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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

**Misses Helen and Anna.** It looks a pity to utter them in the same breath, but they are sisters, Miss Helen Gould of New York, and formerly Miss Anna Gould, now Countess de Castellane, divorced, both daughters of the late Jay Gould of many millions. Sisters, but what a difference.

If you will take a New York steamer up the Hudson, when you have travelled about an hour and cleared the whirl and worry of the city, some one will point out to you, on the north bank of the Hudson a charming, modest, quiet home reposing peacefully among the overhanging hills and friendly shade trees. The place looks inviting, homelike and happy. That is where Miss Helen Gould lives. This whole country of ours known of her splendid philanthropy and of her millions given to sweet charity. This quiet beautiful home on the Hudson is that from which emanate plans and schemes for making the world better and humanity happier. One of the sweetest women of our day and generation lives and labors there in God's and in humanity's name. No one has ever doubted that Miss Helen Gould was happy and was making the world better for her living in it.

On the other hand, Miss Anna, a younger sister. She married a few years ago a profligate and worthless French spendthrift, Count de Castellane. Now Castellane's chief distinction is in the fact that he wears an empty title, spends all his gettings in riotous living, never fails to make a puppy of himself, and is, or was, the husband, of a few of Jay Gould's millions, heired by his wife Anna. These two have had a stormy and unhappy married life, and by recent court decision are now divorced. But instead of tiring of this French folly, and unholy, as well as unhappy, alliance, "Countess" Anna, it is announced, will go it one further, and at an early date will be married to Castellane's cousin, Prince Helie de Sagan. Now the only distinction this de Sagan has is that he is a little more profligate, a little more

worthless than his cousin whom he succeeds as husband of Miss Anna.

Well there you are. Take your choice. Both Miss Helen and Miss Anna were possessed of means; started life on something of an equal footing. Heredity and environment have played tricks in this instance. But the noble choice in one instance has brought untold worth, happiness and satisfaction. The ignoble choice in the other has carried to the accustomed results.

**Sun Spots.** The sun, scientists tell us, the chief source of all our energy. From it come not only light and heat, but that by which all things material, are moved, or have moving power. The world is held in the grip of sun-power, a power sufficient to prevent our going too far from the sun and thus freezing up, or from coming too near the sun, and thus burning up, by dint of sun-rays. For be it known that the sun is very hot, and our earth, if approaching the sun too closely, would be consumed in a few brief moments. It has been depth. The amount of light given off by sun every hour is more than would be produced by the burning of a quantity of coal sufficient to cover the surface of the sun twenty feet deep, or the entire surface of the earth many times that depth. The amount light given off by the sun has been computed, but carries to figures that the mind cannot grasp. Now the source of all this heat and light remains a mystery.

But, the great mystery is this. On this bright and burning orb which we call the sun are impenetrable dark spots, simply "black darkness impenetrable." These black spots, numerous in their season, vary in size from 500 to 60,000 miles in diameter. The use of these spots, or their purpose there, where all is supposed to be light and heat, has never been discovered. They remain black spots on the sun's fair and flaming escutcheon. They are there. Man knows they are. God only knows their plan and purpose.

The lives of men and families and nations are to shine and show their light and power for the world's good and betterment. But black spots appear. Sin and evil abound. Why are sin and shame and sorrow here? Man

knows they are here; God only knows why.

**This Giant Evil.** Every one is compelled to admit that whiskey is an evil, and that handling it is the mightiest problem our age has to grapple with. Not that liquor does not have medicinal properties and purposes of weight and worth; but that whiskey in the bulk, as a totality, has done untold evil and is today working ruin to millions of mortals.

Now to grapple with this giant and master him, capture the monster and subdue him, that is a question of momentous import. How should a State, Nation, people, deal with the liquor problem,

By ancient traditions and well tried usage it is known of all that the open saloon does not solve the liquor problem, nor lessen the liquor evil. No man can claim that the saloon is a solution. It aggravates rather than solves.

Town after town, and at least one State of our Union, have tried the dispensary; and these have declared that the dispensary is an abomination instead of a blessing.

The dispensary does not solve the liquor problem.

In an honest and candid effort to solve the problem, to subdue the mighty monster, by the consensus of many opinions, it is decided to try now State prohibition. It is only asked that this be given a fair chance. Here is an effort to lessen or destroy evil. All its advocates plead for is that it be given a trial.

No body expects state prohibition to be an absolute panacea. All our ills, even the ills of our drink problem, are not going to be cured by it. But some sober men believe that it is worth trying and should have a chance. And if prohibition fails it certainly cannot make matters worse than they are now. Here is at least a chance for better things; and wise men go always on the side of most chance in a doubtful issue. Therefore, if any man even doubts, he should vote for prohibition, to put it on trial and give it a chance. Like men, brethren, like sane and honest, and common men, let us stand up and give prohibition also a chance. The open saloon has had its trial and chances all too long, God knows.

**A DESTRUCTIVE CRITIC OF 2908..**

(To the Reader of 1907.

Dear Brother: Although interested in the able writings of the higher critics of 1907, especially in their assumption of having discovered something valuable, as if the "historical method" were new in studying the Bible, I confess I became somewhat drowsy under their monotonous efforts to make the sacred writings seem to abound in misstatements. But I gradually absorbed their genius and spirit, and seemed to become a destructive critic, though calling myself a higher critic.

While in this state of mind, sleepy though I was, I seemed to live rapidly through the centuries, century after century, until I found myself moving among scholars who dated their letters with the numerals, 2, 9, 0, 7.

On seeming to be roused from a semi-consciousness, and supposing that a thousand years had passed from the time I fell asleep under the dreary chanting about the mistakes of the Bible, I seemed to be walking among the fancied alcoves of my library, now increased by the additions of a thousand years, and coming across the following correspondence I give you the letters, believing that it may be interesting to the reader to observe how the reasoning of the future destructive critic (writing in 2907 of our times in the spirit in which the destructive critic of 1907 writes of Bible times) will make the conditions of our generation to appear.

If we of the year 1907 know something of the conclusions of the learned gentleman of 2907 to be false, whose letters I now reveal, or if his modes of reasoning are absurd, or if he lays stress on insufficient data in his logic, or, especially, if he is ludicrously given to denying the statements of eye-witnesses to the facts which we of our time know to be true, these faults must not be attributed to me: for I copy the letters and publish them exactly as I found them a thousand years before they were written.

J. J. Summerbell.)

Dayton, Ohio.

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**TWENTY SECOND LETTER.**

Kinkade, New Zealand, 30, 5, 2908.

My Dear Grandson.

I received your letter requesting me to give you more information concerning the burnt offerings sacrificed by the Americans of 1907, especially the divinity to whom these offerings were made. I also received your second letter, reminding me of your request.

I did not answer this inquiry until now, because I desired first to make you understand how many gods the people of America really worshiped, or, at least, clung to affectionately. By going over my letters you will find that they honored the following:—Jupiter, Juno, Mars, Mercury, Venus, Neptune, Saturn, Pan, Minerva, Apollo, Iris, the dryads, Nereids, tritons and fawns. That is, the

higher critics and educated classes honored these divinities. By honoring these gods and goddesses they broke the first commandment of the decalogue; and this, added to the violation of the second, fourth and sixth, to which I referred in my last letter, shows that the Americans of 1907 practiced and advocated the violation of more than a third of the ten commandments.

I mention now these things, believing that you are prepared to understand the difficulties of investigation, in an age when so many gods were worshiped, and such corruption prevailed. By mere history I would never have found out these facts: for the worship of these gods and goddesses is not revealed in any history written at that time. I found it out by my skill in the use of the "historical method." But though I have tried to use the same system with regard to the burnt offerings concerning which you ask, I have yet been unable to determine with any degree of certainty the god or goddess to whom the sacrifices were made.

But yet my time was not lost: for I was astonished at making a discovery that corrects the statements of all the histories of the great republic, the United States. This was one of the most brilliant achievements of the higher criticism known up to this time. I will explain it:—

I discovered that the sacrifices were not made under the direction of an ordinary priest, but under the direction of the judiciary department of the government of the United States. I found that the officer presiding as master of ceremonies at the offerings was a judge named Lynch. At first I was uncertain; not being sure he might not be a justice of some small province of the country. But later I found that he conducted these ceremonies in parts of the country so distant from each other, that it was accepted by all the critics whom I could consult that he must have been an officer of the central government.

The important truth which I then quickly arrived at was that the church and state were intimately united in America. This discovery was very gratifying to me, for the histories had been unanimously stating for a thousand years and more that in the United States the church and state were independent of each other.

I have not yet been able to learn, however, whether the name Lynch was a title like that of Czar, Caesar, or Pharaoh, given to all persons occupying the bench during religious ceremonies, or was the name of some supreme justice whose descendants through the generations were called to officiate at religious

ceremonies. If the latter, it will prove that religious office in the great republic was hereditary; which is not mentioned by the histories.

You must not, my dear grandson, attribute my ignorance of the identity of the divinity in whose worship Judge Lynch presided to lack of industry on my part. I am still investigating the monuments and relics of that period to ascertain the truth. I hope you will cultivate my style of reasoning. That one discovery, that church and state were united in the great republic, justifies our whole theory of investigating the past. We have been trying by that method, or some other, for nearly three thousand years to prove that Jesus did not really rise from the dead; and I now have considerable hope that in another three thousand years we will accomplish it.

Affectionately your grandfather,  
Higher Critic.

**PRAYER, THEN AND NOW.**

J. P. Watson.

Do men pray today with the interest and faith that they exercised fifty years ago? My personal recollections of the church of my youth, carry me to the house of prayer, rather than to the place of preaching. To my mind, the church had its best representation when on its knees. I recall the sermon, but the prayer is a fresher recollection with me. The church was not so much a thing of the pulpit, as of the pew.—I can hardly doubt that the church fifty years ago was a better church than today.

Men were not then hurried into the church as they are now. The first ambition with the preacher was the convert, rather than the church member. I was converted in September, baptized in November, and received into the church in January.

Such slow methods were hardly excusable but they were the general habit. A minister felt that his man was safe if converted, even without the protecting walls of the church.—The convert was held, night after night, at the altar of prayer, until he himself could pray and had an experience to relate. Three nights in succession, I was at the altar of East Andover, New Hampshire, and if the pastor had suggested membership to me, at the altar, he would have met with no encouragement.—Each time, after prayer, I prayed for myself and then rose for my personal testimony. How many times I have thanked God for that long detention at the altar of prayer! I won an experience there that has done me life-long good. Since then, I have always felt that it was a dangerous thing to receive a man to member-

ship on his first approach to the altar. Such quick receptions incline the convert often, to think the victory won, when the battle has only opened—to accept conviction for conversion. No wonder there is so much talk of the “second blessing,” when men are hurried into the church before they receive the first blessing!

What we want in our revival meetings of today, is more prayer, with less dependence on preaching.

Vocal prayer was a habit with Jesus and the soul can be prayer-fed more fully through the lips than by the thought. Secret, silent prayer, is not enough. We need to hear the words we frame for God's ear, if we are to catch the real heart-thrill.

When a boy, I had three secret prayer places—the hay mow, the sheep pasture and the deep woods. In each place I felt free to call aloud on God and I ever felt repaid and refreshed by such prayers. The return tramp from the pasture and the woods was always with a light heart.

In the prayer-meeting a special blessing was sought by him who prayed. If the blessing did not come with a first prayer, there followed a second, and many a time I have listened to the third prayer by brethren in the same meeting.

tell you, brethren, it is the praying church that has spiritual power. We need a revival of the prayer-spirit in all our churches. Pentecost followed a prayer-meeting.—In Christian Vanguard.

### THE OLD, OLD STORY.

It is an old story. But it is still new and true, and I feel like telling it again.

About fifty years ago, while pastor of our Church at San Jose Cal., my mind was specially drawn to the subject of the higher Christian life by whatever name it might be called—holiness, sanctification, the second blessing, the fullness of God, or what not. I wished to receive all that the Lord was willing to give me as his disciple. I had read and prayed and meditated earnestly upon this subject, tuning, as I trust, for God's touch. On a bright spring morning I was riding out on the New Almaden road to carry a message from my Lord to a young man who was dying of pulmonary disease. The beautiful Santa Clara Valley was clothed in its fullest charms. The birds were singing in the sycamores, the blue sky was cloudless, and a sacred silence, save the voices of nature that had in them no note of discord, rested on all. The touch for which I had been tuning came. At a turn in the road I turned my look eastward, and just at that moment the sun rose above the Santa

Cruz Mountains that stretched away above the valley. It was a transfiguration! All the mountain was illuminated; the valley below and the arching skies were flooded with glory. Then came what I had waited for. It was like an audible voice that said to me then and there: “The Sun of Righteousness always shines: upon the soul that looks to it with the eye of faith its beams will fall forever.” “Yea, Lord,” my heart responded; “this is the blessing I have sought. My soul is turned to that Sun that shines forever, and is filled with the fullness of thy love—blessed be thy name!” The memory of that moment is as fresh this day as it was then, and it will last as long as I shall last.

Last Sunday, February 23, at the Methodist Church in Seabreeze, Fla., the same voice was heard and the same touch was felt in the depths of my soul. That I should be so blessed of God is one of the wonders of his grace that abides and abounds. California, Florida, and heaven met and mingled then and there in my consciousness. The blessing that filled my soul fifty years ago was with me still; the Florida peninsula was flooded with the same light; and I, the least worthy of all disciples of our Lord, got the same baptism of his love. It seemed to me that my joy could not be more complete!

My object in this writing for the Christian Advocate is to bear my testimony, to express the gratitude I feel, and to tell why I expect to have that light to shine on my soul forever. That is to say, I know what it is to look and live. I know that Jesus is both the author and the finisher of my faith. In him is no darkness at all; he is the Light of life. The light that shined on me fifty years ago is shining on me to-day. There is no room for doubt in my soul. The closing time cannot be far off. That twenty-third Psalm expresses what I feel; I know that it is as true as if I had written it myself! It strikes the right note: Look and live; trust in the Lord fully, and be blessed fully; trust him now, and be blessed now; trust him forever, and be blessed forever!—Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald in Nashville Christian Advocate.

### THE RAILROADER'S PRAYER.

An old railroad worker was converted, and being asked to lead in prayer, he hesitated a moment, and then with trembling lips he said pleadingly:

“O Lord now that I have flagged Thee lift up my feet from the rough road of life and plant them safely on the

train of salvation. Let me see the safety lamp of prudence; make all the coupling in the train with the links of Thy love, and let my hand lamp be the Bible. And heavenly Father keep all the switches closed that lead off the siding, especially those with a blind end.

O Lord if it be Thy pleasure have every semaphore block along the line show the white sign of hope, that I may make the run of life without stopping. And Lord, give us the ten commandments for a schedule; and when I have finished the run on schedule time, and pulled into the dark station of death, may Thou the Superintendent of the division say, “Well done good and faithful servant; come and sign the pay roll and receive your check for eternal happiness.”

Carl B. Riddle.

### HOLLAND ITEMS.

Yesterday, 5th Sunday, was a pleasant day. Our Sabbath school was larger than usual, and the services were all gone through in a very pleasant and edifying way. Our school is growing in numbers and interest. A good, well conducted school always speaks well for the zeal and spirituality of a church.

It is pleasing to see so many of the school children taking so much interest in the song services. The songs mainly are new and beautiful, and the young people seem to enjoy the exercises.

Rev. J. E. Jones preached at the Baptist church here 29th, March. Mr. Jones was the pastor of the Baptist church here quite a while, years ago. I think he served the church over twenty years; and the church grew under his ministrations. It has had but one pastor since (Rev. Mr. Lawless,) who served them but a few months. They will no doubt have a settled pastor here as soon as their parsonage is completed, and other necessary arrangements made.

(Since writing the above, I learn that the new preacher of the Baptist church to be a Rev. Mr. Davis.)

My health has been rather poor since I wrote my last letter. I had a tumor or ulcer on my face, that had been there for some months, that began to give me much trouble. But fortunately I had some of Dr. By's remedies for cancer, and my son, Dr. Job Holland, with remedies of his applied it freely, and I feel now, that I am almost relieved of the trouble.

R. H. Holland.

After nine days discussion, the agricultural appropriation bill carrying \$11,508,806 was passed by the House of Representatives, April 2.

## NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Rev. S. B. Klapp sends in two new subscribers saying "I advance the money for these, but want them to see and read The Sun awhile and I believe they will like it." That is indeed a kindly turn which is appreciated.

The annual debate between the Philologist and Clio Literary Societies at Elon College takes place in the college chapel Friday evening before Easter. There is an interesting program, the exercises will be enthusiastic, and many visitors are expected. This feature of the college work is usually of a very high type and excellent character.

Rev. S. L. Bangher, Conshohocken, Penna. writes personally, "This field keeps a preacher very busy, and last fall after our revival, I did not have the time to write The Sun and tell that Rev. I. W. Johnson, preached deep, powerful sermons in our revival and that our people were well pleased. Said a brother 'He is such a good preacher.' I replied, 'Yes, he is from the South and we have lots of such good spiritual preachers down there.'"

If you have been chosen by your conference as delegate it is your duty, to church and conference, that you attend the Greensboro Convention; if an alternate you should attend to take the place of an absent delegate and help the cause by your presence and counsel: if deeply interested in the work of our enterprise, the College, the Sun, the Orphanage, our Government and Principles, our large work of Missions, home and foreign, you should attend if you are neither delegate nor alternate. There is worth, weight and wisdom in numbers. Get ready for the convention.

Let it be noted, with pardonable pride we trust, that Mr. DeRoy R. Fonville of Burlington, N. C., and a graduate of Elon College in the class of 1904 is making enviable record and reputation at the University of Virginia. Though a first year man of the Law department in the Va. University, he was elected as one of three debaters against John Hopkins. The contest was held at Charlottesville last Friday evening and Virginia was victorious, Richmond and other papers speaking in high terms of the contest. Those who know "Roy" and heard him at Elon on graduating day (when he won the orator's medal) will not be surprised that he was on the winning side in the great debate at Charlottesville.

Among the sundry unsound arguments some of those opposed to prohibition are using is, that if Virginia had pro-

hibition, and whiskey were not so easy to get from that State, (to its enrichment and our impoverishment) then prohibition in North Carolina would be worth something. On the other hand we received this just now "I hope the Temperance people will succeed May 26th. I live (in Virginia) close to the North Carolina line and deplore conditions as they are. God bless your Governor Glenn in his great work of ridding the state of saloons. May all our preachers and church members in your good State pray and work for temperance." And there are thousands of other Virginians wishing and praying for our success May 26.

We haven't a thing on earth to do with the editorial policy of the esteemed Norfolk Landmark, save to read its bright, bristling page with a great deal of pleasure and profit. But one question we would like to ask: Why does The Landmark persist in dove-tailing its editorials every day into a wine and whiskey advertisement at 114 Plume Street? In the flesh we have never seen that saloon, and with our naked eye have not knowingly gazed upon the proprietor, yet the charming and cultured editor of The Landmark has brought us, through his delightful editorials, face to face with that saloon keeper's name, and his place of business so often that we believe we should know either if we were to find them the darkest night ever. The Landmark takes us every day in the loving embrace of its editorial arms and literally whirls us mind and body right into that saloon around on Plume street. We do not object to the embrace, nor the whirl, but the stopping is so sudden and the place so obnoxious:

## ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

Five members of the Elon College faculty will spend this summer abroad. Prof. W. P. Lawrence, of the chair of English language and literature, will spend the summer vacation in study at Oxford, the famous university town of England. From this institution he will make visits to the surrounding country and pilgrimages to the homes of the English authors. Miss Wilson, the director of the music department of the institution, will spend the entire summer in study, under the great masters of the large musical centers of Europe, especially at Paris, Florence and Rome. Miss Cook, director of the art department, will spend the summer in study in the cities of Italy, and is herself the director of a large class of American artists, who will spend about six weeks of the summer vacation in special study

in Italian cities. Miss Helfenstein, director of the department of expression will spend the summer in study, under the master of her art in London and other European cities. Miss Ramsay, instructor in instrumental music, will spend the summer in study in the Conservatory of Leipsic. In addition to these, two students will also spend the summer abroad. A. C. Hall, who will accompany Professor Lawrence in his travels and study, and Miss Elsie Atkinson, who will accompany Miss Helfenstein.

Dr. Guy Carlton Lee, of Baltimore Md., professor in the Johns-Hopkins University, and one of the most distinguished public speakers of the day, has consented, at the invitation of the Philologist Literary Society, to deliver the annual address at the approaching commencement. Dr. W. S. Long, of Graham, N. C., the founder and first president of Elon College, has accepted the invitation of the Clio Literary Society to preach the baccalaureate sermon on the same occasion.

The State Christian Endeavor Convention, which meets here on the 22-23 of this month, promises to be a large one in point of attendance, and to reach high-water mark in point of excellence of program and the eminence of those who are to participate in it. Those who expect to attend this convention, will do well to send their names to the chairman of the entertainment committee, Prof. W. A. Harper, Elon College, N. C., who will make all of the necessary arrangements for the visitors.

Last Friday evening the Philologist literary society held their annual oratorical contest in their hall. This contest is open to all below the senior class and the prize is a gold medal. The contest Friday evening was among the following members of the society: B. J. Earpe, Semora, N. C.; R. P. Coble, Liberty, N. C.; R. P. Crumpler, Goldsboro, N. C.; S. M. Atkinson, Richmond, Va. and L. E. Smith, Ga. The orations were excellent and well delivered in every instance. Professors Newman, Lawrence and Wicker were the committee on awarding the medal. The vote of this committee stood, Atkinson two and Smith one, with honorable mention for each of the other contestants.

Prof. W. A. Harper occupied the college pulpit Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour and gave his audience an able and instructive discourse. Mr. J. W. Barrett led the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon and Mr. J. C. Barrett the Christian Endeavor monthly convention meeting in the evening.

All of the many friends of Mr. D. R.

Fonville, as well as all of the friends of Elon, will be glad to learn that he was successful in the recent debate between the University of Virginia and John Hopkins. Mr. Fonville is a graduate of Elon, class 1904; and received his Master of Arts degree from Elon in 1907. He is now a first year law student at the University of Virginia. He was chosen first debater over a large number of competitors. This is a high compliment to Mr. Fonville and to Elon College. We are all justly proud of him.

The Elon College Band furnished music for the prohibition mass meeting held at Graham last Monday. The people of Elon and vicinity are frequently favored with music by this band. Mr. R. A. Cambell, the very efficient and highly esteemed instructor, deserves much praise for the work he has done toward giving us a good college band. L.

**NICODEMUS.**

Our first judgment of Nicodemus, on a cursory reading of what is said of him in John's Gospel, is likely to be unfavorable. He is mentioned on three occasions. First, as coming to Jesus by night. The fact that he came by night tends to rouse our suspicion. Why did he not come in the open light of day? Was he waiting for an opportunity for a private interview? Possibly, and also possibly he was afraid of giving offense to those who regarded Jesus with disfavor, the very class to which Nicodemus belonged, for he was a Pharisee and a ruler of the Jews. And part of what he says to Jesus and part of what Jesus says to him seems to indicate that he was lacking in spiritual insight, and this prevents our giving him the highest of our esteem. But a recent commentator calls attention to a slight omission in the translation which may be responsible for the unfavorable character of our first impressions of Nicodemus. The omission referred to is of the word "but" connecting the third chapter with the second. Let us put this in, and see how it reads:

"Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, and needed not that any should testify of man; for he knew what was in man. But there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him."

Here we have a better introduction for Nicodemus. It is true, he comes by night, but he comes as one of those that believe, and, as the sequel shows, he was not one of those to whom Jesus would not commit himself. He does commit himself to Nicodemus. He tells him what he has probably not yet told Peter and James and John, his nearest disciples: "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." He tells him the sure and everlastingly important results of the faith that Nicodemus has already begun to manifest: "he that believeth in him [the Son of man and the only begotten Son of God] shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

Jesus' telling these things to Nicodemus at that early stage is a testimonial strongly in favor of Nicodemus. It shows that Jesus saw not only that he was a man to be trusted, but that he was with all his lack of spiritual insight in advance of those who had longer been disciples.

That Jesus had not been mistaken in his man is shown by the little that is told of Nicodemus at later times.

The second mention of him is at a time when police officers had been sent to arrest Jesus and bring him before the body of rulers of which Nicodemus was a member. The policemen returned without Jesus, and asserted as an excuse for their failure to bring him that "never man spake like this man." The Pharisees replied, "Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed on him?" There sat Nicodemus, a Pharisee and a believer in Jesus, though his peers knew not of his faith, apparently. But could he sit still when thus challenged and make the impression that he did not believe in Jesus? To have done so would have been to act dishonestly and to deny his Lord. We are glad to know that Nicodemus did not sit silent. His answer was not a bold avowal of his faith in Jesus, but it is very much better than silence would have been then. It was in fact a mild rebuke to his fellow-rulers for judging and condemning a man that has not been fairly heard, and was perhaps better suited to their temper and mental state than a bold avowal of his faith would have been. His words were: "Doth our law judge any man before it hear him and know what he doeth?" Nicodemus' objection seems to have brought about an adjournment of the session. John says, "And every man went out unto his own house."

The third mention of Nicodemus is in connection with the burial of Jesus. He was associated with Joseph of Arimathea who was a disciple of Jesus, but

secretly for fear of the Jews, in embalming and burying the body of Jesus. This reveals to us the richness of Nicodemus' personal affection for Jesus.

We would fain know more of Nicodemus' after life, but we are satisfied that he was a true disciple. He might have pleased us more if he had been more open in his adherence to Jesus, but not knowing his temperament nor the requirements of his position, we must not judge him here. He was evidently a man of discretion, and we see no real reason for putting his courage at a discount.—Our Church Record.

The Church of the Atonement, Germantown, Philadelphia, though possessing a not wealthy congregation of only one hundred and fifty members, has done a remarkable work for missions. In the past sixteen years it has given \$73,829.79, and enters upon its sixteenth year with all current expenses paid. What has been done by this church is the result of the information which the people have received as to the needs and results of the foreign work, and prayer. The pastor, Rev. D. M. Stearns, at every service spends a few minutes in bringing reports from the various fields, so at every Sunday service the thoughts of the people are directed to the needs of the field and to the results. What this church is doing for foreign missions, many other churches could likewise do.

The Democrats and Republicans in the House of Congress are waging a bitter parliamentary war against each other and little effective legislation is being enacted.

**DO YOU WANT A BIBLE?**

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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Second Quarter Lesson II. April 12, 1908.

## THE RAISING OF LAZARUS.

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

## Lesson Outline.

- I. Introduction.
- II. The Family at Bethany.
- III. Sickness and Death in the Family.
- IV. Jesus at Bethabara.
- V. The meeting of Jesus and the two Sisters.
- VI. Jesus at Lazarus' Tomb.

Jesus had gone out of Galilee. He had completed his third year and had entered upon his last mission to the Jews in the closing three months of his ministry. He was with his disciples at Bethabara, lamenting the approaching doom of the city of his people's pride.

Here came to him a message from  
**The Family at Bethany.**

Jesus had no home of his own but sometime he rested in the homes of his friends, one of these families dwelt at Bethany on the Mount of Olives. This family had three members, Martha and Mary and Lazarus. The family seem to have been in prosperous circumstances owning their home and the costly ointment Mary used upon Jesus (Equal to over \$400 in our day) and their tomb also.

This model home did one essential namely: It welcomed Jesus. None can bring such blessings to the homes as Jesus, with his sympathy and counsel. To have Jesus in our homes and hearts, put away what to him is distasteful and cherish all he loves, obey his words and love him with all our hearts.

**Sickness and Death in the Family.**

Lazarus was taken sick. When all that earthly skill could do seemed to avail nothing in restoring to health the sick, the sisters sent a message to Jesus that his friend was sick. No request was made. Soon after the messenger had gone Lazarus died, and as usual was buried the same day. Hope was gone from the sisters. Their sorrow was indeed great.

**Jesus was at Bethabara.**

It was twenty-eight or thirty miles to Bethany. The message was urgent. Yet Jesus delayed two days before he set out to aid and comfort his friends—a delay for the glory of God and the blessing of the affected ones; and Jesus knew that Lazarus was dead.

Then Jesus and the disciples drew near the village of Bethany. Martha learning of their arrival went out to meet them leaving Mary in the house, absorbed in her grief and unconscious of their approach. The meeting was

very touching. Martha was bidden to bring her sister with the message "The master is come and calleth for thee."

He calls us today by his noble loving character; by his words, by his kind acts towards us; by holding out supplies for all our wants; by invitations of friends; by sabbaths and religious services; by his provinces and by our consciences He calls us to Himself and to the resurrection of life; to higher and better lives; to usefulness to our fellowman; to joy; to love and to heaven.

The intensity of the sister's grief so touched the kind hearted Jesus that he shed tears in silence.

That is one distinguishing mark of Christianity. It knows no dead stoicism. It knows of a regulating, but not of repressing the natural affections. It bids us to weep with them that weep.

**Jesus at the Tomb.**

A private tomb excavated in the side of the rock with a stone set against the door. Lazarus has now been in the grave four days. His body wrapped in grave clothes and probably in perfumes, though nothing can be known as to the fact. At the word of Jesus the dead man staggered up the steps from his charnel cave; the sorrow of his sisters was changed to ecstatic joy.

**Lesson Teachings.**

(1) Sympathy with the afflicted. (2) The soul exists independent of the body. (3) We cannot read this lesson without thinking that sympathies and affections are among the chief things of heaven. If in the resurrection "they neither marry nor are given to marriage" yet we think the old affections and relationships are to have a new and higher life. "What is sown in corruption is raised in incorruption.

G. W. T.

**CONSHOCKEN, PA.**

Dear Dr. Atkinson: I rejoice that the spirit of the blessed Christ has lead you to see that it was wrong to continue patent medicine ads. in the Christian Sun. When I read your editorial on the patent medicine ads. I said "praise the Lord for that." For I can not give my support to a religious paper that publishes patent medicine ads.

The dear Lord is doing a great work here at the Gulf Christian Church. Since Jan. 1, 1908, there have been twenty seven conversions, and twenty six additions to the church, making twenty nine members added to the roll in this conference year. We have had no extra revivals, since last November; but the spirit of the Lord is with us here, and the congregations are larger

now than at any time during my pastorate of nearly four years. And best of all, the congregations are getting larger all the time. Our Foreign Mission collection was \$82.63. Besides, we gave \$35.13 to the emergency fund of the Board. We have given for the relief of the poor here \$126.03. The folks here feel the panic. For three months most of the mills have been closed down, and hundreds are out of work. Now the churches have to do charitable work to help those who spent their money at the saloons. I tell you my brethren it is an awful thing to think about when we see the poverty that the saloon, the liquor traffic, brings to the homes of the laboring class, to say nothing of the sin and sorrow. But the people of this State are getting thoroughly converted, and now the fight is on for local option, and the Philadelphia North American, a big daily, is making a strong fight against the liquor traffic, and is now working for local option. I believe that there are church members to elect a president, or at least a man who would be in favor of driving the curse from our land. Governor Hanly of Indiana, would make a strong man to make the race. Church men have it in their power to say who shall be elected for president. Then let the church use her power and elect one who is against the saloon first, last, and all the time. The church folks in this state are demanding of the candidates to publish their position on the question for or against the saloon.

Sincerely

S. I. Baugher.

**LETTER FROM ABROAD.**

Dear Dr. Atkinson: I will give you as nearly as possible an exact quotation from Dr. Lorez in regard to recent discoveries in Egypt bearing on the Scriptural story of the bondage of Israel. However, before doing so, I'll tell you that they have the mummy of the man who would not agree to let the children of Israel go, on exhibition here, in the great museum, where they have the remains of so many kings and queens, names and dates all accurately deciphered. Mr. Marshall and myself took a good look at them. Even their hair, teeth and finger nails are remarkably preserved.

But to the illustration. In the first chapter of Exodus we are told that the children of Israel "built for Pharaoh treasure-cities, Pithon and Raamses." The former has been "excavated and identified beyond a doubt." Again we read in the first chapter of Exodus:

"And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigor, and they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar and in brick." It was "the common custom for the Egyptians to lay brick not in mortar but in mud, which dries immediately and hardens tenaciously." They have "found the brick of the ancient city of Pithon laid in mortar, not mud."

Again, you remember that at first "straw was furnished the Israelites to mix with their brick, but later they were refused straw and bidden to gather it for themselves, though naught of their tale of brick was diminished. So they went up and down and collected stubble to mix with the clay." The word "translated stubble, is the word for a kind of reed which grows to this day in that part of Egypt."

After "3,300 years those very bricks are brought to the light;" and mark "exactly what the explorers found." The "lower courses of the massive cellar walls of Pythom were laid with brick mixed with chopped straw, but higher up the straw disappears, and the brick were found to be made of clay mixed with the reeds, similar to those which still grow in the bottom of the Pharaonic Canal; and still higher, after the reeds had been exhausted, the uppermost courses were found to have been laid with Nile mud without any binding substance whatever." No kind of criticism, high or low, can set this testimony aside. Thousands of other testimonies are here to be given, if such a thing were necessary for the confirmation of the story of the oppression of Israel, told in "Holy Writ."

Let the good work go on, yes, it is going on every day. Modern enterprise, modern civilization is quickening into new life this land of the dead past. Modern engineering is halting the waters on the way to the sea, and distributing the beauty of the life-giving Nile after the most approved methods of modern science, and "the song of the water drawer will be lost with his occupation." The "price of camels" wing-footed horses is going down, for the "wild Arab of the desert" is learning how to travel by steam" and "communicate by electricity." He looks upon the white man as a god when he sees him giving "speech to a wire," or whispering his thoughts through the ethereal telegraphones, "quicker than Iris or Osiris," or swifter than the voices of the morning. The metamorphosis is only just begun.

Daniel Albright Long.

Cairo Egypt, March 16.

There is no death: what seems so is transition.—Longfeller.

### INTERESTED IN PROHIBITION.

Dear Bro. Atkinson: We had a good day in Keyser the fourth Sunday at my last appointment. The congregation was the largest we have had since I have been pastor there. The people of that community seem to be much interested in the prohibition movement. We expect gratifying results there on the 26th of May. At my next appointment there will be a Prohibition Rally. Prohibition sermon, addresses, recitations and temperance songs. In 1881 I was in the prohibition campaign as a boy. I did what I could then. I am now older and desire to do all I can to help bring about this much needed reformation. I am anxious to see our community freed from the curse that blights so many homes. This cannot be done unless the good people of our state go forth untiringly and work with all their ability. It is a question of morals: good or bad; prosperity or adversity; right or wrong; joy or sorrow; life or death: for God and all that is good, or against God and against man's best interest in time and eternity. We will be responsible to God for our influence on this question. Look at it as for eternity.

S. B. Klapp.

Greensboro, N. C.

### SHALL SPORT ENGULF THE LORD'S DAY?

This is an era exalting law, and human rights. The world has done more in enacting and enforcing Sunday laws in the last than any previous generation.

Yet amid all the brightening horizon a flood-tide of Sunday sport threatens to engulf the Lord's Day. Our nation seems to be going wild after every kind of sport. Multitudes of all classes especially of the very rich, seem carried away with the idea that fun is the best thing in life, and so will not let God's holy day stop their fun seeking; but making sport their god, devote that day especially to its worship. So they seek to repeal or ignore all Sunday laws, and even the United States Secretaries of War and the Navy uphold Sunday ball games on government reserves.

When the great nations of the past became intoxicated with wealth, they set about getting all the fun money could buy, and by making amusement the chief end of their lives sowed seeds of moral rotteness and national ruin. We have begun like sowing and must reap like ruin unless the church so exalt the Lord's Day that it shall be solid barrier one day in the week against this flood of sport and furnish each citizen opportunity to think calmly of his duty to

himself, his family, his neighbor, and his God.

Clean, healthy sport that has no hint of unkindness, dishonesty, or vice is needed in all life, especially child-life, to relax the strain, break the monotony, and fill with good cheer, that one may get a better hold on life's supreme realities. To this end base-ball is one of the best week day sports. "All work and no play make Jack a dull boy;" but much play and little work make men and women a curse to themselves and to society.

### THE MODEL.

A beautiful statue once stood in the market-place of an Italian city. It was the statue of a Greek slave-girl. It represented the slave as tidy and well-dressed. A ragged, uncombed, forlorn street child, coming across the statue in her play, stopped and gazed at it in admiration. She was captivated by it. She gazed long and lovingly. Moved by a sudden impulse, she went home and washed her face and combed her hair. Another day she stopped again before the statue and admired it, and she got a new idea. Next day her tattered clothes were washed and mended. Each time she looked at the statue she found something in its beauties until she was a transformed child. You remember that text, "Looking unto Jesus."—Treasury of Religious Thought.

Gov. Glenn who is making a most determined fight against the open saloon in North Carolina and elsewhere is thus spoken of by The Daily State Gazette, of Trenton, N. J.

"One of the grandest orations ever delivered in this city was given in Associated hall yesterday afternoon, when Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, speaking on "Prohibition," swept his hearers time and again with a cannonade of eloquence and frequently aroused them to prolonged and vociferous cheering.

"At the telling points of his speech, the wildest excitement prevailed and his graceful and elastic periods were often punctured with a storm of "Amens" and other terms of approbation. Such a scathing arraignment of the liquor traffic has not been heard in this city since the days of John B. Gough, and no abler exponent of prohibition than Governor Glenn treads the lecture platform today.

United States Senator, Jeff Davis (a travesty on the name he wears) was in a street brawl at Little Rock, Ark. last week and was fined \$25.00 by the police court.

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**THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.**


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Be it remembered that years ago the Southern Christian Convention composed of, and representing, all our southern Conferences issued, to such of the public as might care, a statement of its position on certain very salient points. In this statement, Chapter II, a definition of The Christian Church is set forth in these words.

“The Christian Church may be composed of any part, or of all those on the earth who constitute the body, of which Christ is the Head. But at present it embraces only a part of those who desire the reformation of the wicked, the spiritual worship of God, and the union of the great brotherhood of Christians.

The Christian Church is sincerely opposed to contentions and schisms in the body, and firmly believes that envying, strife, and divisions are hurtful to the Church, and antagonistic to the teachings and spirit of our holy religion.

One of the chief features of this Church is an ardent desire to secure and propagate the fruits of the spirit, and to cultivate brotherly love.

The Church holds to the essential doctrines of evangelical Christianity, and does not purpose to controvert the doctrines or usages of other denominations. It asks rather, their cooperation in extending the benefits and comforts of our common religion to all mankind.

The purpose of this Church is to effect a union of all followers of our Lord Jesus Christ of every persuasion, and to secure, if possible, the associate efforts of all the religious teachers in pointing the wicked to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world.

The peculiar doctrines and tenets

which have confused and distracted the Christian world are remanded to private judgment and hence cease to be matters for debate, only in so far as may be necessary to prevent a sectarian influence in faith or opinion of any child of God in order to communion or fellowship: here denominational distinctions cease to exist and Christian love binds the brotherhood together.

The purpose of this church will be consummated in the conversion of the world, and the union of all Christians.”

That is the definition we give of ourselves as a church and a people. So far as I know the Convention as a body, or the members of whom it is composed, have never altered, or been ashamed of or detracted anything from that definition.

Now as the ground-work of our organization as a body five general principles are laid down.

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church.
2. The name Christian is the only appellation needed or received by the Church.
3. The Holy Bible, or the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is a sufficient rule of faith and practice.
4. Christian character, or vital piety, is a just, and should be the only test of fellowship, or of church membership.
5. The right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience is a right and a privilege that should be accorded to and exercised by all.”

Nor have we yet found difficulty in the way of plucking down those principles as the basis of our organization.

A hundred Scriptural quotations could be cited to substantiate the definition the Christian Church gives of itself.

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**WITHOUT THE PROMISE.**


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All mortals are short sighted enough to intensely desire fulfilment. We wish to see our plans carried out, our labors brought to fruition. Every man likes to reap, and enjoy, the rewards, especially if he thinks these are due him, of toil and effort and energy. Not infrequently it occurs that unless we do see our plans come to ready fruition, and our labors brought to full reward, we become discouraged, if not disconsolate.

And yet, of truth, the best men of earth, and the holiest of heaven did not see their labors fulfilled nor come into possession of their promise. One of the most remarkable chapters in all God's Word is the eleventh of Hebrews. If you wish to know what faith can do, and get a glimpse of the world's immortally faithful, you will have to read

that chapter. It tells of the faith, and of the achievements, grand and great, of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph: of Moses and David and Samuel. Of these the world was not worthy, and “they wondered in deserts and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.”

Now these, and all the world's great and good, have shared perils, suffered wrongs and endured crosses that you and I will never know. They were sincere and candid and earnest, so much so that they obtained a good report.

But these did not “receive the promise.” (Heb. 11:39).

It comes to this: If we are laboring with God, and for His cause and glory, we shall not fail, though we may not obtain, or achieve. There is no such thing as failure in real Christian work. God is in that and it cannot fail.

True, a Christian may make mistakes. His human judgment errs. His wisdom is limited, his knowledge circumscribed. But failure when working for God—never, never.

Obtaining the reward is no evidence of success. God may have a better thing in store for his child than that.

Failure to obtain does not mark God's displeasure. Sufficient for man it is to know that he is doing God's work. He can leave the promise and results with God.

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**THE CHIEF REGRET.**


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On March 30, a young man at Auburn, New York, paid the death penalty in the electric chair. He was found guilty of murdering his sweet heart, whom he had first led to ruin. On the night before he was put to death, this statement was carefully prepared by him, to be given out immediately after his death.

“In the shadow of the valley of death it is my desire to do everything that would remove any doubt as to my having found Jesus Christ, the personal Savior and unfailing friend. My one regret, at this time, is that I have not given Him the pre-eminence in my life while I had the opportunity to work for him. If I could only say some one thing that would draw young men to Him I would deem it the greatest privilege ever granted me. But all I can say now is, I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

“If the young men of this country could only know the joy and pleasure of a Christian life, I know they would do all in their power to become earnest active Christians, and would strive to live as Christ would have them live.”

I know we do not lay much stock by "dying testimony," and "last words:" yet some how there is in this statement something of frankness and pathos that appeals. How many another man, coming either to his grave, or to his old age, has admitted that the chief regret of his life was that "I have not given Him the preminence in my life while I had the opportunity to work for Him."

Far better is it to yield the heart to Christ at last than not to yield at all. But how full of regrets, of bitter regrets, such a life must always have that the Savior did not have first place, the preeminence there during the period of activity and opportunity.

And if the blessed Master could but have preeminence there, murders would cease, prisons would go empty, and the gallows could be torn down. The only safe road of man's escape, here and hereafter, is that of giving Him the preeminence in all our walk and way.

#### PROHIBITION ON TRIAL.

We recently gave, in these columns, some statistics from an Alabama town before and after prohibition. Here are others confirming those given and adding testimony also.

In January, February and March of 1907 (before prohibition) there were in Alexander City, Alabama, according to the Mayor's docket, 38 convictions of all sorts, mostly for being drunk. In January, February and March of this year (since prohibition) according to the mayor's docket there have only been two convictions, one of which was for being drunk.

This city, we are assured, is no exception to others in Alabama from the prohibition point of view.

There is before me now a letter from Hon. J. B. Rylance, mayor of Daleville, Alabama, which reads: "Complying with your request I have investigated the question of arrests and convictions for drunkenness, and find that during the months of January, February and March 1907 there were fourteen convictions for public drunkenness. During the same months this year we have had one arrest and one conviction. During the month of December, (just before prohibition went into effect) we had fourteen arrests and fourteen convictions for public drunkenness. So far this year I have tried but two cases, one for public drunkenness and one for selling whiskey. In the month of December I tried 22 cases in which whiskey was the direct cause of the offence.

We have had absolutely no trouble

with "blind tigers" since the conviction referred to in which the defendant was fined \$100.00 and given four months at hard labor."

Despite such convincing facts and figures as these there are those who object that "prohibition does not prohibit," and "blind tigers" will come unless you have the open saloon. No, prohibition does not prohibit, but it does even more decrease; and that which will make fewer drunks by 14 to 1 is at least worth giving a trial. The open saloon certainly does not prohibit, but does terribly increase and aggravate. And as for me, I would a thousand fowl rather meet and fight a blind tiger than a tiger with two full orb'd eyes staring at me. Let us at least give prohibition a chance.

#### SUFFOLK LETTER.

The branches, ditches, creeks, and rivers held a great convention and decided that they were giving all their water to the ocean which was so large and so selfish that it wanted to gather up all the waters of the world for itself. Every stream, from the thread of silver that issued from the tiniest spring of the mountain to the great red river that waded on majestically in its course, agreed to the charge which the dashing creek had made against the ocean. Some of the speeches fell upon the convention in Niagaras of thundering oratory, and some of them were Mississippis of quiet eloquence. The discussion was long, earnest, and convincing. Some of the springs entered protests against decision without further investigation as to the rights of the ocean and the feeling of the ocean toward all these smaller bodies. But what was the voice of a spring, representing the most remote county district (in swamps or mountains when great streams of power took their position against exciting conditions. Through all the summertime this convention held session after session with greater enthusiasm after each summer flood. Finally it was decided to withdraw support from this great oppressor and robber—the ocean. Then all the streams congealed under the cold breath of a long winter and each stream stood motionless and silent in its bed. They grew no tender grass upon their banks, watered no man nor beast, and turned no wheels of commerce. No song of praise went up from waterfall and no ship of commerce rode upon the bosom of any river. Stillness that was oppressive, inactivity that was foreboding took the place of beauty, plenty, and happiness. Individual

streams pondered over the situation. Small conventions were held in quiet to discuss the situation. Springs, almost too weak to speak for want of rain, ventured to call attention to their position in the great convention and that what they needed was rain. Then a great convention was called for prayer. Silent prayer prevailed and then the sunshine entered the icy heart and old conditions were restored and all the streams rolled on toward the ocean. The mist arose from the bosom of the deep, clouds floated above the mountains and over the plains and showers fell upon the earth. The springs flowed freely, the streams were glad, nature resumed activity, and all the wheels of fortune began to revolve. Mutual relations between streams and ocean were restored and friendship girdled the globe. Prosperity smiled upon happy faces and plenty sat by every fireside. The ocean had only received to give and the streams received to give back again.

All interests are interlocked and mutual and nothing but brotherhood can solve the questions that estrange and oppose. The imaginary wrongs in human society lock up the best in vaults which nothing but love and prayer can open. Strikes, lockouts, war between capital and labor, distrust and selfishness, all root themselves in false feelings and hates in the heart. Religion offers the only solution for the problems that produce panics, stagnation, starvation, and riot. Small and great are terms of relative value after all; but readers of life and states of heart determine questions before they reach the lips and ears of man. The smallest wheel in the mill fills its place as completely as the monster-wheel that drives the rest. The flow from the spring and the tide of the ocean are notes in the great water-anthem of the world and some of the best singers of the forest are the smallest birds. No Christian is too small for recognition by the All-Father, and each throbbing heart has love of the Divine. W. W. Staley.

Rev. J. W. Wellons, Elon College, requests it said that he does not agree with the position taken by Rev. Carlyle Summerbell, D. D. in last week's Sun, and that his reply thereto will appear in next week's Sun.

The postal law which went into effect Apr. 1, made our Sun family smaller by exactly 300 subscribers. There is a sincere wish that these will catch up back dues and renew, or that by the aid of the pastors we shall be able to put more than 300 new names on our list within the six months.

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My Dear Children and Friends:

Our little folks are quite busy these warm afternoons gathering violets and playing at ball, so many of them have forgotten for the time being the Corner; but come dear children we need your happy little letters to make our work bright and cheerful; and your nickles and dimes to help feed and clothe our orphans. We shall be glad to have 10, 20, or more letters each week. Send them along. We would like to make our 1908 report to the Convention 1st of May at least \$400.00, so we ask the Cousins to send in dues, and all the Sunday schools and churches and friends on their "glad Easter Day" to make an Easter Offering for the Orphanage. Also those friends who have sold pictures and have not reported the money to please do so at once and try and sell others and thus give us a great report for four months. Who will help now?

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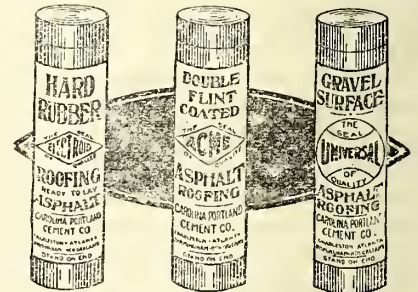
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From Pleasant Hill Church Continued. W. H. Fogleman, Liberty, 10 bu. cotton seed; J. B. Jones, Liberty, N. C., 1/2 bu. wheat.

We thank Sister Foster for the nice articles of clothing, these serve us well; and Sister Calligan for the delight she gave the children by a present of a nickel each: and brother Jones for wheat; and brother Fogleman for so liberal gift of cotton seed, when he had given a splendid basket and ground "toll free" all that nice wheat and corn given by the good folks of Pleasant Hill and community. Bros. P. D. Teague and M. F. Hornady came again and brought the cotton seed and balance of the flour, meal and bran. We thank them for their kindness.

While these brethren were at Elon with the Supt. they visited the College and looked at the village and surrounding country from the tower of the college building. They were much pleased with the college; and we feel that as these two brethren go back home they will be stronger friends of Elon and the Orphanage than if they had never come this way. We ought to make some arrangement by which thousands of our good men and women, boys and girls might visit Elon College and the Orphanage. We need four well arranged excursions to Elon—from the North, East South and West.

With many thanks to friends, and much love to all the children, I am,  
Fondly,  
Uncle Jim.

Asheboro, N. C., March 29, 1908.  
Dear Uncle Jim:

Time passes and I almost forget my little letters to you. So busy am I in my play these bright warm days. But hope you are getting on nicely with your large family of little ones, and that they too are enjoying life. Enclosed find 10 cents for my dues.  
With love,  
Fondly,

Holt Moffitt.

Ah, we are glad to know you will continue your letters Holt for to see that our Cousins do not forget is an encouragement indeed.

Asheboro, N. C., March 25, 1908.  
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Cape Fear	8:47f	3:37f
Kipling	9:02f	3:54f
Chalybeate	9:06s	3:50s
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Fuquay Springs	9:23s	4:17s
Varina	9:40s	4:32s
Cardenas	9:43f	4:35f
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Barnes	10:18f	5:28f
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	Mon.	Dai.	Dai.
	Wed.	Exc.	
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Lv. Raleigh	8:05	8:00	4:40
Sylvaola	8:20f	8:25f	4:54f
Barnes	8:45	8:33f	5:00f
Hobby		8:43f	5:07f
McCullers	9:20	8:55s	5:15s
Banks	9:27	9:01f	
Willow Springs	9:30	9:16s	5:30s
Cardenas		9:26f	5:38f
Varina	10:35	9:40s	5:51s
Fuquay Springs	11:00	9:55s	6:00s
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Chalybeate	11:30	10:10s	6:13s
Kipling	11:40f	10:14f	6:17f
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bruised my chin, and this a. m. I found daddy's razor and tried to take a shave, but the blood came and scared me so bad I resolved never to shave again.

Grandpa has been so sick but he is better now. We are going to make our garden soon and plant lots of soup-beans and tomatoes.

Here is my dime for March.

Fondly,  
Maryon Saunders.

March 27, 1908.

Well, dear boy, we are indeed glad that your many accidents turned out to be only small affairs, but you will have to be very careful or you'll get hurt badly.

Asheboro, N. C., March 25, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

As I have not written you this month will do so now. I enjoyed the nice snow we had this week. I reckon most of the cousins always enjoy the snows. It makes every thing look so pretty.

We have a nice school and I love to go every day. Enclosed please find my dime. Will write again soon.

Your little niece, Mary Moffitt.

Yes, Mary, the snow was beautiful but spring with all her beauty will soon be upon us and nature will bedeck herself in the green we love so well.

#### WORKERS OR STUMBLING BLOCKS?

Why should country people moving to town move their church membership, if there is a church of their own denomination in the town? One of our contributors asks this question. We hope it will be answered by some, and that it will be thought of by all the class referred to. Can such people feel that they are loyal to Christ when they are not working where they are for the church? A man cannot very well work where he is not. If he does not work where he is, he can accomplish little good and he may become a mere stumbling block. Many people who in their meekness feel unable to do much, can nevertheless constitute very large stumbling blocks for others to fall over. Are you a worker or are you a stumbling block? You are one or the other if you are a church member.

#### THE PRINTING-PRESS KEPT BUSY.

China's thirst for knowledge is indicated by the business done at the Commercial Press of Shanghai. There are eleven branch houses of this press in different parts of China, and this year two more are to be opened. It carries 70 per cent. of the book trade of China—that is,

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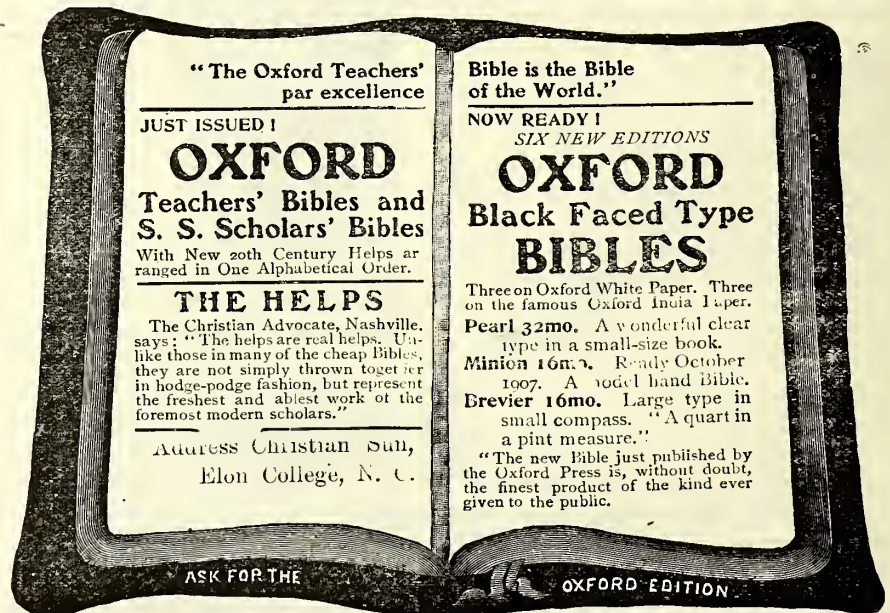


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trade in modern books. Last year it did 450,000 taels' worth of business (\$300,000) not including 400,000 taels more transacted by branch houses. The following statement of the sale of modern readers in Chinese during 1906 is in-

teresting: National readers, 280,000; elementary, 110,000; primary geography, 73,000; historical readers, 63,000. Most of these were sold to native modern schools and not to the mission schools.—Mis. Record.

**RAILROAD GROWTH IN CHINA.**

No more significant evidence of China's progress is given than comes to us in the reports from the Shantung railroad, which runs from Tsingtoo, the German metropolis of Shantung, to the capital of the province, Chinafu. The freight and passenger traffic has grown so rapidly that present facilities are not adequate to prevent congestion at several points. The Germans opened the road in 1901, after pushing it to completion in spite of opposition and violent hostility on the part of the Chinese. The towns and villages along the route have been storm centers of anti-foreign feeling, so that in order to keep the road open it was necessary to station German soldiers at frequent intervals along the line. Shantung being a rich and extremely populous province, the railroad has brought in larger returns every year, and it is impossible to set a limit to the possible growth of its traffic. During 1906 it carried, in round numbers, 825,000 passengers and 375,000 tons of freight, the former figures representing an increase in one year of about two and one-half per cent., and the latter about eighteen and one-half per cent. At Weihsien, where the two daily express trains pass, the crowds are so great that the ticket windows are almost inaccessible, and the Chinese complain that they cannot get tickets in time for the trains. All storage room is full to overflowing and freight stands on the sidings, transportation being impossible. The company plans to enlarge the station soon. China moves, and it looks as if the locomotive were to set the pace of her advance.—*Bap. Mis. Magazine.*

**GOD'S COOLIE.**

In one of the mission fields a woman physician had been the means of restoring to health a dearly beloved child. In their gratitude, the little one's relative came and knelt at the feet of the missionary doctor, and worshiped her as if she had been a god. Again and again the missionary gently remonstrated, saying, "We are not gods. Worship the true God;" but the people were not to be dissuaded. "You must be a god," they said. "No one but a god could have saved our beloved from death." Then even as our Lord was accustomed to do, the missionary spoke in a parable to them: "Suppose," she said, "that I wished to bestow a valuable gift upon you, and sent it by the hand of one of your coolies, whom would you thank? Would you thank the coolie or would you thank me?" "We should thank you of course; the coolie is your servant."


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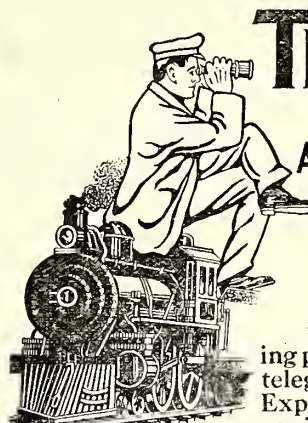
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**DIED.****Neatherry.**

Bro Lish Neatherry after a lingering illness with consumption passed over the river to rest under the shade of the tree of life awaiting the coming of the loved ones whom he left behind; a wife and four little children, and aged father, several sisters two brothers and a host of friends. He was a consistent member of the Durham Christian Church for a number of years. His mother preceded him to the home above four years ago. He was buried in Maple-wood cemetery in the honors of his church and the Jr. O. U. A. M.

A. P. Barbee.

**Dunn.**

Rev. J. S. Dunn, a minister in the Methodist Protestant Church died Saturday, March 28th at his home in Durham, after a few days of illness. He lived to the ripe age of 70 years. He was in the Civil War and belonged to the 46th N. C. regiment. A number of his comrades were pall bearers. He was a constant visitor of the Christian Church, often aiding the writer in services. He leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter to mourn their loss, also a brother in Bladen county 80 years old and a sister in Baltimore 75 years old. A faithful servant of the Lord has fallen. May his mantle fall upon the dear boys he loved so much. Funeral by the writer.

A. P. Barbee.

**Little.**

Erby Johnson Little: Saturday morning, March the twenty eighth, the Death Angel of the Lord entered the home of Bro. W. W. Little, Dendron, Va., and took away his little three weeks old baby, carrying its little soul upward to the Father of angels and men. Its little body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Waverly, Sunday afternoon, to await the resurrection morn.

Like a flower that buds in nature's garden when it has but shown the rich tints of fragrance, and then is cut and carried away to beautify some queen's apartments; so is a darling babe that is born into the world, and then is called away amidst the first breaths of life. It is a flower of God sent into a home of the world, and tho' it is but drawing its first breaths, wafting its first sweetness, and inspiring the hearts of those around it with the highest and noblest thoughts, it has a greater calling than that which it may have in the world. There is a realm where it may dwell and be of more service, and beauty, and sweetness, than in the finest

apartments imagined upon earth. The death Angel of God steps down into the garden of the home and with the finger of love, which too often seems so cruel to man, cuts it and carries it away to the throne of God to help Him sweeten and make happy the home of the soul.

H. E. Rountree.

Waverly, Va., March 31, 1908.

**Smith.**

George Martin Smith died at his home near Holland, Va., March 22, 1908, after a brief illness of pneumonia, aged 16 years. The funeral was conducted at the home of the writer and the remains buried near by. He leaves a mother who is a widow, one brother and four sisters, to whom his death is a sad blow. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family and pray the divine blessing upon them.

**Kernodle.**

Departed this life, March 3, 1908, in Morton's township, Alamance Co., Mabel May, daughter of J. D. and M. F. Kernodle, at the tender age of 10 years, 10 months, and 1 day. She lived long enough to entwine herself about the hearts of relatives and friends, and then departed to the spirit world carrying our affections with her. Funeral and burial service by the writer at Bethlehem church.

May the Lord bless the bereaved.

C. C. Peel.

**March.**

Dorothy Zabelle March, only child of Richard and Lillian March, of Holland, Va., died March 28th, 1908, aged 11 mos. and 18 days. Dorothy was a bright and interesting child and the pride of the devoted father and mother. Her death was a severe blow and much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family. The funeral was conducted at the home by the writer, and the little form laid away in a new cemetery on the homestead.

"He shall gather the lambs with his arm and carry them in his bosom." Isa. 40:11. May Christ be the comfort of the sorrowing ones.

N. G. Newman.

**HOW TO MEET CRITICISM.**

When a man is tempted to let loose his worst side, it is a good time to put forth his best. Nothing stirs up ugly blood quicker, in most of us, than to be sharply criticized, or denounced, or opposed when we know we are right. Yet that is the time of all times when we need to give evidence that the attack

is unjust,—and a show of temper is not good evidence. There is a better way to meet criticism. Mr. Gordon shows how Christ met it, when he writes: "Opposition and criticism are apt to stir us to strike back with the same sort of thing. With him [Jesus] they seemed only to call out the good still more, and to make it clearer and stronger. Opposition of every sort seemed to be spelled opportunity by him. So he taught us what we can do, and should do." Suppose we try this the next time our blood is boiling from an unjust attack. It is terribly disconcerting to the critic.—S. S. Times.

**THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.**

A professing Christian is one who stands for the promotion of the interests of the Kingdom of God. The sternest and most unrelenting foe that confronts Christ and His Kingdom is the saloon or dispensary. The man who proposes either to stay at home on May 26th or vote against prohibition is an entire stranger to the Christ spirit, and is a shocking ecclesiastical burlesque. May 26th will be a test day. It will show who is for Christ and who is against Him. If all this be true, as it undoubtedly is, what shall we say of the minister of the Gospel who is taking no interest in the present campaign and does not purpose to take any.

We wish to emphasize several points which we have already discussed in these columns: (1) The moral sentiment necessary to a great prohibition victory in North Carolina is yet to be manufactured. At present, the temperance status in North Carolina is stronger than the moral sentiment behind it. (2) The hardest work is demanded in the rural sections. (3) The preachers have a peculiar and undisputed leadership in the rural sections. (4) Upon the preachers lies the great responsibility of redeeming the State from the saloon. (5) Organization is imperatively demanded in every county. Nothing can be effected without thorough organization. (6) Private work must be carried on vigorously. (7) Temperance literature must be largely used. (8) Prohibition is the question of the hour and a great enthusiasm must be generated among the people.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt is suing for absolute divorce from her husband, A. G. Vanderbilt second son of Cornelius Vanderbilt and the heir of \$60,000,000. The cause for divorce is not even given; but no cause has to be given any more among the very rich, for a divorce, you know.

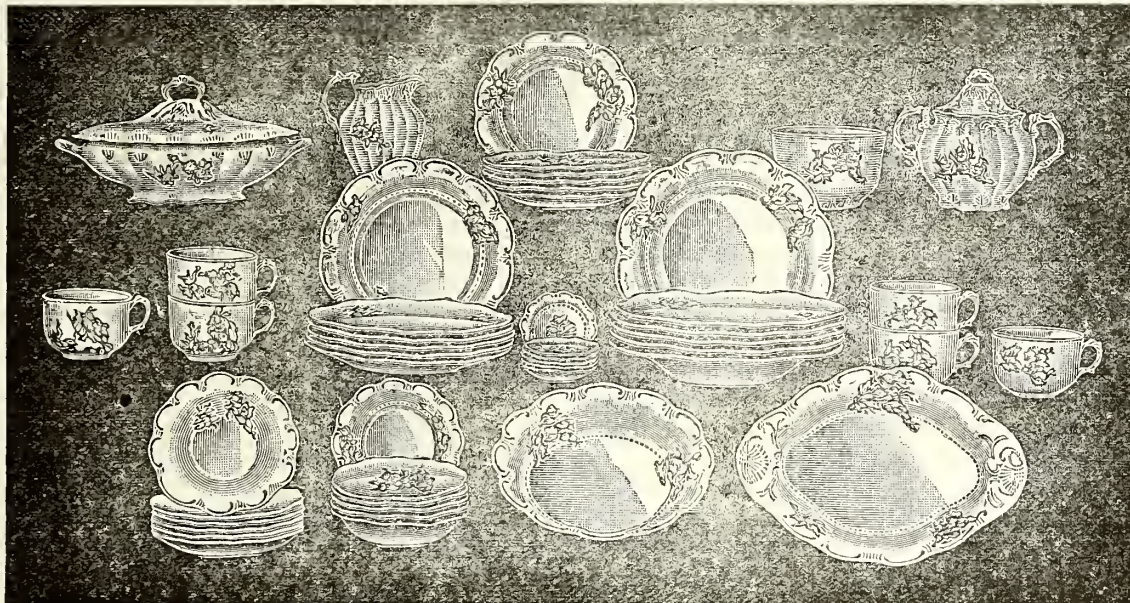
We are in receipt of a paper by the wrong name. It bears this: "North Carolina Virginia Constructionist," and hails from Spray, N. C. It is the one paper coming to our desk that opposes prohibition and is fighting the measure. Its proper name is "Destructionist," and if it wishes its true title we respectfully suggest the change at once.

It is now in its first feeble volume, is largely patent print, and the editor's name is not given. (At this last we are not surprised.)

Hardin Germany, a discharged employee of one of Mr. Caesar Cone's cotton mills at Greensboro, was tried, and convicted of sending an infernal

machine through the mails to Mr. Cone, the latter being notified by letter of the package, however, before it reached him so that the danger was averted. The man who sent the machine became alarmed or conscience-stricken and reported to Mr. Cone by letter not to open the package. Germany is of the anarchist type and character.

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## NEWS ITEMS.

The Populist party met in national convention at St. Louis, April 3rd and nominated Thomas E. Watson of Georgia for President and Samuel Williams of Indiana for Vice-President.

Owing to poor health Admiral Evans of the Atlantic squadron has had to give over the command for a season at least and was put ashore at San Diego, Cal. April 2. Rear Admiral Thomas is now in command.

There has been a general reduction of 10 percent in the wages of sixty thousand persons working in the cotton mills of New England. There is also a curtailment in the out put of the mills.

Two hundred and fifty thousand men laid down their picks, and went out on strike, from the Bituminous coal mines of the country March 31, awaiting a wage scale agreement.

The three receivers of the Kniekerbocker Trust Company of N. Y. that failed when the present panic began, have been allowed \$75,000. each and their counsel \$25,000. for four months service. The three receivers of the bankrupt Seaboard Railroad receive \$15,000 a year each. After all there is some money in this receiver's business.

The Yecker Avenue Baptist church of Kansas City is not a wealthy congregation, but a larger house was needed. "I know we are not able to hire a new house built, but we can buy the material and all can give a portion of our time to the work," said the pastor. This explains why frequently till eleven o'clock at night a bevy of workmen saw and hammer away, while some hold lanterns, and the women provide coffee, for the night workmen. Many have to work for their wages in the day. A few hours at night are given, and the new and larger church building goes up. So ever and always, when a congregation is willing and determined.

The Indiana Republican State convention instructed its 30 delegates to vote and work at the Chicago national convention for the nomination of Vice-President Fairbanks for the presidency.

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