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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Titled Husbands.—Most Americans thought that when Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, herself seemingly an amiable and charming woman, married the Duke of ruohfZG0istseroth etsnoattueatn ooye Marlborough some years since a real honorable love match had been made between an American heiress and an English nobleman. The thought has long since perished as the Duchess is now living in sorrowful and disappointed retirement and the Duke lives—is staying—well it matters not where nor how. This has brought to mind the cost to American heiresses of these worthless foreign titles. Our “first families(?)” declares Mr Henry Clews “have sent nine hundred million dollars abroad with those worthless marriages.” A New York newspaper man recently compiled a list of thirty three divorce suits of American wives against titled foreigners. A recent magazine writer says “We have before us now a list of twenty seven American girls who have married European princes”: and there are likely to be twenty seven divorce suits in the courts at no distant date. Of all the money spent in sheer folly, in simple senseless stupidity for misery and unhappiness this of American heiresses for foreign title caps the climax.

Fighting A Trust.—Last Friday night a raid was made on Russelville, Ky., by “night riders” who burned and destroyed \$100,000 worth of property and wounded three persons. Prior to this, raids had been made by the “night riders” on two other towns, Princeton and Hopkinsville which raids resulted in larger financial losses than the first named, the dynamiting of several tobacco warehouses and killing of several citizens.

These three raids are the culmination of a series of events no less cruel and tragic, save that they were confined to a few individuals, which have been exacted in the tobacco belt of Kentucky now for four or five years.

The people who grow the dark leaf tobacco in that state, and to a less degree in Tennessee as well, formed themselves into the Dark Leaf Growers Association for the purpose of securing a better price for their annual output of the weed. The American Tobacco Company, it was claimed, had practically run out of business all competitive buyers and was taking the dark leaf at practically its own figures. The only recourse left the growers was to organize and fight the Trust.

From the time the Association was formed till now there has been a fight. And the most unenviable record of blood and destruction has been written. Hundreds of farmers who failed or refused to enter the Association had their plant beds trampled and destroyed at night those who sold their crops, instead of holding till an appointed time were whipped by night raiders and the remainder of their crop ruined or burned in the ordering rooms: and homes, whose owners would not join the Association, have been shot into, when the heads of the families were absent, and their women and children often injured and intimidated. This i nbrief will give the reader some idea of the feud and feeling whose culmination is the night raid on Princeton, Hopkinsville and Russelville, towns of of between 4,000 and 10,000 inhabitants.

This is one of the bitterest, most deadly and desperate fights of organized labor against organized capital ever waged in this country. The mob spirit has been aroused and bad blood has gained the ascendancy.

Let it be said, once for all, that the war spirit is not that in which our commercial and industrial difficulties shall be settled. This spirit does but aggravate, and makes bad matters worse. It is old and trite and the average reader will give it little credence or consideration; but as sure as God is in his universe, the best laws of economy ever penned are the laws of Morality thundered from Sinai centuries ago., those which Moses embodied in the Decalogue and which at a later time were summarized in the words of Another, “Do unto others as you would that others do unto you.”

Rev. C. W. Blanchard retires as editor

of the Biblical Recorder and Rev. Hight C. Moore, has been elected to the vacancy thus caused. Editor Blanchard was doing faithful service. We welcome Editor More, a college class-mate of the writer's by the way, to the fraternity of quill drivers. Bro. Moore will make good all right—he did in college always.

The New Christian Sun.—We greet our thousands of readers this week in new form and dress. The change is from that of eight to sixteen pages and the size is handsom, convenient and according to the latest models in religious paper designs. If Sun readers do not like this form and fashion we shall not be able to please them. It is the best our taste and choice and means can do.

We have for months desired the change and have worked toward it with fond hopes and indulgent desires. We have gone forward by faith and the present product is the result. There is no reason, it seems to us, why the Southern Christian Convention should not as good as the best, from a mechanical point of view at any rate. Believing that its constituency so deserved and so desired we have chosen this. (Others may judge as the weeks and months go by as to whether material and mechanical improvement does not also improve the intellectual, moral and spiritual excellence of a religious paper.)

We have but one other word to say. To make this change has cost money. To keep it thus will cost more. It will cost much more every week to print and mail The Sun in its present form than it cost in its old form or has ever cost before. We leave it to our readers, subscribers and friends to say whether there shall come response to this challenge for a larger subscription list, an increased constituency, and a wider usefulness.

In this form we have entered our sixtieth volume. We thank our friends for past favors and pray their indulgence and cooperation for a larger and better future.

(At the last we deplore that our new heading did not arrive as ordered and expected. We hope to come out under a more attractive and a permanent heading next week.)

***A DESTRUCTIVE CRITIC OF 1907.**

(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 1907 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 1907 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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EIGHTEENTH LETTER.

Kinkade, New Zealand, 30, 3, 2908.

My Dear Grandson,

In a previous letter, showing you how the people of 1907, in the barbarous republic called the United States, (though some of the people had nominally accepted Christianity,) still worshiped the heathen god, Jupiter, and the goddess, Juno, I did not mention (at least with emphasis), that they even worshiped other gods of the Romans. But they named the very planets of the solar system from the Roman gods: Mercury, Mars, Saturn, Neptune, etc. Their works on astronomy will corroborate this statement. In fact, the people of that age were so corrupt that they honored the Roman goddess of love, by naming one of the planets after her: Venus.

Also their botanists used her name much in their so-called science.

And still more than that:—As if to proclaim to future generations their adherence to her religious service, though they professed to have embraced Christianity, in the very frescoes on the walls of their church-buildings they had pictures of the dove descending. All scholars know that the Romans and Greeks held the dove sacred to Venus, or Aphrodite. The conclusion is inevitable; that the Christians of 1907 worshiped Venus. In some of the frescoes, so far as they escaped the tremendous heat of 1957, there is pictured above the descending dove a cloud; and above the cloud may be seen an aged face; presumably Jupiter, or possibly Mars. But that it is either we have no positive proof. But the placing of the dove in the frescoes of their church audience rooms clearly points, by "the historical method," to the worship of Venus in these buildings. Whether Jupiter was also worshiped is somewhat uncertain, for his face is not found in some of the frescoes. Possibly his worship was gradually disappearing; so that in some of the churches his dignified face appeared in some of the frescoes, while in others it was discarded; though the physicians, as I proved in my fifth letter, by their prescriptions, clearly recognized his sovereignty.

We also found some of their "family Bibles," in which, to this day, are clearly discernible the pictures of the descending dove. Hence, her worship was not only public, but private. It was an astonishing revelation of the persistence of a false religion, when it harmonized with the exercise of human passions.

It is possible that the worship of Venus may have come down through the ages from the worship of Ashtaroth by the Hebrews (so often denounced bitterly by their prophets). Astarte by the Phoenicians, and Aphrodite by the Greeks.

The worship of Venus in family life in 1907 is supposed to account for the licentiousness of that age in America.

There is one difficulty with this interpretation, that has been pointed out by ordinary Bible readers of our time; who maintain that the dove in these pictures has no reference whatever to Venus, the Roman goddess of love, nor to anything heathen, but to the Holy Spirit; that it is the form in which the Holy Spirit descended at the baptism of Jesus, in order to be visible to Jesus and to human eyes. And they contend that to suggest that the dove in the picture of 1907 refers to Venus or Ashtaroth is offensive, even in our time, 2908, when we have wholly ceased to make pictures of divine beings.

But such explanation reveals the ignor-

ance of its advocates: for it is definitely admitted that the people of 1907 regarded the Holy Spirit as divine. If so, they would not make pictures of the dove: for many of these pictures are printed in Bibles containing the writings of Moses, forbidding the making of likenesses in connection with worship.

The only difficulty connected with this refutation of the theory, that the dove in the Bible pictures and the church frescoes refers to the Holy Spirit, (as most people not critics contend,) is the fact that the people of that age were not submissive to the law of Moses, as is indicated by their eating the flesh of slaughtered swine.

Besides our higher critics' view, that the pictures of the dove refer to the worship of the goddess Venus, receives some corroboration in the fact that there were in many places in the country great buildings called nunneries, whose inmates were forbidden by their sacred vows to marry or have any association with the male sex. This proves that the worship of Venus was in the minds of the people; though in a somewhat negative form. No doubt further investigation of the ruins of the period will reveal some buildings where the worship of Venus was in the minds of the people in the affirmative form, as well as in the churches and private houses. It is also possible that the nunneries of the year 1907 may have some relation to the temples of the vestal virgins of the ancient Romans. But I do not incline to this view, for it has been set forth by some ministers who reject many of the conclusions of the higher critics. That is sufficient to condemn it.

I admit that we have no history, or historical statement, of any witness, supposed to have lived in the year 1907, to the theory that the worshipers adored the goddess Venus; but the "historical method" compels us to accept the theory, and we must be true to it.

In this I follow in the footsteps of the distinguished higher critic of 1907, Budde, of Marburg, who, in his work, "Religion of Israel," stated a theory of the evolution among the Hebrews of the knowledge of Jehovah, and then followed it with the admission. "To be sure, neither the law, nor the historical narratives, nor prophets, say a word of all this." But he contends that it is true; thus evincing the spirit of many of the higher critics of that age, who often regarded their own imagination as far more reliable than ancient records.

In my next letter I will quote the very words of one of the most distinguished higher critics of 1907, one of the most prominent Protestant denominational readers suggesting that he

was uncertain whether he ought not to worship the Roman gods; and in his great periodical he did publish hymns of praise to them.

Your affectionate grandfather,
Higher Critic.

ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

Most of the students have returned after a pleasant Christmas. They reported a happy home going and meeting of loved ones, a merry Christmas and a glad return to College. A number of new students have enrolled since the opening of this session and prospects are good for an enrollment of two hundred and twenty five during the year.

There is no better time to enter the College than at the beginning of the session as new classes are being formed and students may easily be classified. If all the ministers and friends of the College will assist in securing new students we shall be able to add quite a large number of new students before the spring term begins, Jan. 16. Such service will be a triple service, a service to the student, a service to the College, and a service to God.

Rev. J. L. Foster, "Uncle Jim," preached for the students Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and his sermon was highly appreciated by all who heard him.

The religious organizations held their regular meetings Sunday, with the Christian Endeavor Consecration service as the crowning meeting of the day conducted by Prof. W. A. Harper.

The meeting was pervaded with a deep spiritual tone and many testimonies and resolutions in reconsecration made the presence of God manifest.

The young ladies of the College add two elements especially that are not as pronounced in male Colleges viz. social refinement in every phase of College life, and a deeper sense of spiritual life in all religious meetings.

There is much for men to learn from consecrated womanhood. The finer aesthetic and religious sentiments of life complete the stronger nature and give a type of culture to educational development that supplement and complete the nature of man in its highest self realization. The absolute attributes of God's nature are truth, goodness, and beauty and complete development of man is not attained unless his nature and culture partake of these three supreme qualities.

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than this is placed before Elon as a worthy standard after which to strive.

W. C. Wicker.

A NEW YEAR OUTLOOK.

A new year begins today. It will be the old human life over again, with its happiness and grief, its success and failure, its godsend and curse, and a year hence we will look back smiling upon pleasant memories, and sorrowing over dark regrets.

It is in this state of mind that we resort to resolutions. We are going to do this and that, or omit to do them, as the case may demand. Making a good resolution kindles a little fire in the soul but it is likely very soon to go out. Resolutions never get above conditions. We resolve not to swear, to drink, to smoke, to get mad, to read mean books, to go to vicious plays, and all these go like a puff of smoke, if the old associations and conditions are maintained.

Conversion is the greatest event in life. It is in a moral as well as in a religious sense. Professor Bowne explains it as a turning about and going in the other direction. It means a new trend, a new tendency, a new life. A resolution does not reach that far. Conversion is not a purveyor of little habits. It is inaugurating a general movement and letting the little incidents take care of themselves. That is the tendency of the day.

The whole philosophy of better living is not in "swearing off" but in "swearing on"; the inclination to do something and not to not do something. Life is the fruit of the mind, and runs along with its thoughts, high or low, generous or mean, just as they are. Henry Wood says in his Symphony of Nature, "the law that one grows like his ruling ideals has been long known, but it has been rarely utilized." Probably, the best New Year's resolution would be to utilize it.

Now, it ought not to be a hard task for a man to construct, in his mind, an ideal of the best of man, the kindest neighbor, the noblest citizen, truest politician, the best type of business man. A person of any talent or promise at all can idealize upon any of these points. Then why not? Why not make use of the law? Why not hitch your wagon to a star? Here is the chance. It is the only way to make a New Year's resolution that will amount to a hill of beans.

Let us think the best things throughout this year. Let us build up the truest ideals; weave in a beatitude, the golden rule and the greatest commandment, here and there; and when this twelve-month rolls past, and a year hence, when we look back over it, we will be happier than

we are today, even though the cloud drifts be few and far between. Then we will realize the truth of what Gerald Massey sung:

Oh, youth, flame earnest, still aspire
With energies immortal;
To every haven of desire.
Each yearning opes a portal,
And though age wearies by the way,
And hearts break in the furrow,
We sow the golden grain today,
The harvest comes tomorrow.
—Ohio State Journal.

WHERE LINEN IS MADE.

There is nothing prettier than a field of Irish flax in full bloom. The stems are about thirty inches high says a writer in "Truth." They are very slender and of a pale green.

On each stem is a flower in an exquisite tone of blue; something between a corn-flower and a forget-me-not. The little flower is not of a very robust constitution. The petals soon fall, and then a seed pod forms which, when given time to do so, produces quantities of what we call linseed ("lhin" is the Celtic name for flax). But when the flax is grown for the manufacturer of linen it is pulled up before the seed has had time to mature.

After having been exposed to the air for a few days the flax is laid in water, and during the fortnight that this process lasts the odious smell with which it fills the offended air is of a remarkably powerful character.

As the local guides say: "Sure it's just the flax fermentin'. It's a powerful smell entirely, but there's no danger in it, glory be to God."

The soaking makes it easy to separate the straw from the fibre by bruising it between the rollers and then suspending it through an opening in the top of a machine in which a horizontal shaft with wooden blades revolves at the rate of 250 times a minute. Parted forever are the fibre, flax and the straw, now tow.

Next comes the spinning into, yarn done in immense mills, and later that the yarn is woven into fabric itself. Finally comes the bleaching, when the linen is laid out on the green field to be whitened by the rain and sun and wind.

These long strips of snowy whiteness on the green turf surprise the stranger. He thinks it some sort of top dressing, spread upon the land to fertilize it. Belfast is the center of the linen trade.

—Presbyterian.

Rev. P. S. Sailer, Norfolk, Va., now engaged with our Mission Board as field secretary, goes to Brooklyn, N. Y., shortly, thence to Swansea, Mass., Providence, R. I., and Fall River, Mass.



Before Smoking



First Step



Second Step



Third Step

THE CIGARETTE,

Or, A Bright Young Man's Seven Steps to Ruin.

By ORISON SWETT MARDEN

In "Success" Magazine.

No words can tell the cigarette story so graphically as the pictures on these two pages. I advise every cigarette victim to have his photograph taken every year and put side by side in a frame in his room, where he can see the gradual, fatal deterioration in himself from year to year. If this does not startle him and bring him to his senses, no preaching will ever do it, for the picture will be a sermon more eloquent than ever came from any pulpit.

I leave it to others to discuss the moral side of cigarette smoking. I denounce it simply because of its blighting, blasting effect upon one's success in life; because it draws off the energy, saps the vitality and force which ought to be made to tell in one's career; because it blunts the sensibilities and deadens the thinking faculties; because it kills the ambition and the finer instincts, and the more delicate aspirations and perceptions; because it destroys the ability to consecrate the mind, which is the secret of all achievement.

The whole tendency of the cigarette nicotine poison in the youth is to arrest development. It is fatal to all normal functions. It not only ruins the faculties but it unbalances the mind as well.

Magistrate Crane, of New York City, says: "Ninety nine out of a hundred boys between the ages of ten and seventeen years who come before me charged with crime have their fingers disfigured by yellow cigarette stains.

I am not a crank on this subject, I do not care to pose as a reformer, but it is my opinion that cigarettes will do

more than liquor to ruin boys. When you have arraigned before you boys hopelessly deaf through the excessive use of cigarettes, boys who have stolen their sisters' earnings, boys who absolutely refuse to work, who do nothing but gamble and steal, you can not help seeing that there is some direct cause, and a great deal of this boyhood crime is, in my mind, easy to trace to the deadly cigarette. There is something in the poison of the cigarette that seems to get into the system of the boy and to destroy all moral fibre."

He gives the following probable course of a boy who begins to smoke cigarettes: "First, cigarettes. Second, beer and liquors. Third, craps—petty gambling. Fourth, horse racing—gambling on a bigger scale. Fifth, larceny. Sixth, state prison."

Not long ago a boy in New York robbed his mother and actually beat her because she would not give him money with which to buy cigarettes. Every little while we see accounts in newspapers all over the country of all kinds of petty thefts and misdemeanors which boys commit to satisfy the cigarette mania.

Another New York City magistrate says: "Yesterday I had before me thirty-five boy prisoners. Thirty-three of them were confirmed cigarette smokers. To-day from a reliable source, I have made the grewsome discovery that two of the largest cigarette manufacturers soak their product in a weak solution of opium. The fact that out of thirty-five prisoners thirty-three smoked cigarettes might seem to indicate some direct con-

nection between cigarettes and crime. And when it is announced on authority that most cigarettes are doped with opium, this connection is not hard to understand. Opium is like whisky—it creates an increasing appetite that grows with what it feeds upon. A growing boy who lets tobacco and opium get a hold upon his senses is never long in coming under the domination of whisky, too. Tobacco is the boy's easiest direct road to whisky. When opium is added, the young man's chance of resisting the combined forces and escaping physical, mental and moral harm is slim, indeed." Young men of great natural ability, everywhere, some of them in high positions, are constantly losing their grip, deteriorating, dropping back, losing their ambition, their push, their stamina, and their energy, because of its deadly hold upon them.

A man died in a Minnesota State institution not long ago, who, five years before had been one of the most promising young physicians of the West. "Still under thirty years at the time of his commitment to the institution," says the account of his story, "he had already made three discoveries in nervous diseases that had made him looked up to in his profession. But he smoked cigarettes—smoked incessantly. For a long time the effects of the habit were not apparent on him. In fact, it was not until a patient died on the operating table under his hands, and the young doctor went to pieces, that it became known that he was a victim of the paper pipes. But then he had gone too far. He was a wreck in mind as well as in body, and he en-

ded his days in a maniac's cell."

Anything which impairs one's success capital, which cuts down his achievement and makes him a possible failure when he might have been a grand success, is a crime against himself. Anything which benumbs the senses, deadens the sensibilities, dulls the mental faculties, and takes the edge off one's ability, is a deadly enemy, and there is nothing else which effects all this so quickly as the cigarette.

Cigarette smoking is no longer simply a moral question. The great business world has taken it up as a deadly enemy of advancement, of achievement. Leading business firms all over the country have put the cigarette on the prohibited list. In Detroit alone, sixty-nine merchants have agreed not to employ the cigarette

user. In Chicago, Montgomery Ward and Company, Hibbard, Spenser and Barlett, and some of the other large concerns have prohibited cigarette smoking among all employes under eighteen years of age. Marshall Field & Co. and the Morgan & Wright Tire Company have this rule: "No cigarettes can be smoked by our employes." One of the questions on the application blanks at Wanamaker's reads: "Do you use tobacco or cigarettes?"

If there is anything the youth should regard as sacred and should preserve intact at all hazards, as it affects his future more than anything else, it is his will power, and this is affected very early in the cigarette smoker, so that he finds himself a slave of a practice which was once absolutely within his own volition.



I am ruined



Fourth Step



Fifth Step



Sixth Step

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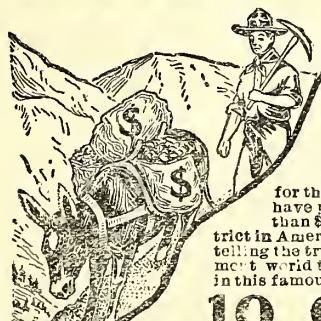
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COLPORTAGE AND MISSIONARY WORK.

My work last year was confined to holding revival services and selling religious literature. While it was entirely new to me it was in many respects the most gratifying year's work of my life. Quite a number confessed Christ among them many who were sick and too feeble to attend any religious services except in their own homes. One sick man confessed and died in a few weeks leaving bright evidences behind.

One lady with consumption after being very much distressed for a few days made a very happy confession.

My Bibles give me free access to most of the homes and affords opportunity to find out the spiritual condition of many.

I have learned more of the power of faith and the Holy Spirit than ever before. With the approval of these we may expect glorious results at each service. There is no reason why souls should not be saved even in the first service of a revival. I have witnessed this on many occasions. Why should it not be so, for now is the accepted time with God and the only time.

My main effort is to simplify the plan of salvation as taught in the 3rd chapter of John especially touching what must be done and insist upon immediate action as the only safe thing to do. I will continue the same work and ask the prayers and cooperation of my brethren looking out points to hold meetings or to make suggestions. I am open to make appointments to aid brethren if I can be of service. I have recently spent about 10 days in vicinity of Wentworth and K. B. Johnson's Chapel. Preached 2 sermons at Wentworth at which place I was very kindly received. There was some interest manifested in the services. At Johnson's Chapel I preached at night for seven services. Congregations good much interest manifested from start to finish, there being 25 or more confessions. Bro. Johnson and family are the embodiment of kindness and are doing a grand work for the church. I am working under the auspices of the Southern Christian Convention and as there is no salary provided for such work I am dependent on my work for a living.

W. T. Herndon.

NOTICE.

The Southern Christian Convention will convene in its seventeenth regular session in the First Christian Church in Greensboro North Carolina, on Tuesday evening, April 28, 1908.

The Greensboro church kindly invited

the Convention to be their guest, and the Executive Committee gratefully accepted their hospitality.

In making this announcement the Committee desires to express the hope that every delegate elected will make an honest effort to attend, and that the 1908 Convention will be the best in the history of this body.

The Executive Committee is clothed with authority to prepare a Program for the Convention, and hereby requests the help of the chairmen of various committees in providing something that will honor the occasion and make the convention work efficient. We urge upon committees the importance of holding meetings, preparing their reports, and sending the topics for discussion, under their reports, and names of speakers who will deliver prepared addresses on specific subjects under each report.

Send any suggestion to W. W. Staley, Suffolk, Va.

W. W. Staley.

P. R. Kernodle.

J. W. Wellons.

January, 6, 1908.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

First Quarter Lesson II January 12, 1908.

JESUS AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

John I: 19—34.

Golden Text: Behold, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world! John 1:29.

This narrative of John refers to what occurred about fifteen miles southeast of the sea of Galilee, whither he had gone after the baptism of Jesus. Jesus was returning from the wilderness temptation and approaching where John had been teaching the people that he was not himself the Messiah nor one of the prophets.

At Jesus' approach John stops and pointing directly to him cries out "Behold the Lamb of God."

John the Baptist, was the son of Zacharias, the priest and Elizabeth and was born six months before our Lord. The success of his preaching had attracted the attention of the priest and Levites whose Sanhedrin had delegated a body to meet this man and obtain his testimony of himself. He answers them "I am a voice crying in the wilderness." John seems to fully possess three essential qualifications of a successful preacher of the gospel, viz. sincerity, positiveness and simplicity.

There may be many who are sincere and humble but have no positive message of Christ. Then there may be those who are positive with no selfforgetting simplicity. This combination of the three qualities in John is attractive.

The person whom every one in passing by would style unassuming is the one to be of worth.

Christ's opinion of such is given Mark 11:9—11. Do you desire to be somebody? The Master tells us how, Mark 10:44.

President Roosevelt while in college was only a little weak eyed, delicate consumptive kind of a boy with no special honors. After graduation he too learned this lesson and came from obscurity into prominence.

John the Baptist's claim was not that he had any power to forgive sin but to point to Him who could. That is all the best teacher or preacher can do. Experience the truth of the power of the Gospel yourself and walk in the light of that truth then you can testify "I have seen and have borne witness."

That is where many fall short. The world does not know whether Christianity is a good thing or not. It has never tried.

And have we tried diligently in John's way? He told everybody even Herod himself and you may not have spoken to the one who works next to you every day. Yes you lead prayer meeting but how about the person who was not there to hear. See Luke 14: 23. John was.

(1) A teacher sent from God.

(2) He was trained and commissioned.

(3) He tried to escape no duty.

(4) He accepted no honor for himself that belonged to Christ.

G. W. T.

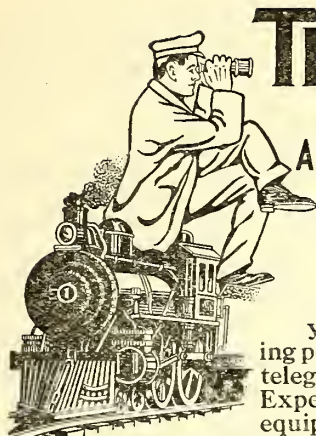
REJECTED PRAYERS.

Prayers are rejected every hour by the ton, because they are wicked. The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord. "When they pray I will not hear them." Why? Because they are selfish. "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." Selfishness is iniquity, and hearts are often deceived.

It is amazing how grace, when it enters the heart, will set about hunting down selfishness. Who does not pity the poor demoniac, when he pleaded to be permitted to remain? "I will clean out the boat. I will watch when you are away. I will do any work only let me be with Thee." "No! Go home to thy friends and tell them how the Lord has been gracious to thee."

I can appeal to the oldest worker in the inquiry room to confirm this instinct of the awakened soul. How can I frame my speech to bring this good news to those at home?" Unselfishness comes in with the first breath of the Divine Spirit.

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ships at sea, one bound north, the other south; both masters are Christians, both want a fair wind. How can they be served? One man is better than the other. One is anxious, eager, fretful; he prays for a fair wind. The other is the better man; he calmly waits.

I can only spread the sail

Thou must breath the auspicious gale.

In one sense he does not pray at all. He simply rests in the Lord, and leaves the whole disposing of events to the will of Most High. This is really the perfection of prayer. "Not my will but Thine be done."

Why encumber the soul with a load of words; doth He not know? To tell the Lord in what way we want Him to Help us is little short of presumption. The Holy Spirit is never given to minister to our selfishness, but to plant in our minds the mind of Christ, who ever loved Himself last.

We can reduce our stock of patience, we may clear away much confusion, we can save enormous waste of energy by cultivating the attitude "Not mine but Thine." Alone before God and in range of his own private affairs, the brightest crown the child of God can wear in the light of time is acquiescence.—The Rev. H. T. Miller, in New York Observer.

A FRIENDLY DEADLOCK.

When people are killed, when property is wrecked, we have nothing to say. It is for the management to figure out reasons and remedies. Of course, as individuals, we are interested and sorry when accidents happen, but personally we do not bestir ourselves, nor do we call upon our organizations to bestir themselves in the matter. We simply stand pat on our rights. If a prominent railroad man is questioned on the subject of railroad accidents, he will shrug his shoulders and say, "Human nature." So far as he is concerned, railroad men are to be protected, not criticized. If you turn to the management your errand will be equally fruitless. The superintendent will have little to say. Generally speaking, he has no fault to find with him. This seems to be a tacit understanding in the interest of harmony. It being impossible to move without treading on some one's toes, by all means let us remain motionless. As for the public interests, they must shift for themselves. Consequently, in places of earnest cooperation in the interests of efficiency and improved service, there is something in the nature of a friendly deadlock between men and management.—J. O. Fagan, in the January Atlantic.

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Look will you at a few of the chapter

titles; "Is the Christian Student's Attitude toward the Bible Scientific?" "Is It reasonable to Expect a Divine Book?" Both of these questions our author answers in the affirmative, following the rules and hypotheses of science and conforming to all the demands of reason and research. Then follow twelve chapters substantiating by many and infallible proofs that the Bible is unthinkable and unintelligible save as it is a divine Book. One cannot possibly gain a fair conception of the Bible save upon the hypothesis that it is divine and was given by inspiration. Among the prominent "Credentials" that the Book carries and to each of which is given a separate chapter are the following:

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With all our heart we commend it to Christian Sun readers everywhere.

SIX MONTHS OF ST JOHN.

The first six months of the present year the Sunday-school lessons will be in St John's Gospel.

This is well and every earnest, honest Bible student and Sunday school pupil should make the most of it. No book of the Bible has been so thoroughly and persistently attacked, by the critics and enemies of the Book, as has been the fourth Gospel. And no book in the Bible affords more comfort and sweeter consolation to the friends and zealous readers of the Bible than this same Gospel.

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"That ye may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the son of God: and that believing ye may have life in his name." To get men to believe that Jesus is the Messiah of God and that through this belief they may be saved—this is practical enough.

Remember that when John wrote this book he was living at Ephesus, a powerful and influential center of heathen worship, besides being a place of great commercial activity and intellectual weight. John wrote immediately for a people under such circumstances, and commended to them in the strongest, most logical and most chaste language he could command, the divine Christ as the only begotten of God and the Redeemer of Man.

John's temper, character, and disposition had been changed by contact with this divine One from that of "a son of thunder"—fierce, ungovernable, destructive,—to that of "the beloved disciple" kind, amiable, generous, gracious. He wanted all men changed as he had been and knew that the only source of such change was belief in the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." So John breathes the fervor of his own redeemed soul and the tenderness of his own conquered and changed life into this Gospel.

There is no other book that equals this in exalting the Christ. From then till now no mortal else has succeeded in placing a character on as sublime pinnacle as

this on which John places the Son of Man, the Messiah of God. In all the realms of literature St. John's gospel has no superior.

As to the authenticity of the Fourth Gospel Smith's Dictionary of the Bible has these wonderfully suggestive data:

"There is no intrinsic improbability in the early tradition as to the occasion and scope of this Gospel, which is most fully related in the Commentary of Theodore of Mopsuestia, to the effect that while St. John lived at Ephesus and visited all parts of Asia, the writings of Matthew, Mark, and even Luke, came into the hands of the Christians, and were diligently circulated everywhere. (Previously the accounts of the Life and Teaching of Our Lord, recited at the weekly meetings, were oral, and repeated with the most scrupulous accuracy and reiteration, varying only according to source and the recollection of different independent Apostles and disciples.) Then it occurred to the Christians of Asia that St. John was a credible witness above all others, forasmuch as from the beginning, even before Matthew, he was with the Lord, and enjoyed more abundant grace through the love which the Lord bore to him. And they brought him the books, and sought to know his opinion of them. Then he praised them for their viracity and said that a few things had been omitted by them, and that all but a little of the teaching of the most important miracles was recorded. And he added, that they who discourse of the coming of Christ in the flesh, ought not to omit to speak of His Divinity, but in course of time men who are used to such discourses might suppose that Christ was only what He appeared to be. (All the three Evangelists had, of course, taught the Divinity of Christ, but they had not spoken at length about it.) Therefore the brethren exhorted him to write at once the things which he judged most important for instruction, and which he saw omitted by the others. And he did so. And, therefore, from the beginning he discoursed about the doctrine of Divinity of Christ, judging this to be the necessary beginning of the Gospel, and from it he went on to the Incarnation"

NO MAN LIVETH TO HIMSELF.

We live in the esteem and respect of others. Withdraw that esteem, kill that respect, and one commits suicide. Within these few weeks, while the money panic was on, not a few bankers have committed suicide. (For be it remembered that this panic struck the banks and bankers first and hardest.) While there was commercial prosperity these unfortunate fellows deemed themselves strong,

and as such enjoyed the esteem and respect of business friends and depositors. When reverses came these same fellows found condemnation instead of approval, ill-will and disfavor instead of respect and esteem. That wherein they lived had been withdrawn—and their life was a burden. No man liveth to himself.

On an economic principle this is true also. The dollar in your pocket depends entirely for its worth and value on how much others esteem and value that dollar. If none desire it, none esteem or admire it, you might as well have so much of rock or clay. The worth of your dollar depends upon your neighbor's esteem and admiration. To Robinson Crusoe, on an island to himself where there was none to want or admire, dollars were of less worth than stubble.

It will ever hold. Christianity is working to make life valuable and fellowship possible. In this effort it is increasing respect for others and esteem for each and all. As such the world of trade and commerce enjoys its worth and feels its weight.

Do not think that your neighbor cares naught for your esteem. He does. He lives and moves and has his being in that as in God.

Where Credit Is Due.—The Boston Herald says: "The publication of a list of business firms and employers, including the city of Cambridge, the Boston Elevated Railway Company and the Boston and Maine Railroad, which have agreed to give preference to abstainers from intoxicants when employing laborers, is a sign of the times. This particular movement seems to have been guided by one of the best known of the Cambridge Roman Catholic priests. The two strongest forces making against intemperance today are the teachings of the schools and the teachings of business experience."

Which is a very fine statement and accounts for much. But it is incomplete. Did you ever notice that when a movement was well on foot and attracting much attention that those who initiated the movement and gave it impetus when most needed are ignored or lost sight of. It is so in this instance.

Let it be said that the one force behind the temperance movement in America above all other forces, and the one that has done more than all combined is the Church—the churches of the protestant denominations. These preached temperance and plead for temperance and agitated temperance and showed the awful schools began to teach or business dared discover that temperance should prevail and must prevail. And the church is

now the most potent factor in giving momentum and inspiration to these mighty forces making for temperance, truth and sobriety.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Bro. Barbee is a faithful worker and brings things to pass.

Pastor W. W. Staley, is this week attending the annual meeting of Christian Publishing Association Trustees at Dayton, O., of which Board Dr. Staley is a member.

President Finley of the Southern Ry. has ordered a voluntary reduction in passenger rates in South Carolina to 2½ cents a mile regular tickets and 2 and 2¼ cents for mileage books.

Pastor A. P. Barbee has received and baptized eight members into our Durham church since conference and is looking forward, with much hope, to the coming revival in the church.

Rev. N. G. Newman, Holland, Va., in ordering Peloubet's Select Notes for 1908 says "I have used Peloubet's Notes for sixteen years and think it the best thing published on the Sunday school lesson." We can send you a copy for \$1.00. The publisher will charge \$1.25. Address order with cash to The Christian Sun, Elon College, N. C., at once.

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We were more than pleased to see the fine and familiar face of our amiable friend, J. Beale Johnson, looking from the handsome cover page of the first centennial number of The Herald of Gospel Liberty last week. To grace his first page with a better face than this Editor Barrett would have had to look long and far and wide; and a better man than this he will not write about this whole centennial year. We give a hearty amen to the following true and fitly spoken words of Editor Barrett, "He is as modest and retiring as a woman, but a bundle of energy in business and a flame of zeal in religion. All the responsibility of his picture appearing in this issue on the handsome first page is our own. God bless this young man and make him such an example of the true Christian life as to influence many others in the same direction."

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Elon College, N. C., Jan. 1, 1908.

My Dear Children and Friends:

The two weeks since our last letter have been very busy, happy ones for the children at the Orphanage. Their first Christmas here was to most of them the most joyful they ever spent. First, there was a tree for the Sunday school over at the College, at which our children received presents Tuesday night. Next came the stockings Christmas morning and splendid bags filled by the good ladies of Burlington Church.

Old Santa himself then came driving a horse to a wagon, on which a beautiful Christmas tree was placed. On this were many toys, useful articles, eandy, nuts, oranges, apples, etc., for the children, given by the kind people of the village. Later in the morning, Mr. J. M. Saunders presented each child with a box of fig cakes. Then came dinner, and my, how we did eat! Turkey, kraut, potatoes, jelly and cream and eake! Good? Well, ask the little folks. In the afternoon our four large girls gave a Christmas tree to the small children and with Uncle



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Jim as Santa another good time was enjoyed.

At supper a beautiful Christmas postal card was given each child from Edward Brickhouse, Jr., Norfolk, Va. Thus you see there were surprises for the children all day and a merry time they had. We thank the kind friends who in any way helped to make this first Christmas at the Orphanage one that will long be remembered by children and superintendent.

The following donations to the Orphanage and special gifts for the children have been received since last report:

J. M. Saunders, Elon College, 1/4 bbl. flour, 2 small hams, 6 rabbits; Mrs. O. B. Barnes, Elon College, 1 girl's cloak, 1 boy's suit clothes, 2 Christmas cakes; Careleigh Cotton Mills, Raleigh, N. C., by F. O. Moring, Sec. and Treas., 14 mill cuttings for dresses; ladies of Graham Christian Church, N. C.—Miss Wyatt, 3 pr. hose; Mrs. J. B. Montgomery, 1 quilt; Mrs. J. H. Harden, drilling; Mrs. Ruth Roberson, 1 can corn, 1 can tomatoes; Mrs. C. P. Harden, 1 cake; Mrs. Sarah Turner, 1 cake; Mrs. J. W. Lashley, 1 bolster case, 1 pr. pillow cases; Mrs. J. P. Smith, 1 can salmon, 2 cans corn; Mrs. P. A. Mitchell, 1 cake; Mrs. R. H. Farrell, 5 lbs. sugar, 3 cakes soap; Mrs. J. D. Kernodle, 1 counterpane; Mrs. P. R. Harden, 1 quilt; Miss Record, sugar; Mrs. C. D. Johnson, 5 lbs. sugar, 2 towels; Mrs. W. R. Harden, 1 counterpane; Mrs. E. A. Harden, pork, 5 lbs. sugar, 1 lb. coffee; Annie Harden, 1 quilt; Rev. Rufus P. King, High Point, N. C., by friends, 1 cow, 1 pig, 1 calf; the King's Daughters of Muncie, Ind., 3 story books, ribbon, handkerchiefs and wash-stand scarf; Mrs. W. H. Carroll's S. S. class, Burlington, N. C., Christmas bags of presents and confectioneries for 19 children; citizens of Elon College, N. C., a beautiful Christmas tree, loaded with toys, useful presents, and confectioneries, on a wagon driven by old Santa himself; National Biscuit Company, through Mr. J. M. Saunders, 2 doz. boxes of cakes; Edward P. Brickhouse, Jr., Norfolk, Va., 21 Christmas postal cards; Mary Pearl Mood, Smithfield, Va., \$1.00 for the children's happy Christmas; Nore V. and Annie Coles, \$1.00 each, and father \$1.50, making \$3.50 for Christmas turkey (We had one large gobbler Christmas day, and a small one Sunday following); Ladies' Aid Society, Union, Alamance Co., N. C., one box containing—Mrs. R. W. Fitch, 1 counterpane; Mrs. Ed. Garrison, 1 quilt; Mamie Kernodle, 1 quilt; Mrs. R. K. Stanly, 1 quilt and 10 yds. cloth; Mrs. Walter Kernodle, cloth for skirt and blouse; Mrs. E. V. Wilkins, 1 suit clothes, 1 sheet; Mrs. Mamie Wilkins, 1 pr. pillow cases; Mrs. Sue Garrison, 1 pr. pillow cases, 1 bolster

case; Mrs. J. M. Hurdle, 1 pr. pillow cases, 1 sheet; Mrs. L. H. McCauley, outing; Mrs. Della McCauley, outing; Mrs. Sallie Dougless, 1 pr. towels; Mrs. John Gilliam, 1 pr. towels; Mrs. Archie Boland, 1 pr. towels; Mrs. Adeline Wallace, 1 towel; and also Mrs. R. F. Kernodle, 1/2 bbl. flour; Mrs. L. E. Walker, 1/2 bbl. flour; Beulah Christian Church, N. C., Mrs. Annie Perry, Mrs. R. I. Mitchell, Mrs. M. I. Mitchell, and J. B. Edwards, 1 quilt; Roy and Claud Edwards, pop corn and peanuts; Jr. C. E. Society, Springboro, Pa., Mrs. David Beanland, Supt., Miss Gladys Fuller, Pres., one large box containing suits and hats for boys, hats and dresses for girls.

There are many things we would love to say to those both near and far away but space forbids. May God give great pleasure to all who helped to make so glad our first Christmas at the Christian Orphanage.

With deep gratitude, I am yours for the children,
Uncle Jim.

Hook's Mill, W. Va., Dec., 1907.
Dear Uncle Jim:

I will write and send you five cents for the Orphanage. This is not so much but I will send you more the next time.

Love to all the cousins and a portion for yourself.

Your niece,
Gertrude McCoy.

Roanoke, Ala., Dec. 18, 1907.
Dear Uncle Jim:

Wonder if Santa Claus will come to see the little orphans. Enclosed is my dime for December.

Your little niece,
Rillie Stephenson.

Thanks, Rillie, our children had a fine time.

Berea, Nansemond, Dec. 24, 1907.
Dear Uncle Jim:

Enclosed you will find five dollars given by my Sunday school class of little ones as a Christmas offering for the Orphanage. We wish for you and the Orphanage family much cheer and happiness, and great prosperity for the New Year.

As ever your friend,
"Aunt Gaskins."

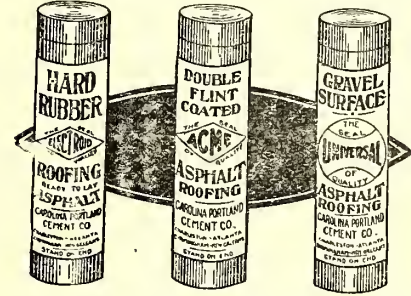
We thank you, "Aunt Gaskins," and your little ones very much. May God bless the friends of the Orphanage in Uncle Jim's prayer.

Eure, N. C., Dec. 15, 1907.
Dear Uncle Jim:

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like my teacher. Her name is Mrs. Hulda Hayes. Please find enclosed 40 cts., my dues for September, October, November and December. I am going to hang my stocking up Christmas and I hope Santa Claus will fill it. Tell the orphans to be sure to hang their stockings up, and hope they will be filled.

Your nephew,
Thad Armie Eure.

The children's stockings were well filled, Thad, and old Santa was real good to them.

De Arman, Ala., R. F. D. No. 3,
Dec. 26, 1907.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I will write my little letter for December. I guess the little girls and boys are having a good time. I wish I could be with the little girls this Christmas. I know I would have a nice time. I guess old Santa Claus brought them some nice things. He came to see me. I will close with love to you and all of the cousins.

Perla Pate.

Our little girls are busy making doll dresses now, Perla, for Santa brought them plenty of dolls.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 30, 1907.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I will write and send my dues for the month. Santa Claus brought it to me. I will close with much love to you and all the cousins.

Your little nephew,

Glenn Pipkins.

Thanks, Glenn. Hope you and brother will continue to write faithfully for next year.

Smithfield, Va., Dec. 22, 1907.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Enclosed you will find one dollar for the orphans' Christmas treat. I made this by making and selling candy. Wishing you and the orphans a merry Christmas and a happy New Year,

Your loving niece,

Mary Pearl Mood.

I am sure the orphans will enjoy your treat, Mary Pearl, and Uncle Jim in their behalf thanks you very much.

Burlington, N. C., R. F. D. No. 9,
Dec. 16, 1907.

Dear Sir:

I am a little girl five years old and live a little way in the country. I am sending Christmas gifts to several of my friends and want to send the orphans something too. Since I do not know what they need most or would suit best I am sending a little money (one dollar and a quarter) that I have saved up and want you to buy something with it for them. Hoping every little girl and boy will have

a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I am

Elizabeth Rauhut.

You are very thoughtful, Elizabeth, and the little folks here will enjoy your treat I am sure.

Clayton, Ala., Dec. 28, 1907.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Santa Claus came to see us Christmas and made us happy. We hope he went to see all the orphans.

Enclose find our dimes for Dec.

Love to all the Cousins.

Fondly,

J. Newman Denton

S. E. Denton, Jr.

Thanks boys, Old Santa is a good fellow for he visited us and made the children happy too.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 30, 1907.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I will write my Christmas letter. Santa Claus came to see me. He brought me lots of good things, and some money too. We had a Christmas tree at our church. Santa Claus was there. I have been going to the M. E. church. We will go to the Christian church next year.

Please find inclosed 10c. for this month.

Yours truly,

Samuel Pipkins.

Your record shows faithfulness on our books, Samuel, and I hope you will not fail next year to write once a month.

Portsmouth, Va., Dec. 16, 1907.

Dear Uncle Jim:

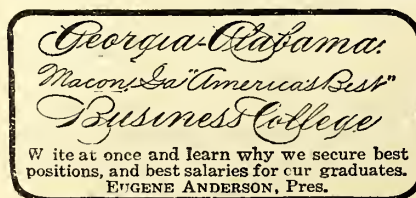
Inclosed you will find \$3.50, \$1.00 for me, \$1.00 from sister, and \$1.50 from papa for the Christmas turkey, and candies apples and oranges for the little nieces. Bless their hearts. From your little nieces, Nore, Virginia, and Annie May Coles.

Uncle Jim, I am going on eleven years of age and I am in the fourth grade at school. I go to Sunday school every Sunday and I am a member of the Christian Church of Portsmouth, and have been for four years. When you come to Portsmouth call to see me.

From your little niece,

Nore V. Coles.

Many, many thanks to the children and father. You should have seen our boys and girls eat turkey which your money made it possible for them to have! They had turkey for two days.



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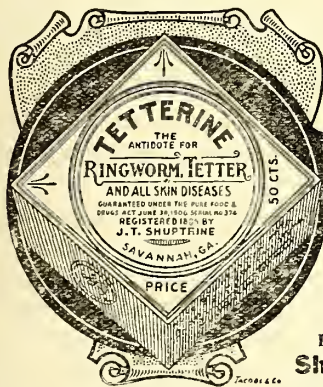
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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON STORY.

Jesus and John the Baptist.—John 1. 25-34.

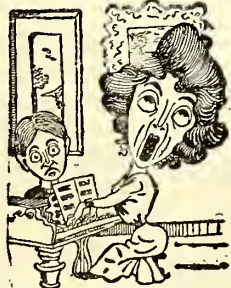
When the Baby whom the shepherds found lying in a manger was eight days old he was named, and later He was taken to Jerusalem to the temple as a sign that His mother wished to give Him to the Lord. Then the wise men came, as we read in our story at Christmas time, and right after that the Lord warned Joseph in a dream that he must take the mother and child away; so Joseph took Mary and Jesus to Egypt, and there they stayed until Herod died, when they went back to their own country and to their own town, Nazareth. There Jesus lived all His life as a boy and young man.

He went once, that we are told about, to the temple of Jerusalem when He was twelve years old. Perhaps He went at other times later, but when He was thirty years old he left His home in Nazareth and went down to the Jordan River where John the Baptist was telling people about the coming of the Savior and helping them to get ready to receive Jesus.

John was such a great preacher that many people thought that he must be the Christ himself. The rulers in Jerusalem even sent men to ask him the question: "Are you the Christ?" but he answered: "No, I am not the Christ, but only the one who was sent to help you to get ready for His coming. He is so much greater than I that I am not worthy so much as to untie his shoe for Him." When John saw Jesus among the people he said to them: "This is the one of whom I spoke. I did not know Him at first but when I baptized Him I saw the Holy Spirit descend upon Him and God had told me that when I saw that, I would know that the one upon whom the Spirit came was the Christ, and this is the one who came to take away the sin of the world."—N. Y. Christian Advocate.

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Hy Name is Morgan but it Ain't J. P.	When You Care?	Won't you Be My Girlie?
Mary's a Grand Old Name	When the Mocking Birds are Singing	I'll be Sitting in the Gloaming Sweet
Bright Eyes Good Bye	In the Wildwood	Geneye
Can't You See I'm Loney	Where the Whip-Poor-Will Sings	Like a Rose You're the Fairest Flower
Dreaming Love of You	guerita — So Long, Mary	The Poor Old Man
In the Shade of the Old Appie Tree		The Man with the Dough
I'm Trying So Hard to Forget You		I May be Behind
Won't You Fondle Me?		Bine Bell
Give My Regards to Broadway		Hello Central, Give Me Heaven
Come Take a Trip in My Airship		I've Got a Feeling for You
Ev'ry Little Bit Helps		Down on the Farm
He's Me Pal		Coax Me
Good-by, Little Girl, Good-by		My Own United States
Bedella		Bill Bailey Please Come Home
Langhing Water		When Kate and I Were Comin' Thro'
In the Good Old Summertime		the Eye
In the Valley of Kentucky		Teasing
I've Been Faithful to You		I'm Wearing My Heart Away for You
On a Moonlight Winter's Night		Up in the Coconut Tree
Under the Bamboo Tree		Good-by Dolly Gray
Dat's de Way to Spell Chicken		Coot, Coot, Coot
I Can't Tell Why I Love you but I Do		Your Dad Gave His Life for His Country
Back, Back, Back to Baltimore		Sem-nole
When the Coons Have a Dreamland		I'll be There, Mary Dear
For Sale—a Baby		Up in the Coconut Tree
Away Down East Among the Shady		Meet Me in St. Louis, Louis
Maple Trees		The Gondoller
Go 'Way Back and Sit Down		My Lonely Little Lonesome Maid
The Holy City		Where the Southern Roses Grow
Rip Van Winkle was a Lucky Man		I'm Longing for My Old Kentucky
Sing Me a Song of the South		Home
Just Because She Made dem Good Good Eyes		Always in the Way
I Ain't Seen No Messenger Boy		ing
Hannah, Won't You Open That Door?		Where the Mocking Birds Were Singing
On a Sunday Afternoon		Under the Anbenser Bush
When the Frost is on the Pumpkin		My Heart's To-night in Texas
In the Hills of Old Carolina		When We Were Two Little Boys
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Their many friends wish for them happiness and success.

L. I. Cox.

Fagg-Smothers.

December 18, 1907, at the home of the bride's father, Spray, N. C. Mr. Loney Fagg and Miss Maud Smothers were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, by the writer. Owing to the extreme illness of the bride's father, Mr. W. C. Smothers, only a few friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony.

Immediately after the marriage the bridal party drove to the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Alice Fagg, where all enjoyed a well prepared and sumptuous wedding supper. A number of valuable and useful presents were received.

May peace, joy, happiness and prosperity ever be theirs.

L. I. Cox.

DIED.

Sharp.

George Washinton Sharp was born July 12, 1875 and died December 1, 1907, aged 32 years, 4 months, and 19 days.

Bro. Sharp was a member of New Lebanon Christian Church, and during his last sickness, which lasted for months, he seemed to be perfectly resigned to the will of the Lord.

The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the writer, at New Lebanon Church, and his remains laid to rest in the Church cemetery to await the resurrection.

He leaves a wife, one little girl, father, mother, seven brothers, two sisters, and many close relatives and friends to lament his departure.

A large congregation was present at the burial, to pay the last tribute of respect.

May God bless and comfort the bereaved ones.

L. I. Cox.

Wall.

Saturday afternoon December 14, 1907, Nancy Wall, wife of deacon W. D. Wall, peacefully died, after several years of declining health, at the ripe age of seventy five years, and fifteen days.

On July 16, 1861, sister Wall (nee Nancy Humphry) and Bro Wall were united in marriage, having lived happily together for over forty six years, she gave her

heart and life to the Lord at the early age of fourteen years, and lived a devoted Christian life till the time of her death.

Her home was the preacher's home.

It has been my privilege evsamōin..

It has been my happy privilege to be her pastor for nearly ten years, during which time I have spent many nights in Bro. and sister Wall's home. It was always a pleasure to do so, but the last night I was there, death was near, and I remained near her bedside next day, until the angels came, and accompanied her spirit back to God who gave it.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the writer, at Mt. Carmel M. E. Church Sunday Dec. 15, 1907, in the presence of a large congregation, and all that was mortal was laid to rest in the family burying ground near the church.

Happy Home Church has lost one of her best members, the community a kind and true neighbor, the poor and needy a ready helper, and the devoted husband a good wife.

May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, comfort all the bereaved ones in their affliction.

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THE OUTLOOK FOR RELIGIOUS JOURNALISM.

Perhaps you have heard people say that religious papers are not what they used to be, and that religious journalism is a very different "proposition" to-day from what it was twenty years ago. When people talk that way, they mean either that religious journalism is decadent, or that there is no longer a great field for it, or both. Are they right?

Let us try to base an opinion upon something better than hearsay, and look at certain facts.

Twenty years ago there were 581 religious periodicals in the United States. Five years ago there were 836; three years ago there were 818; last year there were 809; this year there are 804. These figures include quarterlies, monthlies and weeklies. Twenty years ago, four of the 581 religious papers had a circulation of 100,000 or over. Today, thirty-six of the 804 have an average circulation of 100,000 or over. Of thisthirty-six, it is possible to trace from published reports in N. W. Ayer and Son's American Newspaper Annual, the varying circulations of twenty-six during the last few years. Nine of the twenty-six have a smaller circulation to-day than they had at one time or another during the last six years; seventeen show their largest circulation to-day.

In other words, the total number of religious papers to-day is almost half as large again as it was twenty years ago. The 100,000 class to-day is nine times as large as it was twenty years ago. Less than one per cent of the religious papers of twenty years ago circulated one hundred thousand copies; four and a half per cent of the much larger number to-day have that circulation. And the largest circulation to-day is seven times as large as the largest of twenty years ago. These facts do not look as though the field of the religious paper had disappeared yet. But the total number of religious papers has been slightly decreasing in the last five years.

We can set it down that religious papers are not in the business of entertainment, though many legitimate secular papers are. The religious paper can make little appeal to the lighter or the purely secular side of people's interests and sensibilities; in any such attempt it is wholly outclassed by the journalism that finds a chief field there. But it has a clear title to the field of the deepest interests of men and women. And this field will go out of existence when the art of reading and the Kingdom of God are done away with. Not before—S. S. times.

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NEWS ITEMS.

Since 1899 Cuba has increased in population 29 per cent.

John D. Rockefeller has given \$2,191,000 more to Chicago University, making the total of his gifts to this institution a round \$23,000,000.

—And now another siege of the trial of Harry K. Thaw for the killing of Stanford White of New York. The second trial began last Monday.

The National Child Labor Committee calls upon the pastors and churches of our country to observe January 25th or 26th as Child Labor Day.

Owing to the tide of the unemployed flocking into New York City there are reported to be more than 50,000 homeless strangers there half of whom spend their nights on benches, in goods boxes and on floors wherever shelter may be found.

Representatives of the international Sunday school work met in Boston, Mass. Jan. 2. These representatives of the different denominations spoke for 14,000,000 members connected with 155,000 Sunday-schools.

The Seaboard road which has just gone into the hands of receivers has outstanding \$23,895,000 of preferred stock and \$37,000,00 common stock. It owns 2,382 miles of road and operates in all 2,611 miles.

Jefferson County, Alabama, that in which Birmingham is located has voted prohibition, and the saloon men are howling. This county and city have already closed up saloons: the entire State of Alabama closes them by a recent vote Jan. 1, 1909.

In the Virginia Assembly which convenes at Richmond, today, there will be a new member in the Upper House who will do his work conscientiously and represent his constituency with weight, worth, and marked ability. The reference is to our good friend and brother, Col. E. E. Holland, of the Suffolk district, whose grasp of public issues is only equalled by his great wisdom and surpassing eloquence. Than he the Virginia Senate this session will not have an abler man or a better member.

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