil.

My Dear Friends and Coworkers in the North Carolina Conference:—Many times have I desired to send you a written message through the Advocate, but with many others who labor in the field abroad, having the time filled with work especially assigned to me, have had to quiet my heart and conscience by an earnest prayer in behalf of those who by loving sacrifices make it possible for me to work for Jesus in a foreign land. I feel sure that the editor will give me space for a letter to you.

As a Brazil missionary, you must let me talk of Brazil, and of course that special station which I love most and know best is at present my post of duty—Collegio Americano Fluminense in Rio de Janeiro.

To me, the school and the children are most interesting, and you may enjoy some things which I can tell you about them.

God has blessed us wonderfully this year and our hearts praise Him daily for His loving kindness and tender mercies.

At Conference in Piracicaba, 1903, Bishop Wilson appointed me to Rio, as directress of the school, in order to give Miss Glenn more time for her work as Secretary of Missions. Since then we have labored together in perfect harmony, and the Lord has prospered His work in our hands.

The school had passed through great trials just before my coming; in one year there had been two cases of yellow fever in the home; at that time both home and school were in the same building; many pupils had been lost because of the break in the school term, and the school had necessarily gotten into debt. At the beginning of the year we had 135 pupils; up to date there have been 150 enrolled and the regular attendance is 132. This includes the parochial school at the church, and under supervision of the missionaries in Rio. The debt is gradually decreasing, and by the end of the year we trust that every cent will have been paid. New pupils are continually asking for admission into our school, and the patrons are pleased with the instruction which their children receive.

These children, as a whole, are good, obedient, and unusually intelligent. Some speak French and English; and one, our most advanced pupil, speaks German fluently. They come from homes of different grades—rich and poor, clean and filthy, educated, and illiterate, and Catholic and Protestant.

To me, they are beautiful, but especially when their faces are lighted with a live interest as they listen to the Words of Life. You cannot find in the United States a class in any Sunday-school who show a more profound respect for the Bible, or who love and listen more eagerly to understand its precious truths, than the children who are taught in our school. Few have Bibles in their homes, and the greater part of them hear the Book condemned by the priests, but they love the stories all the same; and more than this, they can tell them to others. The tiny ones in the first grade know many of the incidents in Christ's life, and in their own baby language will tell you what Jesus means for us to learn from them.

I wish to tell you of a little girl who, during the past quarter, sold a number of New Testaments. She selected some with bright bindings and brought them to school, offered them at low prices to her school-mates, who, in several instances, bought them with their pin money, and in many cases covered them with paper to keep them clean and new.

Another thing of interest is their love for the hymns. How they do love to sing, and when it is raining so that they cannot play out of doors, their chief amusement is to form a line and march around the building singing with all their hearts, and to the top of their voice, some hymn such as "The Banner of the Cross," or "Onward Christian Soldiers." The little ones like best of all, I believe, "At the Cross," "Jesus Loves Me," and "Come to the Saviour."

They never get tired of songs. They sing in the morning at the opening of the school; they sing at recess, and they sing at the close of school, but even so are always delighted when the teacher permits them to sing at an odd hour.

We have a promise that God's Word shall not return unto Him void, and this has been exemplified in our midst the past few months. The most of the children who enter our schools become captivated at once by the Bible lessons, which they have every day, and go home to tell what they have learned. Many times their messages cause them to be taken out of our school, as has been done thousands of times; but there are instances where the whole family becomes interested and find their way to the church and Sunday-school through these little messengers.

A little girl of ten years of age became very much interested last year in the Bible; she and her little sister told all they knew to their mother and father, persuaded them to let them have a nice Bible of her own, to permit them to become members of the "Christ's Jewels Society" and Sunday-school, and at last to come to church with her. When I tell you that on the second Sunday in September, that this child, Stella Marques, stood before the altar to be received into the church you will rejoice with me. By her side stood a strong man of thirty-five, her father, who had come with her seeking the way to eternal life. This is not all. A few weeks afterward the mother took the same step, and now that is a happy, Christian home.

A little child shall lead them. So, dear friends, the good work goes on in Brazil. The seed is carried by the children into many a home, and God only can count the result of their sowing. The harvest ripens and is garnered into His great store-house.

I know that the Catholic religion is not regarded with such horror by the home workers as is that of China and India, but is void of the true spirit of Christ and is dead in sin of the deepest dye.

When our beloved Dr. Lambuth, a few months ago, spoke to our school and told them of the sin and ignorance of the children of China and Japan, explaining clearly their form of idolatrous worship, one of our older pupils, who has recently joined the church, said: "The Doctor does not know how exactly he is describing Catholicism." It is really heart-rending to see and feel these things about your own door, and yet not be able to bring about a change at once. It is impossible for these people to say that they have Jesus and the Bible and do not need our dull and unattractive faith. We must by our lives prove to them that our religion is superior to theirs, and it requires the patience which only God can give. But a brighter day is dawning for this land, and let us continue to work with our hearts and hands to win the people for Jesus Christ.

There are thousands who stand among the best men and women, who, disgusted with the frightful sham of religion offered them by the infamous priests, are looking for something else and yearning for the peace and rest of soul which only Christ can give.

Pray for Brazil more earnestly than ever, especially remember Collegio Americano Fluminense.

Thank God for one more North Carolina young woman who feels that the Father wants her to work in Brazil. May His richest blessings attend her and all her fellow-students in their preparation for this service. The field is large; the work is great; the Master is calling for skilled workers. Are you ready; will you come? Young women who seek happiness—"in His presence is fulness of joy; at His right hand there are pleasures forever more."

For you, I pray, Eph. 3:14-21, the great apostle's prayer for the Ephesian elders.

Pray that I may faithfully represent Him, whose I am and whom I serve.

Yours in Christ's service,

ELIZABETH S. DAVIS.

Rio de Janeiro, October 29, 1904.

Teachers and Teaching—The Greatest Need of Our Sunday-Schools and the Way Provided for Meeting It.

BY TEEBEE.

In his new book on Sunday-school teacher training, Dr. Hamill asserts that to the question, "What is the hardest thing you have to do?" the uniform answer of superintendents is, "To get teachers." A short time ago the writer had an opportunity to test the matter. He was present in a Sunday-school County Convention where the superintendents present were requested to respond to this question: "What is the greatest need of your school?" One of the speakers was distressed because he had nobody in his school who could sing, although he had both an organ and an organist. All the rest acknowledged that the teacher was their greatest need. The answer took the form that the need was competent, consecrated teachers. One school, that I thought was so modern and progressive that it would hardly admit the need of anything, joined in the chorus. When one of the superintendents was asked what he thought about making a few teachers that would measure up to the needs of his school he was overwhelmed with astonishment. There was no reason why he should have been surprised at the question, for the Sunday-school of the present day is brought face to face with this problem.

Undoubtedly, as has been said, the teaching is the weakest point in the Sunday-school; the teacher is often better than his work. The teaching suffers almost invariably in comparison with secular teaching. There is no reason why it should be so. Borrowing another idea from Dr. Hamill—there are few born teachers, but everybody can learn to teach. The foremost Sunday-school workers in America have recognized the fact for some time and have given a great deal of thought to the problem of helping those who have the natural intelligence and spiritual gifts for teaching to prepare themselves for what our church calls "a great life-work." Various attempts have been made to supply the need with such success that in some States of the Union teachers' diplomas are issued by hundreds every year. Now the churches are taking up the matter of teacher training. The Southern Methodist Church was the first to take the matter in hand with a prescribed course of study suited to the needs of its own schools and its own teachers; and to the present time its system is the best that has been brought forward. By authority of the General Coference we have a course of study embracing knowledge of the art of teaching, the doctrines and polity of our church, and a long range and short range acquaintance with the Bible and its books; all under the direction of a specialist in Sunday-school teacher training. The books are simple and their contents are mastered easily. As reward for conscientious effort to obtain a working knowledge of the subjects taught in the books, the Sunday-school Board issues a diploma.

In the North Carolina Conference, with nearly five thousand teachers in our Sunday-schools, not more than two or three have completed the course and taken diplomas. If we are not in the rear of the procession we are so near it that we might venture to contest for the honor, such as it is. No Sunday-school teacher who possesses the natural and spiritual gifts for his work should be content with his preparation for his work until he has embraced the opportunity which our church offers him to become proficient in his calling. Quoting Dr. Hamill once more: "The time must come when the untrained teacher will be without excuse or standing." If all our preachers and superintendents were alive to the need of their schools, which implies something more than a recognition of the need, that time would come in a year or two at the most.

This brings me to the question that astonished the superintendent in the convention. It is well recognized that the way to supply the need of competent teachers is to train young people in the schools for the work of teaching. Let our most promising young men and women be formed into classes and taught in the things that make teachers. Let the best qualified person in the school be set over the class as leader or teacher, and let the class pursue the course of study to graduation. This is the plan that is being pursued in many schools in other parts of the country, but if there is a teacher training class in the North Carolina Conference the writer is not aware of it.

As I understand it, the plans of the Sunday-school Board contemplate raising up teacher training specialists for the work in each of our Annual Conferences. I do not know any enterprise in which the North Carolina Conference could engage with more assurance of return for the effort.

Rev. N. M. Jurney.

BY J. V. WILLIAMS.

The mail bring me the information that my own dear friend, Brother Jurney, is no longer among the living. How strange it seems!

Only a few weeks ago he was with me in New York. Little did I think when we parted, that I should see his face no more in this life.

It is now about thirty years since I first saw him. It was love at first sight, and that deep love has grown with the years.

It was his first year in the Conference. He was stationed at old Person Street Church, Raleigh, and I had made Raleigh my home.

I never shall forget the look which he gave me when we first shook hands. He seemed to read my every thought. He said at once: "I want you to come around and board at the same house with me, and room with me. I want a companion." I readily consented, and we became welded together from that day.

What a year of joy that was! A revival broke out in his church which ran for about three months, I think. How many souls were converted there I do not remember, but it was the greatest revival I ever saw. We remodeled the church. Took the roof off, and the weatherboarding off, and greatly enlarged it, and continued the meeting while the work was going on.

We were accustomed to have a meeting every day at 3 p. m. and the sound of many hammers and saws did not disturb us. Souls would be converted at almost every meeting. Church was generally crowded, and many turned away.

Bishop Marvin came to Raleigh and dedicated the church when it was finished, and stated that it was the most remarkable revival of which he had ever heard.

Happy days! Happy preacher! Happy people!

Brother Jurney traveled in the Conference 25 years. He built and repaired many churches.

Craven Memorial Hall at Trinity College stands also as a memorial to Brother Jurney. It was a work of love. He loved the memory of Dr. Craven, and love always means sacrifice.

Since he left the traveling connection nearly five years ago, we have had many heart to heart talks. Early this year he told me that he was thinking of arranging his business so as to return to the itinerancy. He loved to preach, and he loved God's house.

His home life was just lovely. I have never seen a happier wife or more devoted husband. The great love Sister Jurney bore for her dear loving husband was like one continual sunbeam in that household. It was heaven to be under their roof, and I have spent many days there in the last five years. "God is love," and He wants us to love. God bless Sister Jurney and Braxton and Nathaniel and Neva. He will not fail in His promise to be a "husband and father."

The Lord greatly bless his dear sisters and brothers whom he loved so tenderly. Now with a heavy heart, and tearful eyes, let me say farewell, my dear loving and best friend, till we meet again over Jordan.

167 Reade Street New York, November 10, 1904.

The religious census of London shows that 474 persons, out of a possible 1,000, attended church. The total population of London is 6,240,366.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, HENDERSON, N. C.

Trinity College Notes.

The Outlook for this week contains an interesting article by Dr. Edwin Mims on "Five Years of General Robert E. Lee's Life." This is based on the recently published "Recollections and Letters of Robert E. Lee" by his son, R. E. Lee.

Bishop Warren A. Candler, of Atlanta, Ga., will spend next Sunday in Durham, and will preach in Main Street Methodist Church in the morning. Bishop Candler delivered the Avera Biblical lectures a few years ago, and the college community is glad of the opportunity to hear him again.

President Kilgo preached the Thanksgiving sermon at Main Street Church.

Mr. J. W. Bailey of Raleigh, editor of the Biblical Recorder, delivered a lecture before a large audience in Craven Memorial Hall on "Political Readjustment in the South." In matter and literary finish, Mr. Bailey's address was of unusual quality, evidenced by the considerable attention given to it in the newspaper press. Among the metropolitan papers, the New York Evening Post deemed it worthy of an extended favorable editorial notice.

The next lecture of the series will be delivered by Dr. W. H. Glasson, Professor of Political Economy and Social Science in Trinity College.

A debate with Emory College will be held in Craven Memorial Hall, Durham, sometime in the spring.

A track meet was held in Hanes Athletic Field Wednesday afternoon. More than usual interest has been manifested in this form of sport.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., Nov. 25, 1904.

The Year's Work.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—I herewith enclose report of my work for the Conference year now closing. In a humble way I have helped twenty of our brethren in as many meetings, with the following results:

One thousand two hundred and seventy-five conversions—of these, 785 joined our church and 304 joined other churches. Out of the 1,275 converts, 1,089 joined the church and 186 joined no church so far as I know. Of backslidden in the church, 975 seemed to be definitely reclaimed. Add the conversion and reclamations together and we have 2,250 saved during the year. In many instances the quickening of the church meant as much as the conversion and reclamations. I am quite sure these figures are safe, as it is our rule to under, rather than over-estimate results.

My wife goes with me and is a help-meet indeed.

Our work is hard and very trying, but we are happy in it because we are where God wants us at present. We are always glad to say a word for the Advocate.

Yours kindly, E. C. GLENN.

Battleboro and Whitaker.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—I am now closing up my first year on this charge. I think I can truthfully say this is in many respects is my best year in the Conference.

I am serving a kind, lovable and hospitable people. They are continually showing their expressions of appreciation by their many acts of kindness to us in various ways. On my return home to-day I found that we had been very kindly remembered for Thanksgiving Day with two very fine turkeys. May God bless the donors with a rich legacy of His divine grace. I desire to take this occasion to return my sincere thanks to our good people for the most delightful trip tendered me to the World's Fair at St. Louis. Wife and I boarded the train here at Battleboro, October 25th, and joined Mrs. J. H. Exum, Jr., and daughter, Mary Blount, at Whitakers, for St. Louis via Richmond and Cincinnati over the great C. and O. and Big Four route, reaching St. Louis at 6.30 o'clock. The beautiful scenery along the C. and O. through the mountains of West Virginia is beyond description. We were perfectly charmed with the magnificence and beauty of the grand Shenandoah Valley which lay out before us to our right inundated here and there with little hills and rills, thickly wooded with various kinds of oak whose foliage was of golden yellow artistically tinted with crimson. We rode for several miles gazing upon this beautiful handiwork of Nature, and were made to declare that nothing surpasses the beauty and arrangement of God. The first thing that attracted our attention when we arrived at St. Louis was the magnitude of that great mammoth depot, covering twelve acres of ground, with its most systematic arrangement.

If the World's Fair does not prove a success financially, it certainly has in our humble judgment surpassed everything else of its kind in beauty and artistical arrangement. And as to what we saw there time and space do not permit me to tell.

After spending five days there on the Exposition grounds, we turned our faces homeward, where I have entered actively with renewed vigor upon my ministerial duties, making final preparations for Conference.

God has been with us during the year and is with us in the close. Finances are coming up well, and the spiritual condition of the charge is still improving. I have just received a prominent man of our town into the church who is now very ill in one of the hospitals at Baltimore. Let us pray that God may restore him back in health to his family.

On yesterday evening, Monday, November 21st, I buried at McTyeire Church the first one of our flock that has died during this year—Sister Helen Bryant, aged fifty-four years, a woman of fine Christian character, who was greatly beloved and highly esteemed by all who knew her. May the blessings of God comfort the bereaved children and relatives.

The dear old Advocate will be remembered by us very pleasantly at the Conference.

Fraternally, R. F. TAYLOR.

Reminiscential.

Dear Brother Ivey:—I am, through your generosity, a reader of the Raleigh Advocate, and am as anxious to get it as I am to get our own paper, because I have, although born in Norfolk County, Va., have spent most of my seventy-eight years in the good Old North State, and a good part of my evangelistic work has been done in Eastern N. C., and I am so well acquainted with the good people there that incidents published in your paper, as I read them, give me a great deal of pleasure. And especially some things connected with my work there, in and around Raleigh, that occurred when I was pastor there from 1883 to 1887, and I feel that the work done there and then by my poor efforts has not been lost, and I was melted to tears and my soul made to rejoice when I read in your paper during the last several months about what has been done in improvements at Brooklyn, Macedonia, and Tucker's Grove. I was sent to that work by the Conference at Statesville in November, 1883, twenty-one years ago. I found the Brooklyn church outside the corporate limits of the city with seventeen members; Macedonia, five miles from the city with seven members, and better known at that time as Ram Cat; Cool Spring three miles northeast of the city with but very few members. Found ten names on the book who had been dead more than five years.

We had a glorious revival at Brooklyn that lasted seven weeks, ending on the night of the cyclone in March, 1884. At its close we had about seventy members. We had ministerial help with only three sermons by our clergy—Brother David Shively—whom, for his wonderful singing powers, none who attended will ever forget. He was as much one of the instruments in the work as Bro. John Pullen, who forgot I was a Methodist, and walked out there—near two miles there and back—for most of the time during the seven weeks. God bless him and John Porter, and a score of more who helped in the work, and Bro. George Poe, gone, I trust, to the celestial world, for he was one of the mainsprings to the work.

Had glorious revivals at Macedonia and at Cool Springs and added many members at both places. Built an elegant $800 church at Macedonia and dedicated it with no debt on it.

Found this Cool Spring church not in the best place, and by the generosity of Mr. Rufus Tucker, gave us a lot called Tucker's Grove, got ten or more wagons, and in one day moved Cool Springs Church there, called in volunteers on Tuesday, and put up the church, and on the next Sunday preached in it, with the new benches, they all had made for Cool Spring before we moved it.

Now, what prompted me to give this little history of this work was I saw they, the good people of Macedonia, had grown till that one was too small, and thus a new and splendid one had been built in the place of the old one, and Dr. Kilgo had been there and dedicated it. Also the Tuckers Grove had been remodelled, and great good was being done there. I do not write this to boast of anything that I have done, but to glory to God in highest for the prayers that have gone on there.

I staid with them four years, and left 242 members, and feel that some time next year I would be glad to come and preach for them one or two weeks or more.

Yours in the bonds of Christian affection.

JNO. F. BUTT.

Commendatory.

The following resolutions were adopted at the fourth Quarterly Conference of Centenary M. E. Church, New Bern, N. C.:

Regretting that, by the expiration of the four years as allowed by the laws of our church, our Presiding Elder, Dr. F. D. Swindell, must be removed; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we, the Quarterly Conference of Centenary Church, express our deep sense of appreciation of his faithful services among us both in his able, Scriptural and inspiring ministry of the word, and in his wise oversight and rulings in all our deliberations.

2. That we will earnestly pray that God's blessings may still abundantly rest upon his labors, owning them to the salvation of souls and to the building up of the cause of Christ among those whom he may serve to whom we commend him for their love and support.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the record book and a copy be sent to Dr. Swindell, and one to the Raleigh Christian Advocate.

A Word About Central Academy.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—Will you kindly give me space in your columns to correct an erroneous impression which has gone out in regard to the present Central Academy. The idea is prevalent that our school is industrial. This is a mistake. It is a home school where the young men who can pay the moderate expenses here charged can get a good high school education. We hope that it will be understood that it is not an industrial school, and does not aim to give industrial education.

A limited number of young men can reduce their expenses by doing some work, but it is not an industrial school. We wish to thank the many friends who have written kind words to us. We are indeed grateful.

Sincerely, W. W. ROSE.

Carthage Circuit—A Dedication.

Friday, November 25, 1904, was a fine day; and, though the county court was in session and many of the farmers were busy sowing grain, a large congregation of devout, attentive people came out to witness the dedication of Center church—a church made possible by the liberality of Bro. Hugh Jackson and others during Rev. A. McCullen's pastorate.

Sister Eliza J. Jackson and other friends recently carpeted the pulpit, chancel and aisles.

Rev. Sam. T. Moyle preached a strong, forceful sermon from Joshua 24:15. He also assisted with the sacrament of the Lord's supper in the afternoon. Brother Moyle's services both edified and delighted our people; they felt, "it is good to be here." A fine spiritual feeling was manifest. Center made a thank-offering of $17.58 to the Orphanage, and paid the full amount of the Conference collections.

R. H. BROOM, P. C.

Aweary.

(Composed in the room of one who lay silently awaiting the signal, while death stood not far away from the door.)

Soul, sad soul, art thou weary, art thou distressed?
Does life seem a burden, art thou by the world oppressed?
Know'st thou not whom to seek?
Know'st thou not where to go?
Weary soul look to thy Saviour,
Cling to Him forevermore.

Heart, heavy heart, seems this life but one long night?
Long'st thou ever to depart to that land where all is light?
Know'st thou not His hand protects thee?
Seest thou not His light above?
Weary soul, the Saviour calls thee,
Rejoice in His unceasing love.

Love, blessed love, reaching beyond all earthly heights,
That pure celestial love in which the burdened soul delights.
Feel'st thou not His arms about thee?
Hear'st thou not His soothing voice?
Mortal, know thy Saviour loves thee,
In that love evermore rejoice.

Joy, perfect joy, for all earthly cares are past,
In the quiet, blessed spirit-land; at home, blest home at last.
Hear'st thou not the angels singing?
Hear'st thou not the harp's sweet sound?
Soul, unite with white-robed angels
Who God's golden throne surround.

EMERALD.

Wayside Ministries.

The song sung at morning worship,

"Oh, the good we all may do,
As the days are going by."

kept ringing in the ears of a deaconess, as she hastened on her errands of love, to those whose lives had been less favored than hers.

She had gone but a few blocks when a woman across the street beckoned to her, and came hurrying to meet her. In her hand she held a slip of paper upon which was written the street and number of several "Homes of Refuge" for wayward girls. She was not familiar with that part of the city, and could not read the names of the streets or numbers. As the deaconness turned to conduct the woman to the nearest address, she told how she had been seeking, day and night, for a wayward daughter of sixteen years, until she was weary and discouraged. She said, "Oh, if I only knew that she was in some of these places of shelter, I would be satisfied."

The deaconess sought to comfort her by telling her of One who loved the wayward daughter even more tenderly than any mother could, and urged her to do as that other mother did so many years ago, bring her daughter to Him "who is not willing that any should perish."

After doing what she could for the broken-hearted mother, the deaconess hurried back to the street where she intended to call, but discovered the sign of mourning hanging from the door of a house that she had frequently visited, and knew that Mamie had gone to that land where the inhabitants never say, "I am sick." Here was another mother's heart to be comforted.

The next hour was spent reading to an aged couple whose failing sight prevented them reading for themselves. When she had finished, the old woman said, "You don't know how much pleasure it gives us to to have some one come in to read and pray with us, for we have so many lonely hours now." As the deaconess closed the door behind her the words of the morning hymn flashed into her mind again,

"There are lonely hearts to cherish,
As the days are going by."

She had only gone a few steps when a little girl came tripping up, saying, "Teacher, are you comin' to our house? My mamma is sick."

"Why, Nellie, I'm sorry! I hadn't thought of going, but if mamma is sick, I'll have to go." She learned from the mother that she had been ill three weeks, the husband was away in the country seeking work, and there was no one to care for her and do the work but a girl of ten years. After doing what she could for the comfort of the mother and children, and promising to send a nurse, the deaconess turned homeward, reflecting how differently her morning had been spent from what she had planned. She had made only one call on her list that she had written before starting out, but the Master had his own plans for her, and the other visits could wait until the afternoon. The refrain of the song came again, "Going by, going by." Yes, truly—

"The world is full of sighs,
Full of sad and weeping eyes."

The days are rapidly going by, and the King's business requireth haste.

Where Heaven Can Be Found.

A pastor had preached an eloquent sermon about heaven. A wealthy member of his church met him the next day, and said, "Doctor, you told us a great many grand and beautiful things about heaven yesterday, but you didn't tell us where it is."

"Ah," said the pastor, "I am glad of the opportunity of doing so this morning. I have just come from the hill-top yonder. In that cottage there is a member of our church. She is sick in bed with fever. Her two little children are sick in the other bed, and she has not a bit of coal or a stick of wood, or flour or sugar or any bread.

"Now, if you will go down town and buy fifty dollars' worth of things—nice provisions—and send them to her, and then go and say, 'My sister, I have brought you these provisions in the name of our Lord and Savior'; ask for a Bible, and read the twenty-third Psalm, and then get down on your knees and pray, you will see heaven before you get through."—The Ram's Horn.

The California Conference of the M. E. Church shows a decrease of 387 in members and probationers this year as compared with last year.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

Our Boys and Girls

George, N. C., Nov. 19, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eleven years of age. We have a very interesting Sunday-school and Missionary Society at Pinner's. It was our missionary Rally day, but the weather was so bad none of us could go. It was snowing very fast yesterday. I saw Uncle Jenkins last summer at onference. I would like very much to go to the Orphanage.

Your friend,
MAGGIE L. LASSITER.

George, N. C., Nov. 19, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl eight years old. I like to go to school very much. I study arithmetic, geography, grammar, fourth reader, spelling, history. My teacher's name is Mr. White, from Ohio. I like him very much. I go to Sunday-school. Mamma is my teacher. I have a pet kitty.

I will close by asking a question: What prophet succeeded Elijah?

JOSIE LASSITER.

McCullers, N. C., Nov. 13, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy five years old. I have never been to school, and have to get brother or mamma to write for me. I like to go to church and Sunday-school. One of my grand-fathers was a Methodist minister, and of course I'm a Methodist boy.

My papa is a farmer. I send five cents to the Orphanage.

Your little friend.
JONATHAN H. BRADY.

Roscoe, N. C., Nov. 15, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—This is my first letter to the Advocate. I am a little girl eleven years old.

Papa takes the Advocate and I like to read the little girls' and boys' pieces.

I don't guess we will have an everyday school this winter. I guess we will have a Christmas tree this Christmas.

I will ask a question: Who was put into the furnace of fire? I will close.

Your friend.
CARA DURHAM.

Laurinburg, N. C., 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl seven years of age. I go to school to Miss Laura Oglesby, and I like her fine. My studies are spelling, arithmetic, third reader and geography. I have two grandpas. I go to see my Grandpa Jones most every Saturday.

Our pastor is Rev. N. H. D. Wilson. I have three sisters besides myself.

I will close for fear of the waste-basket. I am,

Your friend,
GUSSIE JONES.

Corapeake, N. C., Nov. 18, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little twelve-year-old. I study arithmetic, spelling, reading, geography, English.

I go to Sunday-school, and my teacher's name is Miss Issie Parker. She is a sweet teacher. I love her. Our preacher is Mr. W. H. Brown. I have a little sister, and her name is Audrey. She goes to school every day, and I go also. Her teacher's name is Miss Willie Harrell, and my teacher's name is Miss May Bailey.

My mother and father are both living. My little brother is named Guy Jackson.

I will ask a question: Which is the longest verse in the Bible?

Your little friend,
ETHEL JACKSON.

Timberlake, N. C., Nov. 20, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I will write for my second time. I am a little boy twelve years old. My grandpa takes the Advocate and I like to read the little boys' and girls' letters. I go to school every day, and my teacher is Miss Nellie Montague. I like her fine. Our pastor is Rev. M. D. Giles, and we like him.

Now I will ask a question: How many books are there in the Old Testament?

I will close, with love and best wishes to the Orphanage.

ROSSIE NOELL.

McCullers, N. C.,
R. F. D. No. 1, Nov. 13, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little boy ten years old. My mother and father are both living. I have one brother and two sisters living, and twin brothers dead.

My grandma takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the boys' and girls' page. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday that I can. I go to preaching every first Sunday. Our pastor is Rev. G. W. Fisher.

I will close by asking a question: Who was Elijah's servant?

I send five cents to the Orphanage.

Yours truly.
EARLE CRESWELL BRADY.

Elizabeth City, N. C.,
R. F. D. No. 4.

Dear Advocate:—As I have never written to your paper, I decided that I would do so. I am a little girl fifteen years of age. My father takes your paper and I enjoy reading the little children's page.

Mr. E. B. Granger is our superintendent, and I have the sweetest teacher—her name is Mrs. Fannie Brothers.

I will ask a question: What was Noah's sons name?

If this is in print, I will write again.

Very respectfully.
SUSIE H. WILLIAMS.

Vass, N. C., Nov. 21, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—This is my first letter to the Advocate. I am a little boy six years old. I have two little brothers and one little sister. Her name is Clara. I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday. Mr. A. Cameron is our superintendent and Miss Rachel Cameron is my teacher. I go to school at Vass. Miss Florence Leslie is my teacher. I like her very much. I stay with my Aunt Sue Cameron while I am going to school.

I will close now, and hope my letter will escape the waste-basket.

Love for the little orphans.

Your little friend,
HAMPTON THOMAS.

Laurinburg, N. C., Nov., 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl seven years of age. I go to school at Caledonia. My teacher's name is Miss Laura Oglesby. I like her very much. I study spelling, arithemtic, third reader and geography. Dora Kendall and I are desk-mates.

Our pastor's name is Rev. N. H. D. Wilson.

We had lots of flowers last year, but they have all died. Dora and I are good friends. Kate and Carrie are my first cousins. They come to see me every Saturday.

With best wishes to the orphans, I will close. This is my first letter; so good-bye for this time.

Your friend,
JENNIE JONES.

Wilson, N. C., Nov. 14, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—My papa takes your paper. I enjoy reading it.

This is the second time I have written. As the old waste basket did not catch it before, I will write again. Our pastor is Rev. D. A. Watkins. We all like him fine. I hope he will be on this circuit next year.

I do not go to school now. It has closed, but surely I wish it would have continued longer.

My every-day school hasn't started yet, but I guess it will start soon.

I will ask a question: Who killed John the Baptist?

I will close, with best wishes to the Orphanage.

Your friend,
ADDIE PEARSON.

P. S.—I will enclose 10 cents for the Orphanage. A. P.

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Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 11, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I thought I would write a little letter as I am not doing anything else just now. I am a little girl ten years old. My mother is dead and I live with my grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bellbro. I go to Sunday-school and every-day school. I am in the fourth grade. My teacher is Miss Sophia Hines. I study spelling, reading, geography, arithmetic, history and drawing. I like my teacher fine. My Sunday-school teacher is Mrs. Berry. I like her, too. I have nine dolls and five cats. I have a lot of toys of all kinds. I haven't any brothers or sisters, but I have a half brother and sister.

Well, I will close. Enclosed you will find ten cents for the orphans.

Your little friend,
MARY LILY BOUSHEE.

Troy, N. C., Nov. 23, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I have written once before, and as my letter escaped the waste-basket, I will write again. I go to school every day. I like my teacher very well. I also attend Sunday-school. My teacher is Miss Jessie Smitherman. I like her fine. I have two brothers and one sister older than myself, and one sister younger.

Mamma takes the Advocate, and I enjoy reading the little folks' letters very much. The boys will have to hurry up, for the girls are about to get ahead writing.

What are the little cousins expecting Santa Claus to bring them? I do not know what he will bring me. I hope it will be something nice.

I will answer Susie Powell's question: Who tempted Jesus? Satan.

Now I will ask one: What is the fifth commandment?

I will close, hoping to see my letter in print, and with best wishes to the orphans.

Your little friend,
NANNIE LEWIS.

Elizabeth City, N. C.,
R. F. D. No. 4.

Dear Advocate:—I have written to your paper once before and will make an attempt to write again. I am a little girl thirteen years of age. My father takes your paper, and I enjoy reading the little folks' corner very much.

My father and mother are both living.

The free school has started. My teacher's name is Miss Luna Jarvis. I study six books. Sue Williams is my desk-mate.

Rev. Mr. Hocutt, our pastor, will have to leave us this year. He has served us for four years. I hope we will get another one as good as he was to us.

Mr. E. B. Granger is our superintendent. My Sunday school teacher is Mrs. Fannie Brothers. I like her splendid.

I will ask a question: How old was Joash when he was crowned?

Iwill close, hoping to see this in print.

Yours truly.
MARY E. TEMPLE.

The Dog and the Bell.

A young man who lived in a cottage in Yorkshire, England, had a splendid mastiff dog, called Ponto, who was allowed to roam about just as he pleased all over the house. His favorite place, however, was in the study under his master's writing-table.

When Mr. Davis was away from home, as was often the case, Ponto, much to his disgust, was chained up in the yard. From this treatment he did all he could to keep away.

On one occasion his master went for a few days' visit to a neighbor, leaving the usual orders about the dog. In vain, however, did the servants search high and low for Ponto; nowhere was he to be found, and they gave up the search in despair.

In the evening, when the two maid servants were sitting quietly at work in the kitchen, they suddenly heard the small handbell in the study ring violently.

They started up in alarm, and each wanted the other to go and see what was the matter; but neither of them dared, and they sat still.

Presently the bell pealed again, and curiosity proving greater than their fears, they went to the study door. There they paused again, but hearing the bell once more, they turned the handle and peeped in.

What was their surprise to find Ponto sitting on his haunches, with the bell in his mouth. He had evidently seen his master use the bell to summon attendance, and finding himself shut in, he thought he would try if a little bell-ringing on his own account would not get him out of his prison.—Weekly Welcome.

To begin and end with God takes from every day its burden.—J. P. Lange.

Womans Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. B. F. Dixon, Raleigh, N. C.

Officers of the W. F. M. S. of the N. C. Conference, June, 1903-'04.

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Dear Mrs. Dixon: The last meeting of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for this Conference year was held on last Sunday at the home of our faithful and efficient President, Mrs. L. L. Williams. We had a good attendance and the devotional exercises were spiritual and very much enjoyed by every one present. We have a little band of twenty-one members. Though small, yet we are a live band of missionary workers. This is our week of prayer, and it is encouraging and edifying to see the interest some of the young members take in these services.

We were all pleased to hear the pastor say on last Sunday that he never served a charge where there was a greater missionary spirit than there is on the Gates Circuit.

Yours sincerely,
MRS. T. J. DAILY.

Gatesville, N. C., Nov. 24, 1904.

We regret that the "notes from the Week of Prayer service" of the Edenton Street Auxiliary were not sent in time for this issue. We are glad to report, however, good attendance, a lively interest, and liberal offerings.

Rockingham, the banner District of our Conference Society, has been heard from, and we are assured that its fifteen societies and its District Secretary are all living.

Although the amount of work they are doing was not given, their past record is a guarantee of a fine report, when we meet in Louisburg in the spring, and of their retaining their place at the head of the column.

The sum of one thousand dollars a year is the ambition of this District of enterprising, faithful women; and under the ladership of a woman who can manage successfully the missionary work in her District, and, at the same time, teach the Bible to one hundred girls in a college remote to her home field, this laudable ambition will soon be attained.

We are told the greatest trouble in this District is finding Lady Managers for the Bright Jewel Bands. The children are eager to work, but very few women are willing to undertake the duty of leading them. We trust there will be a quickening of the conscience among those good women on this important part of our work. "Feed my lambs," was an imperative command, and upon its faithful obedience, depends the future prosperity of all church work.

When the time arrives for the election of officers in some of our auxiliaries, how often is it found difficult to secure those of the members who are willing to take an office in the auxiliary and carry on its work gladly, faithfully!

It gives us pleasure to call the attention of our readers to an "object lesson" in this matter—to give a few items of news from an auxiliary where one energetic woman is the President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

There is no such thing as failure in the work, when it is carried on by such a resolute, consecrated leader—may the number of such loyal workers in our Society be increased!

This letter is from Manteo, Elizabeth City District:

Dear Mrs. Dixon: I have been requested by our District Secretary, Mrs. S. S. Hardison, to write you something about our Society for the Raleigh Advocate. Our Society has never been heard from through any of our papers.

We were organized the 16th of July, 1896, by Rev. G. A. Oglesby, then our Presiding Elder, with thirteen members, and five subscribers to the Woman's Missionary Advocate.

Our number has increased from time to time, but we have been able to keep only twenty-one enrolled. When we would lose a member by death or removal, there was always a new one to take the place, thus keeping our number on roll twenty-one.

We have recently lost one of our members by death, Mrs. Mary Ward, a very good woman.

I am sorry that more of our women do not join our Society, and subscribe to the Advocate, and read more. It is a valuable paper, and a member of the Society ought not to be without it; for unless we read and study we cannot be intelligent in our work. I have insisted on our members reading and studying more, but they say they have too many other duties.

We meet the second Sunday in each month. In the summer we hold our meetings in the church; in the winter, at some member's home.

Last week we observed the Week of Prayer.

We have our pledge—$25.00—in full, and nearly all of the contingent fund.

In our first annual report, we reported $16.31; now we report between $50.00 and $60.00. (Good!)

Our membership now is seventeen, and only five or six ever attend the monthly meetings.

We follow the program in the Advocate, and I try to make the meetings as interesting as possible. I only wish the members would take a more active part in the work; we would have such a nice Society, and I would be relieved of some of the responsibility.

Our Society is very anxious to have the Annual Meeting of the W. F. M. S. meet with us—it would help us so much. What do you think about it? Though our town is small, it is growing. We have twice entertained very nicely the District Conference of our church in Elizabeth City District, and had plenty of room.

Could we have the Annual Meeting next after Louisburg?

Very respectfully,
HELEN EVANS.

Pres., Cor. Sec. and Treas.

Having so recently held its annual session in the Elizabeth City District, it is not probable that the Conference Society can meet, very soon, with this live little auxiliary in the growing town of Manteo; but we do not know what is in the future, and we hope our sister will attend the annual meeting at Louisburg and enter her plea for Manteo.

DOESN'T RESPECT OLD AGE.

It's shameful when youth fails to show proper respect for old age, but just the contrary in the case of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They cut off maladies no matter how severe and irrespective of old age. Dyspepsia, Jaundice, Fever, Constipation all yield to this perfect Pill. Twenty-five cents at all druggists.

It is not time you want, but fire. . . . . Who would not cry out to God, Or make my life how short I care not, so that it can have the fire in it for an hour!—Phillips Brooks.

Woman's Home Mission Society

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Thanksgiving.

I trust every Home Mission woman realized the truth of these beautiful words during the blessed Thanksgiving season: "Every day is a Thanksgiving day, every morning a blessing of strength, every evening a bundle of mercies, every night a benediction of peace, for each of God's children."

Life Saving Service.

The following notice has recently appeared in several of the leading daily papers:

"A wealthy New York society girl is reported to have passed a 100 per cent examination and enrolled as a member of the volunteer life saving service of the United States."

We know of many hundred girls and women who have for years been engaged in a volunteer life-saving service in our own and other countries. They are not rich in houses and lands, nor are many of them prominent socially albeit they are daughters of a King. The world knows them only as City Missionaries and Deaconnesses. No crosses of honor nor medals of gold are bestowed upon them for bravery and faithfulness. Yet they have wrought nobly, rescuing thousands from the dark waters of sin and despair, and in God's beautiful afterwhile great will be their reward.

INFLUENCE AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

We do not know the motives that influenced this young lady from New York—whether the noble desire to save human life, the love of adventure characteristic of youth, the wish to depart from the beaten track of the conventional society girl and give play to her own individuality, the strenuosity of the age said to be rapidly developing under our stirring President and his allies—but whatever they were, this question comes: If she had been surrounded by Home Mission influences, might not she, too, have decided to exercise her splendid strength and eager spirit in City Mission work?

Sisters, it devolves upon us to look squarely and steadfastly at these things and determine to measure up to our responsibilities in this matter of influence.

The White Door.

This is the name given by the children of a crowded east-side neighborhood of New York City to the Gospel Settlement Home there, located six years ago by Mrs. Sarah J. Bird. It is called the one white spot in a weary waste of wretchedness, where families of seven, ten, even twelve, are found living in one or two small rooms, the squalor and evil almost incomprehensible. So great is the preponderance of the foreign element this section is described as a "large slice of foreign missionary field lifted and left on our doorstep."

The Settlement is open to these people at all hours, the girls taught domestic work, "The Shirt Waist Club" and "Collar Club" being especially popular. There is, also, a "History Club" for boys, which teaches American history, reverence for our institutions, and a comprehension of the duties and privileges of citizenship. Last year the average attendance was 794 a week. It is truly "a great door and effectual."

Opportunities.

Opportunities do not come with their values stamped upon them. Every one must be challenged. A day dawns, quite like other days; in it a single hour comes, quite like other hours; but in that day and in that hour the chance of a lifetime faces us. To face every opportunity of life thoughtfully and ask its meaning bravely and earnestly is the only way to meet the supreme opportunities when they come, whether open-faced or disguised.—Malthie D. Babcock.

Perseverance.

Again I ask all auxiliaries which have published anything bearing upon our Home Mission work to please write me. (I would greatly appreciate copies of the papers). I, also, ask those which have never written me of the use of the Bulletins to please do so at once. I must send in my report early in December, and very much desire it to be a fine one.

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The World As We See It.

THE CALL OF THE MENTALLY UNFORTUNATE.

Above the call for money to develop material resources, to build a State capitol commensurate with the dignity of our great commonwealth, to lengthen school terms and build better school houses, rises a call which is ringing with terrible clearness and insistence just now. It comes from hundreds of mentally unfortunate persons, who are suffering because they cannot be treated in the Hospitals furnished by the State. These Hospitals have not the money with which to take care of these persons.

This matter has been weighing for a long time on the minds and hearts of Superintendents McKee and Murphy. A committee was appointed last spring to take the matter under advisement and to see what can be done to relieve the situation.

Last week the committee reported. The State of North Carolina will be asked at the coming session of the Legislature either to make appropriations sufficient fo rthe needs of the insane or to enable the counties to take care of them. The State should do one or the other—by all means the former. It would be bad policy to throw the care of the insane upon the counties. Every intelligent person should know this. It is just as bad for the State to pursue a niggardly policy in its appropriations for the same purpose.

An appropriation of $500,000 will be necessary for the two Hospitals. The State is able to make this appropriation. The State should do so.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE SESSION.

Another Conference session. How quickly it has slipped upon us! It seems only a few weeks since we met at Goldsboro, and now another roll call has been made at Henderson. The Conferences are truly milestones whose marking is both plain and solemn; telling us that we are very rapidly nearing the "far country."

Each annual session only strengthens the bond of affection which binds us together. How dear these brethren whom we meet year after year are becoming to us. When one drops out to take his place with the glorified, it seems almost like a family loss, and the vacant seat holds a pathos which is a child of two worlds.

The brethren come up to Henderson this year to make, some of them, the best report they have ever made at Conference. Happy conversions, full collections, new churches and parsonages will be mentioned. Right here we should be reminded that good reports will be made by some who will have few accessions and partial collections to report. The Conference will not hear the other items whispered only in the ear of God—agonizing prayer for Israel, struggling with poverty, with sickness, with indifference and with persecution, and a rough road travelled faithfully and uncomplainingly for "Jesus' sake." As we do not forget those who labor in the sunshine belt, let us not forget those who labor below it. All will have their reward, but we must believe that the latter will receive tenderer treatment at the hands of the King.

As Henderson will extend her warmest welcome to the Conference, may the Conference prove a very rich blessing to Henderson. A close walk with God by every preacher and delegate during the session will be worth more to Henderson than the financial outlay of merchant princes. May the spiritual outlay be rich and generous.

We extend a cordial welcome to Bishop Candler who has the full confidence of every member of the Conference. That he will do his best under the most trying circumstances, no one doubts. His strong sermons and meaty talks of last Conference are pleasant memories. May his memories of us continue to be as pleasant.

BROTHER BAILEY AND THE AUTOMATON.

When the editor of the Recorder suffers from an engorged liver, or thinks that it is about time for him to prove his orthodoxy in the faith "once delivered to the saints" by taking a few whacks at other denominations, he sometimes wanders very far afield.

In last week's issue of the Recorder, he made a wide detour in order to let the Western North Carolina Conference feel the touch of his soothing hand.

Brother Bailey evidently does not like the way in which affairs were conducted by Bishop Duncan and the Western brethren during the last session of the Conference. Bishop Duncan made a speech before reading the appointments (the reporter threw in a few strong remarks which Brother Bailey attributed to the Bishop. Happy reporter!) and Brother Carraway offered a prayer. Whereupon there is in the Recorder a disgorgement, of the following verbal color and consistency:

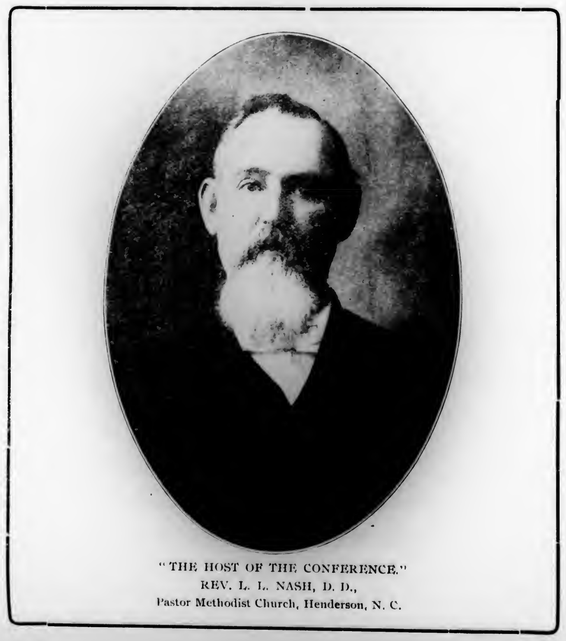
"We need hardly suggest that the palpable efforts to get the brethren in a humor to accept their disappointments, the abuse of the men that were to obtain the best places (its object being to pacify the others); the talk about the Presiding Elders' strenuous efforts to get good places for their men, and the remark about politics—well let us say nothing against it all, for it is none of our business, but let us remember it for consolation. There is at least a worse way than the worst Baptist way.

After this oracular reproof of Bishop Duncan and his crowd, we would naturally expect the dignified reprover to forbear, but he adds: "There is, of course, a touch of heroism in the Methodist system now and then, but that even at its best is the heroism of an automaton—a man with a collar round his neck."

We are glad that the Methodist system is accorded at least a "touch" of heroism, though it be only "now and then." We are glad that it is the man instead of the "automyton" that wears the collar (the latter couldn't stand it). But we may be allowed to say this: When we see Baptist preachers (splendid men too), waiting month after month for a call and Baptist congregations waiting month after month in the vain effort either to get rid of the incumbent or to be in a position to call a man, we feel sure that those preachers and congregations would be mighty glad to own one of the collars Brother Bailey writes about. It would be well for him to keep a few in his office to use as premiums.

Every devout professing Christian is pained at the comparatively small number of conversions. Dr. Theodore Cuyler, in answer to the question, "Why are there not more conversions?" has suggested something worth considering. He says:

"I am convinced that one reason is that—with happy exceptions—there has been a decline of direct, pointed, faithful and persuasive preaching to the unconverted. Too many discourses are addressed to nobody in particular; preaching to Christians has been relatively overdone, and preaching to the impenitent underdone. I do not mean denunciations that only irritate, or mere exhortations that are often a mere waste of breath. I mean that the preachers should so hold up the ugliness and doom of sin before the sinner's eye that he should feel his own guiltiness, and so present Jesus Christ that that sinner should flee to Him as the only Saviour. 'Warn them for Me,' is God's solemn injunction to every minister; he has therefore no more right to cap Sinai or conceal hell than he has to hide the sin-atoning cross of Calvary."



"THE HOST OF THE CONFERENCE."
REV. L. L. NASH, D. D.,
Pastor Methodist Church, Henderson, N. C.

Methodist Mention

STATE.

Bishop Duncan visited Trinity Park last week, and was the guest of President Kilgo.

Let us all pray that the cause of Domestic Missions shall not lag in the procession of connectional interests.

Our readers will be glad to read in this week's issue the interesting letter from Miss Elizabeth Davis, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

You need not fear that our sessions at Henderson will be dull. Bishop Candler will be there. He never fails to add to the interest of an occasion.

A good rule for every one, especially during the sojourn at Henderson: If discussing any one in conversation, say nothing unless you can say something good.

Rev. R. F. Bumpas preached a special sermon to the Junior Order American Mechanics on last Sunday night. Rev. W. L. Cuninggim did the same for the Odd Fellows.

Bishop Candler, en route to Henderson, spent last Sunday in Durham, and preached at Main Street in the morning. While in Durham he was the guest of President Kilgo.

The preachers of the North Carolina Conference have been hardworked men during the year, and especially during the last few weeks. The time spent at Conference will be a period of relaxation—for some. Relaxation has its perils. Have sufficient grace to escape them.

Rev. Mr. Kilgore filled his last appointment for the Conference year here last Sunday. Mr. Kilfore has labored earnestly in the Lord's vineyard. He has greatly revived our church, and won many friends. If he fails to return to this charge, he has our sympathies in his broad field of labor.—Richmond Headlight.

The Seaboard Medical Association of Virginia and North Carolina will meet in Washington, N. C., December 6-8. Dr. M. Bolton, of Rich Square, is President of this strong and influential body. He is a worthy Methodist steward of twenty years standing. He is an able representaive of his profession and is loyal to his church duties.

Rev. D. L. Earnhart, Fremont Circuit, writes: "I am indebted to generous friends and neighbors for a Thanksgiving pounding of good proportions. How the heart is cheered by such expressions of appreciation! Of course it is the cause and not the man, the labor and not the laborer, still I am glad to be identified with a cause that constrains people to be good and to do good. God bless the friends, everyone, and may He give a double portion to some whose hearts were here, but who could not come."

Last week while the funeral procession was conveying the remains of the late Mr. J. H. Higgs to the burying grounds, near Smith's church, Presiding Elder G. F. Smith was accidentally overturned in Chocayotte creek, near Tilghman's cross roads, and was thrown into the cold waters of the stream. The creek was much swollen on account of the rain storm the day before, and the buggy in which the Presiding Elder was riding got into a washout and turned over. Mr. Smith was at once assisted from the water by those nearest to him at the time of the accident.—Roanoke News.

Next Sunday closes the pastorate of Rev. L. E. Thompson at the Methodist Church in this city. His congregation are unanimous for his return, for he has labored among his people as few pastors have and accomplished untold good in Washington. He and his estimable family have made many friends here, and if the Bishop should see fit to remove them they would carry with them only well wishes from our people, and if they are returned to Washington the news would be hailed with pleasure. He is a most worthy embassador for Christ.—Gazette-Messenger.

CONNECTIONAL.

There are no supernumerary preachers in the West Texas Conference.

The increase of membership in the Virginia Conference for 1904 was 1,740.

In the number of students taking the Correspondence Course, the Virginia Conference stands first with thirty-five—South Carolina and Memphis have thirty-two each.

Bishop Candler reports a great meeting at Santa Clara, Cuba, where Brother Sewell is located. A large number were converted and about fifty were received as candidates.

Dr. Walker Lewis, so well and widely known in Georgia and throughout Southern Methodism as to that, has been transferred from First Church, Little Rock, to Central Church, Kansas City.

At the recent session of the Holston Conference the Committee on Conference Relations took a notable step in the right direction in its care as to recommendations for the supernumerary relation.

The Southern Methodist Publishing House has issued Prof. A. B. Cooke's book of essays, "Work and Life." It has been put into the Epworth-League Reading Course by the Epworth League Board.

Dr. C. B. Riddick of the First Church, Birmingham, Ala., after fifty years in the itinerant service, will ask, at the approaching session of the North Alabama Conference, a location. He will return to California.

Bishop Charles Galloway says that since the war with Russia the Japanese are making searching inquiry into the Christian religion, and the churches are well filled. He says that no obstruction is thrown in the way of the missionaries in Japan. He says that there is also a Christian awakening in China.

The late Western North Carolina Conference adopted resolutions looking to bringing up the circulation of the North Carolina Christian Advocate by May 1, 1905. The plan used by the Raleigh Christian Advocate this year is to be used. Each District is to furnish a certain number of new subscribers.

Work is progressing on the new Publishing House building. The foundation will be finished this year, but it will be at least eighteen months before the building will be ready for occupancy.

The increase in the collection for domestic missions in the Louisville Conference last year was $1,226.99. This enabled the Board to pay all the appropriations in full.

Rev. W. L. Grissom, D. D., pastor of Ashcboro and West Lee Street, Greensboro, N. C., was a welcome visitor to our office one day last week. He spent several days in Spartanburg, gathering material from old manuscripts and records in the archives of the South Carolina Society, for his forthcoming history of North Carolina Methodism. The first volume of his history is about ready for the press.—Southern Christian Advocate.

The Hon. John C. Hendrix, one of the leading citizen of Brooklyn, where he had been postmaster, President of the Board of Education, and member of Congress, died November 8. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and a brother of Bishop Hendrix, of Kansas City. At the private funeral service on Friday, Dr. W. W. Bowdish spoke of his honesty of view and integrity of action that gave him true leadership in whatever activity he was engaged.—New York Advocate.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth delivered an interesting lecture on the Wesleyan Forward Movement at McKendree Church on Thursday night of last week. While in London recently Dr. Lambuth made a study of his work, and the best methods will be introduced into our Church. In the interest of this movement a night school for church workers will be instituted at McKendree Church on January 4 of next year, and will continue through January and February.—Midland Methodist.

General Notes

The Greensboro Record says: "The Salvation Army has established permanent headquarters in Greensboro.

On November 8th, the first election known as the Brice Law, was held in Cherokee County. The result showed the defeat o fthe dispensary four to one.

General Lew Wallace, known the country over as the author of "Ben Hur: A Tale of the Christ," is reported dying at his home in Crawfordsville, Ind.

The separation of Church and State in France is now practically completed. The French people have spoken, and the old regime of papal meddling has passed forever.

On the first of December Charlotte will open her hospitable doors to the delegates of the First Annual Convention of the Young Women's Christian Association of the Carolinas.

Bishop Isaiah B. Scott, missionary bishop for Africa, sailed from New York on the steamer Lucania, Saturday, November 19th, on his way to Monrovia, Liberia, which is to be his episcopal residence.

The Glen Alpine Springs Hotel, a fifty-room three-story building and 300 acres of land adjoining in the South Mountain section of this county, has been purchased as a Presbyterian mission school.

The Hague Tribunal met on November 21st to arbitrate the differences between Japan England, France and Germany, as to the tax levied by the Japanese Government on the buildings situated in the foreign concessions.

Rev. William Dawson, of London, has conducted recently a series of evangelistic sermons in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. Dr. Dawson preached every night, except Saturday night. Then he read an original story.

Forty-one years ago the first newspaper was published in the empire of Japan. Now there are more than 1,500. Of these, twenty are published in Tokio—one of which is edited by Japanese and published in English.

Eight Cumberland Presbyterian ministers went into the Methodist Church last year, and three Methodist ministers went into the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The doctrinal differences between the two denominations are so slight that the transition from one to the other is easy.

Commander Booth-Tucker returns to London, after being in charge of the Salvation Army in the United States for eight years and a half. In this time the Army in this country has increased from 2,035 to 3,773; the number of social institutions has risen from twenty-five to 267.

The Rev. Frank D. Gamewell, of the Missionary Society, spoke before the Secretary of State at Washington, D. C., in favor of a request that the United States Government should make efforts to induce Great Britain to release China from treaty compulsion to tolerate the opium traffic.

A General Conference of Missionaries in South Africa, which met at Johannesburg in August, by resolution, declared that it considered the establishment of a native church to be the end and aim of Christian missions, and that the church there should be African in character; and that it would welcome an increased measure of self-government in the Transvaal.

The unveiling of the statue of Frederick the Great in Washington City last week was an important event. The statue was the gift of Emperor William of Germany to the United States. It was a replica in bronze of the famous original in the palace at Potsdam. President Roosevelt made a notable speech which was well received.

Show the Word Its Need of Him.

When Ole Bull came to this country he found an old friend of his in Philadelphia. After going over reminiscences of the past Bull distributed tickets to his friends, and asked them to attend his concert. His old friend declared that he had no ear for music and would not be there. Bull determined that his friend should hear him. Under a pretence of having some work done on his violin he called on him and asked if he had a skilled workman who could make the repair. The work was soon done and Bull making as though he needed to test his violin tuned it and began to play. Soon all work in the office was suspended and men from the workship crowded about the door, and all were attentively listening. Even his friend who had no ear for music laid down his papers, and when Bull ceased to play urged him to continue, declaring that he did not know until that moment that he had any appreciation of music.

The world does not know it has any need of a Savior. It is my business, it is your business, as Christians, to show them their need, as Ole Bull showed his friend that he had an ear for music.

Oh, that every Epworthian were moved with an unquenchable desire to show others their need of a Savior and to lead them to Him. May God arouse the whole church to this consciousness and create in them a consuming desire to lead men to Christ.

An Important Matter.

We are on the even of a new Conference year. Many of us may be removed to new fields of labor where the League has been neglected; or, perhaps, we have failed, this year, to do our duty in this important department of church work. Whatever the past may have and hold for, or against, us, let us number among the first duties and privileges of the new year the organization of our young people into Epworth League Chapters. These are our training schools for the practical application of our theories.

After over a hundred years of existence the church is waking up to the need of trained workers for the Sunday-school. To what degree the League idea is responsible for the suggestion I do not know; but in the evolution of things we have come to put into practise, in our church life, the theory that every virtue is a matter of training; and that every vice is the result of a lack of training. The Spartan was brave because of the training he received at his mother's knee.

We all know that the tendency of all things natural, moral, and spiritual, is to degeneracy, waste, death, when neglected. The fruit that under the care of the gardener is beautiful to the eye, and pleasant to the taste, when neglected, wastes and becomes distasteful. The domestic pigeon with its beautiful plumage deprived of the care of man degenerates into a monotonous dull drab color. The unpracticed eye is uncertain, and the unused eye soon suffers the loss of sight.

The present condition of the church at large is that of unskilled labor. Many otherwise intelligent and cultured are woefully ignorant of God's word, and of the operations of the church. Many of those actually engaged in church work do it in such a haphazard way the wonder is that as much is accomplished as is. The work of the church is laid aside upon the most frivolous excuse, and everything is postponed until the last moment. Sunday-school lessons are neglected until within an hour or two of the school session. Congregations make no preparation of heart for reception of the great truths of the Word; but rush into the presence of God as the horse rushes into battle.

We have largely reversed God's order of things, putting first what He places last, and last what He puts first. He says "seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." "Bring into mine house the first fruits of thine increase." "Lay by you in store on the first day of the week as God has prospered you." The prophet of old demanded the first cake even when there seemed to be but one. Just one instance will illustrate the point. God demands the "first fruits of thine increase." Yet one or two rainy Sundays at the end of the Conference year entails a shortage in collections and salaries at places.

The Epworth League thoroughly organized means a correction of the loose, slip-shod methods that now inhere in many branches of church work. It is here the young are taught system. It is here they learn to put religious meetings, and church obligations on the calendar among other important engagements. First of all, they learn that the evening on which the League is held is "League Evening," and that it has first claim on them—it is always a "previous engagement"—and has the right of way over everything else. Other things with a true Epworthian are subsequent measures. Nothing but a more important church meeting has precedence with him.

Their study of the Bible and religious literature, including discipline and church polity, makes them intelligent Christians and church members.

The League also cultivates the social life of its members, lifting it above the standards of the world. While it elevates and purifies the social life of its members, it also intensifies their pleasures. There is less shadow and more substance in the pleasures provided for the League than are found in worldly pleasures. There is no longer any need of the cry "we must give our young people some privileges," which means to allow them indulgence in worldly pleasures until they become infatuated with them, and are lost to God and His church.

Beginning with the Juniors, taking them through the course of training provided in the Junior League, which is both profitable and pleasant, then through the Senior League with its delightful studies, and elevating pleasures, they begin to know something of the privileges and responsibilities of church membership.

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Sunday School

Lesson for December 4, 1904.

Hezekiah Reopens the Temple.—2 Chron. 29:18-31.

Time—Eighth century B. C. Place—Judah.

Judah Demoralized.—Rightly to appreciate Hezekiah's character and work one must recall the condition of things into which he was born. For at least the generation covering the reigns of his predecessors, Jotham and Ahaz, the nation had gone completely over to the excess of heathenism, the worship of Jehovah was almost under ban. "Golden and silver statues glittered throughout Judea. Soothsayers came from the far East; wizards, familiar spirits, ghosts were consulted even by the most outwardly religious. Altars were planted in the corner of the streets, and the venerable altar of David in the Temple was displaced for the more splendid one framed after the model of one which Ahaz himself had seen and fancied in Damascus. The treasures of the temple were made over into ornaments for the new cult, and toward the close of the king's reign the great doors of the temple were shut up, the sacred lamps were not lighted nor incense offered inside, and the whole interior was left to decay and neglect. Correspondingly the political importance of Judea had dwindled away. Israel, in alliance with Syra, had deprived her of several dependencies, and had retaken from her Elath, the favorite seaport of Jehoshaphat and Uzziah. Jerusalem had been threatened; a usurper was to be established on the throne of David. The problem before Hezekiah when he came to the throne was actually that of redeeming the national existence. The character and extent of his service was such that in generous and pardonable emphasis he is declared by the historian to have been the best of all the kings of Judea; there was "after him none like him among the kings of Judah, nor any that was before him." (2 Kings 18. 5.)

The Reformation. — Hezekiah's penetration is seen in that he made the solution of the problem turn upon the religious, and not the political, regeneration of the people. The first thing to which he gave himself after his accession to the throne was the reformation of the popular worship. "He opened the doors of the house of the Lord and repaired them." He called the Levites together and ordered a thorough renovation of the entire house. The work was undertaken with great heartiness; in two weeks the building was in order and the king notified of its readiness. All the furniture of the temple—its altars, its table of show bread, the great laver, the lamps, basins, and other equipment of the house—had been renewed; seven bullocks and a like number of rams, of lambs, and of he-goats had been prepared for offering; the great temple choir and orchestra had been reorganized; evidently instructions had been given to prepare a service the splendor and impressiveness of which would compel the attention of the nation. On the day appointed the king arranged a royal pageant. "He arose early and gathered the princes of the city" —the elite of the nation—"and went up to the house of the Lord." One can well imagine the intensity of the popular interest. Such a procession for such a purpose must have revived in the heart of every adult thrilling memories of the noblest traditions of the nation. The service was conducted with great and impressive ceremony. As the smoke of the multiplied burnt offerings ascended all the congregation worshiped, the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded. It is expressly noted that the music included the hymns familiar from established usage; they sang "praises unto the Lord with the words of David and of Asaph, the seer." The effect was overwhelming "They sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped." When opportunity was given to the people to bring sacrifices and thank offerings "the priests were too few" to dispose of the animals offered. So the Levites did help them till the work was ended. While the whole thing had been "done suddenly," the impression was widespread and hopeful. "The king rejoiced and all the people," and, as in an instant, a change noticeable, notable, and hopeful had passed upon the spirit of Judah.

The New Era.—Hezekiah's reform began with the rehabilitation of the old worship. Other things followed. The celebration of the Passover festival was renewed with greater splendor than ever before, and invitations were sent to the people of the northern kingdom to join in the festival. A general crusade was inaugurated against the images and altars and high places throughout the kingdom, and so thoroughgoing was Hezekiah's zeal for purity of worship that he ordered the destruction of "the brazen serpent that Moses had made," because it had become an object of superstitious reverence among the people. The order of the temple worship became an object of special care to the king. He made provision for an improved musical service, and for the selection of the choicest men to serve as priests and Levites, who were supported by generous gifts from both court and people. Gradually the old prestige of the nation was restored. Old dependencies were retaken and new ones added; the city was refortified and re-embellished, and it is to Hezekiah's reign the city owed its source of water supply, which in time of siege was in constant peril.

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7 45	4 30	Sylvania	9 30	5 15
7 54	4 39	Barnes	9 20	5 06
8 00	4 45	Hobby	9 14	4 57
8 5	4 52	McCULLERS	9 10	4 52
8 25	4 56	Banks	8 58	4 23
8 30	4 59	Austin	8 55	4 21
8 50	5 07	Willow Springs	8 10	4 15
9 05	5 18	JOHNSON MILL	8 40	4 03
9 15	5 17	Cardenas	8 38	4 00
9 20	5 22	C. F. & N. Junction	8 33	3 55
9 35	5 26	Fuquay Springs	8 30	3 52
9 40	5 31	Buckhorn	8 20	3 38
9 45	5 36	Rawls	8 17	3 20
10 00	5 45	Chalybeate	8 10	3 20
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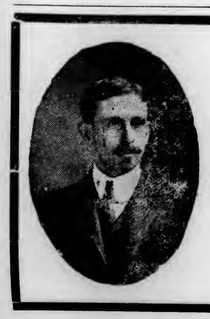

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Blessings on the good women of Raleigh, and the dear girls too. Sisters Proctor, Bumpass, and Brown, Misses Jamie Brown and Sissie Hutchins and Jessie Bumpass and Jennie Proctor, brought out a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner, and served it to perfection. Several of the brethren—Jos. G. Brown, Andrew H. Green, W. J. Young, Jr., and Josephus Daniels, witnessed the performance, with seeming satisfaction. The young Proctor and Daniels boys enlivened the occasion with their presence. Quite a number of ladies looked on. It was a most enjoyable occasion. It was the first in our new dining room. We shall never forget it. After the feast was over, we repaired to the Chapel and had a short Thanksgiving service. The first in the Catharine Page Chapel. We never had a better day. There is true Christianity in this world!

A Word to the Conference.

Dear Brethren: Our Main building, large and commodious, is now ready for occupancy. What will you do with it? A large number of children are anxiously waiting to enter it. To fill it at an early day will require united, earnest effort. The plan formerly used to develop the strength of the church hitherto has only partially succeeded. It was, to take a collection in every congregation, and to get every Sunday-school to take a monthly collection for the Orphanage. Not one-tenth of the Circuits have taken the collections, so far as I know; and not one-tenth of the Sunday-schools are taking monthly collections. If the pastors would give but a very small portion of their time to this great and important work, this plan would be efficient. Instead of being in the way of their work, it would help it.

Almost the unanimous reports from Sunday-schools is that it does them good. The truth is, those congregations that give most to help the orphans, give most to support the church. The testimony is, that it increases all the benevolent collections. But the plan will fail, if not worked. Will the Conference adopt a better one? Surely it will devise some plan that they will work. Thanksgiving offerings will not supply the means to run a great Orphanage. Some two hundred children can be housed here, now. Brethren, will you furnish the money to support them. The 649 Sunday-schools can support one hundred of them. Will the churches support the other hundred?

Receipts up to November 27.

Nashville pub. coll., $17.64; Nashville Bright Jewels, $.76; Smithfield S. S., $5.00; Mr. E. B. McCullers on support of orphan, $60.00; Fifth St. S. S., $30.00; Gibson S. S., $2.50; St. Johns S. S., $2.50; Edenton S. S., $20.50; Carthage S. S., $10.94; Aberdeen S. S., support of orphan 1904, $60.00; Stem S. S., Thanksgiving, $6.00; Clayton S. S., $5.00; Smithfield S. S., Class No. 1, $2.60; Elizabeth, Clayton Circuit, Thanksgiving, $8.66; Mt. Zion, Clayton Circuit, Thanksgiving, $1.02; Oaky Grove, Millbrook Circuit, Thanksgiving, $2.00; Miss Berta Woodall, Thanksgiving, $5.00; Mr. G. W. Alley, Thanksgiving, $2.00; Miss Helen Garrett, Thanksgiving, $5.00; Mrs. Sarah S. Bunch, Thanksgiving, $5.00; A. B. Stronach, Thanksgiving, $1.00; Siler City, Thanksgiving, $15.50; Newland S. S., Thanksgiving, $10.00; Mrs. Jas. A. King, Thanksgiving, $2.00; Children's Praise Circle, Halifax, Thanksgiving, $2.95; Mrs. G. B. Lee, Thanksgiving, $1.00; J. E. Nicholson for little Ross, Thanksgiving, $1.00; Mr. E. P. Dixon, Thanksgiving, $5.00; Miss Lucy M. Recks, Thanksgiving, $1.00; Miss Fannie B. Jenkins, Thanksgiving, $2.50; Brooklyn, Thanksgiving, $1.80; Trinity Church, Charlotte, Thanksgiving, $11.69; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Spiers, Thanksgiving, $10.00; Hendersonville, Thanksgiving, $4.00; Kinston, Thanksgiving, $25.00; Aberdeen, Thanksgiving, $28.00; Whiteville, Thanksgiving, $17.35; Biscoe, Thanksgiving, $60.00; Trinity Church, Durham, Thanksgiving, $18.00; Mrs. Margaret Strayhorn, Thanksgiving, $3.00; Burlington, Thanksgiving, $9.19; Mocksville, Thanksgiving, $9.63; ladies of Lumberton, window, Thanksgiving, $4.00; young men of Lumberton, bed, Thanksgiving, $15; Littleton S. S., Thanksgiving, $10.00; Mr. J. R. Love on subs., $10.00; Granville Circuit, $19.17; Littleton, per Treasurer, Thanksgiving, $31.06.

Donations in kind:

Box of clothes from W. H. M. S., Weldon; box of clothes from W. H. M. S., New Bern; box of sundries, Edenton; box of sundries, Rich Square S. S.; one quilt from Miss Spivey and Weaver, Rich Square; box clothes from Mrs. Bettie Partridge, Jonesboro; one barrel of apples from Crowder & Rand, Raleigh; sundry dry goods from Dobbin & Ferrall, Raleigh; sack of sweet potatoes from Mr. A. H. Green, Raleigh; four pairs of hose from Mrs. Abbie Best, Wilson; one barrel of apples from W. A. Linnehan, Raleigh; two barrels pumpkins, T. A. Sharpe, Aberdeen; one bunch of bananas from Masters Josephus, Worth Bagley and Jonathan Worth Bagley; box of shoes from Gibson Co., Gibson; sack of peanuts from W. R. Cooper, Wilmington; box of clothes from Mrs. F. R. Johnston, Plymouth.

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DAVIS— FLEET. — Married in Wilmington, N. C., November 16th, in Fifth Street Methodist Church, Mr. James Love Davis and Miss Edna Louise Fleet, Rev. A. McCullen officiating.

WALTERS — JOHNSON. — On November 8, 1904, at the home of Mr. H. Johnson, Mr. Maston Walters and Miss Cattie Johnson were united in matrimony, Rev. J. M. Ashby officiating.

TURNER — YOUNG. — In Flat Rock Baptist Church, Franklin County, N. C., Mr. Numa Fletcher Turner and Miss Kate Lorinne Young, Rev. A. L. Ormand performing the ceremony.

HOWELL—JONES.—Married by Rev. F. A. Bishop, November 16, 1904, at the residence of Mrs. L. D. Jones, mother of the bride, Mr. Henry Clarence Howell to Miss Adnah Williams Jones. All of Raleigh, N. C.

WILSON—HORTON.— Married in Warren County, N. C., November 16th, 1904, at the residence of Mr. J. F. P. Horton, father of the bride, Mr. James E. Wilson and Miss Viola D. Horton. Rev. L. M. Chaffin, officiating.

Obituaries

Obituaries containing not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit

HARRISON.—D. H. Harrison was born March 13, 1838, and died November 19, 1904, aged 66 years, 8 months and 6 days. He joined the M. E. Church, South, at Shady Grove over twenty years ago, under the ministry of Rev. W. H. Puckett, and remained a member till death. On March 12, 1856, when 18 years of age, he married Miss Mary Ballard, who now mourns her loss. During the last four years, three of his daughters and three of his grandchildren have died. He leaves no children, but nine grandchildren. God's blessing on the bereaved.

D. C. GEDDIE.

DICKENS.—Sister Hally Young, wife of O. F. Dickens, deceased, after nearly a year of confinement to her bed, died at the home of her son-in-law, R. W. Carter, October 19, 1904. She was nearly seventy-eight years old.

Sister Dickens had been a member of the M. E. Church, South, at Ebenezer, Roanoke Circuit, for many years. It was the privilege of the writer to visit her some during her illness, and it was a blessing to talk with her for she was truly a mother in Israel—a woman who always lived for God and the right. She was not able to get to her church this year, but she loved her church. She leaves five boys and two girls to mourn their loss. Two girls have preceded her to the glory land.

May the Lord bless the bereaved ones and help them to meet their mother in heaven.

W. B. HUMBLE.

November 21, 1904.

TEMPLE.—John Andrew Temple was born October 29, 1883, and died October 25, 1904, at his father's home, Afton, Warren County, N. C. He was converted and joined the church at Providence, Warren Circuit, under the ministry of Rev. T. J. Daily, in the fall of 1895, and ever afterwards lived a faithful, Christian life. His sickness was long and painful, but he bore it without a murmur. He was the friend of everybody, and everyone who knew him was his friend. I have no idea that John Andrew Temple had an enemy in the world. He loved his church and all her interests. He was always glad when the time came to go to dear old Providence, and since the evening of the 26th of October, all that was mortal of this dear young man sleeps in her cemetery near the spot where he firts found Christ. For Johnnie to die was gain. His rest is sweet.

Dear parents, sisters and brother, it is well with your loved one now. He can never come to you, but you can go to him. That will be a happy meeting!

"Just gone within the veil, where we shall follow.
Not far before us, hardly out of sight—
We down beneath him in this lovely hollow,
And he far up on yonder sunny height.
Gone to begin a new and happier story,
His bitterer tale of earth now told and done;
These outer shadows for that inward glory
Exchanged forever—O thrice blessed one!"

B. C. ALLRED.

PARTRIDGE—John J. Partridge, son of the late John J. Partridge and Bettie Bradshaw Partridge, was born August 31, 1890, and departed this life October 20, 1904, aged fourteen years, one month and twenty days.

His father went to heaven when John was only four weeks old, thus leaving the responsibility of training the boy to his devoted mother, who availed herself of every opportunity to make her baby boy just such a man as his sainted father would have had him be.

John was endowed with many noble traits of character and was fast developing into a most promising young manhood. He was a pupil of the writer most of the present year and he is sure that he knew John as thoroughly as any one, and can truthfully say he never knew a more thoroughly upright boy than John Partridge.

He was the very soul of honor, perfectly frank, open and sincere in all his dealing with others, and spurned anything that was little. In consequence of these fine traits of character, he was an unusual favorite with all with whom he came in contact. In school he shirked no responsibility and never gave his teachers any trouble and was always the most popular boy in school. He made a public profession of trust in Christ during the past summer, and at a time when there was no excitement or no special pressure brought to bear upon him to cause this step on his part. It was like him to see the necessity of faith in Christ, and then to, publicly; acknowledge it without any hesitancy.

He did not stop to question what others might think, but came to the conclusion that he ought to surrender to Christ, and then he had manliness to act upon his own convictions.

He was at school, on the rostrum, and working an example at the blackboard when he was stricken down without a moment's warning, with a spasm, or something like it, and never regained consciousness.

He had the best medical attention and all that loving hands could do, but to no avail. He lingered on from 9.30 Tuesday morning until Thursday morning at 4 a. m., when God took him out of his sufferings and bade him rest on the banks of sweet deliverance. His death was one of peculiar sadness to his mother. He had grown up by her side and was not only a great help to her, but more of a companion, and a great comfort to her as well as the object of her special love and tenderest care. Friday morning we laid

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his little body in the Jonesboro cemetery, followed by a great concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends, beside his father, thus to await the resurrection morn when he, no doubt, will come forth, and with his father hurry to meet his Lord in the air.

He leaves a heart-broken mother, two brothers and one sister, to mourn his departure. May this dispensation of God's providence draw all the sorrowing ones "closer to His precious bleeding side," and may they lean on Christ in the dark hour and so live through life that they may be permitted to join son and brother again in the home of the good.

E. POPE.

HEFLIN.—Mrs. Lulu B. Heflin, wife of Louis Heflin, and daughter of Simeon and Margaret Bowling, of Durham, N. C., was born December 28, 1870, and departed this life September 29, 1904, in Durham, N. C., in her thirty-fourth year.

Some years ago Mrs. Heflin moved to Texas where she identified herself with the Methodist church and lived a most exemplary and useful life. Her health failing, she returned to North Carolina to die amid the friends of her youth, and comforted by the tender ministries of her devoted father and mother and loving brothers and sisters.

After a painful and lingering illness, borne with most beautiful Christian resignation, she fell on sleep Thursday evening, September 29, 1904. Her death was simply a languishing into life. Without fear, without haste, as one preparing for a fondly anticipated journey, she bade her weeping loved ones goodbye, put her hand in the hand of her Guide, closed her eyes, and opened them in heaven.

She was refined by the discipline of pain, made beautiful by the ministry of suffering, and when death came she welcomed him as the messenger of God who had come to conduct her to the banqueting house of the King. Conscious to the last, her final word was a note of joy and triumph as the house of clay fell in ruins at the feet of the unfettered spirit that waited within the crumbling walls to go home to be with Jesus.

She leaves a household composed of husband and seven children, made desolate by her departure. Mother, father, three brothers and four sisters survive her, each one of whom has promised to meet her in "the land that is fairer than day." May that promise hold them as the tie of God unto life's last hour.

R. C. B.

CHESSON.—On October 24, 1904, John B. Chesson, of Washington County, passed suddenly from his earthly home to his eternal reward, at the age of sixty-seven years, seven months and nineteen days.

He had been in failing health for most of the year, but his host of friends had no thought that the end was so near. The news of his death was a shock. Almost the entire community stopped and turned with tears and sighs to mingle with the family in their deep sorrow. They shared with them in the pain and loss, for he had a warm place in many hearts. He was well and widely known. He had served his county in the official capacity of sheriff for four years and in an important office of the Federal Government for thirteen years. In these trusts he proved himself capable and devoted to duty. He was well-known in his views and convictions also, for he was positive in his nature. But he was best known in his kindness as a neighbor and in his devotion to his family. He was beautifully tender and attentive to his loved ones in the home. The sudden loss of one so dear produces pain that cannot be imagined or realized except by experience. Divine grace alone can heal such wounds.

Brother Chesson was converted in September, 1895, under the ministry of Revs. W. A. Forbes and W. C. Merritt, and joined the Methodist church, of which he remained a member until his death. He read his church paper closely, supported his church and taught his children to do the same. A short time before his death he insisted that he would die soon, but he assured his loved ones that he had no fears of death. He said to his pastor, "It is all right, I shall be at rest."

He loved to visit the sick, comfort the sorowing and help the needy. Many acts like these, from a sympathetic heart, adorned his life. He was sunny and cheerful in the sickroom and in the social circle.

He was first married to Eliza J. Rea, December 9, 1863.

Three children were born to this union, two of whom are living. His second marriage was to Eleanor A. Tarkenton, November 19, 1874. To this union eight children were born. Four are living.

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Hugh S. Thompson, former Governor of South Carolina, died at his residence in New York Sunday night. He was born in Charleston, S. C., in 1836. In recent years he was comptroller of the New York Life Insurance Company. Thompson was elected Governor of South Carolina in 1882. He was Comptroller of the Currency under Cleveland's administration, and after his retirement from office in Washington went to New York. He was critically ill for several days prior to his death.

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Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge, who suffered a stroke of apoplexy a few days ago, died Saturday night at his home at Lexington. Col. Breckinridge was born in Lexington, August 28, 1837. He was noted as a lawyer and orator and served five terms in Congress. During his last term he became involved in a scandal with a woman and his usefulness as a public man was destroyed.

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THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

IN ITS SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION, HENDERSON, N. C.

REPORTED BY S. L. ADAMS.

The sixty-eighth annual session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened at Henderson, N. C., Wednesday, November 30, 1904, at 9.30 o'clock a. m., the opening devotional exercises being conducted by Bishop W. A. Candler, who read selections from the 9th and 10th chapters of St. Luke, and made appropriate comment. His remarks defining spiritual heroism were inspiring and helpful.

Hymn No. 221, was heartily sung, and a feeling prayer offered by the Bishop, who then called upon Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, the Secretary of the last Conference, to call the roll, which showed a large attendance for the first day's session, 133 members responding.

On motion, Rev. W. L. Cuninggim was chosen Secretary of the Conference, an honor he has received at twelve preceding Annual Conferences consecutively.

The hours for meeting were fixed at 9.30 a. m., with adjournment at 1 p. m.

Resolutions of fraternal greetings from the other denominations of Henderson were read, and on motion of Rev. E. A. Yates, D. D., the Secretary was instructed to make suitable response to each.

On motion, a special committee on the divorce evil was appointed, which was as follows: Rev. E. A. Yates, D. D., Rev. R. F. Bumpas, and Hon. L. L. Smith.

Speaking of divorce the Bishop said: "Do not let the impression get abroad that the Methodist church is just now waking up on this question. It is one of long standing with us. I am glad to see some people who have been doing nothing are now coming to the front on the question.

It can't be emphasized too much. We want to go back to God's laws and we must go there or go to destruction. The Methodists have been in favor of the Bible position a long time."

Report from the Publishing House at Nashville was read and referred to the proper committee. It showed a gratifying increase in sales of literature, and a prosperous condition generally.

Encouraging reports were also presented and referred from the general boards or Foreign Missions, Sunday Schools, Education and from the General Secretary of the Epworth League interest, and the Director of the Correspondence School.

Rev. W. R. Lambuth, D. D., Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, was introduced to the Conference, and delivered a very interesting outline of the great progress being made in the Foreign Mission field.

The annual report of the Board of Trustees of Trinity College, was presented and read by Dr. John C. Kilgo, the president, and same referred to the Board of Education.

The report of Greensboro Female College was presented by Secretary of the Conference at the requeste of Rev. A. P. Tyer, and referred to the proper committee.

The following committees were announced:

Books and Periodicals—Clerical: W. H. Puckett, N. C. Yearby, E. M. Snipes, J. W. Bradley, W. A. Jenkins, J. H. M. Giles, W. S. Rouse, E. E. Rose, A. J. Parker. Lay: M. Mial, A. J. Thompson, C. W. Bynum, H. M. John, C. H. Johnson, W. L. Arendell, W. K. Jacobson, J. T. Flythe, J. A. Kramer.

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District Conference Records.—J. M. Culbreth, M. D. Giles, J. C. Humble, W. F. Sanford, W. E. Brown, C. C. Sell, R. C. Craven, H. A. Humble, W. F. Craven.

Memoirs.—J. C. Kilgo, S. F. Nicks, F. D. Swindell, C. O. DuRant, L. L. Nash.

Bible Cause.—M. M. McFarland, G. D. Langston, A. D. Betts, J. P. Pate, Y. E. Wright, T. P. Bonner, B. H. Black, L. M. Chaffin, S. T. Moyle.

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Sabbath Observance.—T. A. Smoot, G. T. Adams, K. D. Holmes, J. W. Potter, R. A. Willis.

Temperance.—Clerical: J. H. Shore, Rufus Bradley, J. H. Frizzelle, R. A. Willis, E. H. McWhorter, E. H. Davis, J. A. Hornaday, G. D. Langston, H. M. North. Lay: T. R. Hood, W. R. Hambrick, B. Cole, R. T. Poole, R. H. Beery, G. V. Richardson, J. C. L. Davenport, Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer, L. L. Smith.

Conference adjourned at one o'clock.

MEETING OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Conference Historical Society held a brief meeting Tuesday evening before Conference, at which time Rev. A. D. Betts, D. D., was expected to speak on "Recollections of the North Carolina Conference;" but he failed to reach Henderson in time, owing to a belated train. The following were elected officers of the Society:

President.—L. S. Massey.

Vice-President.—W. W. Rose.

Secretary.—R. W. Bailey.

SECOND DAY.

The Conference reassembled at 9.45 Thursday morning, Bishop Candler in the chair. The opening worship was conducted by Rev. E. A. Yates, D. D., who read selections from the 12th chapter of Romans.

The minutes of the first day's session by the Secretary were found correct and approved

Rev. L. L. Nash, D. D., read a letter addressed to the body, from Mr. F. C. Toppleman, General Manager of the Home Telephone Company, offering the use of its long-distance lines free, to members of the Conference during the session, and the Conference accepted the courtesy by vote and requested Dr. Nash to write Mr. Toppleman a letter of thanks.

The arrival of the following lay delegates who were not present the first day, was announced: W. F. Gibson, Rockingham District; John F. Bruton and T. M. Anderson, of Wilson; Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer and J. T. Flythe, of Warrenton, and L. L. Smith, of Elizabeth City.

Report of the General Board of Church Extension was read and referred to committee.

Rev. J. M. Rhodes, president of Littleton Female College, presented and read report of the Trustees of that Institution, which was referred to committee.

A communication was read from a committee representing the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina upon the subject of divorce, and same was referred to the special committee on the subject appointed the first day of the Conference.

The Bishop called question 20, and the several Presiding Elders passed the usual examination of character, and submitted reports which were in part as follows:

Rev. W. H. Moore, Raleigh District: Have had a close unremitting year's work, revivals on many of the charges; a number of conversions and accessions to the church, though net gain on the district is small, owing to revision of the church records, which ought to have been done several years ago. Preachers on the District have done a good year's work.

Rev. J. B. Hurley, Fayetteville District: Good revivals in nearly all the churches, about 1,000 conversions, with between seven and eight hundred accessions. Net increase about five hundred. There has been an increase in salaries paid the pastors, fourteen of the charges paid out in full. Hay Street increased pastor's salary $300. Domestic Mission collection paid in full, and on the whole a wonderful advance in the old district.

Rev. J. N. Cole, Rockingham District: Found the district in good condition, owing to the faithful work of my predecessor. The pastors have done an excellent year's work. Some 800 or 900 professions, with about four hundred and fifty accessions. Many persons converted in the numerous revival meetings on the district uniting with churches of other denominations. There was an increase in salaries at several points. Two elegant churches have been erected, the one at Rowland at a cost of $2,000. A large portion of the money subscribed for commodious brick church at Hamlet. One new parsonage built. Conference collections paid in full. The district abounds in noble laymen who love the church. It has been a delightful year's work.

Rev. R. B. John, Wilmington District: Good revivals on many of our charges, a meeting held in nearly every church on the district during the

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Contributions

A Chaplin for Penitentiary.

BY J. V. WILLIAMS.

It is customary for State prisons in these days of advanced religion, as well as advanced thought generally, to appoint a chaplain to serve the poor fallen men, who have been brought to prison through sin. If one will take the time to look into the matter, it will be found that the rule is now, that all up-to-date large prisons, whether city or State, are supplied with the gospel.

Imagine my surprise when in Raleigh some time ago, to find that our State's Prison has no chaplain, and that the only gospel services held there was by the ministry of Raleigh, who volunteer to preach from Sabbath to Sabbath for the prisoners, without any remuneration from the State, or any body else. They pay their own expenses in addition to giving their services. Is this right?

Unquestionably, the prison should have religious services, and as all others who serve that State are paid for their work why not pay the preacher for his work?

Again, it would be money well spent, as many poor criminals would find the better life and return to their families Christian men, instead of remaining thieves, and soon finding their way back to the State's Prison for a further cost to the State.

If He saved the dying thief why can't He save the living thief?

I know many men of beautiful Christian characters who were once in prison.

Our penitentiary at Raleigh should have a chaplain, and the State should pay him at least $1,000 per annum.

Granbery.

My Dear Doctor Ivey:

If it be agreeable to you, I shall count it a privilege to correspond with your readers occasionally, bringing to their attention the great interests of the Church here in the "Land of the Southern Cross."

Here we are at work, two hours and a quarter to the east of Washington, and astride the Tropic of Capricorn. The grave of our first martyr, James W. Voger, lies in the city of S. Paulo, right on this Tropic.

Ours is the only country that our church occupies, south of the Equator, out of sight of the pole star, with the seasons all inverted and Christmas the longest, hottest day of the year.

Our other missionaries lose sight of their native land; but we down here give up land and stars. A lonely feeling comes o'er the heart, when we look up to the eternal stars and find that those we knew the best are gone from sight. Still, we labor on, and the cause goes forward.

I am on Brazilian soil now for the third time, and what I find of most importance in the present epoch of our history here, is the Granbery.

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Mr. Wishard, in his book, shows that the evangelization of any country must be done by a native ministry. What would Luther have done in Scotland, or Knox in Italy? Moody and Tolstoi could never have swapped places or countries. Sam Jones with an interpreter would make a poor show in Brazil.

The great work of the foreign missionary is like that of the Master, to train and inspire a group of apostolic messengers and send them forth to proclaim, as heralds of the cross, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A sense of the importance of the Granbery, thus grows upon us all here; and we are planning and working to make it more efficient in the evangelization of this people.

We now have the School of the Prophets well organized, with a course of study running through five years. We have four professors and sixteen students in the Theological Department; and we hope and pray and labor that these promising young men may be used of God for a great and noble work in the cause of Christ.

Besides this school the Granbery has a gymnasium, a preparatory department, a school of dentistry, and one of pharmacy.

Of these I will write at another time.

Yours very truly,

J. M. LANDER.

Juiz de Fora, Brazil, Oct. 18, 1904.

Archaeological Discoveries.

BY M. B. CHAPMAN, D.D., IN EPWORTH ERA.

In the ruins of Susa the French explorers a few years ago had the good fortune to discover a block of black diorite, nearly eight feet high, upon which was engraved the long-sought-for code of Hammurabi, who was a contemporary of Abraham, and ruled not only over Babylonia, but over Canaan as well. Hammurabi was the founder of the Babylonian empire, and reigned from 2287 to 2232 B. C. He was the Amraphel of Genesis xiv., and united under his rule all the cities of Babylonia, and became the true founder of what is known as the Old Babylonian Empire. He rebuilt cities and canals, and erected many splendid temples and other public buildings, which he adorned with costly works of art.

Hammurabi's most important work was the code of laws, which remained the basis of Babylonian and Assyrian law until the fall of both empires. The monument discovered at Susa contained originally about 3,600 lines of writing, divided into forty-nine columns; but five columns on the front have been erased by some Elamite king, probably Sutruk Nahunte (about 1100 B. C.), who served the stela of Naram-Sin in a similar manner. The writing is a very beautiful type of the best archaic script, a kind of black letter cuneiform, long used by kings of royal inscriptions after the cursive writing was invented.

Hammurabi has been called the Babylonian Moses, for the reason that he promulgated a code of laws which in some respects is remarkably like the Mosaic code of the Hebrews. The comparison between the Pentateuchal codes and the Babylonian codes shows how close the resemblance is between them. It is possible that Abraham, a contemporary and subject of Hammurabi, and living in Ur, near Babylon, might have known these laws and carried them with him to Palestine. Archaeological discovery has also made it clear that similar campaigns had already taken place centuries perviously, and that Canaan was at the time subject to Babylonia. Babylonia was at this particular period under the suzerainty of Elam and divided into two kingdoms, Hammurabi reigning in the North, while Eri-Aku of Larsa, the Ellasar of Genesis, governed in the South.

The supreme interest which attaches to the Hammurabi code is not only from the circumstance that it is the oldest system of laws known to us, but from the further circumstance that without doubt it exercised a deep influence upon the later Hebrew code. In process of time, when the laws were written and codified in Exodus, Deuteronomy, and Leviticus, it is natural that some of them should be the same as the Babylonian code with which Israel was so long familiar. It is entirely possible that Hammurabi's code was familiar to the communities inhabiting Canaan, and may have been the very laws used by them in settling disputes and punishing offenders.

A distinguished writer says: "The code of Hammurabi is one of the most important monuments of the human race." The code casts a strong side light upon the Babylonian life of the period when it was compiled, and thus constitutes one of the most valuable monuments spared to us from the old Semitic world. It defines the rights and duties of husband and wife, master and slave, of merchants, gardeners, tenants, shepherds—of all the classes which made up the population of the Babylonian Empire. As in the case of the later Hebrew code, the principle of retaliation determined the penalty for injury done another; it was an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and a limb for a limb.

For more than two thousand years after its compilation this code of laws was in force in the Assyrian and Babylonian Empires, and even after the lapse of time it was used as a text-book in the schools of the Mesopotamian lands. "As the oldest body of laws in existence," says an eminent Assyrian scholar, "it marks a great epoch in the world's history, and must henceforth form the starting point for the systematic study of of historic jurisprudence."

What Hour is Best for Sunday-Schools?

Practical Sunday-school workers from a dozen States and provinces have recently written to the Editor telling what hour on Sunday they believe to be the best hour for holding the regular session of the school. The subject was brought up some weeks ago by an Ohio worker, who expressed his hope that The Sunday-school Times would exert its inuence in "making more general the convening of those engaged in teaching and studying God's Word at the morning hours of the Sabbath day,"—that is, at an hour before the morning preaching service. He strongly opposed the noon hour, and quoted Marion Lawrance as calling it "the most intolerable hour for convening a Sunday-school." The Editor invited readers to express their preferences as based on their experience, and as a result a pageful of interesting testimony was published in last week's issue. Not all the letters received could appear; but the selections published fairly represented the differing views and expreinces.

A summary reveals some interesting facts. It shows, for one thing, that local conditions are an important factor in settling the question for each school. And varying local conditions had pretty general representation, for Sunday-schools were heard from in Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Texas, Minnesota, Arkansas, Ontario, Massachusetts, Maryland, Manitoba, British Columbia, and North Carolina.

The number favoring the morning hour, before the preaching service, exactly equaled the number favoring the afternoon hour. Each of these hours had more than twice as many advocates as the noon hour. While more cities were heard from than towns and villages, the fact that more than one-third of all the Sunday-schools reporting were country Sunday-schools makes the discussion a representative one.

Of the few Sunday-schools favoring the noon hour, exactly half of the number were country schools, and half were city schools. Of those favoring the morning hour, the country schools were slightly in the majority. Of those favoring the afternoon, all were city schools. Here is a brief statement of the pros and cons urged by Sunday-school workers in city and country for and against all three hours:

Noon:—Advantages: The largest attendance will be secured, and members and visitors can be won from the congregation; in the country, dairying work and other farm chores preclude the early morning hour, and the distance to be traveled puts two trips a day out of the question.

Disadvantages: People are tired and children are uneasy after church; two services in succession are against the laws of health, and the noon hour is the usual dinner hour, therefore unwise; the Sunday-school is too important to be tacked on to any other service.

Morning:—Advantages: Minds and bodies are brighter and fresher, and all are at their maximum of efficiency; better teachers can be secured (as the best teachers are the busiest people, who want their afternoons for rest, and they ought to have them); children are less restless than later; more children will attend the preaching service; more people will attend the evening service.

Disadvantages: People like to sleep late, and won't get up for early session; service is likely to be hurried on account of church; farm chores in the country make it impossible to attend; it was tried in one city, and attendance fell off nearly one-half; children have no time for finishing touches on the lesson, which is usually prepared on Sunday or not at all; snowy roads of the morning are likely to be cleared by the afternoon.

Afternoon:—Advantages: The Sunday-school is given a session independent of any other, as it ought to have; the tired mothers are given an afternoon of rest; the noon meal is not interfered with; the childrens' attention is not diverted by weariness or hunger; snowy roads are likely to be more cleared in the afternoon than early morning; it keeps young people from concerts, theaters, and other places of amusement in the city; leaves no excuse for tardiness.

Disadvantages: Children are dull and sleepy then; too much to expect country people to make the long trip to the church twice on Sunday; gives people an excuse for not attending evening church; prevents parents and children from spending Sunday afternoons together,—about the only time they have for this; people are tired out after having attended morning service; fails to secure the best teachers, for the busy people who teach ought to have their Sunday afternoon for rest.

Here is a wide range to choose from; for every reason in favor of any hour one can find a counter-reason against it. But to Sunday-school workers generally, with the single exception of those in country districts where great distances must be driven to and from church, the Editor of The Sunday School Times unhesitatingly commends the afternoon as the desirable time for the Sunday-school session. The Bible teaching service of the church is the most important service of the church. It is not likely to be at its best if held immediately before or after another service. And while the object of the Sunday-school is by no means merely to take children off their mothers' hands, it is true that the long Sunday afternoon with no school is likely to prove Satan's opportunity for many a young person,—and older one too. The objections to the afternoon session cited by some of the workers would seem to be outweighed by its positive advantages. The persons who may be drawn from the congregation into the noon hour school are likely to be transients, and a Sunday-school's efficiency and influence are not reckoned by its number of visitors. The freshness of body and mind that is claimed for the morning hour does not seem to have departed by half past two o'clock on week-days sufficiently to shut down the public schools or places of business.

Mr. Lawrance's knowledge of conditions and ideals in the Sunday-school field is not exceeded, if equaled, by any other living worker. He believes in the afternoon hour as the best. The late Dr. H. Clay Trumbull knew the Sunday-school field of North America from ocean to ocean; his convictions were unequivocal, and matured by his lifetime experiences. He believed in the afternoon hour.—Sunday School Times.

The Missionary Training School.

The establishment of the Missionary Training School is the result of a purpose on the part of the Board of Missions to meet a threefold need in the Church. First, there is the need of training a corps of city missionaries. The General Conference convened in Dallas, Tex., 1902, authorized the development of a system of city missions in these terms: "The Board of Missions shall be authorized to organize, with the indorsement of the Annual Conference, and in co-operation with the Annual Conference Board of Missions, a system of city missions." In pursuance of this act of the General Conference, the Board of Missions, at its annual session in St. Louis, Mo., 1903, drafted a plan of city missions, one item of which is as follows: "Provision shall be made by the Secretaries of the Board of Missions for the development and training of a corps of city missionaries, provided acceptance for service shall be subject to the approval of the Committee on Candidates, as in the case of candidates for missionary work on the foreign field." Thus it became of vital importance that a school be established at once in which to train the city missionaries.

Secondly, there has been a growing need in recent years for a central training school in order to provide suitable courses of study for missionary candidates for the foreign field. This matter was the subject of prolonged and careful consideration by the Secretaries and the Board of Missions, with the result that, at the annual meeting of the Board in Waco, Tex., 1904, the following resolution to establish the Training School was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretaries be authorized to arrange for a training class, or school of methods, to be opened in the months of January, February, and March; and that our candidates for work in foreign fields, as far as possible, be required to attend.

EUGENE R. HENDRIX.
CHARLES B. GALLOWAY.

The third need of the Church for a training school is that of providing courses of reading and of study adapted to the wants of home missionaries on circuits, and of other Christian workers. In the development of home missions attention has been given hitherto rather to the financial side of the work than to the training and equipment of the missionaries themselves. The Southern Methodist Church has over thirteen hundred home missionaries. They are a heroic band, serving the Church in places that test the souls of men; still they bravely toil on with small salaries with scant recognition, often seeing their families stinted even of the necessities of life. And yet their greatest hardship is not physical need, but intellectual and spiritual impoverishment. It is with an earnest desire to meet these needs of our home, as well as those of our foreign, missionaries that the Board of Missions has established the Training School.

While the school is organized primarily for missionaries, it will furnish courses specially adapted for Sunday-school teachers, Epworth League workers, and persons engaged in other kinds of Christian service.

The Training School is not a rival of other institutions of the Church. On the other hand, it is intended to be a feeder to both the Scarritt Bible and Training School and the Vanderbilt Theological Seminary. The hearty co-operation of the Vanderbilt Faculty has been tendered the school, several of its members being on the teaching force.

THE BIBLE TEACHERS' CLASS.

Every Monday evening the Bible Teachers' Class will be conducted by H. M. Hamill, of the Sunday School Department. The object of this class is twofold: first, to give the students experience in teaching the Bible in the homes, under the direction of an expert Bible scholar and teacher; and secondly, to render direct evangelistic service in behalf of the unchurched of the city. Thus while the students are studying both the subject and method of teaching, they will be engaged in the most important of all work—preaching and teaching the gospel in the homes of the people, with the aim of leading them to Christ.

THE DEVOTIONAL HOUR.

There will be no more important hour in the entire programme of the school than that set apart for a purely devotional service every Wednesday evening throughout the session. The exercises will be in charge of Dean Wilbur F. Tillett, who will deliver a series of short addresses extending through the term. The general subject of this series will be: "What Is the Christian Life and Religion?" The supreme object of these meetings will be the enrichment of the spiritual life.

PRACTICAL INVESTIGATIONS.

Several hours each week will be given to practical investigation under the direction of a trained leader. Those students who are specially interested in city evangelization will have ample opportunity to study at first hand some of the important social and religious problems of a typical Southern city. Other original investigations will be conducted by the school, such as a study of the rural Church, of factory work, etc., and the results will be reported to the students from time to time.

The Gospel's Golden Age.

Winkelman, artist and critic, residing in Rome, spent an hour each day meditating his Italian felicity. These musings gave fined edge to his chisel, and a defter touch to his pencil, which inspiration expressed itself in marble minstrelsy and glowing canvas. Multitudes have lived in the Eternal City unmoved by the serene, azure sky arching them, fanned by silken breezes, amid the peaceful ruins of a classic antiquity, unmindful of their happy environment, uninspired by the mute eloquence of crumbling sculpture, and the speaking silence of sunny skies and Campanian landscapes.

How many, born in America, heirs to its varied attractions of zone, rivers, mountains, meads, prairies, resplendent with towns and cities, resonant with the hum of industry symphonic with anvil choruses, the entrancing song of birds and wave of gorgeous plumage, affluent in homes of peace, barns bursting with plenty, fertile in soils and golden in products, living in a land of liberty, classic with colleges and academic groves, consecrated in shrines, billowed with heroic graves, with freedom's constellated banner fanned by Atlantic breezes and kissed by Pacific zephyrs—"God o'erhead and heart within"—without a grateful heart to the Giver of all Good!

Myriads reek not the mercies to which they are native. They live and die strangers to their American birthright and boon. Many travel far abroad, vainly seeking what they have left behind.

Paradise is where one is not—always ahead of the emigrant. The soul has its climate and carries with it its own temperature. We require not so much a larger revenue as we do a knowledge of how rich we are.

The autumnal bee, with the honey of the hive on its nose, takes this enrichment as the lure of distant flowers, and flies far a-field in search of a golden sweet left stored at home. Night overtakes it in the futile chase, the twilight dews congeal on its weary wings, and, a victim to its greed, it falls to the frozen furrow to die.

So we see men journeying far in the winter of their discontent, seeking the sweets they have left at home, more from fancied flowers or blossoms already plundered of their nectar, instead of staying by the store already gathered by manhood's earlier toil. With the home hive dripping with the honey of prosperity, they leave the overflowing comb in search of an ever-retreating lure.

The race for the bag of gold at the foot of the rainbow is no fable, but a parable. "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver, nor he that hath abundance with increase." He was wise who, seeing the world so stocked with luxuries beyond his purse, thanked God there were so many things he could do without.

Paul had found the word-key that turns every bolt in the lock of life when he swung to his girdle, "I have learned in whatever state I am therewith to be content."

No man ever found the spring-source of perennial joy in worldly delights—broken and leaky cisterns.

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast;
Man never is, but always to be, blest."

Satisfaction is a celestial boon; contentment is a terrestrial grace.

All other beings than man are in the enjoyment of perfect happiness. To them memory brings no regrets; hope is shadowed by no fears. The past is buried in oblivion; the future is impenetrably veiled. The ephemera sport in a sunbeam and sing their hosanna on the verg of the tomb. "Dum-driven cattle" pass browsing to the slaughter-pen, without a premonition of their martyrdom to human hunger. Man is laid in the cradle with a cry, oscillates between a smile and a tear, and goes to the grave with a groan. But he

"Can make his life sublime,
And, departing, leave behind him
Footprints on the sands of time."

He is under discipline in a gymnasium of effort, in an arena of achievement, and can make or mar his destiny. Always afflicted, he would be sullen and despondent; always prosperous, would be giddy and insolent. Pains and pleasures, joys and sorrows are so mingled in his cup as to give room for business and domestic felicity, and, at the same time refine him for an "inheritance with the saints in light."

To him is given supporting grace, enabling him to rejoice in afflictions, to take chastisement as rectoral, and to look forward for the righting of every wrong, the redress of every grievance, the supply of every rational want, and compensation for every woe. Eternity is the measure of his cycle, and immortality his glorified opportunity. Everywhere is God. In His "presence is fullness of joy." There are trials and triumphs.

"There are briers besetting every path,
That call for patient care;
There is a cross in every lot,
And an earnest need for prayer;
And the lowly heart that trusts in Thee
Is happy everywhere."

THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

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year. About 400 to 500 accessions; much church building done, some six or seven new edifices being completed, four of them at new places. The district parsonage debt has been paid. Missionary collections paid in full. Preachers salaries increased.

Rev. F. D. Swindell, New Bern District: Closing up fourth year on the district and the eighth year within its bounds, and realize with feelings of regret that must soon part with the fine body of Methodists on the New Bern District. Work on the district for the year has been very good, generally; the erection of new church is reported from the church at New Bern which will cost $65,00 or $70,000; church at Goldsboro improved, Sunday-school rooms built at expenditure of about $12,000. Two new churches built on Goldsboro Circuit. New parsonage erected at Hookerton. Mission collections paid in full and over. Advance in other collections, but not in full. Pastor's salaries increased. Three hundred and seven accessions on the district, 71 reported from the church at New Bern. District in good condition and advancing.

Rev. J. D. Bundy, Washington District: Fine revivals on most of the charges; 400 accessions, with net gains of 300; one parsonage built; two churches dedicated, one being presented by a lumber company near Vanceboro. Seven charges pay up in full. Amount paid per capita compares well with other districts, our district being overassessed probably. Good progress being made on the district.

Rev. G. F. Smith, Warrenton District: Eighteen of the twenty charges pay up in full, an increase of $400 in Conference collections, an increase of $700 in preacher's salaries. Five hundred and thirty-seven joined on profession of faith. Four new churches built, several parsonage debts paid; 300 new subscribers to Raleigh Christian Advocate secured. Good meetings, profitable year, a true, loyal and consecrated membership, and both preachers and people have wrought well.

Rev. J. E. Underwood, Elizabeth City District: Several new churches built, one at a cost of $1,800; 734 accessions. Several parsonage and church debts paid and the district parsonage debt wiped out. All Conference collections paid in full and some over. All salaries paid except three on the coast, where the people suffered greatly from storms. Circulation of the Christian Advocate increased 200.

Rev. J. T. Gibbs, D. D., Durham District: Good revivals during the year. Twice as many conversions reported as last year, increase in membership about 300—and that too after revising the rolls. Good financial report; about half the pastors receiving increased salaries. Conference collections all up, and some overpaid. A large sum raised for church building.

The names of Revs. J. H. Page, J. M. Rice, Z. T. Harrison, J. Sanford and J. F. Bivins, were referred to the committee on memoirs.

The following names were referred to Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation:

M. C. Thomas, W. S. Davis, J. C. Crisp, T. J. Gattis, J. A. Lee, J. E. Bristowe, J. E. Thomas, M. D. Hix, Samuel Leffers.

And the following for the Supernumerary relation:

R. W. Townsend, C. R. Taylor, J. J. Barker, F. E. Dixon, M. H. Tuttle.

Revs. S. B. Turrentine, J. J. Renn, and A. R. Surratt, of the Western North Carolina Conference, were introduced to the body.

In answer to question 1, the following were admitted on trial: Benj. E. Stanfield, of the Washington District; Wm. Thomas Usry, of Rockingham; Robert D. Daniel, of Warrenton; Enoch W. Hoyle, of Durham; Andrew W. Price, of Elizabeth City.

Question 8 was called: "What travelling preachers are elected Deacons?" Answer: Wm. H. Brown and James H. Buffaloe.

Wm. E. Nicholson was discontinued at his own request.

Question 2, "who remain on trial?" was raised, and the following were called severally, submitted annual reports, and having passed the usual examination of character, and the required course of study, were advanced to the class of the second year:

C. M. Lance, S. F. Nicks, Jno. W. Hoyle, Wm. R. Royall, N. A. Royall, D. A Futrell, Chas. A. Jones, Geo. B. Webster, Robert E. Hunt, Louis E. Sawyer.

The following were continued in the class of the first year: Wm. O. Davis, Robert E. Porter, James E. Saunders.

Conference adjourned at 1.10 p. m.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

Conference was called to order by Bishop Candler, who requested Rev. J. E. Underwood to lead in the morning devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read by the Secretary, and found correctly recorded.

Call of question 5, "Who are readmitted?" was taken up, and the roll of districts showed there were no applicants for readmission.

In answer to question 7, "Who are the Deacons of one year?" J. M. Culbreth, E. M. Snipes, Wm. P. Constable, Wm. Towe, N. C. Yearby, and Wm. A. Piland submitted annual reports, and were advanced to the fourth year.

Wm. H. Brown and Wm. A. Jenkins were continued in the class of the third year.

Rev. E. A. Yates, D. D., chairman of the special committee on divorce laws, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: The committee appointed by you to take into consideration the evils of the present divorce laws of our State, beg leave to report the following:

Your committee has considered a paper addressed to this body, and referred by you to your committee, from the Protestant Episcopal Convention of North Carolina, upon the subject of divorce. And we beg to assure our brethren that we are now, and ever have been, opposed to the unscriptural laws now upon the statute books of our State upon the subjects of divorce; and we deplore the evils—dreadful and cumulative—which are resultant from these lax laws.

The M. E. Church, South, in North Carolina, from the time of its organization down to the present time, has given forth no uncertain sound, nor manifested any lax principles in action upon the subject of divorce—holding it to be a deadly sin to divorce a wife or husband and to marry another—except for the one and only scriptural cause.

Your committee have also considered the fact that other denominations of Christians in the State have recently taken action looking to the memorializing of the Legislature of the State to amend the divorce laws, by repealing all laws and parts of laws which permit the grant of a divorce for any cause whatsoever other than the one scriptural cause. Moral law is a thing to be discovered and not manufactured. It has God for its author, because it is eternal truth. It is the duty of the law-maker therefore to learn what God's will is concerning any matter before it is enacted into law. His word reveals His will through His Son Jesus Christ; and He has made it too plain for doubt that the State has no right to divorce husband and wife for any cause other than the one mentioned by Christ Himself.

To even mention all the evils resulting from loose divorce laws would consume more space and time than is necessary. That which stands in the forefront, is, that divorce of husband and wife breaks up and destroys the Christian home. The Christian home is earth's only vestibule to heaven. It is the best model of government. It presents the best theory of human obedience and the best school of the law. It gives us the best glimpse of the philosophy of the atonement, and is the cor-

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Seeking the Manager.

BY HELEN STRONG THOMPSON.

He sat alone upon the veranda of a pleasant Southern home slowly counting and recounting a basin of beans. Tall, misshapen, "half-witted booby," he was called, the butt of the village boys, unloved, ill-treated, rebuffed by all, taught by none, this thirty-years'-old boy; yet his one absorbing passion was love of a little child.

A click of the wicket-gate, and a child of five summers, with large, solemn dark eyes and sunny hair, bounded up the steps singing in childish treble—

"Hark, the herald angels sing."

The child-man listened eagerly, his face beaming, as he fondly stroked the boy's hair.

"What's coming, little 'un?"

"Jeems, I have something nice to tell you," the child gravely enunciated. "This is Christmas Eve. You and I must go and find Jesus. He is born to-night in a manger. I know the place, because the star will show the way, and the shepherds down on the plains will leave their sheep and go with us."

"Did the angel tell you?" asked the man anxiously.

"Yes, when I was sleeping. He often comes to tell me things. We must take a present to Jesus. Grandpa gave me a gold piece. I will take that, because it must be gold, and mammy will give me cinnamon; and you have myrrh in the garden. These will smell sweet when burned for incense. That is what the wise men had, and we must have it, too."

"Yes, we must do it, too," echoed the child-man.

"Now you must take a nap, Jeems, and so will I. When the stars are shining I will tap on your window, and you must come out. Then we will find Jesus."

"You reckon we can find the way?"

"The star will show the way," replied the child with lustrous eyes. "It is sure to be there."

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In the warm Southern sky the moon had not yet risen, but the stars, one by one, a countless host, made cheer and brightness, and little Philip, absorbed in his thoughts of Bethlehem's story, called and tapped at Jeems' window without a fear. It was soon raised, and the tall, uncouth figure stepped out.

"Have you the myrrh, Jeems?"

"Yes, the myrrh."

"Do you see the star, how bright it is, Jeems?" pointing to Venus. "Now we will follow that star as soon as we get to the plain. It's the right road, I'm sure it is."

The child was greatly excited and trembled visibly, while he gripped his treasure close, the frankincense and gold.

Around the big hill, through the quiet village, then clearing the stile, they soon came into the open country and walked rapidly toward the star. The stillness of the atmosphere lent its aid to a tender awe enveloping both, and they walked in silence over the soft turf. Suddenly the boy stopped.

"Hark!" said he, "the stars are talking."

"What do they speak, Philip?"

"I cannot tell yet. I'm tired, and it seems far. I don't seem to see the star now."

"It's there, over the house yonder,—don't you see, little one? And that's where David lives."

"What David?"

"Why, little David. His father is Mr. Judah."

"Then it's the very place, Jeems. Don't you know, the story says it was the house of David, son of Judah?" said the boy. "But it's growing lighter, Jeems. I can see the star." The child leaned wearily against his companion.

Suddenly, away off to the north, streaks of light darted from the horizon, rose-colored and illumined. Then light deepened, soft and white. Things in shadow came out into distinctness. The whole field was illumined. Voices in the distance of those returning from the village church were clearly chanting:

"Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy."

With ecstacy, Philip whispered:

"It is the angels! Hark!"

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord," sang the chorus of happy voices in the far moors.

"And ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Still the shooting of colored lights, dim forms in the distance, and many voices singing joyfully:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

"That is Gabriel!" said Philip confidently.

"What did he say?" asked Jeems.

"Jesus is born. He said we would find Him in a manger. But where are the shepherds? They must have gone before. That's the house, for the angel sang it."

The tired child stumbled and fell in his excitement, but Jeems lifted him up to his shoulder, and thus, gaily laughing, they hurried on.

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Putting down his burden at the door of an humble log-cabin, they both knocked for admittance. The door was quickly opened by a kindly-faced man, who had but now left the plains where he had folded his sheep for the night. The child-man rushed in and dropped to a seat, but the boy pressed forward to the middle of the room, his face shining with hidden fire. Placing his hand on the treasure-gift, he looked up eagerly with parted lips from which no sound came.

"What do you want, my little man?" asked the man, perplexed.

A motherly woman arose from the shadowy corner of the fire-place. As Philip drew near into the fire-light, his face grew large and more luminous. Stepping fearlessly to her side, he asked:

"Is this the house of David?"

"Yes, David lives here, honey?"

"The son of Judah?"

"That's my name, boy."

"Then the angel said Jesus was born here, and that we would find Him in a manger. The star showed us the way," said the child, trembling. "Here are our presents," beginning eagerly to open his basket.

The woman dropped on her knees beside Philip, folding her arms about him.

"You blessed infant! Where have you come from?" she asked.

"Show us where you have laid Him," said the boy, gently pushing the woman from him. Sobbing, she made no answer.

"You don't mean he isn't here?" crying out sharply, the tender mouth quivering.

"Dear boy, I wish he were, I wish he were! There was a babe here, but he went away," moaned the woman.

"Hush!" said the shepherd gently, stooping to take the child's hand.

"Who told you this story of Jesus?"

"Grandpa, the book and the angels."

"Well, son, I am a shepherd, warming and resting by this fire. I am soon going where Jesus is, and you shall go with me."

"Jeems must go too; he loves Jesus and he heard Gabriel sing the song."

"Yes, Jeems shall go too, but first let me tell you both a story. Sit near the fire and rest, while you listen; and wife, bring hot milk for these waiting lambs."

Obediently, the child sat down, fastening his expectant gaze upon the man, as in gentle, simple guise he repeated the story of nineteen hundred years agone. Each listen with pensive air to these tidings. Gradually a new light lit the pale face of the child-man. Once or twice he asked a question which would have amazed those who knew him as the idiot. At last he rose and straightened himself to his full height. In confused sense he was himself, stupid, misshapen, grotesque, but another had been laughed at, spit upon, even Jesus, his Saviour, his brother! Jeems felt at home with him. No one else ever had loved him, save little Philip. He hardly dared to speak to any one. But Jesus, this Saviour—now he might tell Him all, for He died a cruel death for him yesterday! Christ was indeed born for him.

But Philip was fast succumbing to the chill of disappointment and exhaustion. His breast was heaving with sobs. The kind shepherd had said that Jesus had gone into heaven, yet with a child's persistency, he clung to the happy vision of his imagination.

"He will come, Jeems, because the angel tells the truth. It is not too late yet. See! it isn't morning," he said, as he turned once more to the shepherd, gazing at him through his tears.

Something in his unshaken faith pierced the man's heart. An inspired thought came to him. He took the child determinedly in his arms.

"Come!" he said. "The Lord of heaven has told us that in every little naked, starving child we may touch the hand of Jesus to-night, and that what we give them, he will take as our gift to Him."

"Do you hear that, Jeems? We shall find Jesus to-night," exultingly.

"Yes, laddie, I have found him already right here in this poor heart," answered the child-man.

Phili looked at him wonderfully, and whispered to the shepherd:

"He's all right now, isn't he?"

The man nodded. There was silence in the room, save for the woman's sobs, and as the man walked to the door with his precious burden, she wrapped the child in a warm camlet cloak.

The moon had set, and the night had fallen dark and chill, as the shepherd strode with long strides across the field to the door of a lonely, wretched hut. As they stepped in, the wail of a sick child greeted them, lying on a straw in a trough, wrapped in rags. A young mother crouched on the dirt floor almost naked, her form gaunt with starvation and misery, her eyes heavy with bitterness.

"Have you any food?" asked the shepherd.

"Nothing, and baby is starving. I can't make food!" cried the mother.

"Laddie," said the man, "if you leave your gifts here, Jesus takes them as given to Him because of the love."

"It's the same love, is it?" The voice quavered, yet had a brave ring.

"The very same."

"Then here it is."

Setting down the basket, the child raised his little arms as if reaching out to some Unseen Presence, kissed his hand with a radiant smile, and said:

"Here is the gold, frankincense, and myrrh, Jesus, and the love is all here waiting."

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"Has anything ever equaled the gift of this child?" said the shepherd, as he laid the sleeping boy in his astonished father's arms in the gray of the dawning. "Surely the morning stars have a new song now."

"Then sang at his birth," said the father, exultingly, as he listened to the thrilling story of the child's faith. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven, and their angels do continually behold the face of our Father."—S. S. Times.

The Ten-Thousand-Dollar Man.

Two prominent business men met the other day, and a brief conversation took place which contained, in essence, a whole volume of advice to young men. "I am looking," one of them said, "for a man to whom I can pay a salary of more than ten thousand dollars. I know plenty of ten-thousand-dollar men, but I want one who will be worth more than that. Do you know of anyone?"

"No," the second replied, promptly: "I do not. I only wish that I did."

That was all. It was the experience, and evidently from their tones the constant experience, of two men whose work offered exceptional opportunities. Here was no question of a man fighting his way to promotion—the position was seeking the man; and the man worthy the trust and responsibility could not be found. It was simply another illustration of the old proverb, "There is always room at the top."

"No room"—it is true enough frequently. There is no room for lazy or half-hearted workers; no room for the one who thinks little things "don't count," nor for the one who is bored by his duties and anxious to steal every possible minute from them. But for the alert, honest, clean young man, who makes his employer's interest his own, and puts into his work not only the time stipulated in his agreement, but his whole character—for such a man doors will always open. There is no trade or profession in the world that has not need of him.—Forward.

The Sorrowing Mother.

Last night I dreamed he came to me;
I held him close and wept and said:
"My little child, where have you been?
I was afraid that you were dead."
Then I awoke. It almost seemed
As though my arms could feel him yet.
I had been sobbing in my sleep;
My tears had made the pillow wet.

Sometimes I wake at night to find
That I am out of bed,
As though I heard him calling me;
Then with a pang comes memory:
How can we reach the dead?

I cannot think of him at all
As the bright angel he must be,
But only as my little child
Who may be needing me.

Do not make him grow too wise,
Angels—ye who know;
I am dull and slow to learn,
Toiling here below.

Do not fill his heart too full
With your heavenly joy,
Lest the mother's place be lost
With her little boy.

One night when I was half awake,
I thought he called me, clear and sweet,
And then I heard across the floor
The patter of his little feet.

Last night the air was mild;
The moon was clear, though late,
And somehow then it did not seem
So very hard to wait.
There seemed so much to learn,
So much for me to do,
Before my lessons here were done
And I was ready too.

One night when I had wept till I could weep
No more, I dreamed he came to me in sleep;
He was not sick nor sad, as he had seemed
On almost every night when I had dreamed;
But full of life and flushed with health, and glad.
He took my hand and said: "What makes you sad?"

It has been raining all the afternoon.
These mild, gray days should bring the blossoms soon.
I like these gentle rains, they seem so kind,
Like tears that leave no bitterness behind.

Those may dare to doubt who have
Their loved ones here below:
For me, I do not now believe,
I do not hope—I know.
—Katherine Pyle, in Harper's Bazaar.

What a good Master do we serve that allows us time for sleep and furnishes us with conveniences for it and makes it refreshing and reviving to us! By this it appears that the Lord is for the body, and it is a good reason why we should present our bodies to Him as living sacrifices and glorify Him with them.—Matthew Henry.

Music is the only sensual qualification which mankind may indulge in to excess without injury to their moral or religious feelings.—Addison.

Our Boys and Girls

"God Careth for You."

Little children, all the day,
In your study, in your play,
Storms or sunshine, all the way
"He careth for you!"

When among the pillows white,
Sweetly sleeping till the light,
Through the dangers of the night,
"He careth for you!"

If before your eyes shall wake
Leave of earth your soul shall take,
Still, dear one, for Jesus' sake,
"He careth for you!"
—Linnie Hawley Drake.

A Pair of Shoes.

One summer day a dozen years ago a twelve-year-old boy was seated behind a small desk in the anteroom of a New York morning newspaper office. He was one of the regular force of office boys. One of these had the day before gone away, a fact which had in some mysterious way been noised abroad, and during the day a score of other boys had been in to apply for the place. None of them had been engaged.

Shortly before six o'clock another boy appeared, about the age of the one who sat in the room. "I heard you want to get another office boy," said the new-comer.

The boy in the chair looked the other over carefully without replying. The applicant was a clean, manly-looking little fellow, with frank, blue eyes. The office boy went into the inner room, and then the assistant editor appeared. "What's your name?" he asked briskly.

"Walter Simmons, sir," answered the boy.

The man rapidly questioned him further and looked at a his letters of recommendation. In a moment the boy was engaged.

"You'll go on the night force," said the editor. "Begin to-night at six o'clock—you'll get off somewhere around two. There'll be a couple of the old boys here to tell you what to do."

"Yes, sir," answered the boy, moving toward the door.

As he stepped from behind the desk the editor noticed that he was barefooted. Here, where are your shoes?" said the man. "You'll have to hurry if you've got to go home after them." The boy looked down and hesitated. Then he glanced up at the man and said: "I haven't any shoes, sir."

"No shoes? Well we can't have a bare-footed office boy. Can't you get some?"

Again the boy hesitated. "I'll try my best, sir," he said, with a slight tremor in his voice.

"All right. Turn up here at six with shoes one, and the place is yours; otherwise we'll have to get some one else," and the editor hurried away.

The boy walked slowly out to the head of the stairs. He paused here, and gazed wistfully back into the ante-room. Then, catching the eye of the boy inside, he turned and ran down the steps.

"Hi, there! Hold on, kid!" came a voice from the head of the stairs. He turned on the first landing and saw the other boy looking down at him.

"What's the reason you ain't got any shoes?" asked the office boy.

"All worn out and thrown away. I've been out of work a month, and my mother's sick.

"Got any stockings?"

"Yes; one pair," and he gazed down at his bare legs below his short trousers.

"Well, you must be about my size. I have a pair of shoes I might lend to you for a week, till you draw your pay. What's ye say to that?"

"You wouldn't ask if you knew how much I want the place."

"Well, you skip home and get the stockings. Come right back and wait there where you are. You'll have to hustle if you get back by six."

Walter certainly did "hustle;" he was back several minutes before six, and stood panting on the landing, half afraid that the other would not keep his word. The next moment his new-found friend looked down at him.

"Sit right down there," said the office boy. "Put on the stockings, and I'll be along at six."

Walter did as he was told, and as everybody went up and down by the elvators, he was not disturbed. In a few minutes the office boy came, sat down beside him, and began taking off his shoes. "This is the only pair I've got," he explained. "Nothing very stylish about them; but if they'll do on my feet, they'll do on yours. They cost a dollar, anyhow, and you want to be careful of them—no skating on the floor or kicking the desk legs. Try that one."

"That fits all right," answered Walter.

"Well, get 'em both on quick. My name is Tom Bennett, and I live at 989 Roosevelt Street. There's a bakery in the basement that's open all night. The boss knows me. When you get off at two, you go round there and leave the shoes with him. I'll tell him you're coming. See that you don't fail, 'cause if you do I'll be out of a job myself to-morrow. I got your name and your address from Mr. Hunt; and if the shoes ain't at the bake shop in the morning, I'll be looking for you." He stuffed his own stockings into his pocket and went down the stairs in his bare feet. The other went up and began his duties.

For a week this arrangement was kept up. Tom found his shoes each morning at the baker's and each evening the exchange was made on the landing. At the end of this time Walter was able to get himself a pair, and the partnership in footgear came to an end. But the friendship so oddly begun has never ended, and both boys proved to be capable of rising to better things. Tom is now in the business office and Walter is a reporter.—Youth's Companion.

A Bright Little Dog.

There are imitations everywhere, but the dog whose doings are recorded in Popular Science News was possibly one of the best canine mimics on record. His name was Scott and he was a puppy newly introduced into a certain family circle. In a neighboring house lived Rab, a dog that had grown to an age of dignity and responsibility.

At first the older dog ignored the puppy, which in appearance was almost an exact picture of himself. Then the two became firm friends. Scott was an attendant on Rab's every movement. They ate together, slept together and hunted together.

They were also as one in barking at passing teams. Now barking at teams was forbidden and brought many whippings, but the temptation was strong and the master and mistress were not always present. The sight of the hose-cart whirling past, one day, with rattle and clatter, was a challenge no high-spirited dog could resist. It gave Rab an opportunity to show his young friend how close to a flying hose-cart it is possible to run with impunity. Alas, for his pride! He ran an inch too near, or the cart swerved slightly, and the wheel passed over one of Rab's paws. Although the injury was scientifically treated, Rab was ever after forced to go on three legs and hold the injured paw suspended.

Scott noticed Rab's changed method of locomotion and, like the thorough courtier he was, immediately adopted the new gait. He was so clever in his imitation that it was difficult to tell which dog went lame from necessity and which limped because he thought it was desirable and graceful. Close observation, however, showed that Scott's shapely paw lacked the helpless hang of the older dog's wounded member and that the saucy cock of his ears was at variance with the mournful hang of Rab's.

Scott was a consistent cheat, always holding up the same paw that Rab did and never forgetting his voluntary lameness except on occasions of great excitement, when he was in too great a hurry, having four legs, to confine himself to the use of three.—Selected.

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The Boy Who Dares.

When I was a boy in my native town there was a boy in the same town who would "never take a dare," and who was always daring to do all sorts of fool-hardy things on his own account. I remember that he used to dare to stand on the railroad track until the engine was almost upon him, and he would dare to climb away out on the branches of the tallest trees. He would dare to walk on the tops of high walls of unfinished buildings. He would dare to do even sillier things than those I have mentioned, for I remember that once when the other boys dared him to do it, he walked the entire length of the main street of the town wearing an enormously large hoop-skirt, while he had a tin pan on his head for a hat.

Of course a boy like this would dare to do things that were not only silly, but he would dare to do things that were wrong and that were a source of annoyance and trouble to others. One day he dared bring a dead mouse to school and throw it over on the girls' side of the room during the session of the school. Of course there was a wild scramble for the tops of their seats on the part of the girls, who did not know that the mouse was dead. This threw the school into an uproar and the boy who threw the mouse dared to tell a lie and declare that some one else threw it. The proof against him was overwhelming and he received the whipping he deserved.

I have never known one of these "never-take-a-dare" boys to do anything really brave and heroic. Standing on a railroad track until the train is almost upon one is not the act of a brave nor of a sensible boy. It is not proof of either physical or moral courage. The man or the boy who rushes in front of an advancing train to save a child from death is a real hero, because the deed is inspired by a desire to save another at the risk of one's own life; but to deliberately place one's life in jeopardy merely to "take up a dare" is as silly a deed as a boy can perform.

The boy who dares to do a thing of this kind will some time dare to smoke and drink, and he is quite sure to be a boy who has such a full confidence in his ability to take care of himself that he will go where he pleases and do as he pleases with impunity. It is doing the boy who dares to do anything and everything no injustice to say that he is a fool, but unfortunately for him he belongs to the class of fools of whom it has been written, that "the follies of the fool are known to the world, but are hidden from himself."

The boy who rushes into danger merely to "show off," or because he will not "take a dare," is not nearly so wise or brave as the boy who, seeing danger, does not overlook nor rush into it unless it is necessary to do so.—American Boy.

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Womans Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. B. F. Dixon, Raleigh, N. C.

Officers of the W. F. M. S. of the N. C. Conference, June, 1903-'04.

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Mrs. B. B. Adams, the talented Treasurer of our Conference Society, is at the Wilson Sanatorium; but we know her friends—their name is legion—will rejoice to know she is now convalescent after weeks of illness.

This is the message she sends to the auxiliary treasurers: "Please say to the treasurers not to get weary in waiting for me to send their receipts—their reports are being piled up at Four Oaks, and I hope to go home in a few weeks and attend to them.

All her friends, especially her sisters and co-workers in the missionary cause, are glad to know that Mrs. F. D. Swindell, our efficient Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society, is in the city, a guest of Mrs. R. F. Bumpas.

We hope to have "the light of her countenance," as well as her wise counsel, at our next missionary meeting.

The following clipping will be good news to those who are interested in the prosperity of the foreign mission work:

The late millionaire philanthropist of St. Louis, Richard M. Scroggs, in his will just filed, makes specific bequests of $481,000. Large amounts are left to the Southern Methodist Church for foreign missions.

To W. R. Lambuth, Secretary of the Board of Missions of Nashville, $5,000 are left for a girls' school in Hiroshima, Japan; Bishop E. R. Hendricks will get $5,000 for missions; and the same sums are left to Bishop E. Hoss, Bishop Candler of Atlanta, Bishops Galloway and Wilson for the same purpose.

Here is something interesting from the Weldon F. M. Society:

Dear Mrs. Dixon:—We have just closed our Week of Prayer services, which were both pleasant and profitable.

Meetings were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at the homes of some of the members, and conducted by different ladies.

The program as given in the Advocate was followed up till Thanksgiving night, when a public Thanksgiving service was held at the church. This consisted of "Praise God from whom all blessings flow;" the 100th Psalm as a Scripture lesson was read by the President, Mrs. Ovid Pierce, and prayer by the pastor; a recitation by 24 little boys and girls; a historical sketch of the Society and an excellent paper on Thanksgiving were read.

These were interspersed with good music by the choir, and followed by a short talk by the pastor, Brother Rose.

Our Society was organized by Mrs. L. H. Cunninggim, March 18, 1889, with forty members. We now have thirty-four members, but only twelve of these are of those who first joined. One of these is Mrs. Mary E. Morecock, who is ninety-three years old, and has been a member since the Society was first organized.

We have raised, since organization, $1,000; have made five life members, and hope to have a good report at our next Annual Meeting.

Our offering for this Week of Prayer is about $20.

We also have a Bright Jewel Band which was organized by Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, during his pastorate here. They now number fifty, and have raised $660 since organization.

Yours sincerely,
SECRETARY.

The beloved Secretary of the Warrenton District, Mrs. K. P. Black, reports a hopeful outlook for the year's work in her District.

Her health has not been good, and she, no doubt, has been hindered in her accustomed attention to the work, but she writes cheerfully:

"I think the work on the entire District is moving on slowly but surely toward a successful closing of our year's work.

I feel sure the women and children of the Warrenton District are going to meet their obligations, and send a good report to Louisbury next spring.

The most of the Pledge has been arranged for, and I hope we will over pay the assessment.

The Warrenton Bright Jewels are hard at work, and under the leadership of Mrs. Chambliss and Miss Virginia Graham, they promise a fine report.

My own faithful auxiliaries—Adult, Young Woman's and Bright Jewels—of Littleton, are doing their part well. I look for nothing but success from the Littleton College workers. Everything pertaining to the church, and the advancement of Christ's kingdom is safe in the hands of that Institution."

Mrs. Black promises us a definite report of her work next quarter.

We are expecting something from the Secretaries of the Washington, New Bern and Fayetteville Districts. We feel sure they will not disappoint us.

Which is Worse.

A little girl came to her mother with the question: "Which is worse—to tell a lie or to steal?"

The mother, taken by surprise, replied that they were both so bad that she could not say which was the worse.

"Well," said the little one, "I've been thinking a good deal about it, and I think it is worse to lie than to steal. If you steal a thing, you can take it back, unless you've eaten it; and if you've eaten it, you can pay for it. But"—and there was a look of awe in the child's face—"a lie is forever."—Selected.

We can only give what we have. Happiness, grief, gayety, sadness, are by nature contagious. Bring your health and your strength to the weak and sickly, and so you will be of use to them. Give them not your weakness, but your energy—so you will revive and lift them up. Life alone can rekindle life.—Amiel.

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Woman's Home Mission Society

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A Beautiful Message from Our Beloved President.

I have just received from our General Secretary, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, this letter which I feel will be gladly welcomed, although a call to greater effort, and greater self-denial. Let us heed it and work with new determination and joyful gratitude this fourth and last quarter of our fiscal year.

We must rally to our Board, and see that they are enabled to meet every obligation. May every auxiliary send in by next March this happy report for the year: "Paid in full all dues, Conference expense fund. The extra dollar per member,"—and, if possible, add "and more besides"!

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 24, 1904.

Dear Sisters:—On this glad Thanksgiving Day our hearts turn to you, and we would send a message of love and cheer. We are sure you follow the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society with earnest prayer and holy zeal. This work appeals to heaven-born instincts and brings out all that is noblest in our women. For this reason, if there were no others, we would rejoice to see a larger number of our Methodist women engaged in it. But the salvation of our own nation and the evangelization of those nations which know not the Christ make it imperative that our forces increase. Will you not therefore make an effort to double your numbers before the close of the fiscal year, February 28th? If each auxiliary make such an effort, we can do valiant things for God and country, for an increased membership means a larger working force, more united prayer, and an enlarged treasury. These are the tools we must use, for all progress depends upon the working force, who dare not go unbacked by an earnest, praying band, and there must be money to meet necessary expenses.

Last April the Board appropriated $35,500 as absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the work this year. Our present monthly pay roll calls for $2,646.11, which does not include our parsonage grants, printing bills, insurance, repairs and buildings. You know the law of the Society, given us by the General Conference, requires that half of the membership dues must be held subject to each Conference's demands for parsonages. Our present membership is 37,933, and granting that each pays her dues in full, we can count on but $18,966 with which to meet the appropriation.

You will therefore see that we must have recourse to some mode besides dues for raising the necessary money. The Board therefore asks that each auxiliary raise a sum corresponding to its membership over and above dues. If there are one hundred members in your auxiliary, let an extra $100 be forwarded for the general work; and if the membership be less, the same rule may work. This does not restrict or force any individual to the giving of a dollar extra. It simply makes clear the sum necessary from each auxiliary. May we not urge that this be done before the last of February?

We trust that while the burden of our connectional work should press hard upon your hearts, that you are not unmindful of the local interests of your church. Our services must be available for the sick and dying, the stranger in our midst, and our pastors must find us live helpers in the spiritual affairs of the church. To this end we pray that you may realize that he has "chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit."—(John xv. 16.)

Yours in Christian service,
MISS BELLE H. BENNETT,
President.
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I had severe nervous spells nearly every day and would have doctors to treat me, but they did not do me one particle of good, not even to relieve me.

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ner stone of Christian civilization. Let not man dare to lay his violent hand upon this holy arrangement of heaven, by tearing apart what God has joined together. Therefore.

1. Resolved, That with pleasure this Conference reiterates its oft-published convictions upon this subject, and joins heartily with our sister denominations in bringing about the results so devoutly to be wished.

2. Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to act in union with others, or separately, in bringing this matter to the attention of the Legislature.

3. Resolved, That all our ministers set their faces like a flint against the remarriage of divorced persons.

(Signed) E. A. Yates, R. F. Bumpas, L. L. Smith, committee.

Bishop Candler called question 10: "What travelling preachers are elected elders?" and Geo. R. Rood, Chas. L. Read and James W. Bradley, passed the usual examination of character, made their annual reports, and were elected to elders orders.

Wm. F. Jones was continued in the class of the fourth year.

In answer to question 10, the following local preachers were elected to deacon's orders: Samuel F. Nicks, Wm. Thomas Usry, Valerius A. Royall, Robert D. Daniel, Wm. B. Humble, Edwin W. Read.

Andrew W. Price, of Elizabeth City, a local preacher, was elected to elders orders under call of question 14.

The orders of Rev. A. R. Morgan, an elder of the M. E. Church were, by vote of the Conference, recognized.

At 11 o'clock, William Henry Brown, and James H. Buffaloe were admitted into full connection, the Bishop propounding to each the usual questions which being answered satisfactorily, he solemnly charged them to make full proof of their ministry saying among other wise things:

"These brethren have come to-day to be received into full connection in our church. We can't emphasize too much the first thing to be considered—namely, faith in Christ. Along with this goes the certainty as to their call to the ministry and unfeigned faith in the truth of the Scriptures. This modern idea that is being disseminated which professes an unfeigned faith in Christ aside from faith in Scriptures.

"If you have not this unfeigned faith in truth of Scriptures you may be fit for some other profession in life; you may be fit to wear glasses before it is necessary, but you are not fit to preach the Gospel to common white folks.

"I say positively that the man who is rationalizing is without fruit; he is barren. What Jesus Christ taught and St. Paul taught will do us to hold to; hold to faith in God and your ministry will be in proportion to your faith in God—not in proportion to your faith in God—not in proportion to your faith in men, but in God.

"If you are a busy Methodist preacher you won't have time to run off after these new theories. And I am glad that a reaction has set in concerning these new theories. It has begun in Germany and Dr. Patton, Prof. Beecher and other scholars in this country have formed a society for the defence of the truth of the Scriptures. This reaction has begun, and it has not begun any too soon, and it will result in something.

"Keep out of debt. Be a gentleman in a seedy coat that is paid for rather than be a gentleman in a new coat and be in debt for it.

"Just here I want to say something to the laymen. I can't get you laymen up here, but I am not going to lecture these two brethren against going in debt and not say anything to you about the way you pay your preachers. In many instances the meagre salaries you pay your preachers are often in a large measure the cause of so many debts being charged against the ministry. You pay them a meagre salary; and then when they are gone and leave debts behind them you talk about them. If God has called you to this ministry, hold it in high esteem. I have a pity for any preacher who is always going around talking about what he left to become a preacher. No matter what a preacher leaves behind him, he gains infinitely more than he leaves.

"You have heard of the young preacher who was always talking about how much he had left—his all—to come into the ministry. An old shoemaker heard him, and he answered him thus: 'Yes, and I left three good 'awls in Great Britain when I came to America to preach the Gospel.'

"Be all-round preachers, my young brethren. Be preachers and be pastors. I know some preachers claim pastoral work is not agreeable to them, and that they have no taste for visiting. If you have no taste for it, acquire it. Some people have to acquire a taste for olives, and a man who can acquire a taste for olives, can acquire a taste for pastoral visiting.

"Be punctual in all your work and never keep any one waiting on you.

"If you are faithful and true, you need have nothing to fear. If you are faithful and true, you will come more than conquerors."

On motion, Rev. A. D. Betts, D. D., was requested to deliver, Saturday evening, the historical address he was prevented from making before the Historical Society Tuesday night.

Saturday, at 11 o'clock, was fixed as a special order hour to hear and discuss the report of Committee on Conference Orphanage.

Benj. E. Stanfield, a local preacher for four years, and at this session admitted into the traveling connection on trial, was elected to elders' orders.

Rev. J. D. Hammond, D. D., General Secretary of the Board of Education, and Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., representing the American Bible Society, were introduced to the Conference, and Dr. Hammond made a brief address urging greater liberality for educational interests, and made an appeal for the colored Methodist church recently burned in Georgia. A collection was taken for same amounting to $418.55.

Conference adjourned a few minutes past 1 o'clock, with benediction by Rev. J. D. Hammond, D. D.

FOURTH DAY'S SESSION.

Conference opened with morning worship, conducted by Rev. G. A. Oglesby. After the reading of yesterday's minutes by Secretary Cuninggim, which were found correct and approved, Bishop Candler announced the appointment of the following Committee on Divorce Laws: Rev. E. A. Yates, D. D., Rev. W. H. Moore, D. D., and ex-Gov. Thos. J. Jarvis.

The arrival of Messrs. Millard Mial and W. M. Hinton, who were lay delegates from the Raleigh and Elizabeth City Districts, respectively, was announced.

Rev. J. J. Tigert, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., Book Editor, was introduced to the Conference, and made an encouraging report of his work.

On motion, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, was fixed as the hour for holding memorial service of the five preachers who have died since the last Conference.

Rev. James Atkins, D. D., Sunday School Editor, addressed the Conference regarding Sunday-school literature, and reported an increasing circulation of the periodicals, and the Sunday-school work generally, in a flourishing condition.

Question 20 was resumed and the preachers on the Raleigh, Durham and Fayetteville Districts, made their annual reports, which showed gratifying progress in all lines of church work.

Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D., presented and read his annual report, showing an enrollment of 1,563 new subscribers, and an increase in revenue from advertising patronage. Same was referred to proper committee.

At 11 o'clock, the report of the Committee on Conference Orphanage was read by Rev. J. H. McCracken, and discussed by Hon. Robt. N. Page, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and others, and same was adopted unanimously.

Rev. H. M. Hamill, D. D., of Nashville; Rev. W. L. Grissom, of the Western North Carolina Conference; Rev. Mr. Dixon, of the Henderson M. P. Church; Rev. J. D. Larkin, of the Henderson Church, and Prof. J. A. Bivins, of Trinity Park School, were introduced to the Conference.

Conference adjourned at 1 o'clock, with benediction by Rev. James Atkins, D. D.

Saturday evening, at 7.30 o'clock, Rev. A. D. Betts, D. D., delivered an interesting speech, reminiscent in character, to a large audience. The anniversary meeting of the Boards of Mission, Education, Church Extension and Sunday-schools, held in the afternoons and evenings during the Conference, were well attended, and strong and inspiring addresses made by Bishop Candler, Dr. J. J. Tigert, Dr. H. M. Hamill, Dr. James Atkins, and others.

The weather, which was very pleasant up until Saturday, became very inclement on the morning of that day, and continued until the close of the session, but the attendance at the churches on Sunday, particularly at the Conference room, and at the M. P. Church, was very large.

The Bishop preached an able, clear and convincing sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock from Psalms 51:8-10, and also from passages in the prophecies of Nehemiah and Habakkuk bearing on the same line of thought.

The Bishop prefaced his sermon with remarks as to what he termed "cathedral music," which he said had no place in the Methodist Church. He announced hymn No. 458, and asked that no tune under forty years of age be used.

At the close of the Bishop's sermon, the following class of deacons were ordained:

Samuel F. Nicks, Wm. T. Usry, V. A. Royall, R. D. Daniel, Wm. B. Humble, and Edwin W. Read.

At night, in the Conference room, Rev. J. J. Tigert, D. D., discoursed, in an instructive manner, from 1st John 4:10-11, after which the following elders were ordained:

Geo. R. Rood, Joseph E. Holden, Charles L. Read, and James W. Bradley.

The memorial service in the Conference room was largely attended. Dr. Kilgo presided, and memoirs were read of the fallen brethren.

MONDAY MORNING.

Conference was called to order at 9.30 a. m. by Bishop Candler, who requested Rev. A. J. Parker to conduct the devotional exercises. The reading of the Journal showed minutes of previous day's session to have been correctly recorded. The Bishop resumed and finished call of Question 20, and on motion, Conference voted to hold an afternoon session, at which Dr. Kilgo presided. Reports from the various Boards and Committees were submitted, and after discussion, adopted. At 6 p. m., the Bishop announced the appointments.

General Notes

The Baptists of Virginia have set out to raise $250,000 in five years for their schools.

The work of the Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is indicated by the fact that, out of 28,000 church buildings in this country, the Society has helped build 13,944.

Bishop Brent, of Manila, is credited with this remark: "The Methodists raise the people out of the mud; the Baptists wash them; the Congregationalist iron them, and the Episcopalians starch them."

According to dispatches from our American Vice Consul General at Teheran, Persia, the murderers of Rev. B. W. Labaree, the martyred Presbyterian missionary attached to the Urumiah Station, have been arrested and executed.

Columbia University concluded the celebration of its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary by the conferring of thirty-three degrees upon as many alumni. Eleven memorial professorships were established and men fill vacancies.

A missionary of the Presbyterian Church (South) in China says that many of the Chinese Government and private schools now close on Sunday—not to keep the Sabbath holy, but because they see, as some of our people do not, man's need of a rest day.

The definite decision of Rev. Dr. John Watson (Ian Maclaren) to retire from Sefton Park Church, Liverpool, and not to accept any other pastorate, has called forth many expressions of regret. Dr. Watson will devote his time to literary work, it is said.

The Baptist World Congress has at last been fixed to meet in London, England, on July 10 to 17, 1905, both days inclusive. Such a gathering will be unique in the history of the denomination. The Rev. Dr. Alexander Maclaren, whose health has greatly improved during recent months, has consented to act as president of the Congress.

Mr. John R. Mott, a layman, is a member of the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is known everywhere as a leader of young people in colleges and universities. Zion's Herald speaks of him as a man who "knows things, is splendidly balanced, has no personal schemes, and is profoundly interested in bringing in the kingdom."

The November meeting of the Boston Methodist Social Union was a reception and banquet to the members of the General Missionary Committee, including the bishops, the missionaries, and visiting editors of church papers. About nine hundred people were present, and addresses were delivered by Bishops Thoburn, McDowell and McCabe, and Governor Bates.

A considerable agitation has been caused among the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church in this country by the withdrawal from the church of Mary Gwendolin Caldwell. This lady had given 300,000 to found a college of divinity in the Catholic University at Washington City, and one of the buildings had been named for her. She has become dissatisfied with the management of church affairs, hence her withdrawal.

By a decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of the will of the late Daniel G. Fayerweather, a big New York leather merchant, $2,500,000 is to go to colleges. The beneficiary colleges are: Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Williams, Amherst, Wesleyan, Yale, Columbia, Union, Theological, Hamilton, Rochester, Cornell, Lafayette, Lincoln, Virginia, Hampton, Marietta, Adelbert, Wabash and Park.

Andrew S. Draper, LL. D., Superintendent of Public Instruction in New York, condemns foot-ball in strong terms. He says of it: "Foot-ball, as played now, is a sport which induces professionalism, encourages real battle rather than open manliness, is too expensive, and breeds loafing, gambling and drinking. The sport, he asserted, does not make for educated effectiveness and sound living, and should be purged of its attendant evils."

The American Missionary Association began work twenty years ago in the Southern mountains. It now has under its supervision in the South two theological seminaries, forty-seven normal and graded schools, 511 instructors, and 15,404 pupils. Under the same supervision are 140 ministers and missionaries, 11,526 church members, 18,800 Sunday-school scholars. The total amount raised for church purposes last year was $45,548.

Gypsy Smith was given an enthusiastic reception in Exeter Hall, London, on his return from his mission tour in South Africa, the hall not being large enough to hold all who desired to see and hear him. Rev. F. B. Meyer presided at the meeting, and Revs. G. Campbell Morgan, Thomas Spurgeon and Thomas Law spoke. His daughter, Zillah, was a great help to him in his work in South Africa. Mr. Smith will begin a mission at Woolwich at once.

The Rev. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan has begun his pastorate at Westminster Chapel, London, under very favorable auspices. The Rev. J. H. Jowett, M. A., was the preacher at the recognition services, the Revs. Dr. Goodrich, Dr. Robertson Nicoll, C. Sylvester Horne, M. A., and J. Gregory Mantle speaking at the evening meeting. The audiences were very large. The Rev. Albert Swift, of Dulwich, is to be associated with Dr. Campbell Morgan in the pastorate. No guarantee of salary was made; financially, the church is by no means strong.

The Congregationalist, of Boston, gives some interesting statistics regarding the ministers of the denomination within the United States. The average Congregational minister dies at the age of sixty-seven, after thirty-six years of ministerial service. Of the 321 such men who died in the five years beginning with 1874, men who entered the ministry between 1835 and 1840, 80 per cent had a college education and 69 per cent were graduates of theological schools. Of the whole period from 1875 to 1903, in which 2,631 Congregational ministers entered into rest, it appeared in the year-book that the percentage of theological graduates was practically the same, but the proportion of college graduates dropped to 73 per cent. Even the latter figure is a pretty high one when compared with some other denominations.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

The memorial service on Sunday afternoon was unusually solemn and impressive.

The Orphanage received a check for $1,000 from that big-hearted Methodist, Mr. S. C. Vann.

An unusually large number of accessions to the Church was reported, but look out for the Annual Paradox.

Five young men were admitted on trial. They come in good time. We wish that the class had been larger.

There was an unusually large number of laymen at Conference. It was good to hear the Orphanage speech of Hon. R. N. Page.

The address of Prof. H. M. Hamill on Saturday afternoon deepened the impression that he is one of the best Sunday-school men in the world.

The divorce question was dealt with by the Conference in no uncertain terms. Be sure to read the resolution which will be published in the Advocate.

We were glad to see at Conference Rev. J. L. Cuninggim, who is doing so much in the way of the Correspondence School. This school is doing great good.

Bishop Candler said that the salaries paid to preachers in the North Carolina Conference are smaller than in any other Conference of Southern Methodism.

And so the next Conference will be held at Wilson. It will be a delight to taste of the hospitality of that royal people and worship in that beautiful new church.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth, our Missionary Secretary, paid us a short call, but managed to say some very stirring, hopeful things to the Conference. His whole heart is in his work.

It was a pleasant experience to enjoy the whole-souled hospitality of the parsonage in which Dr. Nash and his most excellent wife found their highest pleasure in making all their guests feel comfortable and at home.

On account of missing connection in Raleigh, Dr. A. D. Betts was prevented from delivering his educational address before the Historical Society on Tuesday evening. But he delivered the address on Saturday evening, and it was one of the most interesting occasions of the Conference.

Dr. L. L. Nash proved himself to be a most satisfactory host of the Conference. Big-brained, truly consecrated, and warm-hearted, he has a host of friends among the Methodists among whom he has labored so long. The good he has done in his useful ministry can never be rightly measured this side of eternity.

We did not see a preacher or delegate who in speaking of the hospitality of the people of Henderson, did not express the highest appreciation of the same. All the Christian denominations threw open their doors and hearts and the Conference will have only happy memories of the progressive hospitable town of Henderson.

The Presiding Elders reported over 4,500 accessions to the church this year. The reports in every respect were most gratifying. Fayetteville District reported over two hundred new subscribers to the Advocate; Warrenton District, about 300; Elizabeth City District, over 200. There will be another campaign for new subscribers after January 1.

Bishop Candler succeeded in deepening the impression made at Goldsboro that he stands in the front rank of American preachers, and that as a presiding officer, he has few equals. His personality is a very strong one, and his sermons and talks based on sanctified good sense, seasoned with irresistible wit, and delivered with eloquent power, will never be forgotten by the Conference.

The Conference at this session lost the following preachers from the pastorate: Rev. W. W. Rose, who takes the principalship of Central Academy; Rev. M. H. Tuttle, who is placed, on account of ill health, on the supernumerary list; Rev. L. B. Jones, who has gone to Montana; J. T. Stanford, who will spend a year at Vanderbilt. All these brethren are sterling preachers, and we trust that in their new relation they will enjoy the richest blessings of God.

We were glad to have with us three connectional officers: Drs. Hammond, Atkins and Tigert. These brethren added to the interest and effectiveness of the Conference. We heard from Dr. Tigert on Sunday night a great sermon—mentally stimulating and spiritually uplifting. He truly deals with the "solidities." Dr. Hammond's stay was brief, but he delivered a helpful address, as did Dr. Atkins, who on Sunday morning preached one of his best sermons in the Methodist Protestant Church.

When the name of G. F. Smith, Presiding Elder of the Warrenton District, was called, Dr. Nash answered: "Nothing against Brother Smith, unless the quotation 'woe be unto you when all men shall speak well of you' be applied in his case." After Brother Smith's report Bishop Candler remarked: "That's a mighty good report, and I don't wonder that all men speak well of him. I expect a good deal of that excellent report is due to the large number of church members who read the Raleigh Christian Advocate."

Music washes away from the soul the dust of every-day life.—Auerbach.

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Our Young People Can Save the World.

Young people must be the prime objective in the world's evangelization, for usually before or during adolescence if ever, the foundations of a Christian life are laid, the student life is determined and the trend for greatest usefulness established.

If for thirty consecutive years all the young people in the world between ten and twenty-three years of age could be reached by Christian teaching, the world's evangelization would be accomplished. Five successive generations of young people, from ten to seventeen years of age, during the years when most responsive to the claims of religion, would have been under the influence of Gospel truth, and five successive generations, between sixteen and twenty-three years of age, the second period most determinative of a religious life, would have had similar influence. Within these two periods nearly every person assumes the personal relation to religion which he makes final. The vast majority of those who are now twenty-two years old, of whom probably less than two per cent would ever be converted under the most favorable conditions, will have passed to their final account in thirty years, and the world would be occupied by those who had faced the responsibility of accepting or rejecting Christ, at the most favorable periods of their lives and the world would be evangelized.

Young people are not discriminated against in the outworking of God's purpose. They receive from Christ the commission to "go," which is never withheld from those who "come." As they necessarily constitute the chief subjects of the world's evangelization they must largely furnish the agents and accessories for its accomplishment. Their number would of itself make them an important fateor in this great work, but their quality is more important than their quantity. They are acquisitive and of an age when, if ever, they will enthrone God and lay the foundations of devotion and liberality. They most readily acquire strange languages, are enthusiastic, aggressive and courageous, rarely pessimistic, have endurance and invulnerableness. They are the part of the army who are most easily mobilized, for they are not as yet articulated with society and high enterprise appeals to their spirit. They are flexible and easily adapted to changing conditions. They furnish the very material for a successful propoganda and offer the rational field for recruiting the agents and developing its supporters.

If the leaders are to be truly great, their training must be commenced when young that they may discover their apitudes, develop their endowments, gather detailed and comprehensive knowledge, acquire skill and be adjusted to their mission. It is more than a coincidence that during adolescence when men and women are more responsive to the call of God, they are also most available as agents and most teachable, and then, if ever, the habits of devotion and liberality can be established. Every one is commissioned to be Christ's witness "to the uttermost parts of the world." The burden of proof is with each one to show how he is justified in not being personally at the front. If that is clear, he is under positive requirement to be at the front representatively so far as possible. To hold the life-line is as important and obligatory as to go into the breakers.—Rev. J. F. Goucher, D. D.

Notes.

Let us plan a forward movement for another year.

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It seems that the mantle of D. L. Moody has fallen on R. A. Torrey, who is called to a world-wide evangelism.

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St. John (Goldsboro, N. C.) League, which now numbers forty-five members, held the most enthusiastic meeting of its history last Monday evening.

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From the Christian Endeavor ranks more than one hundred and seventy-five thousand young people came into the church last year. This speaks well for the spiritual life of that movement. It is a thing greatly to be desired that from each League Chapter a report of convertions shall be sounded out, as the result of personal effort of its members. Dear fellow Leaguer, will your Chapter report any conversions at our approaching Conference?

O Lord God, in whose presence there is no darkness, for Thou dwellest forever in unapproachable light, keep and defend us and all Thy saints, in soul and body, during the coming night and in all the darkness of this mortal life. May we rest in the assurance of Thy favor; in the peace of a good conscience; in the hope of a better life; in the faith of Thy providence and protection; and in the love of Thy Spirit. And when the night is past, may we rise on again to be diligent in our several callings, working the work of God while the day lasts, remembering that the night cometh in which no man can work. And whether we wake or sleep, may we live together with Christ. Amen.

Our own faults and failures would supply, one would think, sufficient pangs of penitence to occupy that part of conscience which is devoted to lament over shortcomings. Few of us have reached that happy state of perfection in which we can give over repentance. We have to watch our own conduct, guard against temptation, and, when overcome, confess our sins to our Heavenly Father with heartfelt sorrow. Conscience holds a rod to check us when erring and to drive us in the right way, should the kindly impulse of duty fail to allure us; and when we reject the rod, conscience becomes a scourge to punish us with remorse for disobedience. This is task enough for conscience.—Independent.

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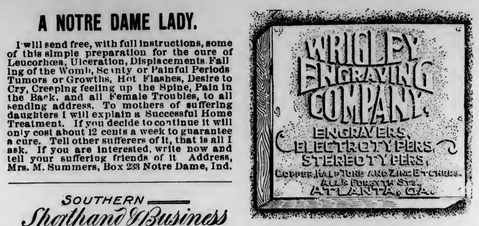

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A Frightened Protector.

BY BESSIE R. HOOVER.

"There may be Indians in these woods right now," said Jack," as he and Beth were walking by a small patch of oaks. Beth was taking her family of dolls for an airing, and Jack was pushing the cart.

Beth knew that there had been no Indians in the neighborhood for twenty years; her father had told her so. But Jack said that they might have come back again.

It was a cold, cloudy afternoon in early winter. No snow had fallen yet, but the ground was frozen, and the air was keen. The withered oak leaves that still hung on the trees rustled mournfully, and the fallen leaves that hid the path along the edge of the woods seemed to crackle strangely as the cart wheels passed over them.

"Let's walk to the end of the woods, and maybe we'll see an Indian," said Jack, who delighted to bother Beth. He was ten, two years older than his little playmate, and he had read many stories about Indians.

"All right," replied Beth, not yet really afraid.

"They are apt to come creeping through the woods, just at night," he continued, "hunting for children. And maybe they steal little girls and carry them away to the big pine forest, and never let them go home again—I don't know."

Beth began to feel that there might possibly be something in what Jack said.

"Indians might be hiding in these woods even now," added Jack.

Beth looked fearfully into the gathering gloom of the dreadful woods, and longed to run home. The thought of Jack and her family in the cart alone restrained her.

The sun was sinking, and great streaks of red were painted against the cold sky. Every stump along the road cast a somber shadow, and the evergreen hedge on the opposite side of the way stretched darkly mysterious. Even their own homes in the distance looked strange and seemed to be miles away. And the last rays of the winter sun crept into those dreary woods, as though in search of the treacherous red-skins.

"But don't you worry, Beth," said Jack, when he saw that she was becoming frightened; "the Indians won't get you while I'm along. I'll keep 'em off. I'm not afraid of anything. I'm your protector."

It was nearly dark when they reached the end of the woods and turned toward home. Beth took her smallest doll from the cart and carried her, for she felt that Angelina must be stiff with fear.

Jack was telling a long Indian story that he had been reading; Beth listened uneasily and pressed Angelina to her rapidly beating heart, for who knew what minute an Indian might pounce upon them? She did not mean to give up her smallest child, whatever happened.

The dry oak leaves still rustled and crackled as though they, too, believed and were thrilled by Jack's wild tale—when, suddenly, there was a breaking of branches, and a dark form came bounding through the woods, straight toward the children.

Beth, white with fear, grabbed Rose Lillian, the twins, and Esther May from the cart, and held them with Angelina in her protecting arms.

Jack gave one look at the awful thing that was coming toward them, then turned and ran for home as fast as he could.

"Jackie, oh Jackie, come back!" cried Beth, but Jack did not stop.

Then brave little Beth put her family back in the doll cart and went on to the awful thing, for it was only Dixie, Jack's old pony, that had gotten loose, and hearing Jack's voice had started toward him.

When the danger was over Jack came back, for his cowardice was great.

"I was only fooling about the Indians, Beth," said Jack, in a queer voice. It was hard for him to own up.

Then he pushed the doll cart and let Beth ride the pony home, which was a great sacrifice on his part.

"Jackie is sorry that he frightened me, or he wouldn't let me ride Dixie," thought generous Beth.

About Lamps.

To fill a burning lamp is a work of idiocy. Almost as much so is it to leave a burning lamp with the flame turned low down. Explosions have often followed such carelessness. Beside that, if left that way in a sleeping room, the fumes of the lamp are most irritating and unhealthy. Night tapers have been introduced for this purpose. The wick, after it once burns evenly, should not be trimmed with the scissors. Turn it up even with the top of the tube, and rub it lightly with soft cloth or paper or an old tooth brush. Then see that no bits of charred wick or matches have fallen into the cavities of a Rochester lamp, as they may flame up and dangerously heat the oil. When the lamp is first lighted, the wick, particularly in cold weather, must be turned up slowly, or it will smoke or break the chimney.—Good Housekeeping.

A life without industry is guilt, and industry without intellect is brutalooms and whirling spindles begins tality. All the busy world of flying in the quiet thought of some scholar cloistered in his closet.—Ruskin.

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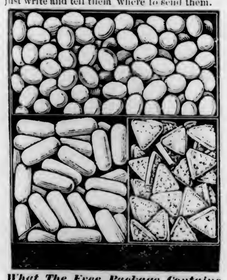

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GUY—ROBINSON.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Parkersburg, N. C., November 23, 1904, Miss Malisa Maud Guy to Mr. Troy Robinson, all of Bladen County, A. J. Groves performing the ceremony.

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SPRUILL.—John Patrick Spruill, a young man about thirty-three years of age, was killed by an accident at the Carolina Shingle Company's mills on the morning of November 11, 1904. He was a member of the Methodist church at Bonnerton, the place where the accident took place. He was called away without a moment's warning. We trust he was saved. He was a very ingenious and useful man; also kind and obliging to all. He leaves a wife and two little boys to mourn for him. Look to the Lord for consolation, loved ones.

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WHITEHURST.—Mrs. Sallie H. Whitchurst (nee Rouse) died near Aurora, N. C., November 23, 1904. Had she lived until December 18th, following, she would have completed her sixty-fifth year. In her early life she joined the Disciple Church. About eighteen years ago she joined the Methodist church and remained a faithful member until death. She was not demonstrative, but always bore the name of being a good woman.

Sister Whitchurst was three times married—first, to William Litchworth, by whom she had two daughters; second, to Henry Brantley, by whom she had one son. Her three children survive her. Her last husband preceded her to the spirit land only a few months.

Weep not for this mother in Israel, dear ones; your loss is her gain.

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MOORE.—Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Moore (nee Hankins), wife of the late W. M. D. Moore, of the North Carolina Conference, died in peace with God and man November 22, 1904, in the 90th year of her life, in Summerville, N. C., and was buried in the church-yard near by. She was truly converted and joined the M. E. Church in childhood, and has been a faithful, consistent member ever since. She was a woman of deep piety and unyielding faith in God, upon whose promises she depended with abiding confidence. She exemplified that "charity that never faileth, that suffereth long and is kind." In her life of holiness and resignation to the will of God shone forth the spirit of Christ which is so beautiful and attractive. She outlived her generation, and but few who read this notice will remember her. Bro. A. D. Betts, of the North Carolina Conference, and Sister Bailey, the widow of one of our old ministers, will rejoice to know she is freed from the pain and infirmities of extreme age and is safe in the home of the blessed. The weekly visit of the Advocate, through the kindness of the editor, gave her great pleasure. Her mind was well stored with a knowledge of the Word of God, which she was ever ready to impart to others for admonition, consolation or gentle reproof as was required. She lived the life of the righteous, and her death was triumphant.

A. J. HANKINS.

YOUNG.—Capt. Joseph J. Young, son of Elijah and Sallie Young, was born in Wake County, N. C., January 1, 1832, and died at his home in Johnston County, October 3, 1904.

His parents were devoted members of the Baptist church. He was converted in early life. In 1896 he joined the Methodist church under the ministry of Rev. M. M. McFarland, and was faithful till death. He was noted for his upright life and Christian character. His health had been failing for sometime, but he was able to attend quarterly meeting at Elizabeth about two weeks before his death. This was the last church service he attended and the last time he partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We knew his health was declining, but little did we think that he would be so soon transplanted from the church militant into the church triumphant.

At the beginning of the Civil War he volunteered and entered the 26th Regiment of North Carolina Troops. Governor Vance appointed him quartermaster, which position he filled with credit till the war ended.

August, 1863, he was married to Miss Ferebee Raud, daughter of Maj. Raud, of Wake. This union was short. October 2, 1867, he was married to Miss Mary Sandal Turner. To this union were born four sons and five daughters. One son died in infancy. He leaves a devoted wife, three sons, five daughters and several grand-children to mourn their loss.

May all the loved ones meet him in heaven.

G. W. FISHER.

Resolutions of Respect.

Death has again invaded our ranks and another name is stricken from our roll to be added to the roll of the immortals who study God's truth and contemplate His glory in the eternal city.

On Wednesday night, November 2, Mrs. Alice Erwin Chamberlain, wife of Mr. H. B. Chamberlain, and a member of the Home Department of Trinity Sunday-school, fell on sleep. The summons to meet her Lord came suddenly, but she went forth to greet Him in the strength of a faith that failed not as the shadows fell about her. God called her at high noon, when the sacred ties of love, and home, and motherhood bound her to earth and time. But God makes no mistakes, and we bow submissively to His will, saying, "Even so Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight."

Of our dear departed sister, we may truthfully say:

"Thy day without a cloud hath passed
And thou wert lovely to the last:
Extinguished, not decayed!
As stars that shoot along the sky
Shine brightest as they fall from high."

Therefore be it

Resolved 1. That in the death of Mrs. Chamberlain the Home Department of Trinity Sunday-school has lost a faithful and devoted member.

2. That we extend to the bereaved husband and his stricken fireside our tenderest Christian sympathies, and pray that the God of all comfort may be with them in the day of their great loss.

3. That these resolutions be spread on the record book of Trinity Sunday-school and a copy of the same be furnished to family, the city papers and the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

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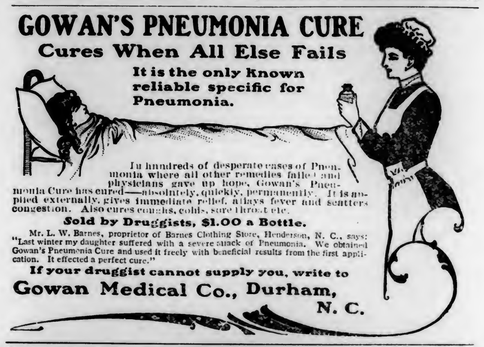

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Keep an expense account for a month. Figure up how much you are taking from your wife and children to give to the wife and children of the saloon man. The amount will probably surprise you.—Des Moines Daily News.

Taking Care of Them Herself.

"Yes'm, she's pretty well, mother is," said the old man, pausing with his foot on the wagon wheel to answer an inquiry concerning his wife; "pretty well, if only 'twan't for worryin' about the children. 'Lizabeth's up to Conway this season, and mother's all the time afraid she'll be took sick away from home. Samuel's got a good place at Tanfield, and he's doin' well, too, but his boardin' place is across the river. Sometimes he goes by ferryboat and sometimes he goes by skiff, and mother, she can't get over the feelin' that he's likely to be drowned. The two younger ones in home yet, but she's anxious about the time John'll be wantin' to strike out for himself, and she's always been afraid we'd never raise Car'line. No'm, there's nothin' special the matter with any of 'em now, and the truck garden has done fine this year. Mother hain't had a touch of her rheumatism all summer, and she'd be pretty well off if 'twasn't for worryin'. Christian? Bless you, yes, this forty year! She ain't afraid but what the Lord will take care of her and all the rest of the world, but seems like she ain't got faith yet to b'lieve He's to be trusted with the children."—Wellspring.

Magazine Notes.

The Christmas number of "The Twentieth Century Home" derives an unusual degree of interest from both the subject-matter and the illustrations. Havelock Ellis, the famous English investigator, contributes a profusely illustrated paper on "Spanish Dancing," and Elbert Hubbard gives a most sympathetic account of "The Home Life of the Brownings." Thorndike Colton has taken an ever-popular theme in "Some Royal Love-Matches." Of especial interest and value to women are "The Making of My Lady's Handkerchief," by S. H. M. Byrns; "Christmas Giving," by Elizabeth M. Gilmer; "Some Memories of Old Quilts," by E. C. Wood; "Women as Economists," by Rafford Pyke, and "The Homeless Woman of Forty," by Mrs. Wilson Woodrow. Grace Corniche has another instalment of "Florinda's Dinners," a series that is a new and original departure in the way of cooking-recipes. Parents will find much useful information in "Home Exercise for Growing Children," by Watson L. Savage, M. D. Among the interesting personalities described are Mrs. Alice Barber Stephens, the illustrator, and Mme. Rejane, the greatest of living French comediennes, now on a visit to this country. The fiction is contributed by Maud Stepney Rawson, Frances Courtenay Baylor, Rose Cecil O'Neill and Tom Masson. On the whole the number is exceedingly well balanced and maintains the high place this new periodical has already obtained among the magazines of the month.

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The December (Christmas) number of "The Cosmopolitan" comes to us in a beautiful and appropriate cover which is but the index of an especially attractive contents. Besides five complete and one continued story, we turn to one illustrated article after another to note that each discusses a matter of real timely and vital importance to both the men and women of America. The contents include, "The Present Upheaval in France," by David Graham Phillips; "The Passing of the Home in Great American Cities," by Charlotte Perkins Gilman; "The Chase of the Wild Red Deer on Exmoor Forest," by Clifford Cordley; "The Passing of the Steam Age," by Lewis Nixon; "Some Churches and Their Problems," by A Minister's Wife; "The Theatrical Syndicate," condemned and defended respectively by David Belasco and Marc Klaw; "Racial Types of Beauty," by Gertrude Lynch; "Canning and Preserving," by Frederic Williams. The fiction is contributed by Eliza Calvert Hall, A. M. Williamson—coauthor of "The Lightning Conductor"—Herbert Shipman, Homer Bassford, Jeanne Olive Loizeaux and John Brisben Walker. James Whitcomb Riley has a two-page Christmas poem. The whole number is superbly illustrated.

Emerson on the Sea.

On the seashore the play of the Atlantic with the coast! What wealth is here! Every wave is a fortune. One thinks of Etzlers and great projectors who will yet turn all this waste strength to account. What strength and fecudity from the sea-monsters, hugest of animals, to the primary forms of which it is the immense cradle, and the phosphorescent infusories,—it is one vast rolling bed of life, and every sparkle is a fish. What freedom and grace with all this might! The seeing so excellent a spectacle is a certificate to the mind that all imaginable good shall yet be realized. The sea is the chemist that dissolves the mountain and the rock; pulverizes old continents, and builds new,—forever redistributing the solid matter of the globe; and performs an amaiagous office in perpetual new transplanting of the races of men over the surface, the exodus of nations. We may well yield us for a time to its lessons. But the nomad instinct, as I said, persists to drive us to fresh fields and pastures new. Indeed the variety of our moods has an answering variety in the face of the world, and the sea drives us back to the hills.—Ralph Waldo Emerson, in the Atlantic.

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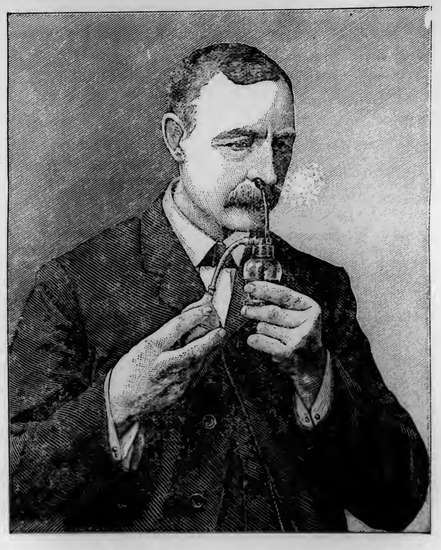

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THE CONFERENCE YEAR AS WE LOOK BACKWARD.

It is little over a week since the appointments were read at Henderson and the Conference of 1904 adjourned sine die.

We are so little removed from that adjournment that it is somewhat difficult to obtain a clear perspective, especially since we have not in hand the full Conference data as we will have them in the Journal.

Yet, even now, we may look backward over the year and form those conclusions which may bring joy or sorrow.

We believe that we are justified in saying that the sixty-eighth session of the North Carolina Conference was in some respects the best we have had in quite a number of years. The attendance was large. There was nothing to mar the harmony. Only in the last hours was there anything like the asperity of debate. The reports of the year's work were very gratifying. The preachers looked well fed, well dressed, and happy. Some of them had passed through the deep waters during the year, yet in their faces could be seen the light which comes from the fires on Resignation's altar. Others bore the marks of conflict with the enemies encountered by every true man who essays to do his duty.

Speaking of debate, there was less talking by the preachers and delegates than we have ever known as a member of the Conference. This fact did not add any element of strength to the Conference. Methodist preachers must talk—talk freely and fully, for it is only then that they keep up the swing and stride of progress and the glow of manly independence. If we were criticising the Conference, we would say that there was too little discussion of questions on the part of the preachers and delegates. Our laymen should take an active part on the floor of the Conference. Only once did we hear the voice of a layman on the floor.

Among the elements which proved conducive to the success of the Conference was the open, free-hearted hospitality shown every member and visitor. How could it be otherwise with such a wise experienced host as Dr. L. L. Nash and Presiding Elder Smith and such a warm-hearted people as are found in progressive Henderson.

It is to be regretted that the business of the latter part of the session was conducted in such a rush. We know of one brother who came near being left without an appointment on account of the crowding final duties. It was no fault of the Bishop and his Cabinet, either. In fact it was no fault of the Conference. How could a fault be ascribed to the latter in the face of such an emphatic testimonial in the shape of votes for one who has now received this testimonial for the fourth time. He bears only goodwill to the brethren who pushed him so closely in the race. He has not forgotten how to be magnanimous.

The session at Henderson will be regarded as the "red-letter" variety, for one very significant reason: There was a net increase in membership of over 1,200. The Annual Paradox made itself conspicuous this time by its absence. We felt as we listened to those magnificent reports from the Presiding Elders, in which reports were embodied the accounts of glorious revivals and numerous accessions, that surely the end of the reign of King Paradox had come. And we were not mistaken. Nearly 5,000 were received into the church in the North Carolina Conference during the year. Of course there were many losses by death, certificate and otherwise. We have now 97 local preachers, and 68,847 members. There were 945 infants, and 2,380 adults baptized in the different charges.

The sum of $132,815.57 was contributed for ministerial support—$15,928.22 more than was contributed for the year 1903. Deducting from the sum total the amount paid to Bishops, we have an average of over $750 for each travelling preacher in the Conference. Bishop Candler said that the salaries paid to preachers in the North Carolina Conferences are smaller than in any other Conference of Southern Methodism, and he is right, but the figures show that the North Carolina Conference, at least, is making a great improvement in this respect. There is much to be done. The Board of Stewards in every charge should, in making the assessments for 1905, remember the fact so emphatically expressed by the Bishop, and provide for their preacher a larger salary.

The sum of $13,373.75 was contributed for foreign missions; $10,465.75 for domestic missions. For 1903, $13,340.75 was contributed for foreign missions, and $10,191.42 for domestic missions. Only $307.23 more for missions in 1904 than in 1903. This increase is too small for the increase in the material growth of the church.

The increase in the number of Sunday-schools was only 12; in number of scholars, 1,640.

There was no increase in number of Epworth Leagues, the number being 66 for both years. We are extremely sorry to say that there was a decrease of 222 in the number of Epworth League members, a record, we daresay, no other Conference in Southern Methodism has.

The amount contributed for the American Bible Society was almost double that contributed for 1903. This is a good record. It shows that our people are growing in the appreciation of the fact that the Bible is the foundation stone of all our hopes.

The Conference is at last coming into the realization that the Orphanage is one of its most sacred possessions. The success of this enterprise is almost phenomenal. When its present Superintendent, Rev. J. W. Jenkins, first mentioned the matter to the Conference, and the initial steps were taken, very few thought that the enterprise would amount to anything. But what great things God hath wrought! We have now two buildings—one, the handsomest in the whole State. The property is valued at over $60,000. The people are looking upon it as an object for their constant contributions. The support of two hundred orphans has been a vexing question for the management. But the Conference settled this question by making an assessment of ten per cent on the preacher's salary. Thus the support of the orphans is placed upon a permanent basis. The voluntary contributions were greater for 1904 than in any preceding year.

The Schools made most gratifying reports. Trinity College and Trinity Park High School, which are the direct property of the North Carolina Conference, with the affiliated schools, Littleton Female College and Louisburg Female College reported increased patronage for the year. The Conference made an assessment of $2,000 for Greensboro Female College, which has arisen from its ashes and is now enjoying a fine patronage. Central Academy, with Rev. W. W. Rose as Principal, is just entering upon its career, as is also Albemarle High School. These schools are destined to play an important part in the educational work of North Carolina Methodism.

The Raleigh Christian Advocate reported a successful year. The Directors at their meeting on Saturday afternoon declared a dividend for the stockholders, probably leaving a sum for the reduction of standing indebtedness. The Raleigh Christian Advocate now has over 7,200 subscribers. The Conference has made provision for increasing this to 8,000 by May 1. The Advocate is fortunate in having as agents preachers who believe in the Advocate and are willing to work for it. In doing this they realize that they are building up the interest of the whole church on their charges. It is the exception for a bad report to be made by a preacher who is active in circulating the Conference organ. The Conference organ contains news that is contained in no other paper in the world. No member of the church who aspires to be intelligent and progressive in church work can afford to be without it.

Bishop Candler's impress on the Conference was strong and will be lasting. We expressed in last week's paper our estimate of him as a preacher and executive.

We have many reasons for believing that God has smiled upon the work of the North Carolina Conference for the year 1904. May the present Conference year be marked by still greater success.

A WONDERFUL THING IN NORTH CAROLINA METHODISM.

Perhaps the most wonderful thing in North Carolina Methodism is the remarkable experience of Rev. Christopher Thomas who died in New Bern in the year 1830. Thousands of Methodists all over the State have heard of his dream and the way it was realized. The thrilling history gives a staggering blow to materialism. Dr. Leroy M. Lee, who knew the Rev. Christopher Thomas and was an eye witness of his experience from the time that the latter left Lynchburg until his eyes were closed in death, wrote years ago a book on the dream. The North Carolina Methodist Handbook has compressed within its first twenty-five pages the whole story. We advance no theories. We simply give the facts. The reader may explain the wonderful chain of circumstances as he may. But we want all Methodists to read it. It is something that should not fade from the annals of North Carolina Methodism.

Thousands will be pained to hear of the death of Rev. J. D. Barbee, which occurred at Nashville, on the evening of the 6th instant. Death occurred from the giving away of the valves of the heart, after an illness of only a few hours. He was at the time presiding elder of the Nashville district, and formerly for fifteen years senior Book Agent of the Church. He was aged 72 and had been a minister for more than half a century.—Exchange.

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A Harvest of Love.

BY M. R. S. IN EPWORTH ERA.

The Conference year was fast drawing to its close, and as the pastor of the ——— Methodist Church sat in front of the grate in his cozy study he watched the flames darting up brightly and compared them to the joyous hopes he had had at first; then he watched the blazes as they died down into a blackened mass, and sadly likened these to those hopes which had in a like manner faded. Just one year ago he had come to this town and entered joyfully into the work assigned him. The church he had entered had many members, but there was no active life, and from the first the people seemed prejudiced against him.

In appearance the pastor was not more prepossessing than the average man, and perhaps his manner did seem a trifle cold and distant to the people who for four years had been accustomed to a jovial and rather elderly gentleman. Possibly his manners were not especially winning, but he was an earnest, conscientious man, and his sermons were full of truths, deep reasoning, and resolution, if not of fiery eloquence.

This evening, as he leaned back in his easy-chair, he reviewed his efforts of the past year. He was forced to confess to himself that, so far as he could see, his year's work had been a failure. He had tried to do his part faithfully and well, but he could feel that the people were not in sympathy with him. Still he did not feel like giving up, for he was young, strong, and hopeful. Where he could now see nothing but failure, he was yet anxious to make a success.

The few remaining days of the year passed by, and Conference met. The minister was sent back to the same field of labor. When he heard this he uttered one silent prayer of thanksgiving and another for strength and guidance. So he went back to his work. During the first year he had tried to get the older members to work earnestly for the Master, but he had not met with much success. To be sure, there were the Woman's Missionary and Aid Societies, but they did not do much active work, and seemed to take little, if any, interest in the minister's plans. They complained, saying: "He is too cold, too young, and not theological enough."

After the preacher resumed his charge he was sorely puzzled, and tried to devise various plans for rousing the enthusiasm of his members. He knew full well that he had not succeeded in winning his people's love and respect, and he realized that without this there would be no valuable work done for the Lord. How should he now begin? Often he prayed to his Father to show him the way, and at last the prayer was answered.

One day there was brought to his door a little girl who was poorly clad. Her clothing and pinched features indicated that poverty and distress had claimed her for their own. The preacher was told a pitiable story of how her father and sister had died a few weeks before, and how that, as the mother and little girl were coming to that place to secure work, the mother also had died. By her mother's advice she had been brought to the Methodist preacher's home, sure that here she would receive help. The pastor assisted in procuring money enough to bury the mother, and decided to keep the child awhile. She was so bright and had such loving little ways that she soon endeared herself to the pastor and his wife. As he was talking one night with his wife about the existing condition of the church, the child looked up into his face, and, opening wide her great eyes, she exclaimed: "What! doesn't every one love you?" As the minister slowly shook his head, she looked incredulous, and finally said: "Not even the young people?" The pastor quickly jumped up and began to pace the floor. The By her mother's advice she had been brought to him. Hastily kissing his wife and the child, he left the room, went to his study, and thought for a long time. Yes, that would be the right plan. He must get the young people to work with him, and then perhaps the older ones would fall into line. Kneeling down, he communed for a long time with his Saviour, and at last rose from his prayer strengthened.

The next Sunday, instead of having the review of the Sunday-school lesson, he asked the superintendent to let him speak to the school. Then he asked the intermediate scholars to meet him at the church at 3 o'clock. At the appointed time many were present, and a Junior League was organized.

During the following week the pastor called on as many young ladies and men as possible, and dropped a card to others, earnestly asking them to help him organize the Senior League the following Sunday evening. Only a few came at first; but when these saw how earnest the pastor was and how interesting the work they soon persuaded others to join, and the League was soon in good working order.

A few months later a reading circle was formed, and it was here that the young people first learned to love their minister. After the lesson was over a social time was always enjoyed. Never had they even dreamed that this man who had at first seemed so distant and cold could be so full of life and enter so heartily into their plans, nor could any one tell or enjoy a good story or joke better than he. In this circle, where he seemed to be perfectly at ease, they found out that he was not only intelligent and earnest, but lively and humorous when occasion demanded.

Quickly the year passed, bringing both joys and sorrows. In the course of time the minister found that the older members of the church began to rely on him and come for advice and sympathy. Gradually their former attitude toward him changed. His sermons were less criticised and were taken more to heart, and he was gladly welcomed whenever he called on them. These changes were slow in coming, but were permanent.

Again was it almost time for Conference. On the evening of his birthday the pastor was seated in the comfortable parlor with his wife and adopted child. After a while conversation lagged, and each seemed busy with his own thoughts. The minister mentally began summing up his year's work and planning to make the next year a soul-saving period. He was not so sad as he was a year ago, for, although much was yet to be done, still something had been accomplished for the Master. Occasionally he glanced curiously at his wife, who seemed so restless, and then at the little girl, whose eyes were unusually bright. He wondered a little why they could not keep still.

Soon the mystery was solved. The pastor heard the tramping of many feet, a murmur of many voices, and soon a loud ring at the door. His wife's face broke into smiles, as she heard the noise and hastened to let the visitors in. The merry throng entered and gathered around the minister, whose astonishment was boundless. The surprise had been well kept. The young folks' birthday present to their beloved pastor was a handsome copy of the "Sistine Madonna." He fully appreciated their kindness, but valued most of all their love and respect, for he realized that this would enable him to get them to work for their Master. The evening was pleasantly spent, and was a memorable one to all; and if the minister lives to see as many happy birthdays as his friends wished him, he will live to be at least three score and ten.

"The New Evangelism."

"The new evangelism!" What is it? In this day of discovery and scientific surprises your correspondent awaited with keenest interest the arrival of Rev. Dr. W. J. Dawson, of Highbury Quadrant Church, London, whose coming had been widely advertised, and who, with the shibboleth of a "new evangelism," conducted what was styled "a mission by voice and pen," in old Plymouth Church. The meetings began on Sunday, November 13th, and concluded last Sunday, the 20th.

The scheme for these special services included a sermon each evening by Dr. Dawson, a whole page of the Brooklyn Eagle each afternoon devoted to a stenographic report of the sermon of the previous evening, and a special newspaper discussion by Dr. Hillis and other distinguished gentlemen of the nation, on such familiar subjects as "The Sanctity of the Sabbath," "The Peril of Moral Illiteracy," "Christ and the Working Classes," and other phases of the social problem.

You can imagine, Mr. Editor, that the church people in this part of Greater Gotham were filled with sympathetic expectancy, and sincerely prayed for the greatest success of these evangelistic services. It is my purpose to endeavor to give you, as you have requested, a fair and unprejudiced account of these interesting meetings. Unfortunately, the opening Sunday was the day of that ferocious storm which swept the North Atlantic coast. All of the church congregations were greatly depleted, and, of course, the audiences at Plymouth Church were much reduced.

In presenting Dr. Dawson to his congregation on that first Sunday, Dr. Hillis assured his distinguished visitor of an affectionate welcome, in the spirit of which the people manifestly participated. Dr. Hillis, in this introductory address, said:

"For some of us the old evangelism has lost its power. Many of you have felt, as I certainly have, that a great gulf has been digged between culture and evangelistic fervor. Our generation has known but one man in whom the two things were blended—Henry Drummond. Prof. Drummond was a scientist, a theistic evolutionist, but first of all, and above all, he was an evangelist. In him culture and fervor were united in ideal relations. He had the intellect of the scholar; he had also the flaming heart of an Apostle. And now that Drummond has gone, we have all longed for a man who would preach the great simplicities and embody evangelism plus reasonableness; and this without any of the appeals to fear, without emphasis of a barbarous mediævalism or a dead philosophy. And I trust that Mr. Dawson will not object to my saying that the explanation of the warm welcome given him by the multitudes in our country has been the fact that he has struck a new evangelistic note, and struck it true and firm."

Dr. Dawson, as he arose, spoke feelingly of the cordial welcome extended to him, and then said:

"If, during this week, we may have in our midst, in this service, the quickening power of the Holy Spirit as I pray, if our own hearts can catch anew the evangelistic fire and the propaganda spirit of Christianity, and if, above all, we may have the joy of seeing in these services men and women consecrating themselves to Jesus Christ and His service, I shall feel that this week is the greatest week of my life. My own church in London is praying for this service this morning. Before I thus begin the first address which I have planned, may I ask every one here during this day—during all this week—to pray for these services? 'More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of;' and where a whole church prays, through the weakest word that may be spoken from the pulpit there pulsates the divine power, not explicable on human grounds; and it is for that gift of divine power that I pray this morning, and I invite you to pray for it during the week."

This "new evangelistic note," when struck by Dr. Dawson, sounded so sweetly familiar to me that I said to myself, this may be a new evangelism to some people, but so far it is strangely like the "old, old story that I have loved so long."

The sermon which followed was on the theme, "Our Duty to the Bystander," from the text, "But because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that Thou hast sent me." (John 2: 42.) The sermon had the right ring, and was full of Gospel tidings, the climax of which was reached in this strong, true statement:

"Of all these vast populations around us to-day, of the million and three hundred thousand people in Brooklyn, there is not one who is not a saint in embryo; who has not a little bit of the spiritual fibre that might make an Apostle, and every lost soul is an accusation against the church, and every ruined life is ruined through the apostasy of the church. 'It is not the will of your Father,' said Jesus, 'that one of these little ones should perish.' Whose will is it, then? Why, yours and mine, when we go upon our blind, selfish way and forget the bystander."

On Sunday night the sermon created much interest. The theme was: "The Unavoidable Christ." A political leader listened to the sermon and remarked: "It is one of the most remarkable sermons ever preached in Plymouth Church, and, for that matter, in any church." This enthusiastic comment was truly justified by the sermon itself.

For the sake of Christian workers who are interested in the best methods of evangelistic work, I will give to you in detail an account of the service of Tuesday evening. The meeting opened with a Gospel hymn led by a precentor and a piano. The music was not hearty; it lacked rallying power. Dr. Dawson read four requests for prayer which he had received through the day, and the audience was led in prayer by Dr. Hillis. A young woman sang, "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing." The pastor made the announcements, and especially urged the people to buy copies of the Eagle and send to their friends.

The time for the sermon had now come. Dr. Dawson is physically robust, of average stature, with black hair and bristling mustache and swarthy complexion. He wears clerical clothes. He has a good voice, the upper tones of which he uses more than the lower register. His subject was, "The Ministry of Night." It was the story of Nicodemus' interview with Jesus. The preacher's manner was deliberate and earnest, but not vociferous. He used a manuscript, turning his notes page by page, though he passed easily into pure extemporaneous utterance, sustaining the fine literary quality of his phrases; but the most impressive things he said were read from his notes. His style was simple, but his thought was strong, and his sentences were piquant and often epigrammatic. There was, however, nothing unusual about this sermon. It was useful, but not unique; prepared, but not persuasive; Scriptural, but not soulful; sincere, but not sympathetic. The sermon received the respect of the head, but not the response of the heart. It did not create any throb in the soul of the listener. Any cultured, earnest preacher would not be filled with despair as he listened. Indeed, I think it is only fair to say that just as effective work is being done by thousands of consecrated men in the pulpits of this country. This is not said in disparagement of the good man from abroad, but for the encouragement of many devout men, who, without fame or notoriety, are faithfully preaching a convincing and compelling Gospel. After the sermon, "I Need Thee Every Hour" was sung; and then, as the audience was seated for a silent prayer, Dr. Dawson asked any persons to rise who desired prayers, or who wished to commence a Christian life, but there was no response.

The house was about two-thirds full. Most of the people were above middle life—many with silvery hair. There were many clergymen, but not many young people. It was a clear moonlight night. The meetings were exploited in the papers and advertised on the fenders of the street cars. I write you these particulars that your readers at a distance may see and hear through the medium of your correspondent. It would give me infinitely more pleasure to be able to tell you that multitudes thronged the church and that hundreds were inquiring, "What must we do to be saved?"

There was a larger audience on Thursday evening, and an increase of interest. The theme of Dr. Dawson's sermon was "The Last Step." It was an elaboration of the Scripture, "And He went a little further," which refers to our Lord leaving His disciples at the edge of the olive grove while He went into His Gethsemane. The sermon was personal, pointed, suggestive, searching, appealing. In these addresses there is not the slightest tendency toward uneasy liberalism or the use of any uncertain terminology, and no apologetic explanation or defence of the Scriptures. It is the old-fashioned, orthodox, natural, and confident Gospel. The speaker said this last step made Jesus the world's Redeemer. Only those who go a little further become heroes. How few church people are willing to take the last step of self-denial! A step further, and Jesus found God. Sometimes the step is in the dark, but some men do not get hold of God's hand until they reach out in the night. Go a little further, and doubt your doubts. When you come to die it will avail you nothing that you almost took the last step.

Such truths as these constituted this wholesome sermon; if unbelievers were not awakend, Christians were warned and inspired. In response to an invitation for people to stand who wished prayers for themselves or for others, about a dozen persons arose.

Dr. Dawson preached to crowded houses on Sunday, and on Monday night delivered an address on evangelism, and left on Tuesday morning for London. The interest in the meetings increased nightly, but because of the impersonal character of the services it is impossible to tell how many persons have accepted Christ as their Saviour as a result of this endeavor.

Your New England readers are perhaps familiar with Dr. Dawson's address, which he has delivered on several occasions, in which he defined the "New Evangelism;" but after careful observation during this eight days' meeting, I am gratified to say that the "new evangelism," so called, seems to me to be only the old evangelism anew. It is new only to those who are hearing it or applying it for the first time. To Methodists the doctrines and methods are familiar, and the spirit and purpose are identical with the purpose and spirit so fruitfully employed by us for a hundred and fifty years. If there is anything new in this present evangelism that is its weakness, and all in it that is old is its strength.

completely "culture and evangelistic power;" it successfully avoids "barbarous mediævalism or dead philosophy." All announcements of a "new evangelism" to-day are only the tardy discovery and application of mighty secrets which were revealed decades ago to the Wesleys, Whitfield and Jonathan Edwards.

These meetings were instructive and entertaining, but they lacked response from those who needed salvation. Perhaps the failure to use specific methods was one reason for the absence of immediate results. An altar or prayer, an inquiry-room, a company of trained workers, an after-meeting for testimony and personal touch—all of these seemed to be needed. Perhaps there were many persons who might have desired to accept Christ who did not know how. It will not do to discount the emotions in the religious life; "for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness." Christ makes His appeal to the heart; and any "mission" or revival service in which the heart-throb of the preacher and his church is not heard is not apt to be the occasion when wandering men will cry out: "What must I do to be saved?" A noted preacher in the pulpit, and the long-distance, rapid-firing artillery of even a whole page of a daily paper, should be considered merely as incidental accessories to any great evangelistic influence. There is no substitute for heart examination, sorrow for sin, importuning and intercessory prayer, and wrestling with God. Dr. Dawson's best sermons, and those which more strongly gripped his audiences, were those in which he appealed directly to the emotions of his hearers.

The pastors of Highbury Quadrant Church and Plymouth Church are both sincere, able, godly men. These meetings were held with an earnest desire to improve the spiritual condition of this city. The Word of God was faithfully expounded, and we may be sure that in so far as this undertaking has reached the level of worthiness, it will receive the blessing of Christ and bring forth fruit.—Zion's Herald.

A Mother's Letter to a Young Minister.

My Dear Son:—Thank you for sending me a copy of your sermon before the class in homiletics. You exercised good judgment in making it simple and brief. The commendatory words of the professor were kind and encouraging. I hope you will always try to make your presentation of truth as simple as possible. There is not only virtue, but sublimity in simplicity. And no one appreciates the power and beauty of plain, transparent speech more than the most highly cultured man. And, of course, the unlearned are delighted to find that they, uneducated as they are, can understand the words of the preacher.

As to brevity, how times have changed! I remember when few sermons were shorter than an hour and a half, and I have heard sermons, and enjoyed them, too, which were much longer than that. But let a minister preach such long sermons in these days, and his congregations would speedily dwindle.

I suppose there are occasions when a minister is justified in preaching an hour, such as ordination services or great anniversaries, but a pastor who preaches twice each Sunday to the same congregation should not go beyond thirty-five or forty minutes. Knowing the limitations of his time, he will address himself more directly to the argument, devoting less time to unnecessary introduction and elaboration.

I have heard that the students at Cornell much prefer the fifteen-minute talks Sunday afternoons to the longer discourses of the morning, when famous men come to preach the university sermons in Sage Chapel. They say the short addresses are more direct and practical. And I confess I have often derived greater benefit from the brief homilies of our pastor on Wednesday evenings than from some of his more elaborate efforts.

This is a hurried age. Alas, that it is so! But it is so, and preachers are wise who, having a message to deliver, remember Luther's motto: "Stand up manfully; speak up cheerfully; leave off speedily."

I remember the chapel talks I used to hear when I was in the G—— Seminary. Each one was a sermon, and each sermon was a message, yet no one of them was over ten minutes in length.

I wonder if sermons should not be built on the plan of the heavenly city, whose length and breadth and height were equal? Please do not think I am trying to force upon you a mechanical idea of your pulpit work.

I fancy that some preachers have a notion that each sermon must be about so long. Under such a delusion they labor to stretch out a line of thought which has already ended, and resort to "padding" to do it. Or they suddenly drop a thought, which if pressed a little further, might lead some hearer to the point of self-surrender.

I think I observed an example of the error not long ago. A stranger was occupying our pulpit. His sermon was a strong one and delivered with great earnestness. The people were deeply interested and looked to a fitting conclusion in a final proposition, a "summing up" and an appeal, when suddenly he closed the Bible and led in final prayer. I do not know why he ended so abruptly, so prematurely, unless the ringing of the bell in the City Hall tower across the square warned him that 12 o'clock would set the people to thinking about dinner. Five minutes more and the sermon would have been like a finished temple, but he failed to put the roof on.

Did I speak of "building a sermon?" I prefer a sermon that has grown, rather than one that has been built. (Am I wicked to criticise so much?) Some sermons impress me as having been made by a mechanical process. I can almost tell where this and that part came from—not plagiarism, but honest work, only lacking in organic unity. Others seem more the result of a living process. They come from the inner life of the preacher. He has gotten them by evolution rather than by accretion.

Dear son, I covet for you "the best gifts." I want you to be the highest type of a preacher, not that you may fare the better in worldly advantages, but that you may the more faithfully and fruitfully represent to the needy sons of men the gospel of spirit and of life.

Once religion meant to me something to put on. But God is nearer to me than when I first believed, and now I think of religion—our religion—as something, a force, to be put into human life, and to be wrought out by the right use of every faculty.

I pray for you daily, never asking anything for myself that I do not ask more for you; never thanking Him for anything without thanking Him most of all that He counted you worthy to be called into the ministry. Your affectionate Mother.—Western Christian Advocate.

The Field

Nathaniel M. Jurney.

Rev. Nathaniel M. Jurney was born in Surry County, N. C., January 11, 1848.

He died at Mt. Olive, November 6, 1904.

When he was twelve years of age his father moved to Olin, N. C., and there he grew to manhood.

His father was a physician and a local preacher in the Methodist Church, a man of gifts, of deep piety, and of generous nature which showed itself in kindness to the needy and suffering.

His mother, a noble Christian woman, died when he was young, but not before she impressed an unfading influence for good on her son, and her memory was a sacred and revered thing with him, a precious ointment pouring its benign fragrance into his life, and holding him, amid all the experiences through which he passed, firmly to his faith in God, and to his unwavering purpose to meet her in heaven.

He was converted in early life and joined the church of his parents.

He was educated at Trinity College, working his own way to an education, and graduated in four years, and we are told, with honors. His college days were happy days with him. His genial and frank nature, his open-heartedness and sociability won him many friends among his school fellows. He took an active interest in the literary and religious work of the college.

During this period he was brought in close relationship with Dr. Craven who showed a personal interest in the warm-hearted, earnest student, and the Doctor's influence, advice, and great life did much toward inspiring his pupil to develop his life and character after a high standard. An abiding friendship grew up between them, which Brother Jurney cherished as one of the most sacred experiences of his life.

He was graduated at the commencement in 1874, and at the session of the North Carolina Conference in Raleigh the same year he was admitted on trial. His first appointment was Person Street, Raleigh. That year the church was blessed with a great revival and a large accession of members. He continued in active relationship, serving many important charges until 1900, when he was located at his own request. In 1886, he was married to Miss Belle Sabiston of Beaufort, N. C. He could not have been more fortunate in his marriage. She was just the woman for him. With a sunny nature, warm-hearted, industrious, tactful and deeply religious, she made his home a happy one. She shared with him cheerfully the experiences of the itinerancy and helped him in his work. To them have been given four children, one now dead.

The two sons are both members of the Methodist Church, and give promise of becoming worthy and useful men.

The youngest, a daughter, is yet too young to realize her great loss.

Brother Jurney was a very devoted husband and father, and enjoyed greatly the companionship of his wife and children, and constantly sought their welfare. And they loved him with a beautiful affection. It was a touching scene that melted many to tears when standing by the coffin of his father in the church, his younger son, Nat., said to the congregation: "This is my father, and by the grace of God I will meet him in heaven."

Brother Jurney was a zealous friend of Trinity College. He served as financial agent of the College in his early ministry, and has been for years a valued trustees. It was largely through his efforts that the Craven Memorial Hall was built, and it stands a beautiful and lasting monument to his zeal and fidelity. He located at the Conference at New Bern in 1900, but has continued to preach as opportunity offered.

He was a man of kind and sympathetic nature, and the revealments of eternity will manifest many a kind and charitable act that none but the recipients knew of.

He was a man of large natural gifts and his sermons were often delivered with a power and pathos that instructed and moved and delighted the hearers. At Mt. Olive where he lived, no preacher could attract larger audiences than he.

He was firm and strong in his attachments, and had many friends who feel, as does the writer, a sense of personal loss in his death.

The large concourse of people at his funeral, and the many tear-filled eyes, told of the esteem in which he was held in the community.

A brave, strong man with many excellencies of character has fallen, and he will be missed. We trust he has joined the sainted mother, whom he so often said he wanted to meet in heaven.

F. D. SWINDELL.

A Layman's Impression of the Conference.

If you have space in the Advocate, I want to write a few lines; I want to say, my wife and self attended four days session of the Conference, and would have staid longer but for the inclement weather; we enjoyed the Conference very much, as this was our first, and especially did we enjoy meeting our former pastors and friends.

Some we did not see at all. But we want to say how much we enjoyed Bishop Candler's sermon Sunday morning, and also the other ones. We also enjoyed the Bishop's wit. Tar River Circuit is glad to have the Bishop send Brother Ormond back to us for another year, at least.

Our ex-pastor, Bro. R. H. Broom, stopped over at Kittrell from Conference, and spent two days with his sheep, and to see if they had been fed, and what with. Brother Broom preached to us Wednesday night, and gave us one among his best sermons. We enjoyed it and his visit very much.

Brother Ormond has gone to see his mother, but he will not miss filling any preaching appointment.

Thanking you for the space for these few lines in the Advocate, I remain

Yours in the faith,

V. V. HESTER.

Kittrell, N. C., Dec. 8, 1904.

A Note.

Please note in the column for the Orphanage the following, which was reported in whole to the Conference, with the names of each church and its contribution which is as follows: Charity, $8.07; Kenansville, $3.25; Friendship, $2.03; Warsaw, $1.23. Total, $14.58.

This was taken up on Thanksgiving day, and the churches want it published.

Truly,

W. D. SASSER.

Trinity College Notes.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., Dec. 8, 1904.

Mr. S. F. Mordecai, Dean of the Law Department at Trinity College, is spending this week at Cambridge, Mass., visiting the Law School of Harvard University. He will go from there to Columbia University and then to the University of Pennsylvania. He is on a tour visiting the principal law schools of the country. He will be away from the college for several days.

It is a source of gratification to the College community that Rev. T. A. Smoot has been sent as pastor to Main Street Church, in Durham. A large number from the College community attend services at this church. Mr. Smoot is a graduate of Trinity College, class '95, and he has been a very successful minister.

Rev. W. L. Cuninggim who has greatly endeared himself to the College community, has been stationed at Goldsboro, and the people of that city are to be congratulated.

Hon. James H. Southgate, President of the Board of Trustees, in his report to the two Conferences of the State said: "During the academic year which ended June 8, there were matriculated in the two schools 403 students, 237 in College classes, and 166 in the Trinity Park School. The present academic year began September 7, and to date there have been matriculated in college classes 241, and in the Trinity Park School 190, total 431. At the corresponding date of the previous year there were matriculated 375 students. There are in the faculty of this College 23 teachers, and in the faculty of the Park School there are 6 teachers. There are in the two schools 33 teachers and officers. The academic departments of the College now offer 171 courses of study.

During the summer your Executive Committee organized a Law Department, with a faculty of three teachers. The plan of this new department contemplates the addition of another teacher, who will be added at some future time. The departments of History and Economy offer courses in the Department of Law.

Tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, in Craven Memorial Hall, will occur the installation of Prof. J. A. Bivins as Headmaster of the Trinity Park School. Addresses will be made by Rev. T. F. Marr, D. D., of Charlotte, President Kilgo, Prof. F. S. Aldridge, of Trinity Park School, Mr. J. P. Frizzelle for the graduates ,and by Headmaster Bivins. The public is cordially invited.

Glints of Gold.

Old friends, old scenes will lovelier be
As more of heaven in each we see.
His, not mine, are the gifts; and only so far can
I make them,
Mine, as in giving, I add my heart to whatever is
given. —Longfellow.

The still sweet influence of a life of prayer
Quickens their hearts who never bow the knee.
So come fresh draughts of living inland air
To weary, homesick men far out at sea.
Acquaint thyself with God, O man, and lo!
His light shall, like a garment, round thee flow.
—Alice Cary.

It is not easy with a mind like ours
To bid the pleadings of self-love be still,
Resign our own, and seek our Maker's will.
Self-love dismissed, 'tis then we live indeed—
In her embrace, death, only death, is found.
Come, then; one noble effort, and succeed;
Cast off the chain of self with which thy soul is
bound. —Cowper.

God gives us love. Sometimes to love
He lends us; but when love is grown
To ripeness, that on which it throve
Falls off, and love is left alone.
God's ways seem dark; but, soon or late,
They touch the shining hills of day:
The evil cannot brook delay,
The good can well afford to wait.
—Whittier.

At Christmas time next year.
Who knows what changing fortunes may be near?
Take courage then! For night shall turn to day,
From brightening skies the clouds must roll away,
And faith and hope and love shall all be here
At Christmas time next year.
—Helen M. Winslow.

Just live thy life in full content,
Do all thy best with what is sent,
Thou but receivest what was meant
Just live thy life.
Just live thy life. Be not in fear.
The strength of wrong shall disappear.
And right is ever drawing near.
Just live thy life.
Just live thy life. Seem what thou art.
Nor from simplicity depart,
And peace shall come upon thy heart.
Just live thy life.
—J. L. Stockton, in Boston Transcript.

At a most reasonable cost of $17,500 the trustees of the Wesley Memorial Hospital have purchased a lot, 150x190, on the corner of Auburn Avenue and Courtland Street, Atlanta, with a large house on it that can be easily and cheaply converted into a hospital.

Woman's work in Brazil is prospering above the ordinary. The new school in Bello Horizonte, "Beautiful Horizon," which opened two months ago, is meeting with great success. Miss Mattie Watts, of the Louisville Conference Society, and Miss Howell, of the Western North Carolina Conference Society, have charge of this new enterprise.

The Family

BAD BOOK-KEEPING.

Some Notes About Borrowing Books.

The statement that the borrower is servant to the lender, does not apply in the case of the book-borrower. He is nobody's servant; and while it would doubtless be wrong to suggest that a majority of book-borrowers are dishonest, it is certainly true that a great many of them have memories which are inconveniently short, and others are careless, that is, they cease to care what becomes of a borrowed book after they have read or used it. It is not only the great libraries and the second-hand bookstores that constantly lose books, but most private libraries have vacant spaces and broken sets through the fault of borrowers and forgetful friends.

When I was a senior in Williams College, more than fifty years ago, and my library was confined to the books needful to a student, my experience of borrowers began. A lower-class man asked one day for the loan of Anthon's Classical Dictionary. It was a large and valuable book of Reference, by Prof. Charles Anthon, of Columbia College, and of course was very useful to a student of the classics. As I was engaged in other departments, the absence of the book was not noted for some months, but when the time drew near for me to graduate, I asked for the return of the volume, which was promised, but I graduated without receiving it. When I went to teach, I wrote to the borrower, but he never replied. He became himself a teacher, and established a school in New Jersey, and several years after I ventured to remind him again that he had my dictionary. He replied, that he thought I had given it to him, and that as he found it very useful in his profession, he was sure that I would let him keep it, and keep it he did so long as he lived. He is dead now and the dictionary is out of date.

I was repeating this story to a friend of the late Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby, the other day, and he told of an incident in Dr. Crosby's experience not unlike my own. He missed a volume from a valuable set of books of reference. A careful search failed to reveal the absent volume, but one day at a friend's house, while waiting in his library, he was struck with the appearance of an odd volume of the same set among the other books. Upon looking into it he found his name written on the front page, and was therefore sure that it was his lost volume, though he could not imagine how it came to his friend's bookshelf, and the friend could not tell how he came by it. Probably the benevolent loser labaled the case, "unconscious kleptomania."

While I was a student in Union Theological Seminary, there was a bookseller in Nassau Street, with whom the students did much trading, and his shop became quite a resort for young theologues. It happened that one day a student who was much better off in worldly goods than the majority of them, paid a visit to the Nassau Street book store, and became so interested in the contents of the shelves, that he spent several hours in looking over the books. At length, having finished his inspection he took up a volume of Schleiermacher's works, then newly published, and sought the bookseller. He came upon him suddenly, and promptly asked the price. To this the man replied, much to the student's amazement: "Oh, you don't want that book!" "What do you mean?" said the student. "I mean what I say; I know your kind, you come and spend a morning here, and then ask some fool question about a set of books, and after you have gone I miss a volume or two. You can go right along." The student was justly indignant, but he kept his temper, and only said, "You have made a serious mistake, sir, but I will give you a chance to correct it, and apologize to me. If you will send that set of books to my house with the bill and a suitable note, I will pay their price to the bearer." The shop-keeper evidently regarded this as a "bluff," for he never sent the books. He had reason to know his mistake, however, by the loss of trade with those who heard the tale and dealt no more with him. The man whom he insulted, became in after years himself a publisher of books and periodicals, and it is quite certain that he had no more dealings with that bookseller than the Jews had with the Samaritans. I have no doubt that the bookseller had suffered in the way which he narrated, but he was a bad judge of mankind, and evidently a poor business man, or he would have sent the books home with a profound apology and gained a customer and probably a friend.

The meanest sort of borrowing is that which is often inflicted upon public libraries and more rarely upon private individuals. There are men so mean that they will cut out the plates from valuable illustrated books, either for their own use, or to sell them to book lovers who make "extended" copies of important works by inserting manifold plates and pictures. I have two volumes in my library that have been thus robbed; the pictures are gone and even some parts of the text, but I have no suspicion or imagination of the mutilator. Whoever he was, I would far rather he would have stolen the entire volumes, for these crippled books are like chronic invalids in my library among a lot of sound and healthy volumes. Mr. James Lenox, who founded the great library in this city, which has been consolidated with the Astor and other collections to form the City Library, used to be criticised for the strict rules which he made for the use or exhibition of his books when they were a private collection or but he was probably right in not allowing books to be taken out or even used in the library without the presence of an attendant, and in requiring the personal introduction of those who wished to view or consult his books. He knew the ways of borrowers, and his principles of book-keeping were sound. Since his death, under careful public inspection, the library has become a most largely used, and largely useful institution. There is nothing easier to borrow than a book, unless it be a wheel-barrow, and few things that seem more difficult to remember to return. Even schoolboys have coarse rhymes which they scrawl on the blank leaves of their lesson books, like the following which has come down inscribed in the books of those who were boys a hundred years ago:

Steal not this book, my honest (?) friend.
For fear the gallows should be your end,
And in the judgement of God should say,
Where is that book you stole away?

AUGUSTUS.

A Minister's Virtue.

A certain pastor had reached middle life and his prime of power and usefulness. Yet he died. As his body was carried reverently and lovingly from the large and beautiful church just completed, everyone thought of how his pastoral life had been characterized by steady and fruitful growth. Growth: that was characteristic of him. It was accounted for by the roots of his character. Peter speaks of them in his Second Letter: "Add to your faith virtue," he says, "and to virtue other things."

This pastor had a faith profound, sound, simple and sincere. It was profound, touching the deepest veritics of human and divine nature; sound, because he received it from godly parents, worked it out from the Scriptures and tested it by wide study; simple, because the chief things in it were the few great things that really matter; and sincere, because it was of the heart as well as of the head, not an atom of it that he did not preach and try to live daily. This faith of his held strongly and lived faithfully, was the foundation of his character. To that faith he added virtue.

Virtue means two things. First it means cleanness. He was clean. The man was like his manner, his inner habits like his outer habit, like his dress and address all and always clean-cut. In college he was that rare thing, a clean young man. He loathed coarse, low, vulgar things. An unconscious look of nauseated disgust spread over his face when he heard an improper story or a low joke. He turned resolutely toward clean, fine, high things. In a virile young man such as he was, athlete, full of high spirits, that meant relentless warfare against the animal in him. It meant self-conquest, the spirit ruling the brute. And that meant, as self-discipline always does, power. Without self-discipline the most gifted nature is weak and uncertain and early declines. He was beautiful in the sight of men and angels, and of God, and he had power.

But virtue means also manliness, virility, strength, courage. You could not know this man without feeling, under his habitual courtesy, gentleness and refinement, a strong virility. You were sure that on fitting occasion he could be stern, indignant, even rough, could strike out from the shoulder at a man or half-a-dozen men, if that would serve God and men. Hypocrites, sneaks, dead-beats, evil minded brutes, must have felt fear of him. What a soldier he would have made; what a frontiersman! What a power for manliness he must have been to the young men he once tutored in a college! But he was needed in his city church. No place on earth needs pure, self-controlled and virile manhood more than the seats of our highest civilization. We are in peril of weakness and emasculation through our refinements. Luxuries make us lazy in life eternal. The peace that makes money-getting easy and life comfortable is sometimes reckoned a higher good than it really is. We tend to sacrifice truth, honesty of purpose, speech and behavior, to love of quiet comfort. Such men as this minister, whose virtue of cleanness was beautiful and strong, whose virtue of manhood was strong and beautiful, are the salt and saviours of our society.

And they are greatly needed in the church. In front of the golden temple of Solomon, on either side of the entrance, toward two strong and beautiful columns of bronze, more than fifty feet in height and adorned with exquisite art. They were named Jachin and Boaz. Strength and Beauty. They adorned and guarded the door of the house of the Lord. And such, towering, strong, beautiful, an ornament and a guardian of God's house, was this pastor. What a protecter of the weak he was, as such men always are; clean and cleansing, strong and strengthening, pure and pitiful, true and tender. Happy the church with such a minister. Happy such a minister of a church.

But Peter's words were not addressed especially to ministers. The pastor needs no virtue that other men do not need. Such men, Jachin and Boaz men, men rooted in such faith and such virtue, are needed in every home, in every school, in every session, diaconate and board of church trustees, and everywhere else! And when God, through the pen of transformed Peter, tells us to add virtue to our faith, He, who is able to make Peters out of Simons, can and will make us men of virtue if we try, in faith, to do our part.

THE GIFTS OF RICHARD M. SCRUGGS.

Richard M. Scruggs was a princely layman of St. Louis Methodism. He had the riches of earth and the riches of heaven. He died sometime ago and left the following legacies: the sum of $25,000 each to the St. Louis Provident Association, Central College at Fayette, Mo., and the Bethesda of St. Louis; $10,000 to Cook Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, South; $10,000 to the Virginia Presbyterian Orphans Home at Lynchburg; $5,000 each to Bishops E. R. Hendrix, Chas. B. Galloway, A. W. Wilson, E. E. Hoss, and W. A. Candler for foreign missions; $5,000 each to W. A. Lambuth, Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South; The Girls Industrial Home at St. Louis, the Assembly Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va., the St. Louis Conference, and $2,500 for the school of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fredericktown, Mo.

Thus Richard M. Scruggs will continue to live and bless humanity for the years to come.

Our Boys and Girls

The Yellow Leaves.

The yellow leaves are falling,
They flutter on the breeze,
And tenderly are calling:
"Good-bye, good-bye, dear trees!"

The yellow leaves are falling,
They tumble from on high,
And turn to murmur softly:
"Good-bye, good-bye, dear sky!"

The yellow leaves are falling,
They scatter one by one,
And turn again to whisper:
"Good-bye, good-bye, dear sun!"

The yellow leaves have fallen,
And seared and dead they lie;
The brown earth holds them closely,
"Good-bye, dear leaves, good-bye!"
—Constance M. Lowe, in Cassell's Little Folks.

The One-Talent Girl.

"I wish I had a million dollars," sighed Marion.

Her father glanced from his paper to the sweet, flushed face. He laid down his paper. "What would you do if you had a million dollars?"

"I've been reading about Miss Helen Gould and the good she has done. I would build an orphan's home and educate poor children," she answered.

"Marion, have you ever read the parable of the ten talents?"

"Why, yes, father."

"Who did the most good?"

"The one with the most talents, of course. He had something to do with," answered Marion.

"What did the man with one talent do?"

"Hid it."

"That is true to-day. The men with money are doing much good. Most of them, like Miss Helen Gould, have nobly done their part, and the men with one talent look on, envy, and let their own talent rust," her father earnestly said.

Marion was sixteen, and an earnest, thoughtful girl. "You mean"—she began, and then hesitated.

"Just what I said, Marion. You are wishing for a million dollars. If you had it, you would educate the poor. Last night Mrs. Brewster brought your mother's dress home. You were in the parlor, at the piano. Little Mamie ran to the door and eagerly drank in every note. The poor mother sighed and wished she could afford to give the child lessons. You have been studying music under splendid teachers for six years. Are you hiding your talent, Marion?"

"I have been, papa, but I am going to dig it up this very day," she answered. She ruffled him tenderly on the head and left the room.

Mrs. Brewster was at the sewing machine, and Mamie sat before a table. She had an open book before her, and was moving her hands as if at a piano. There was a low knock at the door, and Mrs. Brewster looked around. "Come in, Miss Marion. Mamie, give Miss Marion that chair. She has been playing that table is a piano ever since she heard you play last night."

"Does she love music?"

"O, yes. She can play a little by ear, and doesn't know anything about music," the mother answered. And then Marion heard a little sigh.

"Will you let me give her lessons?" asked Marion.

"I'd like to, Miss Marion, but I can't spare the money."

"O, I don't mean that way. I want to give her the lessons without any money," cried Marion. "I've studied music for six years, and I think I can teach her."

Tears came to the widow's eyes. "You don't know what that means to us, Miss Marion. I want Mamie to have every advantage, and God will bless you. I can't thank you enough. Mamie, do you hear? Miss Marion is going to give you lessons."

Marion slipped out as quickly as possible. Thanks always embarrassed her. There were to be sacrifices, she soon found. She must miss walks with her girl friends. Sometimes she didn't feel well; but she persevered, and little Mamie learned fast.

Marion's girl friends were surprised when she began teaching Mamie. They knew her father's income did not require her aid.

Finally Stella Lawton, Marion's closest girl friend, found out the secret from the little dressmaker. She told the other girls. "And Marion never said a word about its being free."

When they spoke to Marion about it, she quietly told of the talk she had had with her father.

"I've been wondering what I could do. I don't even know what my one talent is," sighed Stella.

"There is your elocution training, Stella. Granny Wilson will be so glad if you would read to her. Your articulation is so clear that she could understand you well. You see, since father opened my eyes I have seen opportunities I didn't see before," Marion answered.

"What can I do?" questioned Bessie Morris.

Marion thought for a minute. "When I had pneumonia last winter mother said she would feel safe when she left you with me. You could help nurse the little child at Mrs. Baker's.'

Bessie's clear laugh rang out. "I've been thinking, too. I sat up there last night," she answered.

Marion's father came in the gate and straight across the lawn to the girls. "What are you magpies chattering about?" he asked.

They told him.

"I haven't decided yet, Mr. Barr. What can I do?" asked Grace Russell.

"If I had your beautiful voice, I could find what to do, Grace. The children at the Orphans' Home need training, and any lonely home would be brightened when you had sung some sweet song. There are many places where a beautiful voice may be used. Mother is calling me. I must go; but let me say, dear girls, that you are gathering sheaves for the great harvest. Every good deed or kind word spoken, or I might say, every talent spent lifts your own and some other heart closer to God," she said, softly.—M. A. Bullock, in Children's Visitor.

The Adopted Kitten.

"Oh, mamma, mayn't I stay home from school and 'muse Nellie this morning, 'cause she feels so bad?" Susie cried, rushing into the breakfast room.

Mamma didn't hear at first.

She was rocking baby and giving three-year-old Robbie his breakfast, and directing Minnie about her lunch, so perhaps it was no wonder Susie had to pull her arm and repeat the question.

"It's Nellie Wilson, mamma. The poor-house man is coming over for her this morning, 'cause she hasn't anywhere to go now; her mamma and papa are dead, and Nellie's 'fraid. May be I won't ever have another chance."

"The poor little thing. Yes, I suppose so."

Susie was dragging the forlorn little figure in shabby black out to the brush-pile where Furry-purry had hidden her kittens.

"She don't mind our looking at 'em," she said eagerly, reaching under the brush for one.

"It's the boys and dogs she hid 'em from. Look, aren't they pretty? 'Most big enough to drink milk for themselves now."

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But presently, with loving pats and soft caresses, they restored the treasures to her and scampered off to the barn to hunt eggs.

Into all the usual nooks and corners they peered, then scrambled up on the hay papa had bought three days before, and Susie cuddled down into it, making believe she was a bird and trying to chirp.

But suddenly Nellie asked: "Why, Susie, did you bring one of the kittens out? I hear a mewing."

They scrambled over to the other side and listened again. "She's got a hole away down in the hay. Kitty! Kitty!"

"It's lost," she said, "and it's so little and crying for its mother. Can't we get it out?"

"Why, it can't see out of its eyes, they are so full of dust," Nellie said, pityingly. "And how thin it is, and so rough! It looks as if she was 'most starved to death."

And Susie exclaimed: "Why-ee, it isn't one of our kitties at all!"

"Why, Susie! Whose is it, then?"

"I don't know. But it's litter than Furry's-purry's, and bluer; and hers are so plump, and this looks as if it never had anything to eat. It's most like hers, but it ain't. Let's go and show it to mamma."

Mamma looked at it curiously. "No, it's not Furry-purry's—looks as if it were Maltese. Found it in the hay, you say? Then it must be Mr. Dean's cat had her nest in the haystack, and he loaded it in with the hay without knowing it."

"Take it to Furry-purry. She may take it for one of her own and take care of it. That is the only thing we can do," mamma said.

Susie carried the kitten tenderly out on the steps and called: "Furry-purry! Kitty! Kitty!"

The little girls followed and peeped under the brushpile, presently returning to report that Furry-purry had taken the waif to her bosom, was nursing it, and gently washing the dust out of the blinded eyes with her soft tongue as if it were her very own. "She's just 'dopted it," Susie said. "I didn't know cats were so good."

"Mammas have tender hearts," smiled papa. "Hello, here's Davis from the poor-house! What does he want here?"

Nellie knew. The light faded from her eyes, a great sob rose in her throat.

Mamma saw the big tears flooding her eyes again, and gathered the forlorn little figure in her arms. "He has come for this motherless little girl," she said, with a queer little shake in her voice.

"But we can't be outdone in Christianity by a cat. Please go tell him he can't have her. We'll take care of her."

"Well," he said, "all she will eat and wear won't cost very much, and the work mainly comes on you. Just as you say, only don't work yourself to death."

"She will help and teach Minnie and Susie to be more helpful," said mamma. "And anyway we can't be outdone by Furry-purry."—Selected.

The Boy Who Succeeded.

Thirty years ago in a poor schoolhouse in a back district a boy at the foot of the class unexpectedly spelled a word that had passed down the entire class.

"Go up head," said the master, "and see that you stay there. You can if you work hard."

The boy looked down his nose, and made no answer. But the next day he did not miss a word in the spelling. The brighter scholars in the class knew every word in the lesson, hoping there might be a chance to get ahead. But there was not a single one. Dave stayed at the head. He had been an indifferent speller before, but now he knew every word.

"Dave, how do you get your lessons so well now?" said the master.

"I learn every word in the lesson, and get mother to hear them at night. Then I go over them every morning before I come to school. And I go over them again at my seat before the class is called up."

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The attention of the subscribers of the Woman's Missionary Advocate is called to the fact that many subscriptions will expire in December; and there is an earnest appeal for speedy renewals.

We trust the members of our Conference Society will turn at once to the labels on the last number of their Woman's Missionary Advocate, and allow no lapse to occur in their subscriptions.

Rev. George R. Loehr, of Shanghai, China, in a letter to the Woman's Advocate, pays a high compliment to the characters and work of the faithful women who are laboring there and elsewhere in the foreign field.

After speaking of their great success in the school work, and in bringing large numbers of the children and the women into a knowledge of the Christ, he says: "With their sympathies, prayers and presence they have wonderfully assisted the pastors in the preaching services, and have in all things been true yoke fellows. Would that their numbers were multiplied a thousand fold in China! Permit me to congratulate the members of the Woman's Board on the splendid success attending their efforts to give the gospel to women and children in heathen lands."

These words should encourage us to greater diligence in our work at home that we may give more abundant means for the support of these faithful women; and 'continuing instant in prayer,' to plead for the reinforcement they need in the ranks of foreign workers."

No doubt all our readers enjoyed the letter from our Elizabeth Davis, which recently appeared in the Raleigh Advocate.

In it there was expressed a tender appreciation of the efforts of those who make it possible for her to remain in the work so dear to her heart.

There is a request, too, in Miss Davis's letter, that earnest prayer be made for Brazil, and especially for the school in which she is laboring—Collegio Americano Fluminense.

Let us keep in daily remembrance, her closing entreaty:

"Pray that I may faithfully represent Him whose I am and whom I serve."

The Corresponding Secretaries of the auxiliaries were requested some time ago, to send in reports of their work for our column. We are glad to have this kind response from Hertford:

Dear Mrs. Dixon:—I watch our page in the Advocate each week for news from the different auxiliaries; but it seems as if the greater part of the Corresponding Secretaries have been waiting, as I have, for others to do the writing.

Our Society is not quite two years old, and has a membership of only ten, but we are all interested in the work.

Our beloved President, though having passed the seventy-fifth milestone in her pathway of life, being such a consecrated and zealous worker herself, inspires us to press forward in the work of aiding our missionaries in heathen lands, to proclaim the wonderful Light and Salvation of the Son of God, to those who sit in darkness.

We raised ten dollars last year on the pledge, and are hoping to do more this year.

Our members live in the country some distance apart, but seven attended the Week of Prayer, which we enjoyed, and we hope all were helped thereby. We raised a small thank-offering of two dollars and ten cents.

Nine members use seven copies of the Woman's Missionary Advocate.

We hold our meetings the first Sunday afternoons, at the home of some of the members. They are well attended and enjoyed by the members.

We have two honorary members, a committee to visit the sick; have commenced to use a birth-day box for incidental expense.

I think there would be more enthusiasm in our societies, if our District Secretaries would hold meetings each year.

Sincerely yours,
MRS. J. P. WINSLOW,
Corresponding Secretary.

Our fluent Recording Secretary, Mrs. Burton, furnishes the following abridged account of Week of Prayer service in the Edenton Street auxiliary:

The blessed season was a time of refreshing, and the recollection of it will remain with us, giving, we trust, a new store of strength.

The daily attendance was good, and marked interest was shown in the exercises. The fine program was carried out, and much information of the work gathered; while the discussions gave a clear insight into its progress, its difficulties, its needs.

Many testified to a personal sense of God's goodness. Mrs. Battis speaking with eloquent emphasis on this, and on the great blessing that comes from the interchange of soul-experience between Christians, most effective in much desired class-meeting.

There were articles bearing upon all the fields which the Woman's F. M. Society has been privileged to enter, and I regret that the lack of time and space forbids a detailed account.

Many members took part willingly, gladly—a happy and encouraging sign.

I can make special mention only of Mrs. Royster's admirable paper on "Brazil;" the delightful one on "Mexico," by Mrs. Bumpas; and the "Early History of Missions" by Mrs. Massey, her review stirring enthusiasm for the brave Christians, who showed the same inspiration and consecration that characterize the missionaries of the present term.

The hymns of praise were sweet and comforting. Mrs. Fab. Brown, one of our most earnest and successful church workers, kindly assisting in the music.

The earnest prayers of our dear sisters will linger with us, and help us to give our best to this work, which surely bears the seal of God's approval.

MRS. R. O. BURTON,
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Report of Conference Third Vice President for Second Quarter.

Wilmington.—Grace Church Auxiliary: Baby Roll members, 6; Mite-box brigade members, 32.—4 added during quarter. Amount collected from Brigade Boxes, $1.85.

MRS. M. L. STOVER,
3rd Vice Pres.

Windsor.—Baby Roll Members, 13. Collected from Baby Mite-Boxes, $2.24. Mite-Box Brigade members, 19—four added during quarter. Amount from dues and Brigade Boxes, $9.50.

MRS. R. L. DAVIS,
3rd Vice-Pres.

Winfall.—Baby Roll members, 5. Collected from Baby Mite-Boxes, .45.

MISS MATTIE WHITE,
3rd Vice-Pres.

Beaufort.—Baby Roll members, 8. Elizabeth City, 1st Church.—Baby Roll members, 4—two added during quarter. Collected from dues and from Baby Mite-Boxes, $1.45. Mite-Box Brigade members, 19—four added during quarter. Amount from dues and Brigade Boxes, $2.05.

MRS. W. M. HINTON,
3rd Vice-Pres.

Belhaven.—Baby Roll members, 4. Amount from dues and Baby-Mite Boxes, $1.81. Mite-Box Brigade members, 7—four added during quarter. Amount from dues and and Brigade Boxes, $2.84.

MRS. M. M. WOODARD,
3rd Vice-Pres.

New Bern.—Baby Roll members, 121—nine added during quarter. Amount from dues and Baby-Mite Boxes, $14.19. Raised for local work, $12.31. Total amount, $26.50.

MRS. VIRGINIA HARRISON,
3rd Vice-Pres.

Selma.—Baby Roll members, 11—two added during quarter. Amount collected, $1.01.

MRS. C. B. ELLIS,
Third Vice-President.

Durham.—Trinity Auxiliary: Baby Roll members, 8. Amount collected, $2.00.

MRS. M. A. CLOSS,
Third Vice- President.

Lake Landing.—Baby Roll members, 4. Amount collected, $2.51. Mite-box Brigade members, 14. Amount collected, $5.89.

MRS. J. L. MANN,
Third Vice-President.

Warrenton.—Baby Roll members, 18. Amount collected, 25.

MRS. JERRY DRAPER,
Third Vice-President.

Smithfield.—Baby Roll members, 11—one added during quarter. Amount collected, 25 cents.

MRS. W. H. AUSTIN,
Third Vice-President.

Raleigh.—Edenton Street: Baby Roll members, 18—6 added during quarter. Amount collected, $1.15. Mite-box Brigade members, 27—2 added during quarter. Amount collected, 45 cents.

MRS. CELESTE SMITH,
Third Vice-President.

This report from our fine Conference Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. A. Spiers, has been unavoidably delayed, but it will be none the less welcome, for there is nothing more charming than news from our little ones. We congratulate Mrs. Spiers and her faithful co-workers, whom we are pleased to present to our readers.

Little Florine's Picture.

I doubt not, every Brigade would like to own a picture of this lovely little girl. Write to Mrs. S. H. Scott, New Bern, and she will supply all that ask.

From Weldon Auxiliary.

Mrs. Owen's letter, as usual, brings good cheer, for it continues the story of a fine year's work by these fine workers. I will give a portion of it:

"We observed the Week of Prayer, and all who attended the exercises enjoyed them and, I am sure, were greatly benefited. Our efficient President, Mrs. Lee Johnson, held a consecration service at Church on Sunday afternoon, which drew us all nearer to the Savior and nearer to each other—it was a sweet and refreshing time. One day we met at the beautiful home of a faithful member who lives out of town. She had her carriage to make several trips for the ladies. Was not that lovely? On that occasion five new members joined. The collections amounted to $14.00.

Just before Thanksgiving we sent our orphan girl a box of nice winter clothing, valued at $24.00. The one sent her in the spring was valued at $18.00. We are very proud of our little girl, and feel a deep interest in her. Mrs. Wilkins wrote her a kind, motherly letter, which, I am sure, she appreciated.

We have helped three needy families, made 102 visits to the sick, contributed $25.00 to Brevard, raised $208.80 for local work, and sent to Conference Treasurer, $85.65.

We have 46 members, but the work of the Auxiliary is done by about 25.

We have some gentlemen on our roll, and there are several factory ladies who cannot attend. But it is a faithful little band, and with such consecrated leaders as Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Johnson we are sure of success.

We are glad to use the Bulletins regularly.

Yours sincerely,
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The World As We See It.

By every token Richmond County is determined to relieve itself of the odium of the liquor traffic. The new board of County Commissioners has taken very bold and drastic action. On December 7th this new board passed a resolution declaring that no license to retail liquor in the town of Rockingham should be issued after January 1, 1905. We trust that the County Commissioners will have the manliness to stand by this resolution and enforce it. Truly the spirit of temperance is marching on.

Poor Mrs. Chadwick! She is truly experiencing the truth that the way of the transgressor is hard. Without condoning in the least the series of incidents which formed the chain of her crime, we are tempted to mitigate the offence of a woman who by mere promises could effect loans from experienced bankers who are now bewailing their folly. Think of a banker lending money in large sums to a woman who merely promised that in return therefor he should be made the trustee of a large fortune which was in unsecured paper!

Some of the larger secular papers are having a great deal to say about a "great revival of religion on a new line." Mr. Hillis has lately tried the new line. Mr. Dawson, of London, did his best in helping Mr. Hillis to carry out his plan, but the whole thing failed. The truth of the business is that there can be no revival of religion "on new lines." The old plan of preaching the old gospel and inviting sinners to repentance is the only one that has succeeded or can succeed.

The meeting of the Seaboard Medical Association at Washington, N. C., last week was a very interesting one. The meeting of a body of physicians is always a very interesting one. Physicians, holding in their hands as they do, the physical interest of the man should have the respect and the moral and practical support of every true citizen. Some very interesing papers were presented at this meeting. Among those who read papers and delivered addresses were the following noted physicians: Drs. Charles R. Grandy, S. M. Crowell, Southgate Leigh, Albert Anderson, B. M. Baker, Hubert A. Royster and T. Edwin Baird.

On last Thursday afternoon, one week, at 4 o'clock, the great engines of the World's Fair ceased their throbbing, the wheels ceased to turn, and the doors of the great buildings were closed. At 12 o'clock that night the thousands of electric lights faded into a dull glow, and then left the buildings wrapped in darkness. The World's Fair was over. Many felt the sadness of the passing. Since it is over, it well to fix in our minds certain facts. The gross expenditures of the World's Fair at St. Louis were $44,500,000—nearly twice as much as were the expenditures of the World's Fair at Chicago. The receipts of the former were $25,000,000. The total attendance during 187 days 18,767,457. The attendance at Chicago during 179 days was 27,539,521. The largest monthly attendance at Chicago was in October—nearly 8,000,000. The largest monthly attendance at St. Louis was in September, and was nearly 4,000,000. All expenses were paid at the St. Louis Fair, though a dividend will hardly be declared. From all standpoints it was a magnificent success.

The President has been criticized for giving a public denial to the story in a Boston paper that his children had chased to the point of exhaustion the dressed Thanksgiving turkey which had been sent to the White House. But the President does things according to his own notion. Besides, with thousands of others, he believes that the time has come when newspaper reporters should be taught that a man's private affairs are his own, and that if his children chase through the paternal grounds a turkey which had been killed and dressed a hundred miles away—why, it is his own affair.

The seventy-fourth Convention of the Missionary Baptist Church in North Carolina, met in Elizabeth City on December 7th. The attendance was large. The interest was very great. The reports presented showed conclusively that this great church is doing its part in extending th Kingdom of Christ in this Commonwealth. The Baptist University for Women, free from debt and enjoying a very large patronage,is a monument to the educational zeal and spirit of the Baptists in North Carolina. The denomination is united and the fruits of the work are manifest in every part of the State.

The prophesy made last spring that cotton would continue to bring a high price throughout the present season has failed. In the last week or so there has been a remarkable slump in prices. The price for the last few days has been less than eight cents. Various theories are advanced to explain the slump. The farmers are advised by those who profess to know the situation, to hold their cotton for ten cents per pound. It is claimed that only about 6,200,000 bales of the present crop have been sold and that therefore the cotton growers have the whole situation in their hands, and that it is not the amount of cotton that has been put on the market that has depressed prices but the big crop that is in sight.

We are indebted to Senator L. S. Overman for a copy of "The Jefferson Bible" which has been lately printed according to an act of Congress. Why Congress provided for the publication of this work we are not able to see. The motive surely was not religious, for Congress knows the Constitution, which does not allow the government to propagate directly religious truth. The motive was not a desire to honor Mr. Jefferson, for he needs no honor. Even if he had been in need of an extra honor, the publication of a book which represents only a compilation of the moral sayings of Jesus—a compilation which any one with fair literary ability could have easily made, would hardly add to the honor of a man who drafted the Constitution of the United States.

The President's message to Congress, on account of peculiar conditions, has excited unusual interest. It is very practical and comprehensive, and possesses the merit of not leaving untouched any vital question of the hour. The following are the main expressions and recommendations: Wake-workers have a right to organize, but not to commit violence upon any who do not support their organizations or the enemies of those organizations. The increasing number of accidents upon our railroads, calls for government action. The Inter-State Commerce Commission should have the power to revise rates and regulations. There should be severe child-labor and factory inspection laws. Married women should not work in factories. The tri-ecntennial celebration of the settlement at Jamestown, Va., at Hampton Roads in 1907, is commended for consideration. There should be the enactment of a law against bribery and corruption in Federal elections. The maintenance of full naval and military strength is recommended. Our people must keep steadily before their minds the fact that the justification of our stay in the Philippines must result from the good we are able to do in the Islands.

The editor of the Biblical Recorder in his remarks about the editor of the Advocate, in connection with the report of the last session of the Western North Carolina Conference, departed from his rule of never hitting below the belt by stating that the editor of the Advocate impugned the honor of the editor of the Recorder and sneered at the Baptists, and failing to tell his readers what the editor of the Advocate did say when he was committing the offences just named. This is not like Brother Bailey. If he had printed our remarks his readers would have seen as he by this time must have seen that the editor of the Advocate wrote not a single word or sentence that could be justly construed as an impeachment of the honor of the Recorder's editor or as a sneer at the Baptists. The editor of the Recorder practically dubbed every Methodist preacher as a "man who wears a collar." We did not deny the "entitlement" but simply ascribed to Baptist preachers without congregations, and Baptist Congregations with preachers the excellent taste of being mighty willing to wear the same collar. Brother Bailey surely could not object to this. Of course his latter words about meeting us in our "lair" and making us envy the brother in the Bishop's hands, was merely jocular. The editor of the Recorder could not seriously play the role of a swashbuckler or a Bombastes Furioso.

We cheerfully give publicly to Bro. Bailey the benefit of his after statement that his idea was more to reproduce the reporter's account than to make any comment, and that in making the "collar statement" he did not design to use it in any offensive sense. In the meanwhile all is serene in the Advocate office, and the signs of the moon do not point to any ecclesiastical race insurrection raised by the Recorder and the Advocate.

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The Institute for Domestic Missions will be held in Nashville, Tenn., February 1-28.

You cannot send a nicer Christmas present than "Virginia Dare," by Dr. W. H. Moore. Read the advertisement in this issue.

Messrs. A. P. Davis and G. H. Pickard, two worthy laymen of Carthage Circuit, made us a pleasant visit on last Friday.

The mid-year meeting for the Holston Conference will be held in connection with the missionary meeting at Asheville, N. C., in May.

Superintendent J. W. Jenkins is feeling happy over the large Orphanage receipts at Conference, and the bright outlook for a successful year.

Mr. C. P. Bynum, of Bynums, made us a pleasant visit on last Monday. He is one of the jurors at the present session of the Federal Court in Raleigh.

Rev. Amos B. Haltom who was transferred from the North Carolina Conference to the Memphis Conference, has been stationed at Henderson, Tennessee.

City Road Church, Elizabeth City, will give a Christmas entertainment on the evening of December 26, and the proceeds will be given to the Methodist Orphanage.

Rev. G. F. Smith, P. E. Warrenton District, spent last Monday night in Raleigh. We were glad to see him in the office of the Advocate. He is planning for a busy, successful year.

Rev. R. B. Clark, who for a number of years did fine work in the North Carolina Conference as a supply, has taken a half interest in Trinity High School. We wish him and the school great success.

Rev. D. P. Goode, a wooden legged Confederate soldier and a worthy local preacher of the M. E. Church, South, will be an applicant for the position of Assistant Door-keeper of the State Senate. He occupied this position with great faithfulness and efficiency two years ago.

All the people of Clayton will rejoice to know that Rev. G. W. Fisher, who has so acceptably filled the pulpit of the Methodist Church here for the past three years, will remain at Clayton as pastor of the church another year, he having been returned by the Conference at Henderson to fill out the four years pastorate.—Clayton Cor. Smithfield Herald.

The people of Smithfield are glad with one accord that the Conference returned Rev. N. E. Coltrane. He has been here for two years now and has constantly grown in the esteem and affection of all our people, irrespective of denomination. He is a consecrated man of God, bold and fearless in the pulpit, kind and attentive in his ministrations to his people, and a friend and neighbor to all.—Smithfield Herald.

Revs. M. Culbreth and N. L. Seaboit will leave Raleigh in a few days for their new field of labor —Market Street Church, Wilmington, and Richmond Circuit, respectively. Both these brethren leave behind them the record of faithful, valuable work and a host of friends. The new pastors, Rev. C. L. Read appointed to Epworth, and Rev. G. W. Starling appointed to Brooklyn, will arrive in Raleigh in a few days.

The inauguration of Prof. J. A. Bivins as Principal of Trinity Park School on last Friday evening in Craven Memorial was an occasion of great interest. President J. C. Kilgo represented the College; Dr. T. F. Marr, the Board of Trustees; Prof. F. S. Aldridge, the Trinity Park School; and Mr. J. P. Frizelle, the graduates. The addresses including those of Professor Bivins, were excellent. The school is in a very flourishing condition.

The editor of the Biblical Recorder in the last issue indulged in a savage explosion of bad humor at the expense of Rev. G. R. Rood, who according to the Recorder was guilty of saying in his annual report at Henderson: "They are preaching that anybody who practices infant baptism is either an ignoramus or un-Christian. They say it is Roman Catholicism. I did not preach a sermon on the subject, but I threw out some hints." Whereupon the editor of the Recorder exploded in the following innuendo: "We dimly suspect that this Mr. Rood was once a Baptist minister, and ran ashore, and took to the magic lantern business, winding up in the Methodist haven." The editor of the Recorder will feel sorry for this outburst. Mr. Rood is a faithful young Methodist preacher, who feels that he has all he can do in his own church without attempting to regulate other churches. He has always belonged to the Methodist Church, having been in the ministry only a few years in which he has given full proof of his ministry. As for the statement of the Recorder that "as for us Baptists, we are going to advocate New Testatment Believers Bantism until all the denominations see the light, abandon the pride of outworn opinion, and come over to us," we have nothing to say. If this is the hope of the Recorder, all right. The delusion is a harmless one. But it is another and more serious thing to pillory an innocent man before the public, especially when he has no chance to defend himself.

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CONNECTIONAL.

The Arkansas Conference reports a net gain in membership of over 808.

Bishop Hargrove, who has been ill for several weeks, is reported to be in a critical condition.

The statistics of the North Alabama Conference show a net gain of more than 2,000 in membership.

Four thousand have been added on profession of faith, and a net gain of 2,500 in members in the South Georgia Conference.

Ground has been broken for the new building of the Columbia College. Mr. F. H. Hyatt, the prime mover in the new college enterprise, threw the first spade of earth.

Missionaries of both the Parent and the Woman's Board have returned to their stations at Songdo and the interior of Korea. They had been forced to remain at Seoul for some time, owing to disturbances caused by the war.

Sunday, December 11, has been set aside by the Indian Mission Conference as Epworth University Day. On this day the preachers are planning to present the claims of the University and to raise the educational collection.

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Nance, who have spent more than a year at home, left Nashville November 25 for a short visit in Lewisburg and Union City, Tenn., and a few points in Texas. They will sail for Soochow, China, December 28.

Col. William R. Denny died Sunday at the residence of his son, Dr. Collins Denny. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. John A. Kern at the residence of Dr. Denny, Sunday afternoon, and the remains were conveyed to Winchester, Va., Colonel Denny's former home.

The desirability and the possibility of starting an Institutional Church was under discussion at a late meeting of the New Orleans pastors. There has been need for such a Church for a long time, and the laity of our Church in New Orleans should promptly provide the money for it.

The Missionary Training School is constantly growing in favor, and the outlook is very favorable for a prosperous opening. Three Annual Conferences through their Mission Boards have undertaken to meet the expenses of men attending the Training School. The Tennessee Conference will pay the expenses of ten men; the Memphis Conference, eight; the North Carolina Conference, five; and others will come at their own expense.

General Notes

Dr. Alexander McLaren has consented to act as President of the Baptist World Congress, to be held in London next July.

Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, of the University of Nebraska, has been elected President of the National Association of University Presidents.

Newspaper guessing contests are held by the attorney-general to be lotteries, and the post-office department is directed to exclude from the mails newspapers in which they appear.

Methodism in Rome has inaugurated a system of caring for the children of working women at a charge of about one cent a day. A daily attendance of about one hundred children is reported.

It is said that Vice-President elect Fairbanks is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio. While in school he helped to pay for his tuition by chopping wood and doing other chores.

The New York Christian Advocate thinks that Mrs. Berrington, of Cardington, England, is entitled to the unique distinction of being the oldest Methodist in the world. She was 104 years old last July. She still attends church.

The whole Christian world will hear with deep sorrow of the serious illness of Mr. Ira D. Sankey. About two years ago he became blind, and now his health has become so precarious that his family have taken him to the South for the winter.

The Gospel mission to the prisoners of the Tombs has been carrying the Gospel to the Tombs prisoners for nearly forty years. It is thoroughly evangelical and undenominational and very economically managed.

The Thanksgiving number of the Toronto Christian Guardian is also the seventy-fifth anniversary number of that periodical. The first editor was the famous Egerton Ryerson, who was a prominent figure in Canadian Methodism for nearly fifty years.

Gifts for missions for the year just ended in the Methodist Episcopal Church amount to $50,000 more than those of the pervious year. This permits of additional appropriations for repairing property in the foreign field and for increasing the work in American cities.

In London, England, there are 153,538 men who attend the services of the different Free Churches to 213,901 women, while in the Established Church there are 153,375 men to 292,720 women. Each one may form his own inference from these facts—as to whether the service of the Free Churches appeals more strongly to the men or the service of the Established Church to the women.

The International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association has issued a booklet, "Salient Points," which shows the standing of the Association in North America. The report shows 1,815 Associations, against 1,736 last year; a membership of 373,502, against 350,455 a year ago, with 1,893 employed officers, an increase of 164 during the year. The budget for the home field was $153,796, and for the foreign field, $87,233, an increase of $8,830 in the two items over last year.

Two eminent men have recently given striking testimony of the worth of foreign missionaries. Rev. John Watson, of Liverpool, contrasted the home workers with foreign workers in these words: "We second-rate fellows here at home are the militia; a very respectable lot of hard-working men, but just militia! They are the fighting line—theirs are the medals with the bars—they are our Victoria Cross men!" The other testimony is from Rev. Endicott Peabody, who introduced Bishop Brent at Harvard: "I have much to do with boys, and I would rather have one of my boys becomes a foreign missionary than President. The work of missionaries is the grandest in the whole world, and the missionaries are the heroes of modern times."

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Anything that is worth doing at all is worth doing well, is an adage whose truth ought to apply to everything undertaken by mankind. In God's esteem there is no unimportant work in any field of industry. Honorable work in any line is worthy of praise when conscientiously rendered. Sometimes we erect artificial standards for certain vocations and thereby discriminate against other fields of labor. We look upon some of them as more honorable and respectable than others, and we are occasionally disposed to look with an air of disdain upon what we are pleased to term menial service. Such distinctions are not of God, but of man. True, some callings are more desirable than others, for reasons not necessary to mention; but honest toil ought to be and is respectable everywhere. Not long since we were standing on a street corner, and a young man in rough garb came up and spoke to us, and he was holding in his hand a pair of ice-tongs. On inquiry he was a stout young fellow whom we had met some time before as a delegate to a district conference in the interior of the State. He had come to the city, and wanted employment. A diligent search failed to bring him the job which was in keeping with his tastes and aptitude, so he took the next thing that presented itself, which was a position on an ice-wagon. To this he was giving his best energy till he could get something more in accord with his wish. He did exactly right, and his honest and faithful service in that capacity will bring to him something more remunerative and a little more desirable in the near future. The woman who does your week's washing, the man who acts as scavenger upon your streets, the carpenter who does you good work on your house, the man whom you pay to hoe your cotton, the servant who does your cooking—these people are doing a noble service, and in the sight of God they are as honorable as Sir Isaac Newton with his telescope mapping out the heavens. Fidelity in any position is the test of merit, and the man who is faithful is worthy of all praise. When you do your best in any service, you are a nobleman according to the gospel standard. To take any other view of the case is unworthy and contemptible. Only unfaithfulness ought to bar a man from social recognition, and nothing else. It is so with God, and it ought to be so with men. Do your best in any sphere, and there is a place for you in this life and in the life to come.—Texas Advocate.

What Thomas Missed.

Let those who neglect the weekly prayer-meeting read the following:

Will disciples who don't go to prayer-meetings kindly read John 20:19-28? Here an account is given of the first Christian prayer and conference meeting.

The ratio of attendance was much greater than is usual now, as all the disciples—Judas having gone to his own place—were present, excepting Thomas. He was absent, and apparently not excused. Perhaps it rained, or possibly he had an important business engagement; he may not have felt very well or after a tiresome day, may have felt the need of physical relaxation. At any rate, he was absent; and he missed a great deal.

In the first place, he missed seeing Jesus. For the Master came to that first prayer-meeting and spoke at it.

In the second place, Thomas missed the mysterious gift of the Holy Ghost which those present received from the Saviour.

In the third place, he lost his faith in Christianity. When the disciples next meet him he had blossomed out into a full-fledged agnostic. He flatly refused to accept their united testimony, and declared that nothing short of full scientific proof could ever convince him of the resurrection. What a price to pay for neglecting to go to one prayer-meeting!

But it is substantially what the Christian of nowadays loses if he absents himself from the more intimate meetings of Christ's disciples. He, too, misses the visions of Jesus, the unction of the Spirit and the assurance of faith.

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Stupefies and besots.—Bismarck.

That beverage, the sin of sins.—Southey.

The devil in solution.—Sir Wilfrid Lawson.

Liquid fire and distilled damnation.—Robert Hall.

I consider all intoxicating spirits bad spirits.—Sir Astley Cooper.

Every crime has its origin more or less in drinking.—Judge Gurney.

Grape juice has killed more than grapeshot.—C. H. Spurgeon.

While you have the drink you have the drunkard.—George W. Bain.

Drink is the mother of want and the nurse of crime.—Lord Brougham.

Drink is the greatest obstacle to the diffusion of education.—John Bright.

Drink is the terrible enemy whom England has to fear.—Prince Leopold.

What Christianity is Worth.

Did you ever seriously ask yourself what Christianity is worth to you—to you, personally, whether you have openly numbered yourself among its followers or not? What is it worth to you to have been born in a land like this, with the education, the freedom, the hopes, the outlook which only that one thing has made possible? What has it been worth to you to be trained in a home where honor, integrity and a stainless name are counted above purchase? What have the teachings, the restraints, the sanctions of Christianity been worth to you in the formation of character, in the ideals of life it has given you, in the hopes that, dimly or clearly, reach to earth's boundary and beyond? What would you take in exchange for all these things, if by the barter every vestige of their influence must pass out of your life, your history, and your soul?

It is well for every one to take account of stock occasionally, and some quiet day, when you are counting up your possessions, ask yourself these questions and see what answer they will bring. Then when you have honestly set your value upon them, hold to it in word and deed. If the church stands for the things you approve, support it; if there is a Word of God, consult it; if Christ is indeed the Lord, give Him your allegiance, and let no carping voices sway you.—Wellspring.

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Lesson for December 18, 1904.

Review.

Golden Text: Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. (Luke 4:8.)

1. Elisha Succeeds Elijah.—The beginning of a long and useful career was described in this lesson, in which we were told how the mantle of Elijah fell upon Elisha. The importance of commencing aright whatever service we render to God thus receives a strong emphasis.

2. The Widow's Oil Increased.—This incident gives us a most attractive insight into the character of the prophet Elisha and shows the kindly qualities of that servant of God which made him beloved among the people.

3. Elisha and the Shunammite.—This lesson throws a beautiful light upon home-life in ancient times. It is an idyll of domestic life and presents a picture that is exceedingly attractive. The principal teaching to be gleaned is that of the blessing which the presence of the man of God brought to the Shunammite in the time of her sore bereavement.

4. Elisha and Naaman.—This story of the Syrian captain and the little Jewish maid is one of those Scripture narratives which never lose their charm and which carry with them a constant suggestion of helplessness. Naaman learned that it was only by humble obedience to the prophetic bidding that he could secure the cleansing which he needed. So if we are to be cleansed from sin, we too must become as little children.

5. Elisha at Dothan.—We have here a lesson which unfolds before us the splendid protection with which God surrounds his servants in every time of need. If only our eyes were opened, as were those of the young man who was with Elisha, we should often see ourselves surrounded by heavenly guardians.

6. Joash, the Boy King.—There is a tragedy told in this lesson. It is the story of the fate of Athaliah. Yet the violent death which she met was but the necessary sequence to the life of blood which she had led.

7. Joash Repairs the Temple.—The piety of a youthful king is the prominent feature in this lesson, though we must not overlook the fidelity of those who superintended the restoration of the temple, of whom the record is made that they dealt faithfully.

8. Isaiah's Message to Judah.—Isaiah's message was one of solemn warning. Yet there is also the invitation of divine love, which, if the people had but heeded it, should have sufficed to bring them back to the path of duty.

9. World's Temperance Sunday.—Very appropriately was the World's Temperance Lesson selected this year from the prophecy of Isaiah, for we are at that period in the history of the Israelites when Isaiah lived, and we can the better understand the full meaning of the warning which he uttered against the sin of intemperance.

10. Hezekiah Reopens the Temple.—We have in this lesson the story of an ancient revival of religion. Hezekiah, like Joash, was but a young man, when he undertook this important task, but he carried it to a successful completion, and has set a worthy example for every young man to follow.

11. Captivity of the Ten Tribes.—This lesson is but the natural sequel to those we have studied which show the steady moral declension of the people of Israel. Captivity is the logical outcome of idolatry whether it be the Baal worship of the Israelites or the modern worship of mammon. In either case the soul is fettered, and bitter indeed is the bondage under which it rests.

A little girl was called to court one day to be a witness. She was so small that the lawyers thought she might not know what an oath was. So they asked her some questions.

"Do you understand the nature of an oath?" asked a lawyer.

"Yes, sir," said the little girl.

"What is it?" "It is a swear."

"What do you mean when you say, 'It is a swear'?"

"Well, it is that I have to tell the truth."

"If you don't tell the truth, what then?"

"That would be a sin."

"What is a sin?"

"A bad mark from God."

They let the child tell what she knew, and they all believed her.—Selected.

Being laid and drest for sleep, close not thy eyes
Up with thy curtains; give thy soul the wing
In some good thoughts; so when the day shall rise,
And thou unrak'st thy fire, these sparks will bring
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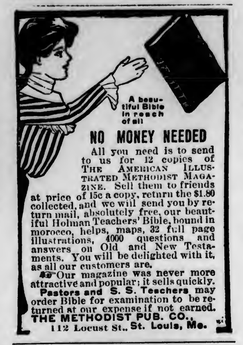
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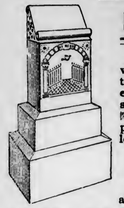
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" Kinston	4.22 "	8.48 "
" Dover	4.45 "	9.18 "
" Cove	5.00 "	9.30 "
" Tuscarora	5.12 "	9.50 "
Arrive New Bern	5.40 "	10.40 "

Station.		No. 7 (Accom.)
Leave New Berne	6.50 p. m.	12.30 p. m.
" Riverdale	6.16 "	1.12 "
" Havelock	6.30 "	1.40 "
" Newport	6.55 "	2.19 "
Arrive Morehead City	7.20 "	2.55 "

WESTBOUND.

Station.	No. 4.	No. 8. (Accom.)
Leave Morehead City	7.11 a. m.	5.20 a. m.
" Newport	7.56 "	6.28 "
" Havelock	8.08 "	7.00 "
" Riverdale	8.21 "	7.30 "
Arrive New Bern	8.45 "	8.05 "

Station.	No. 6
Leave New Bern	6.30 p. m.
" Tuscarora	6.50 "
" Cove	7.00 "
" Dover	7.17 "
" Kinston	7.37 "
" LaGrange	7.57 "
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SOUTH BOUND TRAINS. Daily, ex. S. Second-Class	First-Class	STATIONS.	NOR. BOUND TRAINS. Daily, ex. S. First-Class	Second-Class
101	105		104	102
A. M.	P. M.	Lv.	A. M.	P. M.
7 20	4 15	Raleigh	9 45	5 35
7 35	4 25	Carraleigh Mills	9 35	5 20
7 45	4 30	Spring Hill	9 30	5 15
7 54	4 39	Harnes	9 20	5 04
8 00	4 45	Hobby	9 14	4 57
8 15	4 52	McCULLERS	9 10	4 52
8 25	4 56	Banks	8 58	4 25
8 30	4 59	Austin	8 55	4 21
8 50	5 07	Willow Springs	8 40	4 15
9 05	5 15	JOHNSON MILL	8 40	4 05
9 15	5 17	Cardenas	8 38	4 00
9 20	5 22	C. F. & N. Junction	8 33	3 55
9 35	5 30	Fuquay Springs	8 30	3 52
9 40	5 31	Buckhorn	8 20	3 35
9 45	5 36	Rawls	8 17	3 20
10 00	5 45	Chalybeate	8 10	3 20
10 05	5 50	Bradley	8 00	3 01
10 15	6 00	Smith Mill	7 55	2 55
10 25	6 10	Lillington	7 45	2 45
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Secular News

GENERAL.

It is expected this Congress will pass the Statehood bill.

The armored cruiser Tennessee was launched at Philadelphia.

The Russians at Port Arthur still have two lines of defense left.

During the last fiscal year 812,870 immigrants arrived, a decrease of 44,176.

The Anti-Mormon party in Utah is reported to be developing much strength.

An armistice of six hours was arranged at Port Arthur for the burial of the dead.

Ex-Postmaster-General James N. Tyner is dead of paralysis, aged seventy-eight years.

According to Secretary Shaw, the Government deficiency the last fiscal year was $42,770,572.

Republican leaders in the House say there will be no ship-subsidy legislation this Congress.

The total attendance at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was 18,741,073, with 203,101 on the closing day.

Representatives who visited the Isthmus of Panama report the work on the canal is progressing satisfactorily.

President Roosevelt has not yet shown his hand in the effort to reduce the South's representation in Congress.

It is intimated that Japan will accept the President's invitation to attend another peace conference at The Hague.

If an extra session of Congress to revise the tariff be decided upon, it is thought it will not be called before next fall.

President Roosevelt will go South in the spring to attend the reunion of Rough Riders at San Antonio, Texas.

The Russian battleship Poltava has been sunk and the battleship Retvizan seriously damaged by Japanese at Port Arthur.

Ex-Judge Alton B. Parker argued his first case before the Court of Appeals at Albany since his retirement from the bench.

M. W. Potter, cashier of banks at Davishoro, Glenwood and Helena, Ga., who has disappeared, is short in his accounts $15,000.

Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, the reputed owner of millions, failing to obtain $15,000 bail, was locked up in the Tombs in New York.

Senator Platt introduced in the Senate a bill to reduce the representation of the Southern States in the House of Representatives.

The House Committee on Industrial Arts and Exposition disapproved of holding an industrial exposition at Jamestown, Va.

The Japanese are reported to have been repulsed with great loss in their efforts to turn General Rennenkampff's flank near Mukden.

Secretary Taft and President Amador announced a full settlement of the differences between the United States and the Republic of Panama.

B. B. Hughes, aged twenty-two years; his wife, Eva, about the same age, and two daughters, Emily and Hattie, nineteen and fifteen years old, constituting an entire family, were murdered at Trenton, Edgefield County, S. C.

The nomination of William D. Crum, a negro, was again sent to the Senate for confirmation as Collector of Customs at Charleston, S. C.

The official vote of South Carolina for President follows: Parker, 52,863; Roosevelt, 271; Debs, Socialist-Democrat, 22; Watson, Populist, one.

Census Director North says the issuance of incomplete reports on cotton crops by his bureau prepares those interested for the fuller returns.

Caleb Powers, twice convicted of complicity in the assassination of Governor Goebel at Frankfort, Ky., was granted a new trial by the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Representative Cockran, of New York, offered a bill providing for the appointment of a commission to ascertain the amount of money spent on National campaigns.

The annual report of Secretary of the Navy Morton declares for a large navy, argues in favor of the battleship and advocates the appointment of two vice-admirals.

A joint resolution introduced in the Senate provides for a commission to investigate collection and expenditure of money by National committees in the interest of Presidential candidates.

Dr. Henry K. Pancoast, of the University of Pennsylvania, has succeeded in changing the color of a negro's skin to white by use of X-rays and then back again to brown by the use of Finsen light.

Amid scenes of uncontrolled excitement and frenzied haste to sell securities, the New York Stock Exchange Thursday witnessed the most sensational decline in prices that it has known since the Northern Pacific panic of May 9, 1901. Stocks dropped from 6 to 11 points.

The Next General Assembly.

The General Assembly of North Carolina will meet at noon on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January, which will be the 4th day of January. The election of a Speaker of the House of Representatives will be the first important act of that body. Thus far we have heard of only four aspirants for that position, and they are ex-Judge A. W. Graham, of Granville County; O. H. Guion, Esq., of Craven; B. B. Winborne, Esq., of Hertford, and Major W. P. Wood, of Randolph. There may be others, not yet mentioned.

There is not much legislation needed, and probably the less there is the better. With almost every Legislature there is more danger of too much legislation than fear of too little. Now, that our State has so excellent a corporation law, that is a law under which corporations may be organized, no bill ought to be passed incorporating any company that can be incorporated under our general incorporation law. Heretofore too much time in all our Legislatures has been consumed in the consideration of bills to incorporate all kinds of companies. Let the next Legislature institute a reform in this respect, and devote its entire time to the consideration of measures of a public character and that will benefit all the people. One thing that the Legislature will not do, and that is take any backward step in temperance reform. The opposition made their campaign chiefly against the Watts law, and the people have sustained that law by a large majority. —Chatham Record.

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Port Arthur stands, but the Russian ships in her harbor are at the mercy of the Japanese, who have taken one of the commanding points of the fortress. The policy of the Japanese is now to starve out the Russian garrison.

Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick seems to have made good her claim to fame as one of the most colossal frauds of the time. It appears that by forging Andrew Carnegie's name to the amount of $15,000,000 she has wrecked a strong bank and ruined a number of individuals. She is now in jail.

Monday's papers bring news of an ominous uprising of the people of Russia at St. Petersburg in an anti-government demonstration. It is spoken of as a riot greater than any since 1901.

The armies before Mukden are in the grip of cold weather.

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FIRST ROUND.

Littleton, Littleton, Dec. 18
Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary, Roanoke Rapids, Dec. 24, 25
Weldon, Dec 25, 26
Warrenton Macon, Dec. 31, Jan. 1
Northampton, Rehoboth, Jan. 7, 8
Rich Square Rich Square, Jan. 8, 9
Conway, Bethany, Jan. 10
Murfreesboro, Jan. 11
Bertie, Windsor, Jan 13
Harrellsville, Powellsville, Jan. 14, 15
Garysburg, Garysburg, Jan. 19
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, Jan. 21, 22
Enfield and Halifax, Halifax, Jan. 29, 30
Battleboro and Whitakers, McTyris, Jan 31
Bobwood, Bobwood Feb 4, 5
Scotland Neck, Feb 5, 6
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, Feb. 7
Warren, Providence, Feb 11, 12
Roanoke, Tabor, Feb 18, 19
Henderson, Feb. 26, 27

DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, P. E., Durham, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Durham, Branson, Dec. 11, a. m
Leasburg, at Leasburg, Dec. 12
Milton, at Milton, Dec 13
Durham, Mangum Street, December 18, 19
Carr Church, Dec. 25, 26
Durham Ch., Duke's, Dec 31, Jan. 1
West Durham, an. 1, at night
Hillsboro, Hillsboro Jan 8, 9
Durham, Trinity Church, Jan. 16, 17
District Stewards' meeting at Trinity Church, Durham, at 11 a. m., Tuesday, Dec. 20.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

W. H Moore, P. E.

FIRST ROUND.

Central, Jan 1, 2
Brooklyn at night Jan 1
Youngsville, Youngsville, Jan. 7, 8
Millbrook, Millbrook, Jan 14, 15
Clayton, Clayton, Jan. 21, 22
Franklinton, Franklinton, Jan. 28, 29
Edenton Street, Feb. 4, 5
Louisburg, Feb 11, 12
Oxford Circuit, Feb. 18, 19
Granville, Feb. 25, 26
Oxford Station, March 4, 5

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

John N. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Rockingham Station, Jan. 1, 2.
Hamlet, Old Hundred, Jan. 3
St. John and Gibson, Gibson, Jan. 4
Laurinburg Station, Jan. 4 (7:30 p. m.)
Maxton and Caledonia, Maxton, Jan. 5
Rowland, Rowland, Jan 7, 8
Robeson Trinity, Jan. 8, 9
Elizabeth, Jan. 11
Lumberton Jan. 12
Roberdel, Roberdel Jan. 13
Aberdeen, Biscoe Jan 14, 15
Richmond, Mizpah Jan. 18
Red Springs, Hasford Jan. 21, 22
Montgomery, Shiloah, Jan. 27
Troy, Troy, Jan. 27 (7:30 p. m.)
Mt. Gilead, Mt. Gilead, Jan. 28-29
Pekin Concord, Jan. 30

The District Stewards will please meet in the pastor's study in the Methodist Church, Rockingham, N. C., Dec. 29, 8:30 p. m. And all Stewards are requested to call on every member of their respective churches and receive the offering on pastor's salary for the first quarter, according to the law of the Discipline.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.

FIRST ROUND,

Fremont, Eureka, Dec, 31 and Jan. 1,
Tarboro, Jan. 3
Aurora, Durham Creek, Jan. 7, 8
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Ayden, Jan, 14, 15
Wilson Station, Jan. 22
Wilson Circuit, Lodge Street, Jan. 23
Rocky Mount, Jan. 25
Elm City, Elm City, Jan 29 30
South Rocky Mount and Marvin, Feb. 1
Bethel, Bethel Feb. 4, 5
Farmville, Farmville Feb. 11, 12
Greenville, Feb. 19, 20
Robersonville, Robersonville, Feb. 21
Washington, Feb 24
Bath, Asbury, Feb. 25, 26
Spring Hope, Spring Hope, March 4, 5
Nashville, Nashville, March 6
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter, March 12, 13
Fairfield, March 15
Mattamuskeet, Englhard, March 18, 19

The District Stewards will please meet in the Tarboro Methodist Church at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday, Jan. 3

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. E. Underwood, P. E., Elizabeth City, N. C.

FIRST ROUND.

Pasquotank Circuit, at Hall's Creek, Dec. 25, 26
Elizabeth City, City Road Dec 25,
Edenton, Evans' and Centre Hill, at Edenton, Jan. 1, 2
Hertford Station, Jan. 8, 9
N. Gates Kittrell, Jan. 14, 15
Dare Circuit, Jan. 21
Roanoke Island, Jan. 22, 23
Hatteras, Jan. 28 29
Kitty Hawk, Jan. 25
Perquimans Circuit at Winfall, Feb. 4, 5
Camden Circuit, at Nashs's Feb. 7
Carrituck Circuit, at Asbury, Feb. 18 19
Elizabeth City First Church, Feb. 22
Moyock Circuit Feb. 23
Roper Feb. 25, 26
Plymouth, Feb. 26, 27
Gates, March 5, 6
Pantego March 12 13
Columbia March 18, 19

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Who will help us?

Very Important.

The doors of our Main building are now open for the reception of indigent orphan children. They must be over 6 years old. Girls under 14, and boys under 13 years old. Send for blanks. Don't scratch them. Have the preacher in charge, the Superintendent of the Sunday-school, and a Steward of the nearest church sign them. They are the committee.

As we wish to distribute them, the Executive Committee decided to take but two from a family, for the present.

If there are more than two applications from the same family, we will file them, and see what can be done later.

It would be nice for the pastor to see if his church or churches and Sunday-schools, or school, will not provide for the support of the orphans they send.

The Orphanage at Conference.

The Orphanage never had such a time at Conference. The Old Mother has taken the Baby to her heart. It has been a boy up to this time, and his name was Johnny. But it is a girl now, and her name is Alma. Not Alma Mater, but Alma Infans. But is going to be Alma Mater some of these times.

First, we had such a meeting of the Board of Trustees as we never had before. They showed a deeper interest. They were simply enthusiastic. They devised a sensible plan for its support, feasable and easy of execution. If there is a finer Board in the world, I don't know it.

Second, the Committee was more largely attended, and far more interest was shown by it with Col. Jno. F. Bruton as Chairman, and an able set of ministers and laymen we had a right to expect wise action, and it was taken.

Third, the Conference. Both preachers and lay delegates—all showed more interest than I have ever known. After a short, practicle talk by the President of the Board of Trustees, Hon. R. N. Page, the Conference unanimously adopted the plan divised by the Board, viz.: To make an assessment upon the churches for an amount equal to ten per cent, upon the salary for the support of the ministry.

Fourth, the people—men, women and children, all, were anxious to hear from and to do something for it.

Then I received more money there than ever before at a Conference. So, also, did the Joint Board of Finance.

Receipts up to November 30.

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I passed the store again later in the day, and say that the man's hard rubbing had eventually had some effect, although the brass was even yet not wholly clean. And so, too, I thought our lives can be cleaned of bad habits, although not easily. But the brass plate would have been better if it had never been allowed to tarnish, and we will be better and wiser if we never let bad habits gain a hold on us.—The King's Own.

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"Yes," said Luke, "I'm here."

"I see that," said the man, laughing. "What I mean is, is there anybody here who can set a shoe?"

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Mr. Kipling's letter contributed to A. B. Filson Young's book, "The Complete Motorist" (McClure-Phillips), is really a remarkable document and worthy all the discussion it has created in the public press. "I like motoring because I have suffered for its sake," he begins, and goes on: "The men to reverence, to admire, to write odes and erect statues to are those Prometheuses and Ixions, maniacs you used to call us, who chase the inchoate idea to fixity up and down the King's highway. Yes, I have suffered, as I now see in the cause of humanity." Speaking of utility: "I can catch me a train anywhere within fifteen miles when I please, and not when the Jenny's hind leg or Jack's cough is better; and if I visit, I do so as a free agent, making my own arrangements for coming and going. But the chief end of my car is the discovery of England. To me it is still a marvel that if I want Petrole in a hurry I must either pass the place where Sir John Lade lived or the garden where Jack Cade was killed. In England the dead twelve-coffin deep clutch hold of my wheels at every turn, till I sometimes wonder that the very earth does not bleed." On the moral aspect: "Have you noticed how the motor is the most efficient Temperance Advocate and the only Educational Act at present forced in Great Britain. The car demands of her driver, a certain standard of education, a capacity of unflickering attention; and absolute sobriety. There are on the twenty odd miles which divide me from the nearest town westward thirty-one or thirty-seven pubs, in front of which I used to find at least two unattended horses. Now there are fewer beasts outside, and those within are not so sodden. What has wrought this change in our midst—tracts, blue ribbons? It is the Car, the Unexpected Car around the corner."

All progress of strong hearts is by action and reaction. Human life is too weak to be an incessant eagle flight toward the Sun of Righteousness. Wings will be sometimes folded because they are wings. . . . The earthly struggle must be enduring—that is all. There must be no surrender; we can't expect much of victory here. — Samuel Chapman Armstrong.

Each day is a new life and an abridgment of the whole. I will so live as if I accounted every day my first and my last: as if I began to live but then and should live no more afterwards.—Joseph Hall.

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AT BETHLEHEM.

So many hills arising, green and gray,
On earth's large round, and that one hill to say:
"I was His bearing place!" On earth's widest breast
So many maids! And she—of all most blest—
Heavily mounting Bethlehem, to be
His mother!—holy maid of Galilee!
Hill with the olives and the little town!
If rivers from their crystal founts flow down,
If 'twas the dawn which did day's gold unbar,
Ye were beginnings of the best we are,
The most we see, the highest that we know,
The lifting heavenward of man's life below.

—*Edwin Arnold.*

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Scenes in My Early Ministry.—No. 2.

BY REV. E. A. WRIGHT.

We, who were old enough to be Confederates, all remember well the awful dark days of Reconstruction through which we, of our beloved Southland, had to pass, from the end of the war between the States up to the year 1879, and which went on even down to later date; we remember that everything pertaining to the "land of Dixie" went awry, very bad; and, too, that all these things affected our political, religious and social life; how even all our churches, of every denomination, were affected by the poverty and distress brought upon our land by these dreadful Reconstruction days, and how dark the prospects lay out before us; that not even a star of hope threw a ray of light across the dark clouds that hung over the horizon, and, to a large extent, this was sadly true of our beloved Methodism all over our down-trodden land, and especially so (as I believe) in Eastern Carolina, the "dark belt of our good Old North State." It was during these troublesome times that I was commissioned, in the old M. E. Church, South, at Goldsboro, N. C., by the Quarterly Conference, as a minister of the gospel, and, under this commission, which I esteemed highly, I resolved to go out into the highways and hedges, and, to the best of my ability, scatter Methodist seed wherever I might go. In the spring of 1878, the auxiliary of the American Bible Society, located in the town of Goldsboro, of which, if memory serves me right, Dr. John F. Miller was president, I was appointed colporteur of said auxiliary for Wayne County, with a monthly salary of $25.00 for a period of six months, and was instructed to canvass the whole county; to sell as many Bibles and Testaments as possible, and was further instructed, if I found any without a copy of God's Word too poor to purchase, I was authorized to present such with a cheap copy of the Bible or Testament as they might select. In making these donations I was to exercise my best judgment. Under these instructions I went out on this canvass, and many a Bible did I sell and not a few did I give away to the destitute poor. On this canvass, by permission from the Board, I carried Rand & McNalley's map of the United States with a map of North Carolina on the reverse side. These maps I sold at $1.50 and $2.00 per copy, and I think I sold on this round at least 400 copies of these excellent maps. Dr. Miller who was, at that time, a large practitioner in Wayne County, remarked to me, after the canvass was over, that "he could track me in every nook and corner of the county where he practiced by the Bibles and maps I had sold." He said "he could trace me through all homes I had visited by these foot prints—these Bibles and maps. When on this canvass, as I got into the township of Pikeville, I fell in with Bro. Needham J. Smith and his estimable family, not far out from Pikeville village. At this home I made headquarters while canvassing Pikeville township. One night, while sitting around the hearthstone, he asked me to make a monthly appointment at his school-house, located about one-half mile from his residence. He further told me if I would do this, that he would come to Goldsboro once a month for me and bring me out to his home. I did as requested, and, if memory be not at fault, made an appointment at said school-house for the fourth Sunday of every month from then on until the end of that year. I began in April, and on the fourth Sunday in August, by request of Brother Smith, I announced a series of meetings to be held there, commencing the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September. By his request, I wrote to Bro. A. J. Finlayson to come to Brother Smith's at the time appointed and assist me in these meetings. This request, Brother Finlayson gladly complied with; so on the Saturday designated he met me at Brother Smith's residence. Shortly after I commenced preaching at this school-house, Brother Smith organized a Sunday-school, and, when the revival opened, he had a very flourishing school at this place. Before our meeting commenced, Brother Smith and the neighbors built a large brush arbor in front of the school-house—an arbor that would seat several hundred. The meetings commenced at the time appointed and continued for two weeks—morning and night. Brother Finlayson preached the morning sermon and I the night sermon. The people came in multitudes—came flocking to that consecrated spot like doves to their windows. Many a time—

"Heaven came down, our souls to greet,
And glory crowned the mercy seat."

We had at these meetings upward of seventy conversions, at least sixty of whom joined the Methodist Church.

Brother Smith gave here an acre for a church building, and he and his neighbors joined in and built a church which they named "Mount Carmel." This church still stands there a lasting memorial to the liberality of Bro. Needham J. Smith and his neighbors.

Bro. A. J. Finlayson and myself worked together like "Damon and Pythias." He was a power in prayer and song, and was a persuasive preacher. One, no matter how hard in sin he was, could withstand the powerful appeal of Brother Finlayson. He delighted in the old-time revival hymns and, likewise, so did I. His favorite song was:

"Father, I stretch my hands to Thee,
No other help I know;"

while mine was the "Fountain."

"There is a fountain filled with blood."

In some future article I will give to your readers accounts of other, and perhaps better, meetings in which Brother Finlayson and myself co-operated. He was the first captain under whom I served in the army—the army of Dixie land, and I learned to love and honor him there, and this love and honor was unbroken until he was called up yonder, and I hope some sweet day to meet and greet him on the shores of eternal deliverance. God's heroes die, but the work goes on, and thus it will continue to go on until the last click of the clock of time.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 13, 1904.

Rev. Jonathan Sanford, D. D.

The Rev. Jonathan Sanford, D. D., was born in Richmond County, N. C., March 30, 1834. He reached the close of a long and useful life June 19, 1904, at Siler City, N. C.

He was born of parentage that constituted him a man of good fibre.

His paternal ancestors were Quakers from England. His mother was of Scotch-Irish, an O'Bryan. From these diverse sources he inherited a strain of blood that made of him a man of pious tendencies, strong in character and unbending in integrity, who would rather suffer than not be right.

He was the oldest of seven children, and grew up taught to be industrious and helpful.

His parents were in limited circumstances, and because of this, his educational advantages were meager, having altogether two years in school. He must have been both studious and apt, for at the age of seventeen he became a teacher, and continued to teach for fourteen years.

At the age of twenty-three, he was converted under the preaching of Rev. Peter Doub. His conversion was clear, and marked a definite turning point in his life.

Shortly after his conversion he felt a call to preach, but for a time he resisted the call. At length he yielded, and was licensed at Clio, South Carolina, by Rev. A. M. Chrietsburg, P. E., in 1859. For ten years he served as a local preacher. During that period he preached annually an average of one hundred sermons.

At the Conference of 1869, he took work as a supply. God blessed his ministry in the conversion of three hundred souls, and 215 joined the Methodist Church.

Through the influence of Rev. W. S. Black, he applied for admission on trial in the North Carolina Conference, at the session at Fayetteville, 1872, and was appointed to the Ansonville Circuit.

From that time to his death, though never a strong man physically, he served with scarcely the loss of an appointment till the first of this year, when he was disabled for a while by an accident.

Trained in the school of labor and self-reliance, he was fitted for the responsible work to which he was called, capable of service, of enduring hardships, and of bravely meeting discouragements and difficulties.

He was loyal to the itinerant policy of the church, and went unmurmuringly to whatever charge he was sent, with one exception, and then he was returned to a charge on which he had waged a heroic battle against the liquor traffic and had created antagonism, and hesitated to enter the fight again. His appointments were sometimes inferior to what his ability and usefulness indicated he should have, but he went bravely to them. His religious life was positive and aggressive.

He knew Christ in the forgiveness of sins, in the witness of the Spirit, and in His abiding presence. His surrender was complete, and Jesus was to him both Lord and Saviour.

Both in the pulpit and in his private life he could be recognized as a man who knew the Lord. As a preacher, he was strong, clear, forcible and Scriptural. He made no attempt at ornate and oratorical discourse, nor was there any effort at sensational or novel preaching. He had a serious message from God to man, and he delivered that message in earnestness, and God set the seal of approval on it and believers were edified and sinners converted. By the world's standard, he could hardly be called successful, for he never reached the high places of the church, but if soul-winning makes one a success, then Dr. Sanford was eminently successful, for beyond two thousand were won to Christ through him. And in the Book it is written: "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever."

Dr. Sanford was happily married in his early life to Miss Eliza McQuiston, of Pawtucket, R. I. Theirs was the true marriage of heart and hand, and together they walked loving hand in hand, bearing together life's burdens and sorrows and sharing together its joys. Hence, his home-life was attractive. He was ever the thoughtful husband, and the kind, but firm father, ruling well his household, and holding ever the utmost affection of his wife and children. His widow and two daughters remain, feeling keenly their loss, but submitting with resignation to the will of God.

He came to the end of life's journey at a ripe age, and in the full enjoyment of his mental faculties and his ministry abiding in usefulness.

He was stricken in the pulpit on Sunday morning while in the act of prayer, and from the place of petition in the earthly sanctuary, he was translated to the place of praise, in the temple not built with hands.

One hour held in the grasp of an eager yearning for souls, breathing out his soul in behalf of men, the next hour mingling with the redeemed and happy multitude who have passed from prayer to praise and are forever with the Lord.

He has finished his course with joy, and the ministry committed to him by the Lord Jesus Christ, and now amid the enrapturing visions of the land he longed to see, he joins with the white clad host in exultant songs of rejoicing and praise.

F. D. SWINDELL.

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 10, 1904.

Ten minutes spent in His society every day, aye, two minutes, if it be face to face and heart to heart, will make the whole day different.—Henry Drummond.

[illegible]ing Hindrances to the Revival Out of the Way.

Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D.D., Corresponding Secretary Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.

It was my first Quarterly Conference. Official [illegible]embers had come from all the four points of [illegible]e circuit to Germantown, Cincinnati Conference. We were waiting for the presiding elder, [illegible]ho was late. A messenger came and startled and [illegible]mfounded us with the announcement that ca[illegible]mity had befallen him, that our presiding elder [illegible]ad been arrested and placed in jail in Dayton. [illegible]e was afterwards thoroughly vindicated. But [illegible]hat did not help us in that dark hour. The [illegible]ormal questions in the conference were soon [illegible]over. The young pastor then said: "For the [illegible]everal months of my pastorate I have carried a [illegible]heavy burden. I can bear it, but the church can[illegible]not. Two members of this church, brothers-in-[illegible]laws, here present as members of this board, hate each other and are at war one with the other. Their families are divided, their children are suffering. It is the scandal of the church. Ungodly people in this community mock at us. The pastor's efforts and prayers to bring them together have not availed. It stands in the way of all spiritual progress and power in this church. Now, brethren, this hour of darkness may be made bright if these members will forgive and clasp hands. This is not the time to discuss the merits of the case. It is the hour for prayer, for mercy and forgiveness. Let us pray that this breach may be healed."

How we did pray! We arose from our knees and then plead for reconciliation. But hard-faced and stubborn, these enemies faced each other unsoftened, unsubdued. Again the word, "Let us pray," brought us to our knees, and we agonized in prayer. We arose. They seemed to relent a little and began to discuss the merits and demerits of the case. Declining to allow this, the pastor, after tearful exhortation, again called all to prayer. Soon the fountain of the great deeps in all was broken up. A wave of love and sympathy swept all hearts. The hard, cold hands of the brothers-in-law reached out and grasped each the other. Then in loving forgiveness they embraced. We all shouted and sang the doxology. The victory of that hour thrilled the membership. The love-feast the next morning was memorable. At the night service, one bowed at the altar and was converted. The pastor announced that the revival services would be continued. The entire town and community were stirred as in the days of Allen Thompson, twenty years before. The wave of revival power swept over the entire circuit. Hundreds were converted, and all because this dissension in the church and hindrance to the Lord's work was swept out of the way.

Methodism and Evangelism.

Rev. W. H. Hickman, A.M., D.D., President of Trustees' Chautauqua, Jamestown, N. Y.

Real Methodism is aggresive evangelism. The song of real Methodism is not "hold the forts," but "take the forts." There is a field and responsibility for real Methodism to-day as never before. But there is a Methodism—popular in some localities, painfully esthetical, formal and contented—that is a withered branch, a barren tree, a paralyzed arm. There is a growing conviction that this kind is to-day a creeping paralysis to episcopal Methodism. Our defense against this type is not found in our up-to-date churches, our ritualism and organizations, but in and by the spirit of evangelism. "The letter killeth; the spirit giveth life." Where the spirit of the Lord is there are liberty and life.

Every minister of the Gospel, especially Methodist ministers, should be evangelistic in spirit. Nine-tenths of the responsibility in the local church, for aggressive evangelism, is in the pastor. "Like priest, like people." When the priests are clothed with righteousness, the saints shout for joy. I have known a certain representative Methodist Episcopal Church for thirty years. In that time, three ministers have changed the spirit and type of Methodism in that church, and its power in that city.

One man was of the platform, popular reform type, expository in method, with a quiet, but intense Christian zeal. He gathered many people into the church—some of them worldly-minded prominent men. He filled his church and made it a power.

The next man was intellectual, cultured, zealous, just as intense, but carefully avoided the evangelistic type of Methodism. He was a teacher of new-found theories of Christian democracy. His prayer meetings were either commentaries on some new book, interspersed with well-chosen songs, and one or two prayers from men or women long since schooled in public speech; or new and strange expositions of familiar Scriptures, making them apply to aggregate rather than individuals. He was popular, but nobody was saved. The church was directed in channels of art and Christian ethics, and grew smaller from year to year. The needs of the wage-worker, the poor and neglected, were nearly always held up in beautiful theories, and yet not one of this class was saved by his ministry. Between him and this class was a gulf fixed.

The next pastor was an educated, consecrated, single-minded Gospel preacher. In coming into that formal, esthetical atmosphere, there was such a contrast that it seemed for a time he would have a short pastorate. In leading his prayer-meetings, it was common for him to look strangely at some brother who repeated in good faith teachings he had received from his former pastor. By dint of conviction, broad and evangelistic teaching, he won his way, and changed the current of thought of his membership, making his prayer-meetings devotional, his congregations larger, and his church a greater power in the town. He held revivals, sometimes with help, sometime alone; and many have been saved.

My duties call me in a wide range among the States, and I believe the greatest need of the hour is a wide-spread, intelligent, intense, aggressive, Scriptural evangelism, appealing to the heart and to the head; but it must begin with the pastor.

The Unsatisfactoriness of Recent Revival Efforts.

Rev. D. W. C. Huntington, D.D., Chancellor Nebraska Wesleyan University.

That much of recent revival effort has proved unsatisfactory in its results needs little proof. We give an opinion as to some of the causes:

1. We have unconsciously dishonored the Holy Spirit. (1) By treating Him as an impersonal influence rather than as the personal God. (2) We have attempted to plan his work, rather than have him plan ours. (3) We have relied upon men and measures and tactics, rather than upon him. (4) We have attributed to his direct agency much that has been but psychological and pathological phenomena.

2. We have been too often content with resemblances to revival, when there has been little or no revival in fact. We have stopped with an awakened religious sentiment and feeling, and have not sufficiently insisted upon right voluntary states.

3. We have often treated men as if they were in danger of being lost, while the Bible treats them as lost already. We have been trying to save them from hell, while Jesus Christ is seeking to save them from sin.

4. In our altar services prayer has been offered and directions have been given that were apparently suggested by the promptings of human sympathy, rather than by a holy concern for the honor of God. We have thus frittered away the conviction of sin which the Holy Spirit has wrought.

5. Have our motives in laboring for revival always been such as could receive the approval of God? Have we sought converts in order to save the churches, rather than to save souls? Has there been such a pressure upon ministers to establish a reputation among the churches as successful revivalists, that they have thought the counting and reporting of converts a necessity to themselves? Has there been no revival effort conducted for the purpose of reaching the point of building a new church, paying off a debt, or increasing a pastor's salary?

6. Revival work has been done too exclusively in the church building. Home evangelization, neighborly calls for religious conversation, appointments to meet husband and wife together for talks upon personal religion, have been needed. These should be conducted the year through.

7. If we have not had too many evangelists in number, we have had some who have not given sufficient evidence of having been called to that work. The responsibilities of all ministers are great; those of the evangelist are greater than the average. The professional evangelist should be called to God of that specific work. It is not good evidence of such a call that he has failed as a pastor. His divine call is not sufficiently indicated by an ability to sing well, or to enthuse a prayer service. Of all Christian workers he most needs to be commendably able in public address, level in head, courteous in manners, and infinitely distant from fun-making, cheap story-telling and "pious bosh."

8. Revival efforts which have swelled our church records with the names of those who have known only a season of awakened religious feeling, stopping short of real self-surrender to Christ, are the greatest embarrassment of many of our churches.

Do We Want a Revival?

There are a great many factors that enter into a revival—time, conditions, preparation and co-operation, but the deepest and most essential is the earnest, beseeching, unyielding and inflexible desire for a revival. The history of the great revivals of former days shows that the ministry and the laity became so deeply interested that the atmosphere of the whole church life was vibrant with holy inspiration and tremulous with the fear and hatred of sin. The people not only prayed about the matter at their family altars, but conversed with their neighbors in places of business. There was a seriousness which crept into the faces of men, an elevation of sentiment into the sermon, a new faith into the pulpit, a new energy, a new intensity into the pew; the prayer-meeting rooms were filled, the circles of prayer were like an endless chain among believers, and one mighty revival impulse controlled the whole church. Are there such signs among us? We do not discount plans, but we think it apparent that the revival we want must be preceded by an intense desire for the salvation of the people.

Will the church stand by the pastor while he preaches a series of plain, earnest, heart-searching sermons? Will they follow him in such an undertaking? It is probable that some, as in the time of Christ, would go away. "Will ye also go away?" was the anxious question Christ once was compelled to ask his nearest disciples. Pastors find that the people too often want "popular" sermons—sermons that strike the popular wave of the hour. They yield to this demand, and come dangerously near converting their pulpits into a forum. The whole church should stand close to the pastor when he is putting forth special effort to promote evangelistic conditions.

The church needs a baptism of the sense of the supernatural. The ministry has been spending a good deal of time on the social, the semi-political, the economic problems of society, and given much instruction and enriched the knowledge and strengthened the civic conscience of the church and community, but the evangelistic element in the pulpit has been left too much to one side. Will the church members sustain the effort to promote the new aggressive spirit of soul-winning in the church? Will they come out to the service? Will they follow the prayerful leadership of the pastor? Will they pray with and for him? We believe many of them will do so. The class-leaders, the stewards, the Sunday-school workers, the Epworth Leaguers can all surely be depended upon. The pastor is and must be the leader.

The Field

A Pounding.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—Did a crowd of people, of all ages, sizes, and sex, ever come on you unawares and pound you?

Well, if you never had any experience on the subject, you know nothing about it. On Friday evening, December 16, 1904, while I was quietly sitting with my wife and brother, D. D. Daniel, in the cosy sitting room of our comfortable parsonage home, in the good town of Henderson, in the good old State of North Carolina, there came suddenly upon me, of malice aforethought, and without warning, a large crowd of men and women, bearing bundles of all sizes and sorts, and filled the room to overflowing. There was everything good to eat, and in such abundance, that I feel rich enough to entertain the North Carolina Conference single-handed and alone. It was indeed a surprise party, and they came so suddenly, and left so soon, that I hardly had time to thank the generous donors. The fact is, I was dumb before the multitude of good people, and so grateful for the donation and for the Spirit that prompted it that I could only feel a sense of love for them that words could not express. I am inclined to the opinion that I have the best appointment in the North Carolina Conference; and from all I have heard from the brethren who attended the Conference, there are many of my opinion. But I take occasion to serve notice on the brethren that they are one and all forbidden to look this way for three years, unless they get in a strait for some one to entertain them in an inimitable fashion for a week, and then we may let them come and view the land and get a sample of its good things and go on their way rejoicing.

We had a good year last year, but expect a far more successful one this year. May God help me to give this generous people the best service of my life; for they have shown their love for their pastor by a generous increase in salary as well as by the kindly and helpful expression of interest in the event above-described. I ask all my brethren of the North Carolina Conference to say amen to this petition. God bless Henderson!

L. L. NASH.

Henderson, N. C., December 16, 1904.

Trinity Notes.

College exercises will be suspended Thursday afternoon, December 22, and will be resumed Wednesday, January 4th. The mid-year examinations begin Thursday, January 19th, and will end February 1st.

Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in Craven Memorial Hall there will be held the annual debate between the Columbian and Hesperian Literary Societies. The Columbian Society will be represented by J. A. Morgan and S. B. Underwood; the Hesperian by W. G. Jerome and C. R. Warren.

The December number of the Archive is a Christmas number. The cover is a very attractive one, and the whole issue reflects great credit on the Archive staff. The table of contents is: Peace on Earth (poem), A. G. Moore; Some Christmas Stories, Edna Clyde Kilgo; The Christ (poem), C. T. Hancock; Her Christmas Gift, Robert Monroe; Under the Mistletoe (poem), A. G. Moore; The Four Bachelors, H. E. Spence; The Snow (poem), N. S. Ogburn, Jr.; Christmas in the Air, S. B. Underwood; "The Sin of David," A. B. Duke; Please (poem), F. W. Obarr; Christmas Scenes, A. G. Moore.

The Young Men's Christian Association is raising a sum of money to send as a Christmas gift to Mr. Kugimiya, a Japanese student who graduated at Trinity College in June, 1903. Mr. Kugimiya is no wdoing a great work in Japan. He is not supported by any missionary organization and this gift is an expression of the appreciation of the College community of the great work he is doing.

The class of 1900 has donated to the library an excellent statue of Minerva. All the parts of the statue are now here, and it is placed in the balcony of the library. This gift is very highly appreciated.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., Dec. 16, 1904.

Another Pounding.

Dear Advocate:—Please let me report the first "pounding" of the new Conference year. When I returned from Conference I found good things enough piled up in the parsonage to make anybody's heart glad. My people overpaid the salary last year and gave this old-fashioned pounding extra. So the occupants of the parsonage are feeling good. And I may say also that my people not only overpaid salaries the past Conference year, but paid up an old debt of $300.00 which had stood for seven years or more. The Woman's Home Mission Society came to our help and donated one-third of this amount, and they never made a better donation. By their aid we were able to take up this old paper that has been a thorn in the flesh so long, and are now planning for greater things this year. These people here are but a small band of overshadowed Methodists, but they are good grit. Some pages in the history of our church, for which the church is not responsible, make one's heart ache. But there are better days for us here. Pray for us and expect better things in the future. We can never forget the Woman's Home Missionary Society for the aid they gave us.

Yours truly, J. E. HOLDEN.

Scotland Neck, N. C., December 12, 1904.

P. S.—Brother Smith is in great favor here. We all love him. J. E. H.

A Deserved Tribute.

After three years' residence here as pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. W. W. Rose, last Saturday, moved his family to Littleton where they will now make their home.

In all the history of Methodism in Weldon no pastor served his people more faithfully than Rev. W. W. Rose, and in leaving this community he and his excellent family carry with them the best wishes of the people at large and the love and esteem of his congregation.

Mr. Rose retires from the active ministry to enter a great and inviting field, that of training boys and young men for the duties and responsibilities of life. And for this work, all who know him believe that he is splendidly fitted and equipped. Mr. Rose is a man of big heart and believes in Christian education. As principal of Central Academy, which is an off shoot of Littleton Female College, he will begin the work under the most favorable conditions and no one who knows him will for a moment doubt that he will enter into the work with zeal, energy and determination to make the school a success. Our best wishes go with him and his to his new home among such splendid people as they will find in the delightful town of Littleton.—Roanoke News.

Resolutions of Gratitude.

Whereas, in accordance with the rule of limitation of the M. E. Church, South, our beloved pastor, Rev. B. C. Thompson, and wife, can no longer remain in our midst; and,

Whereas, we, the members and friends of Ahoskie M. E. Church, desire to express to them our sincere thanks and appreciation for their faithful service, kind interest and noble example while among us; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That while we bow in submission to the mandates of the higher powers, yet we feel keenly our loss.

2. That we commend them to our Heavenly Father and to the are and love of those to whom they are sent.

3. That they carry with them to their new field of labor our prayers for a continuation of God's blessings upon them; and we ask an interest in their prayers that we may be able to continue the good work which they have begun here.

4. That we diligently strive to reach the high standard of Christian living which they have taught us by precept and example.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be read at our Thanksgiving service and a copy sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

MRS. A. E. GARRETT,
MRS. J. C. WILLIAMS,
MRS. E. J. GEROCK,
Committee.

Ahoskie, N. C., November 23, 1904.

A Notice.

Dear Brother Ivey:—Will you kindly announce to the brethren of the North Carolina Conference that by the permission of my presiding elder, Bro. J. H. Weaver, I offer them my services to assist them in revival work during the year. I have found the winter months the best of the year for this work for many reasons.

I expect, for my services, a thankoffering from the people at close of services. If I can, by the blessing of the Lord, serve you, command me at Lenoir, N. C.

In the service, D. H. COMANN.

Lenoir, N .C., December 8, 1904.

The Free Church of Scotland.

The Pittsburg Christian Advocate has a very clear statement of the situation in Scotland: "The Free Church of Scotland seems determined to press to the utmost its advantage gained in the late decision in its favor by the land lords. It has but few ministers and churches, and is quite unable to man and direct the vast property and machinery given it by the decision, but its representatives will brook no delay and listen to no compromise. They demand that the United Free Church shall turn over to them the property and interests involved at once." The United Free Church attempted to arrest the progress of the transfer of the property by bringing an action in the lower court, but the lower court could find no way to set aside the action of the House of Lords. The situation is ridiculous in the extreme. Here are a few defunct, disgruntled, back-actioned, old seedlings, having a title to all the church property, but no equipment to carry on the work of the church. On the contrary, there is a well-equipped ministry and a live, active, aggressive membership, dispossessed of all their property. This condition of affairs seems strange in a country where the common law has such a large place in the system of jurisprudence.

Jesus Christ has opened to us the kingdom of heaven, and now, if we who ought to be princes are beggars only, hungry, ill-clad useless to God and man, for us there is not pity, but sterner words of reproof than any other can know. Beside us, poor, earthly, selfish, shriveled as we are, God sees the man we might be in Christ Jesus, rich with the gifts of God, strong with His strength, full of grace and truth—the Christ-like man into which God is ever seeking to transform us. It is by God's offers and by our opportunities that we shall be judged and by which we shall be condemned.—Mark Guy Pearse.

CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1905.

Districts.	Bishops.	Conference Claimants.	For. Missions	Domestic Missions.	Church Extension.	Education.	Fathe and Lane.	Del. to Gen. Conference.
Raleigh	207	764	1,429	1,288	676	869	72	115
Durham	274	765	1,760	1,311	682	880	71	115
Fayetteville	215	610	1,511	1,124	522	700	57	90
Rockingham	213	650	1,604	1,194	558	760	54	95
Wilmington	227	641	1,439	1,074	611	988	63	100
New Berne	269	746	1,959	1,417	670	951	69	115
Washington	265	781	1,960	1,417	705	870	73	115
Warrenton	268	767	1,790	1,311	688	880	71	115
Eliza. City	271	776	1,775	1,312	700	880	72	115

The Family

At Night.

Sometimes when Dark had spread for me her robe of rest,
And Silence guarded by;
The night-bird, Sleep, would startle from her nest,
Stirred by the baby's cry.

When night is deepest now, again and yet again,
I lie with wide eyes wet,
It was his little cry which waked me then;
His silence wakes me yet.
—Edmund Vance Cooke, in Lippincott's.

Some Mother's Child.

At home or away, in alley or street,
Wherever I chance in this wild world to meet
A girl that is thoughtless, a boy that is wild,
My heart echoes softly, "It is some mother's child."

And when I see those o'er whom long years have rolled,
Whose hearts have grown hardened, whose spirits are cold,
Be it woman all fallen, or man all defiled,

A voice whispers sadly, "Ah! some mother's child."
No matter how far from the right she hath strayed,
No matter what inroads dishonor hath made,
No matter what elements cankered the pearl,
Though tarnished and sullied, she is "some mother's girl."

Uo matter how wayward his footsteps have been,
No matter how deep he is sunken in sin,
No matter how low in his standard of joy,
Though guilty and loathsome, he is "some mother's boy."

That head hath been pillowed on tenderest breast,
That form hath been wept o'er, those lips have been pressed,
That soul hath been prayed for in tones sweet and mild,
For her sake, deal gently with "some mother's child."
—By Francis L. Keeler.

Knell of the "Rube."

The "countryman" promises to become extinct in the United States. The "rube" is to follow the mastodon, and Indian the buffalo. The generation that comes after us will find it had to understand some of the present day jokes. Already quite as many city folk buy gold bricks in the country as country folk do in the city. In fact, the biggest and brightest gold bricks find their market in town. A city bred man is about as apt to tangle himself up in a street-car fender as Uncle Silas, and not all the people that blow out the gas come from the tall timbers.

The rural population is getting urbanated. Most country people can now walk the streets without getting sore feet. Its interesting to trace the reasons for all this.

Perhaps the most potent reason is the growth of population and the multiplication of towns. It is a hard matter for a man to get so deep in the woods that he is not always rubbing elbows and swapping news and opinions with other men. Then there are the railroad, the trolley and the migratory habits of man. It is becoming easier day by day for city people to visit country people and for country people to come to town. The railroad is a mighty engine for mixing different kinds of people.

Also, there is the newspaper. There are few dwellers in the rural districts who do not take a weekly paper and a growing part take a daily. The telegraph, printing press and fast mail all conspire to make it difficult for a man to get away from the world. The country weeklies in most instances are conscientiously put together by their editors, and although the news is not always to-days, it is not so very far behind time. They usually contain a good amount of news. The countryman is apt to take his paper very seriously and he will read it through. He reads it with deliberation, lets it soak in, digests it and then rehearses the contents in discussion with his neighbors. No skimming of head-lines at the breakfast table or the supper table for him. A city man traveling through the country is liable to be rudely shocked by the number of well-informed persons he meets.

The school-house fosters the demand for information, and school-houses are becoming more numerous. The post-office and country store are local clearing houses for news, and post-offices and daily mails are spreading to every cross-road in the land, and country stores are increasing as country people increase their consumption of manufactured goods. And rural free delivery is putting a daily paper at the farm-house door before the ink is dry.

Better cut ready-made clothing and better made shoes and hats are going on the shelves of the country store. Rural maidens read the fashion notes and the aids to beauty, and the girls with a home-made look are becoming scarcer. —Washington Star.

Riding and Walking.

A dry goods man who lives far up on the Harlem Railroad, and who is in business with his father, came out of the Grand Central depot one morning recently with a fellow-commuter. As they were about to cross the street a well-liveried cab dashed by, and from the window a stylishly dressed man bowed effusively to this "junior" dry goods man.

"Who is that?" inquired his friend.

"He is one of our department heads," replied the junior.

"What!" exclaimed the fellow-commuter. "I should think you, rather than he, would ride in a cab to the office."

"No," said the junior, "the clerks ride in a cab, and I have to take a trolley car."

"Yes," continued his friend, "and the old gentleman walks."

And sure enough, at the very same time the "old man" could be seen walking briskly down Fifth Avenue to his successful establishment, where a merciful and kind Providence watches over and directs the business policy, assisted by the cab-driving department heads.—New York Post.

"Stirring Up the Animals."

A recent writer in one of the magazines calls attention to a commonplace, but to him, significent sign he saw in one of the zoological gardens. "Don't stir up the animals."

Come to think about it, that sign applies elsewhere as much so as in an animal garden. This for the reason that men themselves have somewhat of the animal nature. When you stir up the animals you attract attention to yourself—a very dangerous sort of thing to do. You are safe among animals as long as their attention is directed elsewhere.

I have myself noticed that the men who bring things to pass do not stir up the animals. They do not attract so much attention to themselves. They keep attention riveted elsewhere—on the individual, on the institution and not on the "I" or the "Me." It is dangerous for a man when he puts himself over and about the enterprise he represents. He is in a good way of stirring up the animals—that which sign-boards by experienced animal keepers warn against.

This explains, in a measure, why so much opposition to a candidate for an office develops about election time. He stirs up the animals and attention is directed toward him. After election and the enterprises and institutions of government again come into view, attention is riveted on these, the individuals elected or not elected, fall out of view—and the animals get quiet and are quite content. If you wish to get along with safety and security; bring things to pass, really accomplish somewhat in this world that abides, is permanent and makes for good and the right, "don't stir up the animals."—Christian Sun.

How to Banish Trouble.

Hannah Whitall Smith once kne wa woman who carried a heavy burden that was driving sleep away and undermining her health. She has told the following incident of how it was banished:

"One day when it seemed especially heavy, she noticed lying near on the table a little tract called 'Hannah's Faith.' Attracted by the title, she picked it up and began to read it, little knowing that it was to create a revolution in her whole experience.

"The story was of a poor woman who had been carried triumphantly through a life of unusual sorrow. She was giving the history of her life to a kind visitor on one occasion, and at the close the visitor said feelingly: 'O, Hannah, I do not see how you could bear so much sorrow!'

"'I did not bear it,' was the quick reply: 'the Lord bore it for me.'

"'Yes, said the visitor, 'that is the right way. We must take our troubles to the Lord.'

"'Yes,' replied Hannah, 'but we must do more than that; we must leave them there. Most people,' she continued, 'do take their burdens to Him, but they bring them away again, and are just as worried and as unhappy as ever. But I take mine and I leave them with Him, and I come away and forget them. If the worry comes back, I take it to Him again; and I do this over and over until at last I just forget that I have any worries and am at perfect rest.'"—Selected.

She Saved His Children.

An English preacher tells this true story of a mother's noble service in watching over children, the children of a rum-seller. She couldn't keep her husband out of the business, but she saved his children of the midst of the fire of temptation:

A wayside inn, with father and mother and ever so many children. A busy little inn this was, with many coming and going and plenty of hard work. Not a very likely post as an outpost of the temperance army. But so it really was. Not quite the place, either, the mother would have chosen for her children, who were very dear to her. But there she was, and there they were, too; so she resolved to make the best of it she could, and the first thing was that on their table nothing that could hurt should ever be found. It was always a temperance table, and all the children were temperance children. The result was, they grew up lifelong teetotalers. And out of that little inn came quite a small army of temperance workers. By the by each got a home of his own, and they are teaching their children the same true lesson and good habits. I know the way into one of these homes. There is the mother, a splendid mother: all the children in the Sabbath School, mission workers, and lovers of the Saviour. Each one puts away some of his modest pocket money to help others. This is one of the happiest, sweetest, bonniest homes you need wish to see, and all the work of a woman who, though living in a wayside inn, loved and kept her children away from the great destroyer of child joy.

You see sisters and mothers can do much more than anybody else to make the world good and happy if they will try.—The Classmate.

"Too Much By and By."

A Chinese laundryman made complaint against a young man whose bill had not been paid. "What is your charge against this young man, John?" The aggrieved Celestial said: "He too muchee by and by."

Plenty of young men, comments The Field, are "too muchee by and by." Have a purpose and fulfill it now. Most men never use a tithe of the power they possess. Thousands of our talents are wrapped up in napkins. Unwrap them quickly and put them out of usury. The world has need of them. Men sin as much and as disastrously by choosing not to do, as by choosing to do. Manfully purpose to pull against the stream of evil; in thinking we are doing no harm by lying on our oars, we are floating down towards the edge of ruin's cataract.—Selected.

Our Boys and Girls

For Our Boys and Girls.

Keep summer-time in your hearts, my dears,
Though the winter days are here,
And the clouds are low, and the rain comes down,
And the days seem dark and drear.

Keep summer-time in your hearts, little ones;
Let them ever be warm and true,
And your faces bright, with a happy light,
As you do what you have to do.

Keep summer-time in your heart, my dears,
Though your lessons are hard and long,
Just do your best, your very best,
And fill up your days with a song.

Keep summer-time in your hearts, my dears,
Though you hover around the fire,
And the world is white with the ice and the snow,
And of cold bleak days you tire.

Keep summer-time in your hearts, my dears,
Let the weather be what it will;
For Santa Claus will soon be here,
And he loves little children still.

MRS. E. M. ANDERSON.

Durham, N. C.

Middleton, N. C., Nov. 29, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—In the summer I suggested that the Cousins should raise a dollar for the orphans by Christmas. I send mine to Uncle Jenkins to-day, and hope the others will do likewise.

Your little friend,
LILLIAN BURRUS.

Snow Hill, N. C., Dec. 1, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I thought I would write a little letter and tell you that my papa takes the Advocate and I enjoy reading the letters. I have not seen any for some time, so I wrote.

I will ask a question: Who was it that lived nine hundred and sixty years?

I study Johnson's arithmetic, geography, reading, grammar and spelling.

Good-bye, with best wishes.

EARL T. SELL.

Cardenas, N. C., Nov. 27, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday that I can. I also go to every-day school. My teacher is W. F. Smith, and my superintendent is Mr. O. Bradley. I like him very much. We have preaching every fourth Sunday.

This is my first letter to the Advocate.

I will close for this time, hoping it will not reach the waste-basket.

Your little friend,
IMA ALSWORTH.

R .F. D. No. 1.

R. F. D. No. 4,
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl nine years old. As this is my first attempt to write to you, I hope to see my letter in print. My papa takes the Advocate. I go to Sunday-school, and I like my teacher; her name is Miss Bettie Jones. I go to school and study four books. My teacher's name is Miss Addie Smith.

I will ask a question: Where is the shortest chapter and the middle chapter in the Bible?

Yours truly,
LILLIAN M. BRITE.

Pittsboro, N. C., Dec. 2, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I have never written to the Advocate, so I thought I would write to-day. I love to go to school and I study hard. I also go to Sunday-school. My teacher is Mrs. B. Nooe. Our preacher has been here four years, so we will have to have another one next year, and we hate very much for Mr. Frizzell to leave us.

I will ask a question: Who was taken to heaven without dying?

I will close. Enclosed find five cents for the Orphanage.

Your friend,
NORWOOD EUBANKS.

R. F. D. 4,
Elizabeth Ctiy, N. C., Dec. 5, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little twelve year old. I have never written to your paper, so I thought I would write. I go to school and my teacher is Miss Wood. I go to Sunday-school, and my teacher is Miss Bettie Jones. I like her very much. My father and mother are both living. Our superintendent is E. B. Granger.

I will close by asking a question: Which is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

Yours truly,
CARRIE L. BRITE.

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 5, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—This is my first letter to the Advocate, and I like to read the little boys' and girls' letters. I am a little boy nine years old. I go to school at Barker's. Miss Bettie Gibson is my teacher, and we all like her; she is so kind to us. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. My mamma is my teacher: our superintendent is Uncle Sandy Inmond. Our pastor is Rev. Z. Paris. We hope he will come back next year.

I will ask a question: Who was Abraham's wife?

I will close, with best wishes to the Advocate.

Your little friend,
RUFFIN BUNDY POWERS.

Carthage, N. C., Dec. 2, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little nine year old boy. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My teacher is Miss Cherry, and I like her fine. She is a very fine teacher.

Mamma takes the Advocate and I like to read the little boys' and girls' letters.

I will also answer the fifth commandment: Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which thy Lord giveth thee.

I will also ask a question: Who was the oldest man?

I will close, hoping to see my letter in print. With best wishes to the orphans. I will also send ten cents to the orphans.

Your little friend,
TROY GILMORE.

Cardenas, N. C., Nov. 27, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl twelve years of age. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday that I can. I also go to every-day school. My teacher's name is Mr. W. F. Smith, and my every-day school teacher's name is Mr. W. M. Pearson.

I will ask a question: How many times is frying pan spoken of in the Bible?

This is my first letter to the Advocate. I have five brothers and three sisters. I like to read the little boys' and girls' letters very much. My papa and mamma are both living.

I will close and not write so much for my first time. With best wishes to the Orphans. I hope my letter will not get to the waste-basket.

Yours truly,
LIZZIE ALSWORTH.

R. D. D. No. 1.

R. F. D. No. 4,
Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 8, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I have never written to your paper, so I thought I would write. I am a little girl eleven years old. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can, and my teacher's name is Mr. Fred. Brothers. I go to every-day school also, and my teacher's name is Miss Luna Jarvis. My papa and mamma are both living. I have two little brothers younger than myself. My papa is a farmer. My grandma lives with us. My desk-mate is Alma Brite. My studies are fourth reader, arithmetic, geography, spelling and grammar.

I will close by asking a question: How old was Noah when he died?

If this is in print, I will write again.

Very truly yours,
HELEN WILLIAMS.

Wit, N. C., Dec. 12, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am a little girl ten years old. My father was drowned in the August storm over four years ago. I have a little sister named Lydia, but she is blind and can't play very much with me. I live most of the time with Uncle Wallace Willis, and he takes the Advocate. I love to read the children's letters. We have a nice Sunday-school. My teacher is Mrs. Amanda Rose. Our preacher last year was Mr. T. W. Mansfield. I liked him very much. I hope we will like our new preacher, Mr. E. W. Reid, but we have not seen him yet.

I will answer Josie Lassiter's question, what prophet succeeded Elijah? Elisha.

Enclosed find ten cents for the orphans.

Your friend,
EUNICE E. ROSE.

Windsor, N. C., Nov. 25, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—As this is my first letter to the Advocate, I hope it will not reach the waste-basket.

Rev. R. L. Davis is our pastor and he is a very good preacher. His wife has charge of our Florine McEachern Mite-Box Brigade. We raised $8.95 this quarter.

Mr. R. W. Askew has been our Sunday-school superintendent ever since I can remember. I live near the church and love to go to Sunday-school. Miss Helen Gillam is my school teacher, and also Sunday-school teacher.

I go to Rosefield school and study arithmetic, history, grammar, spelling and geography.

I have a sister and two brothers, but I am the oldest child.

I will close or my letter will be too long.

ELEANOR A. SAUNDERS.

Snow Hill, N. C., Dec. 1, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I thought I would write to you. I am a little boy nine years of age, and I go to school every day I can. There is no school this week to go to, and I am sorry. I study at school manual geography, history, grammar, Sanford's arithmetic and a new kind of spelling book.

I hope to see my letter in print if it escapes the waste-basket.

I will answer Annie Westbrook's question: Elijah was fed by the ravens.

I have two little brothers younger than myself and one little sister named Kathleen.

Papa preaches here at this church the second Sunday of every month. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can.

I will ask a question: How old was Moses when he died? Please somebody answer this.

Your friend,
ALLEN MANSEY SELL.

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Whitakers, N. C., Dec. 10, 1904.

Dear Advocate:—I am one of the little girls who promised to make a dollar for the orphans by Christmas. Enclosed you will find that amount, which my little brother, Ernest Burwell and I, earned all by ourselves. I thought I would tell the little cousins how we earned it, but it has taken us so long, and we have done so many different things, that I have forgotten some of them, and it would take too much space to tell it any way, for you know it takes a hundred pennies to make a dollar, and we earned most of it a penny at a time. While we were making this money we would talk about the dear little orphans, and in that way we have learned to love them very much. I hope to see a great many letters in the Advocate saying they have raised a dollar for the orphans, for I know they will appreciate it.

With best wishes for the Advocate and love for the orphans, I am.

Your little friend,
LOTA LEIGH DRAUGHON.

A Fresh Start.

"Are you sure you can go home alone, Eddie?"

"If you'll show me the way, uncle, I can."

Eddie was in a large city for the first time, and Uncle Howard was afraid to have him go from the office to the house by himself, but Eddie was sure he could, and the two went to the door, where uncle pointed out the way clearly. It was not far, and there was only one turn.

The boy started off on a run, but in his great haste he made the wrong turn after all, and soon found that he was not on the street leading home at all, for he could not see the house after making the turn, as he should.

"Well," said the little boy to himself, stopping to think, "I can see the way I came, anyhow, and I'll run back to the office and get uncle to start me over again. I know how to get back there."

He ran back and got a fresh start. This time, being more careful, he made the right turn.

Wise little Eddie! When one sees he is wrong, no matter in what way, the thing to do is not to go on wrong a single step, but to turn back and make a fresh start. It is easier to run back, if one has not gone far, and it is better to ask the one who knows the way than to try to find it oneself.

When we have done wrong God is the one to seek. He will set us right.—Selected.

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Womans Foreign Missionary Society

Please send all communications for this Department to Mrs. B. F. Dixon, Raleigh, N. C.

Officers of the W. F. M. S. of the N. C. Conference, June, 1903-'04.

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"All praise to the eternal Lord,
Clothed in the garb of flesh and blood;
Choosing a manger for thy throne,
While worlds on worlds are thine alone!
Were earth a thousand times more fair,
Beset with gold and jewels rare,
She yet were far too poor to be
A narrow cradle, Lord, for thee.
Ah, blessed Jesus, holy child,
Make thee a bed soft, undefiled
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber, kept for thee."

A letter written and mailed in October to Mrs. J. A. Simpson, District Secretary of the Fayetteville District, has been returned after a journey to the "dead letter" office. Perhaps this accounts for no tidings of the missionary work on that District.

Edenton Street Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting (postponed one week) last Monday afternoon, and was conducted by Mrs. R. H. Whitaker, First Vice-President of the Society.

While inclement weather precluded a full attendance of members, some of the "faithful few" were present, and there was a good, enjoyable meeting.

When this item of the program was reached: "Revise your list, that the Society may begin the new year of 1905 with only the names of those who are true members—viz., those who pay the dews, ten cents a month," it was encouraging and refreshing to hear the reply of our efficient Treasurer, Mrs. Royster. She said: "There is not a name on our roll that will have to be erased. While there are some who do not attend our meetings, there is not one who does not pay her dues cheerfully, promptly when she is called upon to do so."

This proves a healthy state of affairs in the Society.

If, at the closing of the fiscal year, our hearts are filled with anxious care about the final reports of our auxiliaries—about their meeting squarely all the demands upon them; about the hinderance to all forward movements of our work, if they fail to do so—how must it be with our missionaries in foreign fields, who are enduring the separation from home and friends, the arduous labors which the work demands, and, perchance, many privations and discomforts, when there is doubt about their receiving from us the financial aid they so much need!

Now, my dear sisters, we have one more quarter in which to make good any deficiency that exists in our contributions. Each member and officer in our missionary societies know just how much must be raised—let us be more industrious during the present quarter than we have been in the past, that there be no lack in funds, as the various calls are made.

Here is a letter from the Washington District, whose District Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Horn, is numbered among the most successful of our workers:

Dear Mrs. Dixon:—I have not been unmindful of your request to the District Secretaries, but the close of the second quarter of our missionary year found me with so little to report concerning the work, I delayed my letter longer.

The third quarter has just closed, and my report gone in to Mrs. Swindell.

The summer months seem to engender so much lethargy and seeming indifference, that it is pleasant to record for the Washington District an increase of fifty dollars in collections over the same quarter last year.

Most of the auxiliaries on the District are faithful to the demands made on them; but I long to see the time when the women of our missionary societies will "abound in liberality."

I confidently expect every auxiliary in the District to measure up to her full responsibility, on the matter of assessments.

Which will be the "banner" auxiliary, remains to be seen. Let each strive so to be.

Very sincerely,
MRS. J. L. HORNE,
District Secretary.

Our sister touched the "key note" of our financial deficit when she spoke of the "lethargy and seeming indifference" engendered by the heat of summer.

If we would put into the second quarter—from the first of June to first of September—all the energy and enthusiasm we evince in the other quarters, there would be no financial deficit, and no vain regret over what "might have been."

"At the last annual meeting of the General Board of Missions of our church, which was held in Waco, Texas, an appropriation was made for the support of a mission among the Jews. Rev. Julius Magath, a Hebrew Christian, was appointed the missionary for that most interesting people. Dr. Walter Lambuth kindly brought him into the office of the Woman's Missionary Advocate, and he was invited to write of his work for our magazine.

Our blessed Savior was a Jew, and, though rejected by His own people, shall we not make some effort to help them see that our Christ is the true Christ—and receive Him as their Savior?"

The above is a clipping which will be interesting to all those who appreciate the true missionary spirit.

It would be well for all workers in the missionary cause to examine themselves closely and see what they are doing for the conversion of this interesting class of people.

If the Woman's Mission Societies can do nothing more, their most earnest prayers may ascend for the quickening power of the Holy Spirit in the minds and hearts of these people, who were, aforetime, God's own chosen race.

FIGHT WILL BE BITTER.

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Report of Conference Third Vice-Presidents for Quarter Ending November 30th.

Moyeton, — Stantonsburg Auxiliary.—No Baby Roll. Mite-box Brigade members, 18. Amount collected, $3.78.

MRS. LENA THOMPSON,
Third Vice-President.

Windsor.—Baby Roll members, 13. Amount collected, $2.10. Brigade members, 19. Amount collected, $8.95. Total, $11.05.

MRS. R. L. DAVIS,
Third Vice-President.

Winfall.—Baby Roll members, 5. Amount collected, $.31.

MISS MATTIE WHITE,
Third Vice-President.

New Bern.—Baby Roll members, 123—two added during quarter. Amount collected from boxes and membership, $8.54. Amount raised for local work, $2.34. Total, $10.88.

MRS. VIRGINIA HARRISON,
Third Vice-President.

Read Carefully.

I desire to request the Auxiliary Third Vice-Presidents to be more prompt in sending me their reports. It is impossible for me to send in a correct one unless they do their parts. This quarter, on account of sickness in my family, I have been unable to send postal reminders, and, in consequence, only five have written to me and only four sent reports. I know it is hard to remember everything now, but, sisters, is it right to forget, or neglect, this work?

There is so much encouragement to me in a good report, and I am sure of at least one each quarter, for Mrs. R. L. Davis never fails, notwithstanding the fact that heart and hands are always full of maternal cares and domestic duties. Windsor has the best report and a wonderful Third Vice-President.

We are glad to welcome a new Brigade this quarter—Moyeton—and Mrs. Lena Thompson is in charge of it. She is a G. F. C. girl, and I am sure will uphold the record the women of that grand old College have made.

Mrs. Virginia Harrison, of New Bern, and Miss Mattie White, of Winfall, never fail in promptness, and I thank them most earnestly.

There are numbers of ladies in this Department who are faithful, and I feel sure there are good reasons for their failure to report this quarter.

I have on hand mite-boxes and certificates. Call on me whenever they are needed. And if there is a Third Vice-President who would more fully understand what is required of her, I will be glad to give her all the information I can.

Cordially,
MRS. J. A. SPIERS.
Conference Third Vice-President.
Selma, N. C.

From Edenton Street Auxiliary, Raleigh.

I take especial pleasure in welcoming to our column Mrs. V. Royster, one of our finest members, equally faithful and equally successful in both Foreign and Home Societies, whether serving as Secretary or Treasurer. Her notes have been delayed, but they will prove none the less interesting.

"The Week of Prayer of the Home Mission Society was held from October 10th to 16th, and was more largely attended than any since our organization.

The program arranged by the Board Committee was carried out in full, and there were interesting discussions as to our special work at the Orphanage, our box of supplies for the Indian Territory, and local enterprises undertaken by the auxiliary.

Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Corresponding Secretary of the Little Rock Conference, met with us several times, and aided us with her wise counsel and rich experience.

Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Albright and Miss Nina Green contributed beautiful music, which we greatly appreciated. And last, but not least, we had with us at every meeting the Matron, Mrs. J. W. Jenkins, or Miss Reeks, the Teacher, and some of the young girls, from our Orphanage. Their presence was a mutual blessing, and we are glad to say, several are members of the Home Mission Society at Brooklyn Church.

At a later date I hope to give in figures the work of our auxiliary this year, which has been a happy and successful one."

MRS. V. ROYSTER,
Secretary.

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This party will be limited to 150 persons, and reservations should be made promptly in order to secure accommodations on the steamship "Olivette," one of the most handsome ships of the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company, which will convey the party to Havana. The party will be personally conducted by Mr. A. W. Fritot from Jacksonville, who will meet them in Jacksonville and accompany them to Havana. Mr. Fritot speaks Spanish fluently, and will give special attention to the party.

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Editorial

SOMETHING TO BE KEPT IN MIND AT THE FIRST MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Every Board of Stewards in fixing the salary of the preacher should not lose sight of this one fact: It takes one dollar and thirty cents to buy now what was bought ten years ago for one dollar. The producer does not mind this very much as he has abundant recourse. He can get thirty cents more for his product now than he could get ten years ago. The salaried man is the one who feels the pinch. The law of supply and demand does not assist him as readily as it does the producer. The salaried man receives the same and must pay more for living expenses.

Brother Steward, your preacher is a salaried man. Can you afford to keep his salary at the figures of ten years ago, when you know that it takes nearly one-third more for him to live now than it did ten years ago.

Your business sense acknowledges the economic fact stated at the beginning of this article. May we not trust your spirit of Christian justice and generosity to apply the remedy? Increase your preacher's salary. You will lose nothing and gain much.

THE NEW PRESIDING ELDERS.

The Fifth Wheel (falsely so-called) will be aided in its revolutions this year in the North Carolina Conference by two men, who, doubtless up to the last hour of the Conference at Henderson considered themselves elected to the pastorate. But the Bishop had been thinking, and his thoughts resulted in the creation of two new Presiding Elders. We do not congratulate them. The Presiding Eldership is a position which calls for the very hardest work. Its responsibilities make fearful requisitions on heart, brain, and nerves. These new elders have our sympathies and prayers, but we doubt not that they will do their work cheerfully and successfully.

Rev. E. H. Davis, P. E., of the New Bern District, is a scholar gifted with hard common sense. We knew him in college, and he was regarded as the brightest man in his class. As a preacher, he is didactic, always giving his hearers something suitable for mental mastication and spiritual assimilation. Rather frail looking in body, he has tough physical fibre, and will prove his powers of adaptation by acquiring the typical girth of the Elder, and proving himself a mighty man at the out-of-doors dinner on Sundays at the Quarterly Meetings. That he will administer wisely and successfully the affairs of New Bern District, no one who knows him will doubt.

Rev. M. Bradshaw, the P. E. of Wilmington District, is another college mate. He was known as the orator of the Hesperian Society. There was always attention when Mike Bradshaw spoke. We never heard him preach, but they say that his sermon is as clear-cut as a cameo. He, too, is gifted with common sense, never obtruding himself and his views, but always ready to do his best in the performance of known duty. Like Davis, he has no material rotundity to boast of, but the potential elements are there, and Providence permitting, we expect to see him, by the Ides of November, possessed of all the physical emoluments of the "Elder." The saints of the Wilmington District may consider themselves in good hands.

THE STATUS OF THE WAR.

It is a sad picture which the authentic reports of the war in the East force upon the sensitive reader.

The Russian and Japanese armies lie facing each other on the Shakhe river in Manchuria. The cold is intense. Starvation stares in the face Kuropatkin's army. The one line of railroad is barely able to supply the Russians with food. The Japanese being nearer the base of supplies are not in such dire straits.

The garrison at Port Arthur is still successfully holding out against the besiegers. The Japanese by capturing 203 Meter Hill were enabled to make the harbor a graveyard for the Russian fleet. The last ship has been abandoned on account of injuries received. Only the torpedo boats remain intact. The Japanese fleet have raised the blockade and are now at Sasebo for repairs so as to be able to meet the Baltic fleet on its arrival into eastern waters.

Russia's case seems hopeless in Manchuria. With her fleet destroyed, with her Port Arthur garrison awaiting certain extermination, with her army in Manchuria far away from base and simply lying inert as a prey for Oyama who has no idea of waiting until spring for a decisive blow, it seems certain that the second year of the war will be as disastrous for Russia as the first.

A great peril faces Russia at home. There is prevalent a strong anti-war spirit which has in the last week caused revolutionary scenes in Moscow and St. Petersburg.

FACTS AND FIGURES FOR THE FUTURE.

It is a fact, which is only too painfully patent that Southern Methodism, is too careless in preserving records. There is many a blank page in the record of our experience as a Church because records have not been preserved. There is only one man who, as far as we know, has attempted to write the history of North Carolina Methodism. The success achieved by this historian, Rev. W. L. Grissom, in the face of difficulties springing from lack of definite records, is remarkable, as will be shown by the first volume soon to be issued.

The editor of the Advocate has a design in publishing annually the North Carolina Methodist Handbook. There is no recreation in its compilation. There is no money in it. The receipts barely pay the expenses. One of the purposes is not only to set in proper order the past and present history of Methodism in North Carolina, but to furnish that which years to come will furnish rich and luminous material for the historian.

The plain volume which, representing much toil, comes forth annually about the first of January, and is sold for the nominal price of twenty-five cents, will be a gold mine twenty-five years hence. Happy the man who will be found to have the file in his possession.

Read the Table of Contents and see how much we have placed in the Biographical and Historical Department in the Handbook for 1905. Nothing like it has ever been found in Southern Methodism. Read the interesting reminiscenses written by the older brethren of the Conference, and extending back to the middle of the last century. Read the Milestones of North Carolina Methodism and see if as much historical material can be found so succinctly recorded in any other publication. Every Methodist should not only read this Department but lay up its facts as a sacred treasure. It will be called for in time.

You cannot wrong the least disciple without wounding the great Master.—Ram's Horn.

THE WHAT AND WHY OF THE "SIMPLE LIFE."

Rev. Charles Wagner, hailing from France, has lately visited our shores. He is a man of some reputation in his own country. We presume that he is a pious, consecrated preacher, and a thinker of ability. He came to this country as the apostle of "The Simple Life." This is a neat, attractive expression. Mr. Wagner was greeted publicly by the President in a warm, appreciative speech, and he at once burst into a full-blown fad. Long haired men and short-haired women, and wild-eyed delvers in the mines of social theories, made Mr. Wagner their divinity on whom they lavished all the obsequious tribute exacted by Oscar Wilde and Paderewski years ago. Sunday editions of newspapers parade in their "serious" columns "The Simple Life."

Now we have nothing to say against Mr. Wagner and his "Simple Life." He, we have no doubt, as we have said, is a good and able man. Furthermore we candidly confess that we have not read his book. It doubtless contains a great many good things, just as does many another book written by abler and less able men and women. But we would like to throw in one or two semi-warnings.

The first is in the shape of a suggestion that the first buddings of a tendency to form "Simple Life Clubs" should be pinched into lifelessness. This is Clubdom's own era, and we cannot say that the fact means any progress toward the Golden Age. But let us not have any "Simple Life Clubs" unless they be made havens for "simple minded" people.

Then, it would be well to have a clear idea of what kind of simplicity there should be in life. If Mr. Wagner has furnished such an idea, we have not been so informed. If he means that diet, and clothing, and habits and recreations should be simple, then he is affirming not only what is contained in the New Testament from Matthew to Revelation, but a plain canon of common sense. But if he means that life in its deepest, truest sense is a simple thing, whose duties lie on the common level, whose aspirations never mount above the zone of listless, contented being, and whose purposes are reduced to a minimum in quantity and to a placid inspidity in quality, then we have no use for the "Simple Life."

Life in it struest sense is the most complex thing in existence. It is a harp of a thousand strings; it is a machine of a thousand wheels; it is a landscape broken by towering mountains and seemingly interminable plains; it is a journey with many devious paths and bisected roads. Out of its very complexities, paradoxes, and mysteries, the most glorious strength is born to him, who with the God-spirit within grapples duty and destiny with simple manliness and faith.

Let us have no "Simple Life" which decreases the area of duty and clips the wings of high purpose. Let us have that "Simple Life" which threads the labyrinth of true life with simple faith in self and God.

In 1886 the number of parsonages in Southern Methodism was 2,030; value of parsonages, $247,280. In 1904 the total number of parsonages is 4,216; value of parsonages, $5,164,915. Of these the Woman's Home Mission Society has helped 1,527 to the amount of $141,510.36—that is, the Woman's Home Mission Society has helped over one-third of the parsonages in the church in these eighteen years.—Mrs. Chapman.

The American Tract Society is now in the eightieth year of its activity. It has issued 8,588 distinct publications, and is now publishing six periodicals in three different languages. The Society reports a large number of donations to colored schools and churches in the South.

A class of eleven were received on trial, and twelve into full connection at the N. Alabama Conference. True enough "the Lord buries His workmen, but carries on His work." In that class of eleven there are some who have had rare opportunities for equipment.

Methodist Mention

STATE.

Asheville has refused to relicense the distillers within her borders.

As far as we can learn, the preachers who were changed at Conference are moving very promptly to their fields of work.

The faces of a dozen women prominently engaged in missionary work in the North Carolina Conference will appear in the Handbook.

Rev. C. W. Robinson was summoned from the recent Conference by a telegram telling of the death of his brother at Bennettsville, S. C.

To those who have ordered the Handbook, we would say that the same will be issued from the press about January 1st, and will be sent at once.

Rev. C. L. Read, new pastor of Epworth Church, reached Raleigh on last Saturday and on the next day preached to the satisfaction of good-sized congregations.

Central Academy is offering a splendid opportunity to young men desiring to go off to school after Christmas. If you are interested, write to Rev. W .W. Rose, Principal, Littleton, N. C.

The Rev. J. M. Lowder filled his appointment here Sunday, and we are glad to have him with us another year. He has been a faithful pastor to his charge and one who is beloved by all.—Bonnerton Cor. Washington Progress.

Rev. Hilary Humble, of the North Carolina Conference, who is visiting his father at this place, preached one of the best sermons that we have heard in a long time in the Front Street Methodist Church last Sunday morning.—Burlington News.

The names of those who have won prizes for the parsonage fronts will be announced in the Handbook. The pictures of the parsonages will appear in the Handbook. We trust that this is the beginning of a revival in the beautification of the parsonage in the North Carolina Conference.

Rev. D. C. Geddie writes that Jones Circuit paid about $1,400 for all objects last Conference year, and that he has secured about $650 in cash and subscriptions for the new parsonage. He was well treated by the Jones Circuit people. They presented him with a nice Conference suit.

One of the most beautiful calendars we have yet seen is that of Vanderbilt University, giving exquisite views of the grounds and different buildings. It is a fine piece of artistic work. Smith & Lamar, Agents. Price, 50 cents. We hereby acknowledge our appreciation of the one sent to the Advocate.

Rev. J. H. Frizzelle, the new pastor of the Methodist Church, preached his first sermons here last Sunday morning and night. He made a good impression upon those who heard him. Mr. Frizelle expects to move his family from Pittsboro to this place this week and will occupy the parsonage.—Sanford Express.

We acknowledge receipt of the following announcement: "Mrs. Benjamin R. Hall requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Ethel Stacey, to Mr. William Bert Sedberry. Tuesday evening, December twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and four, at eight o'clock, 239 Russell Street, Fayetteville, North Carolina."

Rev. R. H. Willis, Missionary Secretary, writes us that the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions shows that $13,618.33 and $11,012.38 were paid for Foreign and Domestic Missions, respectively, during last Conference year, instead of $13,373.75 and $10,465.75, as appears in the regular reports. According to this, the gain for last year was $1,098.51 over the preceding year instead of $307.23, as published last week in the Advocate.

Rev. M. D. Giles and family expect to leave to-morrow for East Durham, where they will reside in the future. Mr. Giles having been appointed to Carr church at that place by the recent Conference at Henderson. During the four years that Mr. Giles has been on the Mt. Tirzah Circuit, both he and his family have made many warm friends among the people of Person County, all of whom wish for them the greatest measure of blessings that this life can afford. While his departure is regretted, the Mt. Tirzah Circuit it to be congratulated that they are to have such an excellent pastor in the person of Rev. W. H. Kirton.—Roxboro Courier.

Mr. Tuttle is one of the most aggressive ministers in the city, and ever since he has been here has waged a vigorous war against the liquor traffic. His unrelenting zeal was at last crowned with success, and one year ago, the first of next month, the saloons were all closed. In conversation with a representative of the Economist, Mr. Tuttle stated that he would have liked to remain here, but that he was perfectly willing to go wherever the Bishop decided he should go, and that his new place was very acceptable to him. One reason being that it placed him nearer to his aged mother. Mr. Tuttle is greatly beloved by the congregation and it is with extreme reluctance that his departure is noted. There will be a large congregation out to hear his farewell sermon to-morrow night.—Elizabeth City Economist.

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CONNECTIONAL.

The Methodist Church in the State of Georgia has 175,000 members.

At the session of the late North Texas Conference $16,400 was raised for Southwestern University.

A friend whose name is not given, made a present of $5,000 to Trinity Episcopal Church in Columbia, S. C., on last Sunday.

Women of the Louisville Conference Missionary Societies have three missionaries in the field, viz., Miss Mattie Watts, Clara Fullerton, and Alice Griffith.

It is officially declared through the advice of American Minister Allen that missionaries in Korea may safely return to their work. This will be good news to anxious friends at home.

A layman of Jasper has recently given $2,000 to the Alabama Methodist Orphanage, at Summerfield. One-half of this amount is payable in five annual payments, and the balance at the end of five years.

A layman in Georgia challenges Georgia Methodism's liberality. He says if Atlanta will give as a Christmas offering $12,500 to the Wesley Memorial Hospital, he will put under the institution $12,500 more.

The Tennessee Conference raised $250 for ten scholarships to the Missionary Training School, to be held at McKendree Church. The Memphis Conference appropriated $200 for eight scholarships and will pick their men.

Three hundred and seventy-five now represent the enrollment at Wofford. Of this number, 225 are in the college and 150 in the fitting school. Last year at this time the number was 307. Hence there is a remarkable net gain of 68.

Bishop Galloway delivered stirring addresses at the North Georgia and North Alabama Conferences on the "Eastern Question." He declares that the Empress Dowager has entered the line of progress and has agreed to enforce the edicts of the Emperor of 1887.

Palmore College is one of a chain of seven schools belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. These schools are under the same management and have an annual enrollment of about three thousand students. They are situated in Laredo, Saltillo, San Luis Potosi, Mexico City, Guadalajara, Durango and Chihuahua.—Woman's Missionary Advocate.

General Notes

The Methodist Episcopal Church closes its missionary year without debt, and with $20,000 on hand.

Bishop Moore believes Japan, with its 47,000,000 people, will take the helm in the Orient. The public school system in Japan is comparable with that of Massachusetts.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals has reversed the decision of the Circuit Court in the case of Caleb Powers, now in jail for complicity in the murder of William Goebel. This gives Powers a new trial.

During the year just closing the Lutheran Church in North America contributed for Home and Foreign Missions, for orphans, for education, and for the care of the sick, the sum of $1,684,895.56.

Father Cornelius Van de Ven has been consecrated Bishop of Natchitoches, La. He is a native of Holland, and came to America in 1890. He is perhaps the youngest Catholic bishop in the United States.

Miss Helen Gould has just completed a 6,000-mile trip in the West, during which she has visited some twenty railroad and city Young Men's Christian Associations, and shaken hands with over 20,000 railroad men.

United States Attorney-General Moody has just given an interesting ruling that stamp guessing contests, so much in evidence of late, as a species of gambling, and shuts all such enterprises out from a use of Uncle Sam's postal service.

The next triennial International Sunday-school Convention will meet in Toronto, June 23 to 27, 1905. A meeting of local Sunday-school workers has already been held to begin the planning for the entertainment of the Convention.

The Southern Presbyterian, which has heretofore been published in Clinton, S. C., will be removed to Atlanta, Ga., and will be published by Rev. T. E. Converse, D. D., who for many years was on the editorial staff of the Christian Observer, of Louisville, Ky.

Mr. F. W. H. Meyers, the prominent English essayist, after reviewing the work of the Society of Psychical Research, declares his belief that it is scientifically demonstrated that those whom we call dead are alive, and that they can communicate with us under proper conditions.

Pastor Charles Wagner has finished his lecturing and preaching tour in the United States and has returned to Paris. He will build a new church home for his congregation there, to be called The Home of the Soul, in which undertaking he expects many liberal contributions from the people of this continent.

The author of the favorite hyman, "God be with you till we meet again," Rev. J. E. Rankin, died in Cleveland, Ohio, November 28th. He was formerly president of Howard University, Washington, D. C., and for many years pastor of the Metropolitan Congregational Church in that city.

It seems that a well-to-do farmer in Indiana joked some Methodist women who wanted something for the church by saying that they could have all the corn on his farm that they would husk in a day. They took his joke in earnest, and went out and stripped the husks from forty bushels.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

Seen from the outside, France seems to be almost exclusively a Roman Catholic country. Of its 38,000,000 inhabitants, only 700,000 are Protestants and 80,000 Jews. Most of the remaining 37,000,000 are nominally Roman Catholic, but millions, especially in the great industrial towns, have broken more or less openly with the church, and a deep hatred of the religious orders exist.

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"The Bethlehem Christ."

(Matt 2:1-12, Dec. 25, 1904.)

REV. CHAS. C. SELECMAN.

This one chapter contains all that Matthew records of the Infancy. Mark and John tell us nothing and Luke very little. This is in striking contrast to those spurious gospels afterwards published by men who record childish stories about what the boy Jesus did and said. Men of culture and mature judgment recognize in the simple, natural records of the four Evangelists, a note of magnificent superiority. What a charm there is about this Bethlehem story! How the children love to hear it and the older people too find it more wonderfully sweet the oftener it is told. Rousseau says: "If the apostles or anyone else had invented Christ, the inventor would be more wonderful than the Hero."

1. The Group About Jesus.—I think it is Stalker who calls attention to the representative company that gather about the child, Jesus. (a) Shepherds hear the angelic announcement and say "come to another, let us now go to Bethlehem." Luke 2:8-1,20. The shepherds may be said to represent the great body of "common people" that hear Jesus gladly.

2. Wise Men.—They found Christ not by angelic guidance, but by following a star. The devout wisdom of the world has ever been attracted to Jesus. Let scholarship look where it will, into the heavens above, or the earth beneath or into the history of man, the footsteps of Jehovah appear along the shining pathways of the heavens, in the dark mysterious subways of earth, and in the philosophy of human history. While the voice of the wise man of one century cries, "O, my God, I read thy thoughts after Thee," echoing back over hundreds of years comes the voice of another saying: "I am nearer to God, when in my closet on my knees, than when in my observatory gazing into the heavens." Jesus is ever the teacher of teachers through a teacher of Israel Nicodemus must come to Jesus for light on life's most profound lessons.

3. Simeon and Anna met the babe in the temple on the eighth day when he was to be "presented to the Lord." Simeon "came in the spirit" into the temple, and when Jesus was brought in he received him into his arms and "blessed God." Luke 2:22-32. Anna coming up at that very hour gave "thanks." It must have been a beautiful picture, these two old people rejoicing over the advent of Jesus, the Savior, for whom they had long been looking. They may be said to represent that class of simple, reverent worshippers that love the courts of the Lord's house and whose chief joy is a new vision of the world's Redeemer.

4. Herod.—Now come the enemies of the Lord. Jesus is not only attracting the love and adoration of men; he is an object of the hatred of evil men. The wise men sought Him that they might worship Him. Herod sought "to destroy Him." Herod said he desired to worship Christ—he lied. "Can men say worship when they mean destroy. They say it every day. There is a possibility of destroying Christ under the guise of worshipping Him." Herod, like Pharoah, sought to guarantee his own future by a cruel blow at childhood. Dr. Joseph Parker says: "I am struck by the wisdom that sees in childhood a growing power, and that directs its attention to the early rise of nations. Do not sneer at the boys, they will be your successors."

5. His Star.—Pass a ray of light through a prism, and it is separated into seven prismatic colors. The light of the star of Bethlehem, falling upon a human heart, may be manifest in seven ways.

How to Read the Bible.

To some the Bible is uninteresting and unprofitable because they read too fast. Amongst the insects which subsist on the sweet sap of flowers there are two different classes. One is remarkable for its imposing plumage, which shows in the sunbeams like the dust of gems; and as you watch its jaunty dance from flower to flower you cannot help admiring its graceful activity, for it is plainly getting over a great deal of ground. But in the same field there is another worker, straightforward flight may not have arrested your eye. His fluttering neighbor darts here and there, and sips elegantly wherever he can find a drop of ready nectar; but this dingy plodder makes a point of alighting everywhere; wherever and whenever he alights he either finds honey or makes it. To which do you belong, the butterflies or the bees? Do you search the Scriptures, or skim them? Let me urge you to store your minds carefully with Bible truths while your memory is young and fresh. As the bee lays up a winter store for his body, so must you stock your minds and hearts.—C. H. Spurgeon in Christian Advocate.

Summary of Foreign Missions.

The annual statement of the work of Foreign Missionary Societies, published by the American Board, shows an increase for the year of $2,000,000 in the income of English and American societies. The numbers show totals for the two nationalities together of 5,771 stations, 16,-61 missionaries, 75,281 native workers, 1,397,047 communicants, 1,127,-853 pupils under instruction, and a total native constituency of 3,613,-391. The American societies have 6,991 stations and outstations, 1,617 men and 2,638 women workers, 20,-901 native laborers, 506,600 communicants, 250,573 under instruction and 43,723 added last year. The Sandwich Islands disappear from the list of missionary countries, their own churches having resumed the responsibility for mission work there, and the Philippine Islands are added to it.—Woman's Missionary Advocate.

We are all weavers weaving into character day by day the events as they come into our loves. We cannot understand why some days must be sad and sorrowful, while others are full of happiness and joy—we cannot see how these events are blending and harmonizing in our lives. We are told that in many factories the weaver sits at his loom day after day weaving, according to a pattern given him, yet does not see the result of his labor until his work is finished, cut from the loom and spread out before him. Then he understands how a bright thread here and a dark one there have been woven into a most beautiful piece of tapestry. Just so, day by day, we weave our characters according to the pattern and example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When our labor is ended and we view our lives as a finished piece of work, we shall be able to understand how the bright and dark days, the happy and sad events have been woven into one beautiful whole.

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Sunday School

Lesson for December 25, 1904.

The Prince of Peace.

(Isaiah 9:1-7.)

A Christmas Lesson.

(Read Luke 2:1-20.)

Golden Text: His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isa. 9:6.)

The lesson suggested for our study to-day is a two-fold one. First we have one of the most striking Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament, as given in the words of Isaiah, and then we have the narrative of the fulfillment of that prophecy as related by the evangelist Luke.

The Prophecy of Isaiah.—The historical situation under which Isaiah exercised his prophetic ministry is familiar from our recent studies in the history of Judah. It seems most probable that this prophecy was uttered by the prophet at his home in Jerusalem during the reign of Ahaz, the father of Hezekiah.

Ahaz was the wicked father of a good son. To understand the background of history to Isaiah's prophetic message we must remember that Ahaz "made molten images to Baal, introduced the moral abminations of the heathen worship, cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and gave the sacred vessels as a bribe to the king of Assyria, shut up the temple, built heathen altars in every corner of Jerusalem and burned his children in the fire as human sacrifices."

The result of this course of action on the part of Ahaz was the desolation of his country. The Assyrians came and overran the land, and utter ruin seemed to threaten the entire nation.

It was in the midst of such circumstances that Isaiah delivered his message, assuring the people that though they were at present sitting in great darkness they should soon see a great light.

The Promised Messiah.—The most glorious part of Isaiah's prophecy, however, was not the assurance of escape from the Assyrian yoke, but the declaration of the coming Messiah, whose characteristics as indicated in the words of the prophet betokened a more than human deliverer.

It is a magnificent description of the coming Messiah which we have in the last two verses of our lesson. Handel has given a splendid musical interpretation to these words in his matchless oratorio, "The Messiah." We cannot exhaust their meaning, for the more we study them, the deeper becomes their significance. Truly indeed is the name of Jesus called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, and The Prince of Peace.

The Prince of Peace.—Of all the appellations used by Isaiah, in the verse just quoted concerning the coming Messiah, the one that has most endeared itself to the heart of Christendom is that of the Prince of Peace, and at this Christmas season of the year it is well to emphasize the thought that our Lord and Saviour is the Prince whose coming brings peace to the weary and sin-sick soul, and whose teachings shall eventually bring peace to all the world.

Some Christmas Thoughts.—We shall do well in this lesson to compare prophet with evangelist, and to see how the glorious predictions of Isaiah find their fulfillment in the record of Luke.

Christ came to bring joy and light and peace to the world. So we keep Christmas best when we remember others and strive to bring blessings into the lives of those around us.

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"I have fixed up any number of feet for them. Some of them have been to springs, where they treat rheumatism, and some of them even to Europe. When they come in here to buy shoes they speak incidentally about their troubles, and generally a silver plate and a shoe that will hold the bones in place will fix them up.
"Often I can tell what is the matter with a woman's foot just by seeing her walk. You see that shoe, all worn off at the side? And this one, worn at the toe? Well, that is because the women have tried to ease the pressure on those broken-down bones. A foot that is formed right and that is in perfect health will wear the shoe evenly across the sole. If women only knew what was the matter with their feet, the doctors would miss a lot of fees for treatments for rheumatism."—Exchange.

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" Dover	4.43 "	9.13 "
" Cove	5.00 "	9.30 "
" Tuscarora	5.12 "	9.50 "
Arrive New Bern	5.40 "	10.40 "

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" Havelock	6.30 "	1.40 "
" Newport	6.53 "	2.19 "
Arrive More head City	7.30 "	2.55 "

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" Havelock	8.08 "	7.00 "
" Riverdale	8.21 "	7.30 "
Arrive New Bern	8.45 "	8.05 "

Station.	No. 6
Leave New Bern	6.30 p. m.
" Tuscarora	6.50 "
" Cove	7.00 "
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" LaGrange	7.57 "
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7 35	4 25	S. Cayleigh Mills	9 35	5 29
7 45	4 30	F. *Sylvola	9 30	5 13
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8 00	4 45	F. Hobby	9 14	4 57
8 15	4 52	M. McCULLERS	9 10	4 52
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8 30	4 59	F. Austin	8 55	4 21
8 50	5 07	S. *Willow Springs	8 50	4 15
9 05	5 15	M. JOHNSON MILL	8 40	4 03
9 15	5 17	F. Cardenas	8 33	4 00
9 20	5 22	S. C. F. & N. Junction	8 33	3 55
9 35	5 28	S. Fuquay Springs	8 30	3 52
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10 00	5 45	S. Chalybeate	8 10	3 20
10 05	5 50	S. Bradley	8 00	3 01
10 15	6 00	F. *Smith Mill	7 55	2 55
10 25	6 10	Lillington Ar.	7 45	2 45
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One of the saddest accidents of the year occurred Saturday night, 10th, when John H. Gore, Jr., law partner of ex-Gov. D. L. Russell, and his brother-in-law, John Brewer, of Franklin, Va., about 18 years old, were drowned in Cape Fear River, five miles below Wilmington. A canoe in which they were returning to a steam launch up the river was capsized by a squall. Two other companions in a ducking canoe were unable to rescue the men on account of the storm. The bodies were recovered Monday.

Asheville has refused to license distilleries for 1905.

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Quarterly Meetings.

FAYETTEVILLE D STRICT.
J. B. Hurley, P. E.
FIRST ROUND.

Dunn, Dec. 18, 19
Sanford, Dec. 20
Buckhorn. Dec. 21
Jonesboro, Jan. 1
Pittsboro, Jan. 6-8
Haw River, Mann's Chapel, Jan. 7
Goldston, Jan. 8, 9
Siler City, Jan. 10
Elise, Tabernacle, Jan. 11
Carthage, Jan. 12
Fayetteville Circuit, Camp Ground, Jan. 14, 15
Fayetteville, Hay Street, Jan. 15
Hope Mills, Jan. 18
Duke, Elevation, Jan. 20
Newton Grove, Jan. 21, 22
Cokesbury, Bethany, Jan. 26
Bladen. Jan. 27
Sampson, Andrews Chapel, Jan. 28, 29
Lillington, Parker's Grove, Feb. 3
District Stewards will meet in Steel Street Methodist Church, Sanford, N. C., December 30, 1904, at 7:30 p. m. Let every member of the board be present.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.
M. Bradshaw, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Market Street. Dec. 11
Bladen Street, Dec. 11
Fifth Street, Dec. 18
Grace, Jan. 1
Magnolia, Providence, Jan. 7, 8
Southport, Jan. 15 16
Clinton, Clinton, Jan. 21, 22
Kenansville Kenansville, Jan. 28, 29
Burgaw, Rocky Point, Feb. 4, 5
Onslow, Mayesville, Feb. 11, 12
New River, Turkey Ct. (Q. C. 2 p. m.) Feb. 13
Jacksonville and Richlands, Richlands, February 18, 19
Waccamaw, Shiloh, Feb. 25, 26
Whiteville (Q. C. 2 p. M. 27) Feb. 26. 27
Carver's Circuit, Council, Feb. 28
Scott's Hill, Prospect, March 4, 5
Town Creek, Bethel. March 10
Shallotte and Camp, March 11, 12
Columbus, March 18, 19

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.
J. D. Bundy, P. E., Rocky Mount, N. C.
FIRST ROUND,

Fremont, Eureka, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1,
Tarboro, Jan. 3
Aurora, Durham Creek, Jan 7, 8
Grimesland and Vanceboro, Ayden, Jan, 14, 15
Grantville, Jan. 22. 24
Roanoke, Jan. 24
Rocky Mount. Jan. 25
Elm City 8m City, Jan 29 30
North Rocky Mount and Marvin, Feb.
Bethel, Bethel Feb. 4, 5
Farmville, Farmville, Feb. 11, 12
Wilson Station, Feb. 19

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Wilson Circuit, Wilson, Feb. 10
Washington. Feb. 24
Bath, Asbury, Feb. 25, 26
Spring Hope, Spring Hope, March 4, 5
Nashville, Nashville, March 6
Swan Quarter, Swan Quarter, March 12, 13
Fairfield, March 15
Mattamuskeet, Engelhard, March 18, 19
The District Stewards will please meet in the Tarboro Methodist Church at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday, Jan. 3

NEW BERNE DISTRICT.
E. H. Davis, P. E., Kinston, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Kinston, Dec 10. 11
New Berne, Centenary, Dec. 18, 19
Grifton Circuit, Sharon, Dec. 24. 25
Goldsboro Circuit. Salem, Dec. 31, Jan. 1
Goldsboro, St. Paul, Jan. 1, 2
Mount Olive Circuit, Smiths, Jan. 7, 8
Mount Olive and Faison, Jan. 8, 9
Jones, Map e Grove, Jan. 15, 16
Craven, Epworth, Jan. 16, 17
Hookerton, Ormonds, Jan. 21, 22
Snow Hill, Snow Hill, Jan. 22, 23
Dover, Kinston, Jan. 27
LaGrange, LaGrange, Jan. 28, 29
Goldsboro, St. Johns, Feb. 1
Pamlico, Barnes, Feb. 4, 5
Oriental, Feb. 5, 6
Carteret, Newport, Feb. 11, 12
Beaufort, Feb. 13, 19
Morehead, Feb. 19, 20
Ocracoke, Feb. 21, 22
Atlantic, Wth. Feb. 23
Straits, Summerfield, Feb. 25, 26
The Dist ict Stewards will please meet in the Methodist Church in Kinston Wednesday, January 11, at 11 a. m.

WARRENTON DITRI T.
G. F. Smith, P E, Litt'eton, N C
FIRST ROUND.

L'ttleton, Littleton, Dec. 18
Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary, Roanoke Rapids, Dec. 24, 25
Weldon, Dec 25, 26
Warrenton, Macon, Dec. 31, Jan. 1
Northampton, Rehaboth, Jan. 7, 8
Rich Square, Rich Square, Jan. 8, 9
Conway, Bethany, Jan. 10
Murfreesboro, Jan. 11
Bertie, Windsor, Jan 13
Harrellsville, Powellsville, Jan. 14, 15
Garysburg, Garysburg, Jan. 19
Ridgeway, Ridgeway, Jan. 21, 22
Enfield and Halifax, Halifax, Jan. 29, 30
Battleboro and Whitakers, McTyrie, Jan 31
Hobgood, Hobgood Feb 4, 5
Scotland Neck, Feb 5, 6
Williamston and Hamilton, Williamston, Feb. 7
Warren, Providence, Feb 11, 12
Roanoke, Tabor, Feb. 18, 19
Henderson, Feb. 26, 27

DURHAM DISTRICT.
J. T. Gibbs, P.E., Durham, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Durham, Branson Street, Jan. 1, a. m
Leasburg, at Leasburg, Dec. 12
Milton, at Milton, Dec 13
Durham, Mangum Street, December 18, 19
Carr Church, Dec. 25, 26
Newton Grove, Jan. 21, 22
West Durham, Jan. 1, at night
Hillsboro Ct., Hillsboro, Jan 8, 9
Durham, Trinity Church, Jan. 16, 17
District Stewards' meeting at Trinity Church, Durham, at 11 a. m., Tuesday, Dec. 20

RALEIGH DISTRICT.
W. H. Moore, P. E.
FIRST ROUND.

Central, Jan 1, 2
Brooklyn, at night Jan. 1
Youngsville, Youngsville, Jan. 7, 8
Millbrook, Millbrook, Jan 14, 15
Clayton, Clayton, Jan. 21, 22
Franklinton, Franklinton, Jan. 28, 29
Edenton Street, Feb. 4, 5
Louisburg, Feb 11, 12
Oxford Circuit, Feb, 18, 19
Granville, Feb. 25, 26
Oxford Station, March 4, 5

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
John B. Cole, P. E., Rockingham, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Rockingham Station, Jan. 1, 2.
Hamlet, Old Hundred, Jan. 3
St John and Gibson, Gibson, Jan 4
Laurinburg Station, Jan. 4 (7:30 p. m.)
Maxton and Caledonia, Maxton, Jan. 5
Rowland, Rowland, Jan 7, 8
Robeson. Trinity, Jan. 8, 9
Elizabeth, Jan. 11
Lumberton Jan. 12
Roberdel, Roberdel Jan. 13
Aberdeen, Bisco Jan 14, 15
Richmond, Mizpeh. Jan. 18
Red Springs, Reeford. Jan. 21, 22
Montgomery, Shiloah, Jan. 27
Troy, Troy, Jan. 27 (7:30 p. m.)
Mt. Gilead, Mt. Gilead, Jan. 28-29
Pekin Concord. Jan. 30
The District Stewards will please meet in the pastor's study in the Methodist Church, Rockingham, N. C., Dec 29, 8:30 p. m. And all Stewards are requested to call on every member of their respective churches and receive the offering on pastor's salary for the first quarter, according to the law of the Discipline.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRI T.
J. E. Underwood, P. E., Elizabeth City, N. C.
FIRST ROUND.

Pasquotank Circuit, at Hall's Creek, Dec. 25, 26
Elizabeth City, City Road, Dec 25
Edenton, Evans' and Centre Hill, at Edenton, Jan. 1, 2
Hertford Station, Jan. 8, 9
N. Gates, Kittrell, Jan. 14, 15
Dare Circuit, Jan. 21
Roanoke Island, Jan. 22, 23
Hatteras, Jan. 28 29
Kitty Hawk, Jan. 29
Perquimans Circuit at Winfall, Feb. 4, 5
Camden Circuit, at Nashe's Feb. 17
Currituck Circuit, at Asbury, Feb, 18, 19
Elizabeth City, First Church, Feb. 22
Gates, March 5, 6
Pantego March 12 13
Columbia March 18, 19

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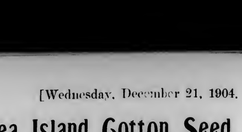

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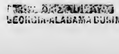

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I have said it—repeat it—stand by it—and defend it—that liberality is about to break out all over our Conference, like the measles. I am sure there will be a move all along the line in 1905. Fall in, one and all.

The chickens are crowing for Christmas. The girls are dreaming of dolls. The boys are listening for horns. And—and—all are looking for boxes. The music of sleigh bells is in the air.

Our Visitors.

Quite a number of friends have visited us recently. Rev. R. H. Willis, Bro. W. L. Arendell and Brother Lane called on their way to Conference, and Rev. A. S. Barnes, wife and son, with Mrs. E. C. Duncan, Mrs. Barnes' sister, and Rev. W. H. Townsend after Conference. Call again, friends.

A very interesting one indeed was Dr. F. R. Harris, of Henderson, a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, who came to see our institution, and to tell me that he would support an orphan year by year, at an expense of $75.00 per year. Mr. R. N. Page had already informed me of it. He married the daughter of Rev. Jessie H. Page, of precious memory. Isn't that nice? Many more may be taken. Who will follow suit?

Endowment.

The question of the endowment of the Orphanage was raised and briefly discussed at the last meeting of the Trustees, but no new plan was adopted. Why not adopt the George M. Lindsey plan, viz., To give a thousand dollars to the Orphanage; the interest of which is to go to the feeding and clothing of an orphan. If you have not the money, give your bond, and bind your property for it. So that if you do not pay it in your life time, it will be paid at your death. Interest to be paid annually, while you live. Brother Lindsey sent a check to Conference for the first year's interest. If one hundred friends would do that, it would give us a handsome endowment to begin with. Can it not be done in the next twelve months. Think of it friends.

The Sunday-Schools and the New Plan.

To those who are enquiring as to the effect of the new plan for raising funds for the support of the Institution, will have upon the Sunday-schools that are now supporting one or more children, I would say, that it is not intended to affect that at all. It will do great good to the schools as well as to the Orphanage, to get them all to contribute monthly. But if you cannot raise the assessment without counting that in, do it. A goodly number of the churches raised a good deal more than that last Conference year. Franklinton raised more than ten times that amount and Main Street Durham more than three times as much. The only argument made against the plan was that it might diminish our collections for this cause rather than increase them. Let it have full swing, brethren. The assessment will help the do-nothing churches.

Christmas.

Christmas is always a great time at the Orphanage. The friends fill our mouths with good things and a right merry time we have. But few children in all the land have a better time than these. Good people vie with each other to make them happy.

They greatly appreciate this kindness. They take it as coming from the great Father of us all. The boxes are already arriving. They will come in troops by and by.

I say again, that the railroads and express companies will dead-head them, if you will apply to headquarters through the local agents. It will save the Orphanage right much money. Sometimes the transportation charges are heavy—about half the worth of the goods.

A suggestion: Don't send us baby shoes, over shoes, caps, dresses, socks, or any other baby fixings. We have no babies here, and are not expecting any. Do not send fine quilts nor fine clothing. Send things for use and not for looks. Good, substantial things.

The Library.

Our Jeffrey Robbins Library is now open. The shelves are comparatively empty. Books are nice Christmas presents. Patent Office reports never were interesting reading to me. I don't think that orphan children would like them. We have nice book cases—shabby books would not look nice in them.

Christmas would be a nice time to send that piano along for the "Catharine Page" Chapel.

A calendar clock, whether it strikes or not, will be almost a necessity for our chapel.

A big striking clock in the hall would make music for the whole building.

A big bell, like the farmers have, would ring up the whole affair, and be heard from afar.

Turkeys, pigs, geese, ducks, partridges, chickens, etc., etc., are always in good taste.

Receipts Up to December 5.

Public collection at Conference, $178.55; Dixon, Donald, Agnes and Mary Phillips, Florida, $1.00; Lewisville, W. N. C. C., Thanksgiving, $5.00; Statesville, First Church and West End, Thanksgiving, $5.00; Apex, Thanksgiving, $2.10; Wadesboro, Thanksgiving, $5.00; Lemon Springs, Thanksgiving, $3.66; Orphan's Society, Wallace, $7.70; Lumberton S. S., $10.00; Winfall, $5.00; White Oak, Bertie Circuit, S. S., $6.62; Red Springs S. S., $2.50; Elm St. S. S., Goldsboro, on bed, $7.50; little Lillian Burrus, $1.00; Mrs. H. F. Berd, $1.00; Parkers S. S., $5.00; Littleton Circuit, $18.00; Littleton, Thanksgiving, $1.25; Goldston Circuit, Thanksgiving, $16.10; Selma, Thanksgiving, $2.50; Leasburg Circuit, Thanksgiving, $7.73; Oxford Circuit, Thanksgiving, $9.00; Hillsboro Circuit, Thanksgiving, $6.00; H. N. Brown, on subs., $5.00; Junior League, $2.00; Jonesboro Circuit, $7.10; Trinity, Camden Circuit, $6.00; Wesley's Chapel, Camden Circuit, $7.00; Main Street, Durham, Thanksgiving, $1.60; Warren Circuit, $5.00; Tar River Circuit: Plank Chapel, support of orphan, $1.50; Kittrell, support of orphan, $1.25; Trinity, support of orphan, $1.25; Ebenezer, support of orphan, $2.96; Clarissa Bonnybel Evans, window, $2.00; West Greensboro, Thanksgiving, $14.00; Roxboro Circuit, $73.80; Garysburg, $12.79; Swansboro, $7.00; Pittsboro S. S., $4.20; George M. Lindsay on bond supt. of orphan, $60.00; Roanoke Rapids, $1.50; Whiteville S. S., $6.19; Kings Mountain, Thanksgiving, $2.61; Newton, Thanksgiving, $8.40; Capt. T. M. Anderson, on subs., $5.00; Miss Ola Patrick, Thanksgiving, $5.00, her Sunday-school class, $2.25; Elise, $2.50; Franklinton S. S., $10.00; Rowland Circuit, $18.00; Holly Springs, $10.00; other churches on Buckhorn Circuit, $19.00; Louisburg, Thanksgiving, $.50; Phillips Chapel, Alamance Circuit, $2.20; Swepsonville, Alamance Circuit, $4.00; Miss Sue Webb, Thanksgiving, $1.00; First Church, Elizabeth City, for support of two orphans one year, $120.00; Roper City, $17.15; Aurora, $13.00; Miss Sallie Swindell, window, $4.00; Hertford, on subs., $15.00; Hertford, general fund, $15.00; Dover, $2.00; Snow Hill, $9.00; Hope Mills, $5.00; J. J. Wolfendon, for bed, $15.00; Miss Mary Council, Populi, $1.00; East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, $2.11; Spring Hope, $22.00; Rockingham, $44.37.

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Five boxes groceries, Washington; one sack flour, Mrs. Mary Barringer; one quilt, Miss Frye, Carthage; box of clothes, Miss Alice B. Wright, Wilson; box of clothes and two barrels of potatoes, Lumberton; box of books from Mrs. Filyaw, Wilmington; box of goods, Chadbourn; box of clothes, Mrs. Georgia Partin, Enfield; box of sundries, Salisbury; three bags of Irish potatoes, D. H. Dixon, Goldsboro; two quilts, Mrs. Bettie Bert Grant; box sundries and one barrel potatoes, Orphanage Society, Wallace; barrel of clothes and two pillows, Manteo; box of boy's caps, Cross & Linehan, Raleigh; box of groceries and apples, Sparta.

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Marriages

HAWKINS—BETTS. — At the home of the bride's parents in Belhaven, N. C., November 30, 1904, Mr. A. W. Hawkins to Miss Maggie M. Betts, H. M. Jackson officiating.

MINTZ — TART. — At the residence of Samuel Russ, November 23, 1904, Mr. Harry L. Mintz to Miss Mintra C. Tart. All of Brunswick County, N. C. Rev. N. H. Guyton officiating.

Obituaries

Obituaries containing not more than one hundred and fifty words are inserted free of charge. Those sending obituaries containing over one hundred and fifty words are requested to send with the obituary one cent for every word in excess. Unless this rule is observed the obituary must be cut down to the proper limit.

JONES.—Died in Harnett County, August 26, 1904, R. H. Jones, aged 36 years. He leaves a mother, three brothers and three sisters. Robert was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, South. We knew him well, have never seen a more Christlike person live.

DAVID McNEILL.

PERRY.—Mrs. Mary A. Perry, a member of Shiloh M. E. Church, South, Youngsville Circuit, a young wife, and the daughter of Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Sue P. Alford, died at her home in Franklin County, on November 14, 1904, after a short but severe illness. To the bereaved ones the writer extends his sympathy.

PASTOR.

BEST.—Miss Sallie Lou Best, who had been active in church, Sunday-school and mission work for a long number of years, departed this life November 14, 1904, after a long, tedious and painful illness, at the age of 27 years. There is a vacant chair at home and a deeply felt vacancy among the workers of Shiloh Church, Youngsville Circuit. "She was never known in childhood, youth or womanhood to deviate in the least from strict veracity and filial obedience." When such a character leaves this world heaven seems to drop nearer and its ties become stronger and sweeter. Should we grieve at a translation so resplendent? Could we see beyond the veil, doubtless the mourning of her loved ones would be turned into joy, as they beheld her, infinitely happy, with extended hand, entreating them to fill her place in church and community. Sympathetically.

PASTOR.

SWINDELL. — Sister Julietta Swindell, wife of F. W. Swindell, was born August 18, 1850, and after a short illness, died in Belhaven, N. C., where she had lived for the past few years, May 5, 1904.

She leaves a husband and two daughters, Mrs. Jas. Cone and Miss Amie Swindell, to mourn the loss of a wife and mother. She embraced religion and joined the Methodist Church while in young womanhood, in Hyde County, N. C., and was true to all the claims of the Christian life and to those the church of her choice made of her. The impress of her godly life is seen in the Christian character of her two daughters she has left behind. She was a faithful and joyous participant in all the work of the church. Truly she was a good woman, leading a life, following which one would walk in this world like a child of God should walk. There were no uncertainties in her experiences—she knew Him whom she believed. We thank God for such Christian lives; they are the inspiration to others who are endeavoring to run the race set before them. May the blessings of God ever abide upon the stricken ones and bring them to the better world above, where they may say:

"Joy, joy, forever,
My task is done,
The gates are passed,
And Heaven is won."

H. M. JACKSON.

LAWS.—Miss Lizzie Laws was born in Orange County, April 16, 1881. When a girl fifteen years old she gave herself to God, joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consecrated Christian.

For some years her health was poor, and last summer she had a severe illness which brought her down to death's very door, but she did not fear or draw back, for she knew whom she had believed and was persuaded that He was able to keep that which she had committed unto Him. But God gave her a new lease on life, and with the approach of fall she began to prepare to go to Trinity Park School. Her sisters did not approve of her going, for they did not think her health and strength equal to the work, but she wanted to prepare herself for greater usefulness and felt if she died there she would die satisfied. She was getting on nicely until November 17th, when, without any warning, she was stricken with paralysis. She was not able to speak after she was taken, but gave her loved ones to understand that all was well. Monday night, four days after she was taken, she fell on sleep and awoke in eternity. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at Little River Church in Orange County, surrounded by a host of loved ones and friends.

Miss Lizzie will be greatly missed by us all, and while we mourn her loss, we are not as those without hope, for her pure life was such a life that will live forever. May God richly bless her father, sisters and other loved ones, and help them to be faithful till the end, as she was.

N. C. YEARBY.

Resolutions of Respect.

As members of Concord Church, Roxboro Circuit, Durham District, we desire to express our love for our departed sister, Mrs. Nannie E. Paylor, and to record our estimate of her virtues; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That in the death of Sister Paylor the community loses one of its purest types of Christian womanhood, and our church and Sunday-school a loyal, consistent and valuable member.

2. That, though conscious of our loss, we bow in humble submission to the will of God.

3. That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy and pray God to be their comforter in sorrow and salvation in the life to come.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our church minutes, a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and one to the Advocate, and Person County Courier, for publication.

(Signed)
D. L. MORTON,
MISS ALICE BROOKS,
MRS. C. T. WOOD,
MRS. J. H. HESTER,
C. T. WOOD,
Committee.

Office of the Board of Education of Hyde County.—Special Session. December 5, 1904.

Whereas, it has been made to appear to the Board that Joseph M. Watson, late Superintendent of Public Schools for Hyde County, has died since the last adjournment of this Board, and

Whereas, the members of this Board are deeply sensible that the cause of education has suffered an irreparable loss in his death, and

Whereas, this Board feels impelled to give expression to its own sense of the loss to this Board of his services and of his counsel as well as the loss to the public generally in the death of one who was so thoroughly enthusiastic in the building up of the public schools of the county and the State; now, therefore be it

Resolved 1. That in the death of the late J. M. Watson, Superintendent of Public Schools for Hyde County, the county and the State has lost a high-minded, progressive, useful public citizen.

2. That the cause of education in Hyde County and in North Carolina has lost the services of a zealous, enthusiastic, conscientious and competent official.

3. That this Board has lost an intelligent, honest and thoroughly efficient Secretary.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Board, a copy be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate, the News and Observer, Washington Progress, and a copy to the family of the deceased.

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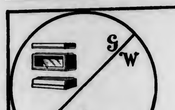

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How to Train Boys.

The experience of one mother in the rearing of her children cannot be very helpful to others, because temperament of children, and environment and conditions are never the same. Therefore, the "experience meeting" of mothers will be less helpful in home-making than receipts for making a cake. For making a cake, the recipe is simple and any housewife can get the ingredients and the result will be the same in any environment. But with children, the ingredients, so to speak, can never be alike in any two families, or, for that matter, even among children in the same family. But there is some similarity between cake-making and rearing children. At times both need to be stirred and well baked.

My girls were all boys and I know nothing that can be helpful to young mother who have girls, or both sexes, in the family. Lefta widow with three boys, all under seven years of age, the responsibility of rearing them weighed heavily upon me, and I felt all unequal to the duty, and sought and obtained direction and guidance from the God of the widow and the fatherless. Whatever of success rewarded my efforts, was due to a sincere desire on my part to bring up my boys "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Before they were old enough to walk I committed them to His care and sought in the Word the directions that would cause them "to remember their Creator in the days of their youth." I believed them—and believe as truly now—that the only safety is in teaching children from their earliest infancy to "seek first the kingdom of God and His rightcousness." Without divine aid, we may not hope to rear them so that they will acknowledge Him in all their ways and build their characters upon the only foundation that will stand amid the storms and temptations of youth and manhood. I felt that mere man-made admonitions, preached into the hearts of sons, would not be sufficient for them, and it was my daily prayer to see them put their trust and faith in the Saviour of mankind. But, though seeking to let them grow up in an atmosphere of dependence upon Providence, even for daily bread, I never felt that religion—the chiefest thing in life—was to drive out joy and happiness and cheerfulness, but to heighten them.

I would advise the young mothers to seek the directions of the Father of us all and then to give themselves to their children. By this, I mean, let nothing come between them and the keeping. Be with them as much as possible, find the highest happiness in their infant prattle, take deep interest in their play and sports, let them see and feel that you love them more than life, and kneed yourself in their hearts by becoming absorbed in whatever brings gladness into their lives, and to find your truest happiness in what gives them happiness. This does not imply that they are to have their own way, to be spoiled by indulgence, or for a mother to do for them what they ought to do for themselves. I think it is here that mothers err most—doing for their children the things they ought to be taught to do for themselves. They should be taught obedience and compelled to obey no matter how difficult it is to enforce it. It is easy to evade this duty, which is essential to development of character. Obedience, truthfulness and industry are the trinity of graces that should be cultivated with most diligence.

When boys are old enough to go to school, they are old enough to have daily tasks. Work is the best training they can get—regular work that puts responsibility upon the boys. In my own experience, it was necessary that my boys early understand the value of a dollar but if a mother has abundance of money she should still require the boy to have regular duties, not too heavy for his years, but enough to develop his character and a correct idea of how money comes. One of the worst things that can come to a boy is to have unlimited spending money It is a good thing for him to earn all he spends for his own pleasure It is equally important to see to it that he has time to play, for if his tasks at home deny him time to play with his schoolmates, his work will become irksome and he will feel that he is not treated justly No child should have the slightest ground ever to feel that he is denied the rights that belong to childhood, and plenty of time to play is an inherent right, and it is almost a crime to deny a child this right.

Boys must feel that home is the place for them, and they will not feel this if they are constrained at home. In my home my three boys knew that they and their friends were always welcome and that nothing was too good for them. They should not be restrained too much in their sports or expected not to make a noise. Romping and playing are natural to them, and in proper lines, should be encouraged.—Mary C. Daniels, Wilson, N. C., in Thanksgiving Number of News and Observer.

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