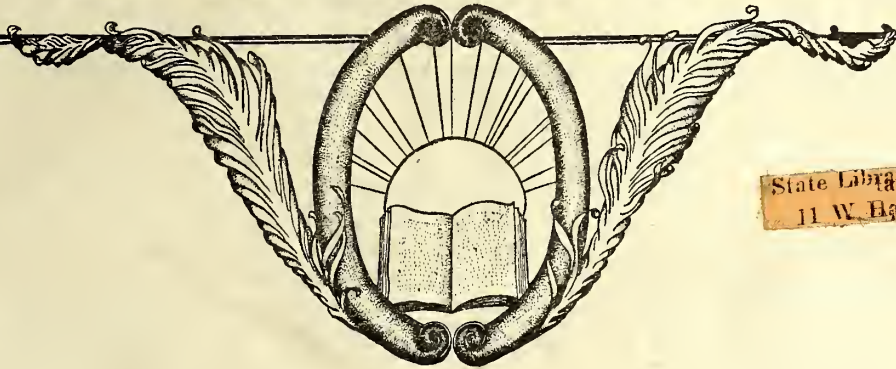


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WHERE CHRISTMAS BEGAN.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David,)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see the thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

THE CHILD.

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. Isa. 9:6. (Golden Text for Sunday, December 22.)

Christmas is the children's time. The period celebrates the birth of a Child. The whole season emphasizes childhood. Where there are no children there is not much Christmas. Go into a home where there are no children, and, as a rule, Christmas is a dull time. It takes children to make Christmas. You have to see children, hear their merry laughter, their glad songs, their happy shouts, to realize what Christmas means.

This is why Christmas never grows old. Every Christmas is a new Christmas. It is a season of novelty, of hilarity, of glee and gladness. Child life is always new. The experiences of childhood are fresh and vital and buoyant; ever changing, but never old. We can never get away from the fact that Christmas is the celebration, the anniversary of the birth of a child. "Unto us a child is born."

How vivid indeed is Isaiah's prophecy. He lived in a dark time; an age of sin and shame and oppression; a period when the many had few rights and privileges and when the wicked few were tyrants, despots and heartlessly cruel. The previous chapter (8) of Isaiah sets forth this dark time; and out of the gloom the prophet looks into the centuries yet to be and sees a great light. He beholds the light of a day yet to be, a light whose glory should fill the world and whose luster should shine out to all the dark corners of the earth. More and more does the prophecy come to be seen in its fulfillment. The far corners of the earth are receiving the light. More people will celebrate Christmas this year than ever before. In thousands of homes the glad songs will ring out this year where they have not rung out before. More and more is the fact of the Child's birth, and the Child's worth, coming to be known and felt. He is the Prince of Peace, and the world will come to know it. It behooves us, therefore, to make this Christmas time that which it really is, the celebration of a Child's birth. How may this be done?

1st. Childhood is innocent. In our sports, pleasures, privileges, pursuits at Christmas time we should seek to be innocent. To be unkind, over indulgent, sinning against self and others is certainly not the way to celebrate the birth of the Child.

2nd. Childhood is happy. It is free from care. It is trustful, imaginative, hopeful. We can celebrate Christmas by

seeking happiness, especially the happiness of others. Possibly the cares of the past year have weighed heavily upon us. There have been disappointments, broken plans, disappointed hopes. Now is the time to take fresh hold, look out on to the future, see the great and the good and the cheerful things that loom large in the distance. Unto us a child is born. Let us be child-like—imaginative buoyant, hopeful expectant.

3rd. Childhood is grateful. How glad children are of gifts, pleasures, privileges. Their whole being, expression, face, features, conduct tell of their gratitude for any favors shown. Here indeed is the deepest significance of Christmas. We should be thankful. We should rejoice that unto us, unto the world a Child is born, which child is to be the salvation of the world. This Child is our hope. How glad indeed, how intensely grateful we should be, for what Christ was, and for what it means to the world.

THE MISSIONARY SITUATION.

Let it be understood in our writings about the present missionary situation that we are not trying to cast aspersions upon any man, or number of men. Some years ago out in the far West some cowboys nailed a sign board with this lettering, to the front of the log church on the ranch, "Don't any body shoot our preacher. He does the best he can." The compliment was doubtful, but it showed that the person had the respect, and protection, of the cow-boys. Now those in charge of our missionary situation have our utmost esteem and respect, and so far as we know they are doing their best with a rather incorrigible set, an exceedingly deplorable situation. But, admitting this, what hurts us is that their best doesn't seem to carry forward, or to count. We are not going upwards, but downwards in the matter of missions. That is the critical point, and the painful fact. We never have done much for missions. We are now doing less than we have done heretofore.

We are not stirred, brethren, and there seems to be no one to stir us. We are not moved, and no one moves us. We have been calling home our missionaries, and no one seems to care that we have. We seem to be in the line of calling more of them home, but increased funds do not come to stay this evil tide.

Where is the heart-hunger in this our Christian church for the thousands dying in pagan lands without Christ and without hope? Whose heart is breaking amongst us for the millions who want and need the gospel but have it not?

where is the agony, where the anguish, for the sins of those who sit in darkness, and know not the gleams of a glad light? Whose soul is aflame with unquenchable fire for our part of the world's unsaved, unevangelized? We are not hearing this anguish expressed. We are not being made aware of this heart-hunger, this agony, and this unquenchable flame. And we will never do our part in evangelizing the world until these things come to pass. We are at ease in Zion, brethren, and nobody seems to care if we are.

To our thinking somebody has got to get interested in our missionary situation, in our deplorable condition, and then has got to come and tell us so. A general may issue all the wise orders and discreet bulletins he pleases; but his own personality must touch his soldiers and move them to action, if he means to win a victory. We should now be in a great battle for beating back the hosts of Satan and for winning the pagan millions to Christ. Other peoples, other churches, other denominations are. Our friends and neighbors are. But we are not. We are sitting supinely by, and leaving the battle for missions to be fought out by other churches. This will explain to you, as forty thousand volumes on other topics cannot explain, why we of the Christian church are making such slow progress. God cannot prosper a non-missionary people and keep His word. And if our statistics today are not a demonstration of that fact nothing is. Brethren, are we to go on at this poor dying rate, till we abandon our missionary work altogether, and so let the glory of our good cause depart from us altogether? God of our fathers forbid.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.

We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas. Following our rule, and that of other religious papers, we will observe the week, take a needed rest, and issue no paper next week. We know this rest is needed, and we are sure it will not be given grudgingly. The next issue of The Sun will be that on January 1, 1913.

"NORTH CAROLINA POEMS."

The above is the title of a volume of poems just from the press of the Mutual Publishing Company of Raleigh, with Prof. E. C. Brooks as editor and North Carolina Education as publisher. The volume is well prepared, and presented in an attractive form. There are 153 pages of poems, with a table of contents and an index. Among those whose poems make up the volume are John

Henry Boner, H. H. Brimley, Plato T. Durham, Joseph H. Gillespie, T. H. Hill, John Charles McNeil, Benjamin Sledd, Henry Jerome Stockard, and other well known writers of verse in the State. The poems are preceded by short biographical sketches of the author which gives the touch of personal interest to each. The book is in red cloth with gold title on back and side-cover, and presents an attractive appearance. This is a valuable contribution to North Carolina's literature and should find ready access to libraries throughout the State. The publishers, North Carolina Education, Raleigh, N. C., have done a real service to the State's literature in offering this volume to the public. The first edition is well nigh taken, and those wishing a copy should write the publishers at once. The price is \$1.00 post paid.

YOUR CONGRESSMAN AND LIQUOR.

This week the liquor interests and the temperance people measure arms at our nation's capital. The Kenyon—Sheppard, Webb—McCumber interstate liquor shipment bill is under consideration in Congress as a special order. The object of the bill is to give protection to States that have voted to protect themselves. But the liquor people do not want the people to have their choice in the matter. The saloon is ever selfish, and would destroy, if it could, every sacred right given to a people if only it might promote further its own selfish and nefarious business. The liquor people are alarmed. They fear that the people are about to assert their rights, and obtain that which belongs to them. Listen how they cry out: The following is from Bonfort's Wine and Spirit Circular of November 25:

"On December 16 the Kenyon Bill (S. 4043) will be the special order of business. This bill is the most dangerous measure ever aimed at the liquor traffic. What have you done to help defeat it?"

Your Senator and your Congressman are your representatives and must listen to your protest. This bill *must* be killed. It will not die unless Senators and Congressmen are made aware of the strong opposition to it. You can do a great deal to help defeat this bill. If you fail to do your part don't complain if the bill passes and your business is ruined. It may mean ruin to more than one concern if the Anti-Saloon League succeeds in winning. The passage of the Kenyon Bill will be the biggest victory ever won by the Anti-Saloon League. They know this and every effort is being made to force this bill through. What are you going to do about it?"

And the National Wholesale Liquor Dealer's Association, under date of November 20 sent out the following letter:

"The Anti-Saloon League has perfected arrangements to storm the United States Senate.

Thousands of Anti-Saloon League delegates have agreed to meet in convention in Washington, December 16, 17 and 18.

The Kenyon Bill is on the Senate Calendar for December 16. We wrote you on November 18 to see your Senators and Congressmen personally at once. Have you done so?

Better drop all other matters and see your Senators and Congressmen personally at once, and explain the evident intention of the Anti-Saloon League to intimidate Congress through their proposed National Convention on December 16, 17 and 18 in Washington.

Advise this office at once of the results of your efforts.

Do not fail to do your share in this crisis. Also advise this office by return mail whether you will agree to go to Washington for December 16, 17 and 18 and aid this association in defending your business from destruction.

If you fail to volunteer to join the army formed for our defense, don't blame anyone but yourself if defeat is the result."

So would the forces of immorality, the advocates of liquor and the saloon, defeat, if they might this bill which simply means that a community that has asked, by their votes, for immunity from liquor dealers shall have what they ask for. But ever more in this world the forces and powers of righteousness and peace and truth have to push their way forward and upward through prayers and pleadings, through effort and sacrifice, against the powers that would drag men down and lay them in the dust.

HAZING AT THE UNIVERSITY.

It is indeed sickening and saddening, though not surprising, to hear that hazing continues at the University of this State, and at other places, too, as for that matter. Many thought that the tragic death of Billy Rand at the University this Fall would put an end to hazing there, and we heard sensible men say as much—that the awful and unexpected outcome of that episode would be sufficient to check the custom and prevent further crime. We felt then, we know now, that such men reasoned without knowing their facts. The spirit of hazing is in the atmosphere, the spirit of opposition to law and order, and it will take something more than an accident.

however deplorable that accident may be, to wipe this spirit out.

Last week the University had another hazing and despite all that the Faculty have been able to do, the hazers have escaped. These went into the room of two other men, grabbed and held them while a box or can of blacking was poured over them and over the bed on which they slept.

That there was no tragedy was possibly due to the fact that the hazed were not armed and were taken all unawares.

Hazing has not stopped at the University or at other places where it has been practiced.

Men in college will have to be treated as other men, and regarded as such before the law before hazing stops. Because a man is in school should be no reason why he is exempt from the laws of the land, or the rules of civil conduct.

The spirit of hazing is yet to be dealt with, and the sooner it can be effectually, the better for the schools and for the cause of education generally.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Dear Subscribers:

I beg that you allow me a few words with you. As manager of the business of the Christian Sun, I have tried to work for the best interest of the paper, and also give the individual subscribers both justice and satisfaction. I have been as lenient as the interest of the paper would allow; perhaps I have been more so in some instances.

I come now to call your attention to a matter of vital importance both to the paper and all the subscribers. The law forbids us to send the paper to any subscriber who is more than one year in arrears, and the penalty is, if we do so, to quadruple the postage, a matter that no religious paper is likely to be able to stand. Now, we ask you to keep up with your subscription and send in your renewal before the law forces us to cut your name off the list. In fact, the terms should always be cash in advance, and, were this plan followed, the editor would be relieved of some of his embarrassments.

Now, don't you think that when you have been furnished the paper for nearly a year, you should show your appreciation by sending in your renewal? I think you do, and I expect to hear from you right soon.

Your label will show you the date to which you have paid; so consult it, and, if in arrears, send us one dollar and fifty cents.

Yours to receive the money,

C. C. Peel, Agent.

CHURCH FINANCE PLANS.

A number of brethren having written me concerning the finance plans of the Memorial Christian Temple, and at the request of the Christian Minister's Meeting of Norfolk, I am offering to the columns of The Sun plans we are using at the Temple, and which in substance I have used for several years in other fields. For several years I have used the duplex envelope system now used by thousands of churches of all denominations as by far the best system. No church using the system thoroughly would ever go back to former plans. It is the best for city and country.

Our church year begins October 1st, so, early in September the Official Board of the church made out an estimated "budget" for the current expenses for the new year, also a budget for the church benevolences using the conference apportionment as a basis to work from. On a Sunday morning the pastor using a chart explained each item for the current expense budget and each item of the benevolence budget to the congregation.

The Official Board selected fourteen of the members of the church as suitable persons to make an "Every-member Canvass." They were arranged into seven "teams" of two each, five teams of gentlemen and two teams of ladies. The pastor met those fourteen persons one evening and gave them its proportionate share of names of the church members, friends, and children, that they were to canvass. It was decided to make the canvass in one week from Monday to Saturday, September 23-28. On the Sunday morning preceding the canvass the following program was carried out: One brother spoke on "The Importance of An Adequate Support of Our Church;" another on "The Importance of An Adequate Support of the Church Benevolences;" another on "The Plan, How it is to be Done This Week." After this the pastor called the seven teams forward and gave them a charge, sending them forth after prayer as the Master sent the twelve and the seventy forth on different missions and whose instructions were completely recorded in the scriptures in each instance. The following mid-week prayer meeting was in part given over to prayer for the persons who were then making the canvass. They took weekly subscriptions for the current expenses to be put in the current expense end of the envelope, and weekly subscriptions for the benevolences to be put in the red ink side of the envelope without extra expense. The canvass was completed by Saturday evening the 28th. The Treasurer then sent envelopes (du-

plex box of 52) to each subscriber by the boys and girls who did the work so cheerfully so that all had them before the first Sunday in October and our new year income began with the new year and all the work done in the old year instead of waiting a month or two to get a long way behind.

Pledges for so much per week were solicited from each for current expenses and for conference benevolences. All were asked to do as much as they could for each purpose. The Finance committee of the church will follow up and look after the current expense pledges and the Missionary committee of the church will look after benevolence pledges.

Among the instructions given the teams were such as: Always go by twos;

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THIS SIDE FOR OURSELVES.

Weekly Offering Amt.....
FOR CURRENT EXPENSES

MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN TEMPLE
NORFOLK, VA.

Please bring or send your envelopes regularly. If you are absent please remember that the church expenses go on just the same.

(This side in black ink.)
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The Memorial Temple believes and has for years that a much larger amount than the conference apportionment should be given for Foreign Missions so it has a special day for that purpose when large pledges and gifts are made for that purpose alone so as to more evenly balance it with all the other home purposes. It would be a splendid plan for all our churches to follow.

Brethren, if you will work this plan in your church thoroughly and in detail I am sure that you will find it of inestimable value. But it is well to remember that no good plan will work for itself, or bring good results if worked in a haphazard way.

Warren H. Denison.

712 Cooke Ave. Norfolk, Va.

A VISIT HOME.

As the church gave me a vacation in August, I spent one-half of the time in visiting my old friends, my old home church (Barrett's) and my old home lo-

solicit a subscription from every member and not a lump subscription for the entire family; have pledges made by or for the children so as to train up a generation of systematic givers; secure every member's interest as well as his subscription; always keep sweet; explain fully the budget; do not be put off with "I will fill my card out and send it in" for they know what they can do; report your work every evening at headquarters; pray before you go and as you enter each home for that home and the cause you represent; remember that you are not "beggars" but are doing the Lord's work, using the best known plans to Christian workers.

The following is a copy of our envelopes:

THIS SIDE FOR OTHERS.

Weekly Offering Amt.....
BENEVOLENCES.

	<i>Percent.</i>
Conference Missions	25
Education (Elon and A. C. C.).....	25
Home Mis. (So. Conv. and A. C. C.)...	25
Conference Missionary Assoc.	10
Ministerial Students	3
Superannuated Ministers	3
Conference Expense Fund	3
Expense Fund (So. Conv. & A. C. C.)	3
Other Benevolences	3

The above includes all our benevolences except Foreign Missions which will be raised 2nd Sunday in June.

(This side in red ink.)

cation. I left here October the 26th and reached Franklin, Virginia that night and was met by my cousin, Richleu Wellons. Spent the night at cousin John Wellons. Went to Williams Wellons' the next day and again spent the night at John Wellons'. Next day I went to Richard Rollings, whose wife is a relative of mine, and spent the night and met Rev. R. H. Peele there. We had a very pleasant time. Next day I went to Samuel Rollings and Mr. Everett Rollings, where he and his sister, Adelaide, are keeping "batch." Here I visited the grave of Sylvester Rollings, the young man we were all so fond of and with whose family we sympathize so much. Next morning, in company with the pastor, Rev. R. H. Peele, I called to see Sunbuck Hines and found him in a critical condition, possibly not much longer to live,—blind, and his mind almost entirely gone.

From there I went to the church and met a large crowd of anxious hearers, a large portion of whom were my relatives.

Here at Barrett's my dear mother brought me when I was a child, and here I was converted, joined the church before I was eleven years of age, when Wm. A. Jones was the pastor. I missed so many old friends—the Barretts, Lanes, Kitchens, Travis', Brittles, Harris', Scarboroughs. Here I acted as Secretary-Treasurer and Deacon of the church, but in 1852 I left for school, spending two years in school, then entered my ministry, where I engaged in an extensive work, traveling a circuit of seventeen appointments; preaching twenty-one times a month and traveled through five counties. Rev. Burrell Burrett organized this church about one hundred and eleven years ago. His son, Mills Barrett, was a preacher. His son, Rev. M. B. Barrett, was a minister, Robert Barrett, W. M. Wellons, J. W. Wellons, W. J. Lane,—all were ministers raised up in this church. I proceeded to give the congregation a brief sketch of my work since I left them, as in all probability I would never be there again. All seemed to be very much interested.

I spent the evening with my cousin, Pricilla Travis, and many friends and relatives came to see me. We had a very pleasant time together. Next morning, in company with R. L. Travis and his mother, Pricilla, we went to the old homestead, where I was born, and not a single house of the original buildings was standing. We proceeded to hunt the grave yard, but as it had grown up in large pines, we failed to find it until we got a colored woman living near by to show us where it was, as there was nothing to mark the place but two tomb stones and they had grown very dark from age. The enclosure that I had paid to keep up had gone down and bushes and briars were in the lot where my grand-parents, Willis Stevenson and wife, Sallie, two little nephews, my mother and father were all buried, these being all that were buried there. After remaining a short time, we left, making arrangements to have the graves cleaned off and kept up that we might show respect to my dear parents.

On my return to R. L. Travis' for a short time to rest, we went to Wakefield, where I spent the night with my old friend, Prof. Lincoln, and family. Next morning I went to the church and school buildings. I also visited two old ladies Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Bane, old friends of former years. At ten o'clock I took the train for Norfolk, where I spent a few days with Frank Hitch, and his five children, who married my niece (died a little over two years since.) Here I had a very pleasant time with dear friends. I

spent Saturday in Suffolk, my old home, with Dr. Staley and was very much interested in looking over the new Sabbath school room he is adding to the church, having all the modern improvements. This will add so much to their comfort when completed. I visited the graves of my dear brother, W. B. Wellons, two sisters, a niece, and other relatives. Some of the graves were kept in nice condition, other in a different cemetery needed cleaning off. Would have it done while there, but did not have the time. I will see that they are cared for in the future.

On Sunday I went to the Memorial Christian Temple, Norfolk, for morning service and heard Dr. Dennison. In the evening I went to the Third Christian Church and heard Rev. Mr. Booth. Both preached fine sermons and I enjoyed the same very much.

On Monday morning I left for home, Elon College. Upon my arrival, a large number expressed themselves as being glad to see me and said they had missed me so much. This has been a pleasant trip to me and I am now at home for work, not expecting to be away, any more this fall or winter.

Rev. J. W. Wellons.

Elon College, N. C. Nov. 11, 1912.

ELON COLLEGE NOTES

The student body entered the Penumbra of examinations on Saturday and are now in total eclipse. The sky will be bright again on Saturday next. Here is hoping that their records will "eclipse" any standard they have yet attained. If students would be as industrious in study all the time as during examination week, the world's wisdom would rapidly increase, but the world's death rate would also multiply.

Mr. D. W. Brown has gone to Randolph County, his old home, to visit his father and mother, who have already passed their 70th milestone.

Rev. A. W. Andes is to wed Miss Minnie Bowman, Linville, Va., on December 26. We welcome him to the order of the benedicts and wish him and his better-half-to-be every happiness and joy.

Prof. R. A. Campbell is to attend the Athletic meeting of the Colleges and Universities of the United States in New York City during the holidays, as Elon's representative.

Dr. Martyn Summerbell, Lakemont, N. Y., is to visit the College early in January. He will occupy the College pulpit on the second Sunday morning, delivering his famous address on Christian Education that evening, and then on Monday and Tuesday morning and evening

delivering four lectures on the Reformation in England. No lecturer is more popular here than this distinguished scholar and preacher, and he will be heard gladly this time or at all other times.

It is profoundly regretted here that Dr. Frank S. Child has suffered a serious decline in health and has been compelled to seek rest and recuperation in Italy. His address is Naples, Care of Thomas Cook and Sons.

Dr. N. D. York visited his daughter, Mrs. Brannock, on Thursday and Friday.

The ministers of the N. C. and Va. Christian Conference will meet here Tuesday after the first Sunday in January to conduct an Institute on methods of work. This meeting was provided by the Conference in Greensboro and it is hoped that much good will be derived from it.

Most of the students will spend the vacation season at home, resting and getting ready for the Winter and Spring Term work. Our friends will do us a great favor to send us some new ones back with these, and I know they will do it. Thank you.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to every reader of these notes.

W. A. H.



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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

—Make some one happy during the Christmas season.

—There will be no issue of The Christian Sun next week, Christmas.

—A Bible for a Christmas present: Would you not like your friend to have one?

—A Merry Christmas to one and all of our readers. It is a season of joy, gladness, the giving of gifts and making hearts glad.

—West Virginia also did the great and graceful thing in piling up a 70,000 majority for prohibition. The cause of temperance and sobriety marches on.

—"It cost a million dollars to elect Gov. Woodrow Wilson president, but it was worth it," remarks an enthusiastic contemporary. That can be better said three or four years from now than now.

—The Anti-Saloon League is moving mightily this week to get the Senate to pass the Kenyon inter-state liquor shipment bill. The temperance hosts have gathered in Washington from all quarters and the fight is on in earnest.

—They have formed, in New York, a Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving; and taking the first letter of each word in the long name and adding S as a conclusion you have "Spugs," by which name the Society is to be called.

—President Wilson will have 10,839 offices at his disposal. For each of these you may estimate ten applicants. Now to hear and personally discriminate in all these cares is no easy task. The President will have enough to keep him busy for six months any way.

—Send us \$2.75 and let us express to your friend as a Christmas present a handsome Teacher's Bible with all helps, concordance etc. It is difficult to find a more fitting Christmas present than a nice Bible. We have them all prices, and guarantee satisfaction in style and binding.

The Progressive Party had a Convention in Chicago last week. The attendance was reported large and the meetings enthusiastic. New York has been decided upon for permanent head quarters. A Commission is to be sent abroad to study old World conditions in government.

—Dr. A. T. Fowler of Mt. Vernon, N. Y. in addressing the Baptist Congress recently in Ithaca, N. Y., on "What is a Baptist Church," said that of 496 leading Baptist divines in England who replied to his enquiries, 401 reported that they received into church membership unimmersed members.

—We hear only good reports from the

splendid beginning Rev. H. E. Rountree has made with our Greensboro First church. It is as was to be expected, for Bro. Rountree is one of the most zealous pastors and faithful workers. We predict for the Greensboro work progress and development under his leadership.

—Miss Helen Gould who at 24 inherited a fortune of \$10,000,000 and who in the 20 years since has given away to charity and benevolences several millions, but who by business prudence has trebled her fortune, is engaged to be married soon to Finley Sheppard of St. Louis a successful railroad man.

—As a result of their part of the shooting up of Carroll county, Va. Court last March, Sidna Allen gets 35 years in the penitentiary and his nephew, Wesley Edwards, gets 27 years. It seems to have paid these two to escape and live as out-laws for a season, till sympathy could be aroused, as others of the clan are to go to the electric chair. Sympathy goes a long way in this world, and those who die have none to speak and present their cause.

—Rev. C. H. Rowland, Franklin, Va., has had the time of his life, pleasurably speaking, gunning in Florida. A prominent Baptist brother of Franklin was taking his own pastor South for an outing and because he loves Brother Rowland like he loves his own, he included him in the party, and gave him the great trip. Preachers—I mean good preachers like Bro. Rowland—get the best there is going, and by their unceasing labors for the welfare and happiness of others, deserve it. We wonder if anybody would include any sort of an editor in a hunting trip.

—"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Many will experience the truth of that teaching this Christmas season.

—Jesus the blessed One came to make this a brighter, happier, sweeter world to live in. Many will get an idea of what that means next week when all of us try to make others happy. And in the years to come men will seek all the year round to make others happy even as we seek it now for all too brief a season. Christ's life and teachings will yet make the world one glad, glorious Christmas season. We may hasten that day by seeking ourselves to make the world about us happier and better day by day.

—The North Carolina and Va. Conference, working through its Christian Missionary Association has engaged Rev. L. I. Cox to undertake the work of organizing a Christian church at Reidsville, N. C. We have some 26 or more members living at Reidsville and they wish a

church home. We have not forgot the great work done in beginning the work at Greensboro by Bro. Cox and all feel that he will do a solid and progressive work at Reidsville. There is no more prudent and safe business man amongst us than Bro. Cox and what he does will be done on a firm and safe footing, and will mean something for the future. We should have begun work in Reidsville years ago, but as is so often the case with us we delay in mission work both home and foreign.

—Our Burlington people think they have about the best and most beloved preacher and pastor there is anywhere in all the Conferences. They say that Bro. Kendall wakes them up and keeps them awake and gives them something to talk and think about when they go home. One of the faithful and beloved down there told this writer recently that if their pastor went away on a holiday, or was out some Sunday, for cause, he was sure they would like to visit and preach for them—provided of course their pastor were not there. Which spirit of loyalty and devotion to their pastor is of the right sort, and we appreciate fully the splendid compliment. All we have against Bro. Kendall is that he does not write more and oftener for The Sun, but we believe his people will love him into that good habit before long.

—This cheering and hopeful note comes from our dear Bro. Rev. M. L. Bryant, 14 Blake St., Asheville, N. C. "I am happy to say that I am improving slowly. Have improved more in the past three months than at any time since I came here, and while the doctor thinks I am doing well he advises that I continue to take the cure for months yet. It would be unwise to engage in active work for some time. I wish to thank, through The Sun, the friends who have so kindly remembered me since I came here, and especially the Eastern Va. Conference for the gift of \$50.00 during its recent session. To all The Sun's readers I want to wish a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

We trust many Sun readers will remember Bro. Bryant, and his noble companion who are striving so zealously to restore him to health and usefulness. A letter, a line, a gift we know will greatly help and encourage them.

NOTICE.

At the last session of the Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention the place of holding the next session was not decided upon, as no invitations were received. We wish to have this place of

meeting settled as early as possible and to that end we wish to ask that any Sunday school that may desire to have the next session of the Convention held with them notify me.

Very respectfully,

S. M. Smith, Genl. Sec.

Navy Y. M. C. A., Norfolk, Va.

SUFFOLK LETTER.

I thank the Editor of The Sun, Rev. Dr. J. O. Atkinson, for filling the Suffolk pulpit, to the great delight of the congregation, the second Sunday in December, while I was absent at the "Federal Council" in Chicago. "Our folks" enjoyed his coming and his messages beyond expression and covet his coming again.

The "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America" held its second regular quadrennial session in the "La Salle Hotel," Chicago, which is a modern structure with eleven hundred guest rooms, nineteen stories high, conveniently and elegantly appointed, fireproof, and with perfect organization—the largest and most modern hotel in the city. The nineteenth floor, with assembly rooms, committee rooms, and all conveniences for the Council was tendered for the use of the meetings. Many of the delegates had rooms in this Hotel, some found place in other Hotels; some accepted private entertainment. Dr. Powers and I had rooms in the La Salle; Drs. Burnett, Morrill, and Barrett had rooms in the "Palmer House" near by. The public meetings were held in the Red Room, seating, perhaps, five hundred. There were three sessions a day, though the evening meetings were held in "Fullerton Hall," "Orchestra Hall," and "Second Presbyterian Church."

Though thirty denominations take part in this Council the autonomy of no denomination is disturbed. Theological questions are obscured by questions of larger service than any one of the constituent bodies can perform alone. Harmony and earnest desire to advance the real interests of the kingdom seem to rest as a burden on the heart of the meeting. In fact the Committees and Commissions so far are engaged in research and plans for cooperation. The work at home and abroad has been competitive, fragmentary divisive, and often inefficient. In the foreign field steps have been taken to put Christianity before the heathen in its simplicity and unity—to divide up territory by agreement and allot separate territory to different denominations and thus secure the best results from efforts and expenditures. The missionaries have found that they could not insist upon their special theological teachings with

out confusing the foreign peoples and putting into their mouths the weapon of resistance by saying: "You are not agreed among yourselves, and we cannot tell who is right." This has compelled missionary societies and missionaries to agree to preach Christ and leave their theological differences at home. And now the churches are coming to realize that they must do the same thing in the homeland.

The great task of evangelizing America, much less the world, is so vast and so imperative, that nothing less than a united church can perform the work. Differences vanish in a common fight. The battlefield and the camp make friends of soldiers in a common cause. Firefighters care nothing for creeds and forms; their strength is united against a common enemy in a common interest. The churches begin to realize that "united we stand, divided we fall." The growth of our cities, the influx of immigration, the increase of wealth, the organization of society in many forms, all develop new questions that require united wisdom and cooperation for this solution. This Council has committed itself to the task to study all fields, all needs, all remedies, and all resources and then to move unitedly to defeat evil and build up the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Dr. Burnett said, "there is no need for us to speak here. All these speakers utter the sentiments we have held for a hundred years." The Council is advisory only. It writes no creed, makes no law, compels no conscience, and excludes no Christian. I say, well, Montenegro, the smallest of the Balkan states and the only one that had not bowed the knee to the Turk for four hundred years, and contains only two hundred and twenty-five thousand population, was the first to declare war against the reign of the Crescent in Europe. She could furnish only fifty thousand fighting men against nearly two million Ottoman soldiers. Her little army is almost lost in the host that lead on to victory; but the united Balkans drove the Turks almost out of Europe. So the Christian church is small, but she was the first to stand for absolute freedom in theological opinion and put Christ above creed and work above dogma. In this great movement her voice is almost drowned by the louder voice of thirty denominations taking up the cry. "In essentials unity; in nonessentials liberty; in all things charity." It is no longer your *creed* but your *life*. It is not *union* but *unity*; not one *denomination*, but one *church*; similar to our government, forty-eight sovereign states in one nation; thirty denominations in one body for defense and offense in the service of a common

cause in the name of a common Lord.

W. W. Staley.

NORFOLK LETTER.

The happy holiday season is again with us. In this letter I want to say "Merry Christmas" to each and every reader of The Sun. Let us congratulate one another that a merciful Providence has brought us safely thus far upon the precarious journey of Life. As the old year draws to a close let us pause for a little rest and a moment's reflection upon the pathway over which we have just come before we enter the unknown and untried ways of 1913.

The first thing suggested to us by our meditation is the fact that we have come over the lap of time now drawing to a period at a surprisingly swift pace. It is but a brief while since we stood upon the threshold of the now closing, expiring year. As we peered wistfully out in the direction in which its way was supposed and hoped to extend, its three-hundred and sixty-five divisions appeared to stretch away almost interminably. We would have abundant leisure in which to do the things we were planning. We had the still remaining months of winter, with the good cheer and companionship indoors, and the long, snowy, wintry evenings in which to plan, to read, to chat, to hope, to love. Beyond Winter, were the green, verdant meadows of Spring, with balmy southwinds, twittering birds, tender, modest violets, bursting buttercups, and life abundant springing again from the frozen earth. Let again beyond was the golden Summertime, with luscious fruits, azure skies and cool, secluded nooks and woodlands crannies where, 'neath the o'erarching boughs of some forest monarch, festooned with moss and ivy, near the murmuring music of some waterfall the tired city man with book in hand might find the rest and relaxation which he craved. Still on beyond, dreamy, imperial Autumn, with her gorgeous banner of flaming sumac and silver and bronze and gold, far-flung along the distant summits of the once purple hills. And finally, our year was lost in the dreary mist and grayness of another Wintertime, almost too far distant to be clearly perceived or much cared about. We began our journey deliberately, thinking that we had plenty of time in which to enjoy the bewitching panorama which was before us.

But alas for our fancies. We have been whisked along so rapidly that the memory of the changing, shifting landscape along the way remains for the most part merely as a confused blur. Hardly

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Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor.

This department under the direction of Young People's General Convention. Frequent news items from Sunday schools, organized classes, and C. E. societies are desired. If you are interested in either or about to organize, address the department's editor,

CHARLES A. HINES, Editor and Cor. Sec.,

Greensboro, N. C.

NOTES ON C. E. TOPIC, DEC. 29.

Subject:—"Missionary Needs." II Cor. 8:1-9.

We are living in what is perhaps the most distinctly missionary age of the modern church. I say "modern church" for the reason that I do not believe we have yet approached the missionary zeal and enterprise of the early church.

The man who opposes missions ought not to accept the Christian religion, because had it not been for foreign missions in the early church the Anglo Saxon race might never have learned to know the true God and His Son Christ. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" rang in the ears of the disciples and the later followers. Why should it not ring with equal clearness to us in this day?

Missionary enterprises need men and women, money, prayer, information, system. The home church does not take the kindly and intelligent interest it should in foreign work. Church members individually and collectively are not concerned enough with the world's salvation.

Need of Men and Women.

"How can they hear without a preacher?" That question, asked at the beginning of Christian history, remains unanswered. It has been well said that every Christian should consider himself called to be a missionary unless he or she has a distinct call to remain at home. The burden of proof is on the Christian, if he stays at home. To-day missionary work is so varied that all kinds of ability can be used—Bible-readers, doctors, teachers, industrial workers, printers, and so on, as well as evangelists. The mission boards always have more places to be filled than they have suitable men and women to fill them. The Student Volunteer Movement has only partially met the great need. There is not a mission field in the world, home or foreign, that is not in desperate need of more workers. Hundreds have gone from Christian Endeavor societies, but thousands more should go. May it not be that God is calling some from this society?

Need of Money for Missions.

Money is consolidated life. Every dollar represents the time and strength

and thought that some one had to put into earning that dollar. Therefore, in giving our money for missions we are really giving our time and thought—our life. We cannot give well unless we spend time and thought upon the matter. We must not give at haphazard or without care. We must know what our income is, whether it is regular or irregular, or we cannot tell whether we are giving much or little in proportion to what God gives us. Therefore, we must keep account..

Needs of Missionary Prayers.

Missionaries themselves are constantly asking that they may be upheld by the prayers of the Christians at home. They evidently place the first in their list of imperative needs. They feel themselves absolutely unequal to their great tasks, and know that the allpowerful help of God is to be obtained in answer to the faith-filled prayers of God's people. Many times decisive triumphs on mission fields have come immediately in answer to such prayers, though they have been long withheld before.

Do You Know.

1. That the neglected fields in America present startling conditions calling for serious considerations? There are 10,000 towns, 300 to 1,000 population, each, in States west of the Missouri River and the Pacific Coast wherein the Christian faith is not preached by anybody, nor the Bible taught.

2. In Utah there are eleven counties, in Colorado, five, where there are no churches of any name save Mormon. Populations are pouring into rich regions and schools and churches are utterly inadequate in number and too remote in distance to care for the people. In fully one-third of the State of Colorado half the people have no religious privileges whatsoever.

3. In Montana, 60,000 to 75,000 of the population reside five miles or more from any church. One very rich valley of the state, fifty-four miles from a railroad, with a population of 5,000, growing rapidly and capable of supporting 50,000 people, has but one church.

4. In North Dakota, fourteen counties have but three places in each for worship

Four thousand school districts have no religious privileges whatsoever.

5. One county in Idaho has a rural population of 9,000, with no regular preaching service. In another county, with a population of 18,000, only three of its sixty-five school districts have regular preaching services.

6. Literally thousands of foreigners in all the states never heard the Word of God. Fifty thousand Indians in the United States are sun worshipers and pagans and have never heard of Christ.—American Home Missionary.

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had we been a week out from our starting-point when we began to get up speed and we have been coming at that rate ever since, until now we are approaching another terminal-point when we are putting on brakes and slowing down for a little while only to resume the journey by and by.

Looking backward over the way today and recalling it as best we may we are impressed with the fact that not only has it been shorter than we expected, but that it has also been different from what we expected, different in many ways.

At points the travelling was much wilder and rougher than we had anticipated. Sometimes it seemed that we would be lost in the depths of a trackless wilderness. Onward through the gloom we sped, not knowing what Power was guiding or impelling us. Over yawning chasms, from far down within whose inky depths torrents of despair sent up a threatening, sickening roar; past precipices of unknown height where a single step aside meant destruction; through narrow, tortuous gorges and defiles of difficulty we came, only again to rush through smiling fields and by placid waters, peacefully murmuring their way to the sea. But always a Something, a Something kindly and good has been our Guide, our Engineer and we have not been afraid.

Then along this way our fellow-travelers have been in many cases other than those we expected. To some who started with us we have said farewell, hoping to strike glad hands with them here, others we shall meet we know not when or where, but surely not upon any highways of Earth. Into that dim, mystic Shadowland they have gone and await us Otherwhere. Then, by way of recompense, into our lives new friends and kindly have come, their smiles and faces gladden our hearts and with them, hand in hand we travel onward.

Then we have not accomplished all that

we had expected. That task, which at the beginning of the year seemed so easy and simple proved intricate and involved and from it we turned disappointed, baffled and oppressed with a sense of our own incompetence. We have perhaps, in the midst of our failure been cheered by Browning's philosophy,

"Not what a man does,
But what he would do
Exalts him."

But, whether earthly failure or success has been our portion, our Heavenly Father's mercy has remained. Through all the days that are no more he has loved us, cared for us. Therefore, away with all that is gloomy and morbid. We have so many things to be glad for. Let there be a happy song in the soul as we come to one more blessed Christmastime. For the pure joy of living and working and loving let us be glad.

To the despondent and discouraged I would say: Gather yourself together, look up and get busy. Put away the thought of anxiety, of gloom, of failure. Stiffen up, morally and physically, and renew your trust in yourself, your fellows and your God. Become possessed by some true, noble and worthy purpose and you will win.

To the sick, the disabled, and the bereaved ones I would commend the utterance of our Lord during that awful agony in the Garden when "he sweat as it were great drops of blood." There, in his hour of mortal agony we hear him groaning "If this cup pass not from me except I drink it, Thy will, not mine be done." May this example of Divine heroism and resignation cheer you upon your way. At best, our suffering is only for a time and we have read in an ancient chronicle of a great company who, through much tribulation had come up to the city of God.

To the stranger, far from native haunts and health I would cheerily say "Howdy do" I too, who thus salute you am a stranger throughout all the peopled earth together with all others who, with Paul "have here no continuing city" no certain abiding-place, but who seek "a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." And, as we face the New Year my wish for each and all beneath whose eyes these lines may fall is that so beautifully expressed by Van Dyke in a few lines which I quote according to the best of my recollection:

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THE CALL OF THE WORLD.

(We have a splendid report from Rev. H. E. Rountree of a great missionary speech. We ask for it a careful reading and careful study, believing that every one who does so will catch inspiration and enthusiasm for the task before us. Our opportunity is indeed a gracious one Mrs. C. H. R.)

This is Monday night, December 2nd. I am at the West Market Methodist church in Greensboro taking lectures on Missions delivered by Mr. W. E. Doughty, Gen. Sect. of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada.

Union services of the Protestant churches of the city were held at this church last night at which Dr. Doughty spoke for an hour holding his students spellbound. It was a great treat to the people of the city.

He is now conducting mission studies in groups of two or three nights. The first is "The Call of the World," and the second is "Mission Method in Sunday School." Quite a little bunch is now gathered, fifty people or more. This is not as much as I expected indicated by the demonstration last night, but I suppose this augurs well for Mission interests in the city.

The room is decorated with a Perry picture of Jno. G. Paton, the map of the world, a Chinese flag, a United States flag, the Christian flag, and pictures of Mohammedon women and their life and Kim Sang Silk who was the first Korean preacher.

To-night he is saying, Christ said, "The field is the world." Men are now

saying "The world is my market." The one question asked probably more than any other relative to missions is, "Does it succeed?" This is a very natural question. It is the first question asked of every business. The answer thereto is a fact which is not framed for the benefit of some Missionary enthusiast. Christ is really winning the world; His agencies for carrying the Gospel are multiplying; and the signs of the time are the increased numbers of workers, churches, mission points and stations, and the great followers compared with the past.

As an illustration of this, only a few years ago, missions were impossible, from this the development went from the impossible to the possible but still was improbable. This was a time when the church thought missions might be done but the difficulties in transportation and acquiring languages for practical use with the foreign tongue was a task beyond our reach. But God would not let His people alone; the Gospel to all the people became imperative and could not be dispensed with, in fact it has now become inevitable. This is a beautiful representation of "The Growth of the Missionary" concept. "It is an answer to the statement that their field is the world, and the missionary concept of the missionary thought of the present age, is that this field is the market.

There are a few secrets to the world market of commerce. Men sow the seed of their product. They had or could produce the goods; they advertised and put their stamp upon them with "99 and 144 per cent. pure"; they took advantage of transportation and if they had none, they created it; they studied the point of accessibility: they made a constant study of the field and placed their products upon the markets, accessible to most people. The Standard Oil today to introduce its product in China, or any other country, goes to the capital of that country realizing that there is the strategic point for the market. And then they employ their agents in every section of the country and collect lots of capital for effective business.

How about the business of the Lord? Its success is based upon the same principles. We have got to create and meet the need of the Gospel in heathen lands, and we have got to convince the people that the article we have is what they need; we have got to employ the agencies now rapidly increasing for carrying it them; we have got to place it at

points of accessibility, we must place it at strategic points where we can give it to the largest number of people and of influence. We have got to introduce a constant study of the field, send out agents and employ lots of capital for the furtherance of the same.

The next question is the place of strategy. Such places are the places now known as the most responsive, most accessible, and contain most numbers. There are also negative points of strategy, viz., the neglected, and the most needy, the changing races and the strategic places

To-day, Korea, Japan, Porto Rico, and India may be mentioned among the places most responsive to the Gospel; and it is in South America that educational missionaries are in most demand.

The neglected and most needy portions of the field are Africa, South America and China. I will not take the time to describe the bigness of these fields as he describes it except to say that it was decided at the World's Missionary Congress that in order to stop the sweep of Mohammedanism that is simply threatening all Europe, to draw a line of Christianity by stations for thousands of miles through the midst of Asia. This is what Mohammedanism is now doing for Africa to stop Christian missionaries. They are running a line of Mohammedan stations fifteen miles long through the continent.

South Africa, educationally; New York has as many teachers as all of South America with the exception of Venezuela and Columbia which have only a few hundred. Brazil as big as Europe, and from Paro at the mouth of the Amazon for a thousand miles there is not a single mission station. Bolivia is fourteen times as large as the state of New York and it has only eighteen workers. Africa has three thousand miles of seacoast with only 97 workers and along this coast are the graves of a thousand or more Christian churches swept by Mohammedanism. Arabia has a seacoast of 1500 miles with no missionary at all. Many other countries all over Asia are rehearsed before our minds showing the bigness of the task. Lumping it all together there are 119,000,000 people in the world totally unprovided for. Is there faith enough to grasp and carry this task? Experience is that when a Christian understands the call of Christ, there is only one reply,—Obedience:

My what a task there is for us! To evangelize the world means to give every man and woman time and opportunity to know Jesus Christ. Our great task is to give the world the needed product, let

them take the goods and supply the need all over their territory. This makes it important to foster and cultivate the mission cause, "Not America for America's sake, but America for the world's sake." Not us for our sake, but us for God and humanity. In this we lose our lives to find it in the power and glory of Christ. The missionary must decrease and the native missionary must increase. America is responsible for her own salvation, and so all other countries.

"God had promised universal dominion to His Son." We are the agencies of that dominion and we must cause our people to know the sheer bigness of the great task, in which we find a four-fold glory, the handling of the immigrant society, let each individual observe countries millions compelled to study us. and the mingling races challenging America to evangelize all the rest of the world. Is America able to assume her task? with these conditions existing, it seems that God is preparing this nation for the greatest work He ever did.

H. E. Rountree.

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY.

1. Chain of prayer, closing with Lord's Prayer in concert.
2. Scripture: Hebrew 11:1-10.
3. Song: My Faith Looks up to Thee.
4. Short talk on Faith by the President.
5. Essay: What Faith in Missions can Accomplish.
6. Song.
- s. Open Discussion: How Can We Render Our Work More Efficient.
8. Prayer.
9. Short Business Session, beginning with Roll-call and Payment of Dues.
10. Benediction.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

It was decided by the S. C. C. Woman's Board in session in Raleigh, to ask the Missionary Secretary to observe the first week of January as a week of prayer for Missionaries, by having, wherever it is possible, meetings each afternoon during the week to study about and pray for missions. And then it was also asked that a Christmas offering be made during this week for the cause of Missions. As at this season, we show our love for our friends by gifts of some kind, so we can show by this gift to the cause of Christ our love to Him and our appreciation of His Gospel which has brought us so many blessings and privileges that those who have not thy Gospel know nothing of. Why is it that the women of our country

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It is hoped that many of our Societies may observe this week of Prayer and if for any reason, it cannot be observed by problem, America compelled to study it and be much in prayer and supplication for the cause of Missions. Then make an offering unto the Lord for this cause. We would be glad to have a large report of these.

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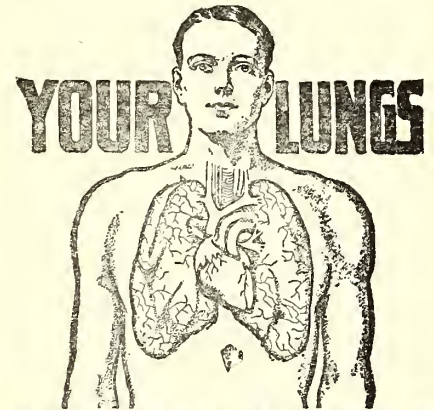
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Dear Children and Friends:

Indeed the Lord has greatly blessed us this Thanksgiving in the abundance of good things to eat and articles of clothing and furnishing for the house to say nothing of the money we have received. We are paying all the out-standing bills and looking forward to the day when we can begin work to equip the building with water and sewerage. This movement was begun last spring and, during the Southern Christian Convention a subscription was taken which amounted to about \$340.00. Nearly all of this is in hand but according to estimates received it will take more than double this amount to complete the system. I feel that this is an absolute necessity. As you are finishing up the work of this year and beginning that of another I would be glad if you would remember the needs of your institution. We have 52 children now and before this reaches you we will have four more, with four others accepted. We are expecting them in any day. So you see the number is too large unless we had better sanitary conditions.

No doubt the many friends of Bro. Foster, also those of the institution will note with special interest the following letter:

Waverly, Va.,

December 12, 1912.

Rev. E. M. Carter, Supt.,
Elon College, N. C.

My Dear Brother Carter:

I enclose you herewith check for \$550 for the Orphanage, rounding out \$1,000 in gifts from me to that institution. I have intended to do this for some time, as many of my intimate friends knew, but was not able to do so till a recent deal in real-estate releasing a part of my money for the purpose.

That this was my purpose more than a year ago, before there was any thought of my leaving the Orphanage is evident from the following excerpt from a letter from President W. A. Harper of Elon College acknowledging receipt under this date of the balance of my pledge to the College:

"You have been very generous to your College and also to the Orphanage. If I mistake not, you have with the payment of the enclosed coupons discharging your obligation to the Special Fund rounded out gifts to the amount of \$500 to the College. This is generous on your part, and especially so in view of your intention to give the Orphanage a sum sufficient to bring your gifts to it up to \$1,000, which intention you disclosed to me at Conference in 1911 when you made

your subscription to the Special Fund. It was natural, of course, for you to be more liberal toward the Orphanage, but you have been liberal to the College also, and we thank you."

I quote this to show that this gift on my part has been a matured purpose for some time and I trust that it will do the cause good. I am glad to be able at last to realize my anticipated hope in this regard.

With every good wish to you and for the Christian Orphanage ever, I am,

Yours fraternally,

James L. Foster.

Last week was hog-killing time with us and, of course you know what that means. Seven hogs netted in weight 2000 pounds of meat.

Why not some of our Alabama and Georgia churches make us a Christmas gift of a barrel of syrup? We have a sweet tooth too.

Fondly,

Uncle "Emory."

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35 cans fruit from Graham Christian church.

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1 can fruit from Mrs. A. F. Isley.

1 barrel of apples from unknown friend.

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Manson, N. C.,

November 25, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Here's my dime for this month. I

surely did send twenty cents the last time, two nickles and a dime with the paper folded between each piece to keep it from rattling so much, I folded the dime in first and guess you stopped unfolding when you found the two nickles and left the dime in, as it was light and thin. I'm well of the whooping cough, but mother is afraid I'll have something worse as I pull off my shoes at any time, and run out of doors with dady without cap, coat or shoes, I'm always in such a hurry to keep up with him that I forget them till I'm nearly frozen.

We are going to grandma's for dinner Thanksgiving. She has her turkey up, and Dora has a goose to kill. With turkey and goose, mince pie, and everything else that's good. Won't it be fine! (to make little boy sick.)

Love to all,
Wylie Gregory Mitchell.

P. S. This letter failed to get mailed until its so late I'll send along a dime for December too.

Uncle Jim was in the office when your letter came and said you were right. The dime may be burned as you suggested, so he put in one to make it up. That accounts for your dues being .30 instead of 20 cents.

Hope you did not get sick Thanksgiv- ing. We are getting along finely.

Henderson, N. C.,
November 29, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:

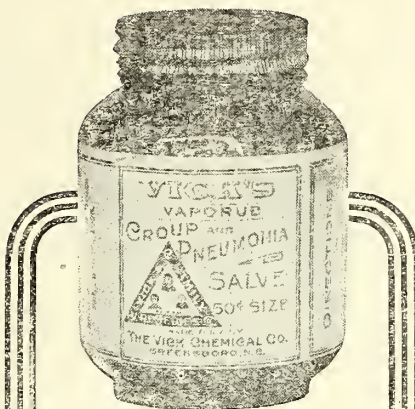
We will send our dues for August, September, October and November. We were delighted with the snow for Thanksgiv- ing. Mamma would not let us play in it as much as we wanted to. This is the last letter we'll write to Uncle Jim. It makes us feel sad to think of it. We shall miss you, Aunt Myrtle and the chil- dren when we go to Elon College.

Mamma was in school with Mr. Carter so he will not seem a stranger to us. We shall try to be faithful in sending our dues if we do not write every month.

Lovingly,
Charles E. Newman, Jr.,
Hannah Clare Newman,
Helen Thivers Newman,
George Alfred Newman.

We all feel sad for Uncle Jim and Aunt Myrtle to leave but we who are in the home feel it more keenly than any one else. That is right. Don't lose interest in the corner. Ask mama if she remembers going walnut hunting at Elon.

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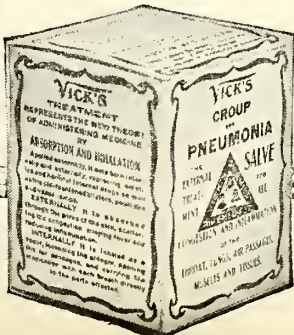
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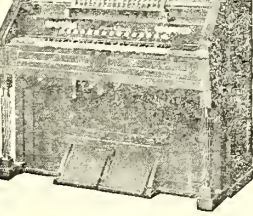
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DIED.

ELLIOTT.

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HARRELL.

There are three words that are very dear to the heart: mother, home and heaven. We associate these words with our departed sister, Mrs. Olivia Harrell, who was a consistent member of the Ladies' Benevolent and Social Union, and a true and faithful Christian worker, filling her place in the home and church and wearing worthily the name, and exemplifying in her life the characteristic virtues for which the society stands.

Feeling the loss of so good a woman, who was such a blessing to her children, the church, the community and the Society, therefore be it resolved, that we deeply deplore the loss of our sister recognizing her value in the home, where her influence and counsel were felt in the moulding and shaping of the characters of her children, in the community as a channel of blessings to all who came in touch with her life, in the church where she exalted the Saviour with her daily walk and in the Society where her modest character was a benediction to the entire membership.

Resolved, that we extend to the bereaved family our sympathy and love and commend them to the loving Savior, who knows all about our sorrows and is acquainted with our griefs.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Union and a copy sent to the family and The Christian Sun and Suffolk Herald.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. G. W. Farrar,
Mrs. W. E. Brinkley,
Mrs. W. A. King,

Committee.

Council.

Sister Sallie Council, wife of T. A.

Council departed this life Dec. 2, 1912. She leaves a husband, a son, T. C. Council, of Raleigh, and two daughters, Mrs. M. C. Sorrell and Mrs. Rob. T. Siler.

Sister Council had for more than fifty years been a consistent member of the Christian Church, having united with Pleasant Spring church while young and afterwards moved her membership to Catawba Springs where she was a member

more loyal member than sister Council and she will be missed by all who knew her.

The interment was in Catawba Springs cemetery and the funeral services were conducted by the writer. A large congregation gathered to pay tribute of respect to sister Council.

May the richest blessings of our gracious Heavenly Father comfort the bereaved. J. L.

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ELON COLLEGE LETTER.

A more sensible utterance in newspaperdom we have not recently read than that of Col. B. Phillips on Practical Education in the Greensboro Daily News of last Sunday. It was bold for Col. Phillips to take his stand for the "little red schoolhouse" as fundamentals in education, in view of the recent session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly in his city, which advocated the ideas condemned by brilliant editor of this brilliant paper. This scribe regrets that the editor did not give vent to his feelings while the Assembly was in session, and is inclined to think that his attendance since on two occasions, where the educational met with scarcely a somewhat to do with his attitude now. Wherefore would editors can attend Conferences confirmed in their orthodox respect to education, for a heterodox age educational Brother Editor. We educators know where "we are at." (I am satisfied with the present state). but don't know the reason (bewildered discontent. And when a learned editor of a takes a hand with us.

The editor is entirely correct. It states "in order to make progress necessary to destroy or to even intellectual departures from all foundations which we have been building." This also correct when he deposes that "We must not be understood as contending that practical values should be lost sight of for a moment. Certainly the system is growing more practical every day.—If any fault at all should be found it might be found with the extremes to which this phase of the work is being carried.—There is danger on the one hand of being too narrow and on the other of being too utilitarian. The little red schoolhouse, the basis of the magnificent system that we are approaching today, served splendidly the purpose of primary education, and with its logical expansion it cannot become more effective by turning the primary and high schools into poly-technical academies where almost everything is taught but education. Leave something for the Colleges making specialties of the trades and sciences and professions to do; but don't try to make foundations of things that cannot be turned into concrete."

they come from neither: they come from an editor of a great news paper, who has dared to think some on his own account. Wherefore we rise to say that a prophet is risen among us. a prophet I say, who is qualified to be a College President or State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Yes, Colonel, you are right, entirely right, and I wish to tell you a little secret—the people are with you, and the great majority of the teaching fraternity are with you. President Lowell, of Harvard, President Hibben, of Princeton, President Garfield of Williams, President Wilson, formerly of Princeton, soon to be of the United States, have, with many other distinguished great leaders in educational thought, made it perfectly plain that they stand with you. And you must not think that the teachers of North Carolina are against you, just because the three addresses on the three evenings of their Assembly recently held in your city pleaded for practical training, for the vocationalizing of our public schools. If you had mingled with the rank and file of the fraternity, you would have discovered a tremendous undertone of opposition to the position taken by these three speakers. Many felt that it put the teachers in a false light—and almost said the majority did, and they left it.

And I may also be permitted to say that the Teachers' Assemblies in almost every State are represented by those who are constituted their spokesmen. This may be a surprise to many, but the explanation is easy. The "organization" these Assemblies is in favor of the new system, and the "organization" of the speakers and the officers are a pliable nominating Committee, speakers are rarely permitted on the top programs, whose views are known segregate the new program. In the field you will hear quite another word forth, but the public program is set that sets the pace and is the one that by the public as representing noiments of the teachers, which is a case.

In conclusion, permit me to say that education is most practical, which puts its emphasis on man and not on material. The other day I read a book college President, in which he advocated the new theory of education and at the same time declared its weakness to be too to fasten its pupils' attention on the work, as the old had done, and in every account for the nervous un-movement is the bane of our day. A glaring inconsistency in position but I have not recently seen. But even so. If we wish the strength

of will, life, character, which were the fruits of education and are now its legitimate fruitage, we must not turn our public schools into apprentice shops for the trusts and corporations. Life is more than making a living: it is living a life.

W. A. Harper.

A quiet and pretty marriage was solemnized by the writer at the Christian Parsonage, Holland, Va. on Nov. 28th, 1912, when Miss Jessie May Piland became the bride of Charles Thomas Parker. A few invited relatives and friends were attending, while others gathered to witness the ceremony. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Piland of Holland, Va., and the groom the son of Mr. John W. Parker, also of Holland, Va. The young couple will make their home in the community, and their many friends, with whom the writer most sincerely joins, wish for them a happy and useful life.

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