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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Busy Hands.—There recently died an invalid at Casey, Illinois, whose life and achievements are nothing short of the miraculous. For twenty years Miss Lizzie L. Johnson was bedridden, and absolutely helpless, except for some use of her hands. But her heart was brave and she kept her hands busy. Lying, helpless, in bed, she devoted her time to making bookmarks, on which she inscribed verses. From the proceeds of such labor, Miss Johnson realized over \$20,000. This she gave to foreign missions, and when she died the other day, she was supporting twenty native Bible women in foreign lands and four native students in college. This sounds incredible, but is vouched for as simple fact.

Man has never yet been able to estimate what God can and will do with a thoroughly consecrated heart and willing hands. Miss Johnson has at least shown us what one soul can do, and be, and this should be a source of inspiration to thousands. When one undertakes great things for God one may expect great things of God.

The Workers Die.—No great man lives to see the results of his work. Many of the world's best and bravest have died broken hearted on this account. They have toiled and striven for a cause, and then gone down in despair before the fruits of their labors began to appear.

This is nowhere better illustrated than in the career of the late John B. Gough, one of the most able and eloquent advocates that ever championed the cause of temperance. Not long before he died, Gough declared, "I have fought this accursed traffic in every way I know how. I have addressed thousands of audiences throughout the country. I have pleaded with drinkers and with sellers of strong drink. I have denounced the horrors of the traffic and now I am reaching the end of my days, I feel that my time on earth is short, and am conscious that after having done all that I have, the traffic is stronger today than when I began my battle with it."

This was indeed a sad lament, the dark hour, in fact, before the dawning

of a better day. Gough had sowed the seed, he had not seen the growing. The consumption of spirits, beer, and wine had been on the increase per capita to the time of Mr. Gough's death. But this has changed. According to the United States Internal Revenue report the production of spirituous liquors reduced from 168,573,915 gallons in 1907 to 126,980,740 gallons in 1908—a decrease of over forty one million gallons. And President Liebman, of the National Brewer's Association recently declared that there had been a falling off, the past eighteen months, in the manufacture of beer amounting to five million, five hundred thousand barrels. Over forty million, about fifty percentage of the population of the United States, now live in "dry territory as against seven million in 1890, and eighteen million in 1900." In Gough's day only one State was under prohibition, now there are nine, Maine, Kansas, North Dakota, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Oklahoma. The workers die; every good word and work lives unto eternity.

Of Such Is The Kingdom.—In ten thousand homes the other day there were beautiful and richly laden Christmas trees. In as many churches and Sunday schools more than a million little folks gathered to receive presents and gifts at the glad Christmas day. In every Christian home childhood has been honored and exalted. This for the reason that One once said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." Have you thought of childhood in pagan lands?

Two hundred and fifty million graves are dug in China every thirty years—more than eight million a year, statistics tell us. The whole country side of this vast and ancient empire is thickly sown with graves. And yet, in all this burial grounds where millions and millions sleep, there is no baby grave to be found. There are no children's monuments, grave marks or tomb stones in all of China. Child life is too small, too insignificant in China or in India to receive on its grave a mark of any kind. Buddhism and Confucianism never honored or blessed childhood, as Christ did, and the little ones are poorly esteemed

in life, unmarked, unhonored, soon forgotten in death. If Christianity had done nothing else but taught the weight and worth of childhood, it were then well worth while.

The Hookworm.—The South no doubt appreciates the gift of one million dollars by John D. Rockefeller to help stay the ravages of the Hookworm in these regions. We presume there was need for it, and that it will be spent wisely and well, and that it will do untold good.

Meanwhile the South is certainly getting a deal of advertising out of this gift, not altogether of the enviable sort. Reading some of the Northern exchanges one would think that the Hookworm is far more destructive to human life than the boll weevil is to the cotton plant. We quote a paragraph from a very conservative magazine, *The Homiletic Review*, for December, as follows: "For several years the American public has been hearing, in a more or less humorous manner, of the 'lazy germ,' and its ravages among the negroes and 'poor whites' of certain sections of the South. Now medical science is giving us facts which indicate that this 'lazy germ' is no joke, but an actual disease that is afflicting unto death, or worse, whole communities, aggregating perhaps several million people. * * * Here are whole neighborhoods of people, throughout large areas of the South, that are hopelessly sunken in physical and mental decay. * * * Rockefeller's gift of a million dollars comes as a new kind of religious and philanthropic endowment."

Now here is hoping that Rockefeller's million will do all that is hoped of it by our ardent admirers in other sections; but where on earth those "whole communities, aggregating several million people," are to be found, "afflicted unto death or worse," with this venous, deadly, and destructive hookworm, we confess ourselves as wholly ignorant of. From all they are saying the hookworm must be worse than the Asiatic cholera, the Black Death, or the Bubonic Plague; but what we are after is the whereabouts of the locality—State, county, or town—or this murderer of men, women, and children by the millions.

FROM THE FIELD.

Portsmouth Letter.

The Christmas holidays have come and gone, and the regular order of things has been resumed again. The Sunday school had its usual exercises, consisting of a well-prepared program, confectioneries for the children and the Christmas tree. These are things that are necessary to the life and growth of the Sunday school. A good Christmas entertainment or children's day exercise means much for a school. At these times, parents' hearts are made glad as well as children's.

Our Sunday school has reached the two hundred mark in enrollment for the first time. This was our aim for the last quarter in 1909. Our motto adopted last Sunday is 300 on roll by the last of June, 1910. The Baraca Class reorganized in December last and are beginning a campaign for an enrollment of 100 members. The present enrollment is about forty-five. We are hoping to have organized a Philathea Class in the near future.

Names have been secured for a Teacher Training Class and we are expecting to begin work at once. We feel that this is a much needed work and we have desired to take it up ere this, but could not give proper attention to it with the launching of the building enterprise on hand. We feel that we will have more time for such work, now the building is nearing completion.

The work on the new church goes steadily forward. It was closed in some time before Christmas. The contractor expects to complete the building by the first or middle of March, if the weather is not too cold during the next two months. We are hoping to be ready for the opening service the first Sunday in April.

There are quite a number of the Sunday schools that have not reported the result of their effort to raise money for the Portsmouth church through the brick envelope system. We trust that all have put forth an honest effort and we shall hear from them at an early date. We appeal to the Superintendents of the schools of the Conference to press the matter if it has been neglected in their schools. If all the schools were to do as well as one or two schools have done, the returns of this effort would amount to at least \$1,000. This would mean a great deal for the Portsmouth Church in its struggles. About twelve or fifteen schools have reported and we see that the returns of the effort will not reach the \$1,000 mark. We want an offering from all the schools in the Conference.

We are waiting to give a full report to the Sun. Let every school that has not reported get busy and endeavor to send in as large an amount as possible. The money is greatly needed.

We are much in need of funds just now to meet the last payment to the contractor of \$2,000. After this is paid the payments will cease until the completion of the building. We must somehow raise this \$2,000 at the earliest date possible. We have in hand \$318.00 of this amount that we will turn over to the contractor Saturday. This will leave about \$1700.00 to be raised. Where shall this come from? We do not know. All subscriptions are now due, and we trust that everyone will send in their checks. Let those who have no subscriptions send in donations. Let us hear from you, brethren. You can send a donation and not be poorer by so doing. We appeal to you to give us a helping hand and do it now before you forget it. Do not delay, for we need your help now.

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Mrs. L. H. Aldridge	25.00

We wish to thank the above contributors for their donations and assure them that they are highly appreciated. We pray that God may bless them and abundantly repay them.

Jan. 6, 1910. J. W. Harrell.

Winchester Letter.

Our meeting at Bethlehem was held from November 23rd to December 3rd. The congregations were very good. There were four conversions and one accession. The church seemed to be revived and strengthened.

The meeting at Timber Ridge was from December 7th to 19th. Rev. W. C. Garland, a former pastor, was with us, much to the delight of his many friends. He did the most of the preaching. The services were well attended. The church was revived and eight members were received.

The Winchester work is moving along nicely. Our congregations are good and the people seem interested. The plans for the building have been drawn and the work of receiving subscriptions in money or lumber is going forward.

I had the pleasure of visiting Antioch and Linville in the interest of Winchester. I was well received by both congregations.

W. T. Walters.

Columbus, Ga., Letter.

The church at North Highlands has suffered a great loss recently in the removal from the city of Mrs. T. F. Bush and her daughter Kathlene. Mrs. Bush was teacher of the eard class in our Sunday school and vice President of the Ladies' Aid Society, and a more consecrated Christian worker is not to be found in any church. Her daughter was church organist, hence another most valuable member is taken from our midst. They have moved to the country only a few miles from the city and still hold their membership with us, but it is impossible for them to serve as they did while residing here. Another thing in the way of loss to the church is that of one of our deacons, Bro. W. T. Beggs moving from the community in which the church is located to a different part of the city. Consequently he can't do work among the people near the church as formerly. These changes have resulted in no little hindrance to the work at this point. But the Ladies' Aid Society, under the presidency of Mrs. C. B. Terrell, is ever interested in the various enterprises of the church. Among the many good things done through this society, one deserves especial commendation, viz., the pastor's salary was not paid in full the past year and now these good women have set themselves to the task of raising this sum, and their efforts so far have proven successful. The writer is very grateful for this interest on the part of the society and he feels confident, since the ladies have assumed this responsibility, that last year's "back-salary" will soon be a thing of the past.

Instead of losing any of our members from Girard, we have recently gained the estimable family of Brother Charlie Flinn, who moved from near Dadeville into Girard about the first of December. Bro. Flinn loves his church, and proves his interest by his work. We welcome most heartily this family into our midst.

Appropriate Christmas exercises were held by both the Sunday schools. Confectioneries and gifts of various kinds were divided among the children, who were made happy by the presence of "Old Santa."

The writer has enjoyed the Christmas season beyond words of expression. Friends have been unusually kind and generous in their visible expression of good-will. God bless them all.

To you, Brother Editor, and the Sun family, we send hearty greetings for the new year.

G. O. Lankford

Arrested in the Pulpit.

Just as I was about to lose the ser-

VICES at Union the fourth Sunday in December, Bro. W. J. Graham arose in the congregation and asked permission to say a few words. Without the slightest knowledge of his purpose, I yielded, while he stated that in behalf of friends in the congregation, it was desired that this Christmas time should be a season of enjoyment to all, and to help make it so to their pastor, they wished to tender to him some of the good things of life for himself and family. Bro. Graham then came forward and handed his pastor a sum of money which finally grew to \$17.05. He then stated that there would be added to this some other things; and on Tuesday following, Bro. E. W. Wilkins came to my house bringing flour, ham chickens, coffee, canned fruit, socks, a pair of soft slippers for Mrs. Holt, and other good things, for all of which we are most truly thankful, the whole amounting in cash and provisions to \$28.00.

Contributors to this donation were: E. W. Wilkins and wife and daughter, Miss Bessie Gilliam, Mrs. J. A. Gilliam, Mrs. J. M. Wallace, Mrs. J. D. Wilkins, W. J. Cantrell, Misses Nannie and Lena Saul, G. R. Maynard, Mrs. Wm. Barnett, Nancy Hughes, J. B. Ector, John Tapscott, L. H. Aldrige, Mr. and Mrs. A. Graham, W. J. Graham and wife, Mrs. Lucy Foaville, G. A. Garrison, Mrs. R. T. and Miss Nannie Kernodle, Mrs. J. A., Mrs. L. J., Mrs. J. M., and Mrs. R. L. Hurdle, W. A. McCauley and wife, L. H. McCauley, wife and daughters, Mrs. L. A. McCauley, Miss Ollie Roseoe, Andrew McCauley, Mrs. Sue Garrison, R. W. Fiteh, wife and daughters, Mrs. W. H. Kimbro, Geo. Barker. Thank you, kind friends. J. W. Holt.

Henderson Letter.

The holidays passed off quietly here. We were kindly remembered by our people. A purse from Fuller's; a purse from Virgilina; a fine turkey from this church and a ham from Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Chandler. Besides the above, there were a number of presents for the children. Then, too, different members of my churches have remembered us with substantial on several occasions during the fall.

All these kind remembrances a pastor can but take as tokens of appreciation and feel under special obligations to labor to be of more real service to his people.

On Monday, Dec. 27th, the Sunday school gave a tree to the primary classes taught by Mrs. C. D. Harton and Miss Lula Ayscue. From three to five P.M. the children had the use of Mrs. Newman's sitting and dining rooms for

social enjoyment. Then the tree in one corner of the dining room was uncovered and each child received from Santa Claus a useful present or a toy. Besides toys and presents there were confectioneries for all.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 28th, the intermediate and Bible classes were entertained in our home. From eight to eleven the time was spent in social conversation and games and before parting, confectioneries were served.

I have begun my work of the New Year with many reasons to feel encouraged. Last year, from many standpoints, was the best of my ministry. My churches paid my salary in full before Conference, and one church twenty dollars and sixty-five cents additional. Three of them sent to Conference the Conventoin Mission Fund in full. I am praying and hoping that this year each of my churches may experience a revival.

C. E. Newman.

Letter from Pennsylvania.

Some time has elapsed since I have written for The Sun. This delay has been due largely to the press of work. The annual business meeting of our church was held Saturday evening, Jan. 1, 1910. The reports showed that the year 1909 was a prosperous one for the Gulf Christian Church. The secretary and treasurer made their reports, which showed that about \$1700 had been received during the year for all purposes. The church closed the year free of debt, with \$60 in treasury. Twenty-two members were received into membership the past year. The congregations and Sunday school have been large, and great interest manifest here. We have an enrollment of 340 in our Sunday school including our Home Department and Cradle Roll. Our Sunday school room is not large enough to accommodate our growing and prosperous school. We have an infant or beginners' department and need other class rooms. The pastor is compelled to take his Bible class into the church to give the lesson. Here the lessons are not taught as in many places, by the teacher asking questions from the Quarterly. The teacher is supposed to prepare the lesson, explain its meaning to the pupils, almost like getting up a sermon. But, brethren, the Sabbath school work is dear and precious to my heart. When I came here five years and seven months ago, we had present 70 on a clear Sabbath in the Bible school room, and then I went into the church and preached to less than forty people. By hard work, prayer and faith, God has been pleased to own and place his seal of approval upon a whole

gospel preached, and we are in his hands to still let Him use this poor unworthy servant in the coming year as in the past years.

Our Sabbath school held a most excellent Christmas entertainment on Friday evening, Dec. 24. The congregation was so large, over fifty chairs had to be used in the aisles from the Sunday school room to accommodate the folks. The pastor was presented with a purse of \$18.00, and the first Bible class presented me with a \$5.00 self-filler fountain pen. Mrs. Baugher was presented with a \$10.00 gold piece, and the pastor was also remembered by his friends who are not members of the Christian church but who appreciate his work here. The Superintendent, Bro. Geo. Nagle, received a present of \$5.00 for his faithful service and deep interest in the school. The school was treated to candy and oranges.

Sabbath evening, Jan. 2, I baptized two by immersion in the baptistry of the church. This week we are observing the week of prayer each evening. God is blessing us, and on the first evening one came to the altar and was converted. Deep conviction is upon the unsaved. A lady once wrote Horace Greely and asked him to tell her what to do to get the folks interested in the church and church work. She said they had tried suppers, festivals, pop corn raffles, old maid's conventions, grab bag socials, donkey shows, minstrels, humorous lectures, and all kinds of worldly entertainments; to which Horace Greely replied, "Try religion." Beloved, there is no substitute for religion. Folks have got to get saved before they are going to take hold of the work and go to work for God and his church. A pastor said one day to the writer, "Bro. Baugher, I tried for two years on Sunday evenings to fill my church by using a lantern and using quite a number of pictures, and as you know I was trying to be popular and do like other worldly churches to get the crowd; but when I stopped showing pictures on Sunday evening I had only a small congregation to preach to, so I learned the good lesson that it was the pictures and not the gospel that brought them to church. When I got my eyes open I saw what was needed to draw and hold the people was something real. So I began to preach a whole gospel, hold up a Christ who is able to save from all sin and keep men saved. Today I have a house full of people who come to church to hear the gospel and worship God, and more, my church is spiritual, and our members are at work, and more souls were saved last year

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THE EFFECTIVE CHURCH.

(Continued from last week.)

“Poor Sunnyface! Without a murmur he is doing his best. But do you think it easy to smile while so many frown, or shout while so many groan? But the minister believes the day of miracle is not yet past, and is optimistic enough to hope for a miracle, a miracle of grace, at Pinchtown. Nothing short of that will enlarge shriveled souls, and open grasping hands, and make unselfish selfish lives, and win from Mammon his sordid devotees.”

This allegory has been recited to show that we can make our pastor's efforts fruitful or bring them to naught. The right sort of church can make any fifth-class preacher into one of the first magnitude. Your pastor mirrors in his work and looks the generosity or niggardliness of your Christian activity. You can't give your pastor loyal support and that fact remain a secret. It will out. Neither can you leave him alone to work out all the problems of the church and your negligence remain unknown. It, too, will out. Does our pastor look pinched? We pinched him. Does he seem poor and thin and amaciated? We starved him. Do his clothes shine? We shined them. We have, in large measure, just such pastors as we desire. Certainly we have such ones as we have made. Truly can we say of them, “Behold our handiwork.” So can also our pastors truly say of us, “Behold our handiwork.” We react on, we make, each other. But this much is true: we must have a good pastor or our church will decline. Let us do all we can to help our pastors achieve the best of which they are capable.

3. The effective church is composed of earnest Christian workers. Note that we did not say gifted workers, but earnest workers. Too many of us have our names enrolled on the Church book and then proceed as if everything had been settled, as if we had a through ticket to Heaven. We practice ease in Zion. Woe to those who practice ease in Zion! We don't give as much for all church purposes in a year as we squander in a day at the County or State Fair or the circus. We seldom go to Sunday school or prayer meeting, and when we do, take no part, but rather sit as knots on logs. We would never think of offering prayer in public or testifying for Christ or talking about his soul's salvation to our sinner neighbor. We have no family worship, we do not even read the Scriptures. We do not know the modern methods in Sunday school and church work and what is more to be deplored, we don't trouble ourselves to learn them. We take the church paper,

but we don't read it. We perhaps teach a Sunday school class, but we don't study the lesson. We are not in favor of this new-fangled thing called Teacher Training; it's too much trouble. As for Christian Endeavor, we will have none of it. We just can't see the need of Conference apportionments; what are they for anyway? Why should we be troubled about church work anyhow? Don't we pay the preacher to look after that matter? If he can't, why can't the deacons?

Thus we are inefficient members of an inefficient church. We are drones, not workers; excelsior, not machine oil; we hinder, we do not help, the kingdom of God. Nor will the giving of money alone suffice to make our church an effective one. We give far too little now, but were we to give twenty times as much and not give ourselves to Christian work, our church would still be ineffective. We can't go to Heaven by proxy; we cannot gain spiritual strength by hiring some one else to do our spiritual exercising for us. We might give large sums to feed the poor through the church and still be poorer spiritually than the washerwoman who gave not in money at all, but in herself, going in person to see those poorer or less fortunate than herself, carrying gladness and sunshine with her as she went. The church needs money and we need to give it, but it needs us ourselves more. This point is well brought out in an editorial in a recent number of the Outlook, from which we quote:

“A clergyman in one of the smaller cities received a call to a large metropolitan church which had been without a pastor for some time. He went on to look at the field, and the largeness of it attracted him at first. Then he began thinking, and asked a few questions. They were answered encouragingly as far as material assistance was concerned. Yes, workers among the poor were needed; the church would pay the salaries of several deaconesses, if he wanted them. Yes, any money needed for Sunday school equipment would be forthcoming, and the teachers would be paid, if necessary. Yes, the salaries of the kindergartners, physical directors, sewing and cooking teachers, etc., would be gladly supplied, if he desired to inaugurate institutional work. There was no trouble about money,—the church had plenty, and would finance anything willingly, if that was what he hesitated over.

“But men? Well, the answer was halting. The older men of the church were very busy men, driven hard by the demands of their large affairs. The

younger men were striving toward business success with all their might. The women were prominent in social life, and also hard driven. Some were in business, and were under constant strain. Besides, the distances were great, and, after coming to church regularly, not much more could be expected. There were some very active members. One woman, for example, was the president of the Home Missionary Society, the chairman of the Pastor's Aid Society, and teacher of the infant class. One man was president of the Men's Club, the superintendent of the Sunday-school, and the chairman of the Pew Committee. Twenty active, prominent women in the whole congregation? No, hardly that,—not prominent, at least. Twenty active, prominent men? No, there might be ten, if those attending to the business side of church affairs were counted in. But really, with such a good, strong, efficient staff as they proposed to give the pastor, what difference did it make in the end?

“The clergyman shook his head. ‘In my home church,’ he said, ‘I have men and women to help me who love the church and work for it. I have a paid worker or two, very valuable—in their special work. But they do not represent the personal equation. You offer me money,—money enough to buy all your Christian service done for you. I want men and women, not money.’ And he declined the call forthwith, on these grounds.

“Was he not wise? Yet how few churches today have a sufficient number of members who give personal service? The men, in many of them, have long ago thrown most of the work upon the women's shoulders. That was all very well when a woman's time was of no value, commercially speaking. But nowadays, when so many women of the ablest type are drawn into business life, church work suffers for lack of their volunteer energy and staying power, which used to be freely at its service any day in the week. All the paid specialists in the world can not make up the lack of personal consecration of each member to the service of God and man. It is not better doctrine the churches need today—it is the living sacrifice of their men and women in the name of Christ. To have one man fill three positions, each needing all the thought and effort he can spare—is that not crippling to each department? To have one woman bear three burdens of work, each of them asking for all the powers she can devote to it—is that not bound to spell failure for all around?

“The tendency toward the professional worker and the salary is not an unnecessary and gratuitous one. It comes

out of conditions that have no choice. where voluntary charity refuses to devote itself, professional workers must step in. Nobody questions their tremendous value and the thorough way in which they do things. But how about the men and women who are losing or refusing the chance to consecrate their lives to the service of the poor, the suffering, the oppressed? How about the spiritual life of the churches who are paying deaconesses and Sunday-school teachers to do what should be done by the members? All over America there are devoted workers who have given themselves to noble effort for God and man. Having money, having time, they have consecrated both, and their lives are blessed both to themselves and others in consequence. They are precious, but they are far too few. Is it not time for them to be reinforced, not by money in the plate, not by checks for institutions, but by the personal dedication of some of the rest of us?"

Will you become one of these to dedicate yourself? Will you get others of your church to do likewise? If so, we shall hope soon to have effective churches. For the consecration to God's work is ever honored and rewarded by him with generous prosperity, with exuberant growth, with expanding fruitfulness, with multiplying effectiveness and efficiency.

4. The effective church should have life. There should be some enthusiasm in its work, not only at the revival season, but all the time. There should be variety in the services. Not every service should open in the same way nor close in the same way. There should not be the same songs nor the same number of songs each time. There should not be the same prayers (I have heard of a prayer which was forty years old; prayers, unlike wine, do not improve with age); nor the same number of prayers, nor should there be a deadly uniformity as to where they are to come. There should be life, variety, enthusiasm in our worship. Formality is a killing frost, a deadly blight. Sameness is deadness. Variety is not only the spice of life; it is the evidence of life; it is life. A church that does everything in the same old way, no matter how excellent that way, is sooner or later to become ineffective. Let us have more enthusiasm, more vigor, more life in our church work and services. Life is effectiveness; lack of life is ineffectiveness.

5. The effective church should have vision. Vision is the keenest of the senses. It is a transforming power. It transforms the stick of the tottling boy into a gay, prancing horse; the rag-doll of the wee girl into a thing of life and

blood and feeling, a real baby. It will make a desert into an oasis; it will transform a wash-tub into a cathedral. I believe in castles in Spain; but for them there would be but few castles erected in America or anywhere else. We need some dreamers in our churches, men who dream dreams and see visions, see-ers, men who are not ashamed to be styled visionary, if thereby they may serve God and their fellow-men and up-build the kingdom. We need vision in religious matters as in secular affairs. It will remove narrowness, provincialism, from our churches. The church of vision is not content with merely keeping its own local affairs in good, working order. It looks beyond its own door-steps to the wide, wide world. It sees there the great work to be done and the paltry means with which to do it. It addresses itself to the task, and lo! the local affairs are better cared for than ever before. In self-forgetfulness the church of vision attains self-realization; it gets gain by forgetting it, a paradox this, but a living, vital, vitalizing, eternal truth. May God give us ministers, laymen, lay-women, churches of large, expanding vision, whose horizon is limited only by the orbit of the world of God's opportunity to serve. Then shall our churches become effective in their efforts, successful in their undertakings, for the Master.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

—Will not those whose times expire in December and January kindly send in their renewal? This will save us much time and expense in the office.

—Several who pledged themselves at Conference to help secure new subscribers for The Sun will receive extra papers this week with which to commence their work. We sincerely trust all these pledges will be met, which will mean much for The Sun.

—Miss Sudie G. McCauley, Chapel Hill, N. C., sends us a list of five new subscribers as a result of her pledge at the Eastern N. C. Conference in November to help increase The Sun's circulation. This was the outcome of a little effort prudently employed. What if one person in each of the more than two hundred churches of our Convention would do as this friend has done? Readers would see a better and a larger Christian Sun at an early date. And all this can be done.

—We learn from The Conshohocken Recorder that Rev. D. A. Keys, West Conshohocken, Pa., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the South Norfolk Christian Church and was to begin his engagement at the latter place Sunday, Jan. 7. We trust our South Norfolk

brethren are fortunate in the selection made, for Bro. Keys will find a willing and loyal band of supporters in this young and growing church. The Recorder speaks in high praise of Bro. Keys.

—We greet with great pleasure the Christian Primary Quarterly, edited by Rev. S. Q. Helfenstein, and published by the Christian Publishing Association, Dayton, Ohio. There has long been a need in our Sunday-schools for a primary quarterly and we are delighted that our House has at last supplied the demand.

—It may be a source of gratification to Sun readers to know that our book, "Preparing the Teacher," edited by Prof. W. A. Harper and others, and published by J. O. Atkinson for the Southern Christian Convention has been adopted and approved as a text book on Teacher Training, by the International Sunday school Association, and is properly classified in the catalogue of Sunday school books issued by the International Committee.

—The Sun sympathizes with its many subscribers, readers and dear friends in Holland, Va., who on Saturday night, Jan. 1, lost by fire much, in some instances nearly all, their earthly belongings. Seldom does a fire come so near destroying the business section of a town as in this instance. Out of more than twenty stores and business places, all were destroyed save one, and a large per cent of the town's population was rendered homeless by the flame. Brother I. A. Luke, Bro. Wilson Holland, and Bro. B. W. Council, all lost their large stores with extensive stock of goods, these being among the heaviest losers, though many others lost much or all. But Holland people are full of energy and enterprise, and we have no doubt but that in a few months even better business houses and dwellings will take the place of those destroyed.

—This is from The Burlington News of Jan. 5: "Rev. J. W. Holt, pastor of the Union Ridge Christian Church, was held up as he was leaving his pulpit last Sunday by his church member, who gave him a genuine pounding. He was presented with a purse of about \$20, and next day a wagon load of good things was taken to his home."

And yet Editor Crowson headed that "Rev. J. W. Holt in Trouble." Bro. Holt is not in trouble, and his good people at Union are not in trouble but all are happy over the great year with its gracious results they have shared together. The only one in trouble is Editor Crowson, because he himself being an editor, is never pounded like other folks. The envy of some people is unpardonable.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Exponent of the Young People's Convention,
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A Christian Endeavor Society in Every Church; Teacher-Training and Organized Classes in Every Sunday School

Devoted to the interest and advancement of Sunday Schools, Teacher-Training, Organized Classes, Cradle Roll, Home Department, Christian Endeavor, Missionary Societies, Temperance Societies, Aid Societies, Civic Righteousness.

W. A. HARPER, Editor and Field Secretary, Elon College, N. C.

[All notes and contributions for this Department should be sent to W. A. Harper, Elon College, N. C., who extends the Church at large a cordial invitation to furnish him with any note of interest to our Young People, particularly information in regard to any forward steps, new movement, or new organization looking to progressive and effective service. All items under this Department not signed are by its Editor and Field Secretary.]

THE ORGANIZED CLASS—ITS CHALLENGE.

Louis XIV, king of France, champion of the divine right of kings, was once upon a time being importuned by his ministers to grant certain desirable legislation. They had seemingly failed, when one of them urged a reconsideration on the ground that the people demanded it. The burly old king scornfully blurted out, "**The people; the people; I am the people.**" Much the same has occurred in our Sunday schools. We have talked so much about the importance of the teacher,—and I am the last to belittle that office,—that we have lost sight of the pupil. In the primary and intermediate grades, I am a firm believer in the divine rights of teachers, but when it comes to adult classes, to classes with ages ranging from 16 to 70 and beyond, then the teacher's autocracy needs modification. This the Organized Class recognizes and provides for.

The Organized Class issues a challenge to the old dictum, "The teacher is the class," by positing the proposition, "The teacher and the pupils are the class." In many classes of adults there is no regular teacher, but the various members are appointed as teachers from week to week. This experiment may work very well to begin with, but it ought soon to reveal the best available teacher and result in his choice as permanent teacher. It takes a rudder and a keel both to a ship; so it takes both a regular teacher and pupils to make a class that is to pursue a definite aim and have continuity of plan and purpose.

The Organized Class in the Sunday school answers the same demand as democracy in government; it is a democratic class. It puts down the one man power and enthrones the masses. It ushers out the autocrat and ushers in

the democrat. It makes the masses sovereigns and of their rulers servants. Thus it is scriptural, for the Master said "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." The pity is that the idea was so late in arriving in our Sunday school practice. The reform in government began a century and a half ago. The reform in the Sunday school began only about two decades ago, but has wrought a revolution for good everywhere it has been introduced. We shall need to be careful in our enthronement of the pupils not to do violence to the teacher,—else we shall have anarchy rather than democracy in the Sunday school teacher and the anarchy of the Sunday school class, I would by all means choose the former; but luckily we are forced to do neither—for the Organized Class, rightly understood and judiciously administered, is a veritable democracy in which the rights and duties of the rulers and the ruled, of the teachers and the taught, are clearly recognized and defined.

"We grant the importance of the teacher, but we insist on the rights of the pupils in the government and policy of the adult class,"—this is the challenge of the Organized Class to the Sunday school world. The Sunday school world has acceded to this proposition, believing that the teacher will not be minimized, but magnified, not crippled, but strengthened for his work, by sharing the old time autocratic powers that pertained to his office with his pupils, by merging the divine right of teachers into the divine right of the class, by developing a genuine democracy in the Lord's work.

Standard of Organization for Adult Bible Classes.

The Intermediate Sunday school Association has adopted the following standard of organization for Adult Bible Classes, whether for men or for women or for both. This standard represents the minimum of organization rather than the maximum.

1. The Class shall be definitely connected with some Sunday schools.

2. The Class shall have the following officers: Teacher, President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It shall have at least three standing com-

mittees, as follows: Membership, Devotional, and Social. It is not required that these committees be known by these names, but that the class have three committees which are responsible for these three kinds of work.

3. The class shall consist of members who are sixteen years of age or over.

3. To this standard I should like to see a fourth requirement added: **That the class must study the Bible or a course of study taken from or based on the Bible.**

C. E. TOPIC FOR JANUARY 16—A FEW SUGGESTIONS.

Candles Under Bushels: Matt. 5:13-16.

The Leader.—The leader should be careful in his remarks to define the various forms that the bushel may take in concealing our Christian candle. Some of these bushels: timidity, false modesty, fear of others, discouragement, lack of confidence in Christ, laziness, doubt, selfishness, jealousy of others, lack of interest, etc. He should then show how these bushels may be removed and the candle allowed to beam forth in all its splendor. If his Society is suffering from any of these bushels, let him boldly say so, not in the spirit of fault finding, but of genuine desire to be helpful.

The Scripture.—Have four young ladies each repeat from memory a verse, and have four young men each comment for a minute on each verse.

Question Spurs.—(To come in as voluntary participation):

Why are Christians called the salt of the earth?

Why are Christians called the light of the world?

What bushel has my light been hid under? (Give to several).

How can our light shine in society?

How can our light shine in the home?

How can our light shine in the school?

How can our light shine in the church?

What will keep our lights bright?

How may we help others' lights to shine?

What reward comes to those whose light shines?

Scripture References.—(To come in under voluntary participation and to be read without announcement):

- The Bushel of Ease, Amos 6:1-6.
 The Bushel of Fear, Matt. 26:56,70.
 The Bushel of Pride, I Tim. 3:6.
 The Bushel of Worldliness, 2 Tim. 4:10.
 The Bushel of Avarice, Prov. 15:27.
 The Bushel of Lust, Heb. 13:16.
 The Bushel of Temptation, I Tim. 3:7.
 The Bushel of Greed, Jude 1:11.
 The Bushel of Discouragement, I Kings 19:4.
 The Bushel of Doubt, 2 Chron. 16:7.
 The Bushel of Cowardice, Matt. 26:58.
 The Light That Failed, Jude 1:6.
 The True Work of a Candle, Phil. 2:15.

Essay Work.—Have a three-minute essay on Christian Endeavor and Light-bearing; another on Missions as Disseminators of Christian Light.

The Pastor.—Let him show the appropriateness of the metaphor "light" to represent the beneficent influence of the Christian in the world.

Suggested Program.

1. Chain of prayer. Song or two on Light.
2. Scripture, as suggested above.
3. Leader's remarks.
4. Special music.
5. Lord's prayer in concert.
6. Voluntary participation, including answers to Question Spurs and reading of Scripture References with comment, but voluntarily performed.
7. Prayer by leader.
8. Pastor's five minutes.
9. Essay work.
10. Pledge in concert.
11. Song. Offering. Mizpah.

ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

—Monday evening, January 3rd. The holiday vacation ends today. The College community has been very quiet, but is taking on considerable newness of life as the students return with a sprinkle of new ones among them. The College opens tomorrow for the long stretch to June with a brief vacation at Easter.

—Among the visitors during the holidays, we met, of the Elon Alumni, Miss Jennie Herndon who was at home for a few days from Greenville, N. C., where she is teaching; Prof. R. C. Cox, who has a prosperous school at Mt. Gilead; Mr. V. C. Pritchette, who is doing post-graduate work at the University of North Carolina; Mr. J. A. Vaughn, engaged in post-graduate study at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, New York; Mr. C. E. Pritchette, book-keeper in Greenville, South Carolina; and Mr. N. F. Brannock, member of the Elon Faculty on leave of absence this year to do post-graduate work at Johns Hopkins University.

—Rev. L. E. Smith, member of the Senior Class, who was called to his home at LaGrange, Georgia, shortly before Christmas on account of the illness of his father, mother and brother, returned Dec. 30. His father and mother died, but his brother is recovering. Mr. Smith will endeavor to graduate with his class notwithstanding the extreme bereavement, and the fact that he is serving four churches as pastor.

—Rev. J. W. Wellons passed his eighty-fourth birthday Jan. 1. He is unusually sprightly, being able throughout the holidays to dine out almost every day regardless of the extremely cold weather.

—The Elon Banking and Trust Company has rented the Christian Sun office, the Sun office having been moved to a room which it formerly occupied on the third floor of the main college building. The Bank opened its doors for business at ten o'clock today. The deposits at the hour of closing had run up to over twenty-one hundred dollars. It was not generally known that the Bank would commence business today. If a little bank with only \$5,000 capital stock can draw money from hiding at this rate under the poorly advertised opening of this bank, it ought not to be so hard to collect accounts as many business men are finding it. The officers of the Bank are: O. B. Barnes, President; H. C. Pollard, Vice President; J. Fletcher Somers, Cashier. The directors are: O. B. Barnes, G. S. Watson, H. C. Pollard, L. I. Cox, J. B. Geringer, J. C. McAdams, W. P. Lawrence, with two others to be elected later.

—Rev. L. I. Cox did not get to his appointment at Mt. Bethel last Sunday being detained at home by the illness of two of his children. Both are slightly improved now.

—Mrs. J. C. McAdams has been ill several days from an extreme case of grip.

—Rev. E. L. Staek and family stopped over here one night on their way to Lillington, N. C., where he goes as pastor of the Lillington circuit of the Methodist Episcopal church, which church he left the Western North Carolina Christian Conference to join, last fall.

—Mr. J. A. Auman, wife and little son, Euclid, and Mrs. E. R. Yow of Seagrove, N. C., spent a few days here visiting relatives.

—Mr. Duncan Cook and family, of Franklinton, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Boon of Durham, Miss Rich of the eastern part of the State, and Mr., Mrs. S. C. Hobby and daughter, Miss Mary, of Raleigh, were others among those who visited relatives and friends during the holidays.

—Now is an opportune time to speak a word for Elon to the young man or young woman about to decide to enter a good school for the spring term.

W. P. Lawrence.

[Crowded out last week.]

WILLING TO BE ACCURATE.

Any one can be accurate who will. For accuracy is not a matter of ability, but of will-power. Some may have a natural inclination to that habit of mind which insists on knowing, rather than guessing or supposing, that one's work is as it should be; and others may lack any natural inclination to this. But mere inclination ought never to decide our duty-doing; and rigid, uncompromising accuracy is a duty that God lays upon us all. The person who goes through life turning out work which he thinks is all right, when he might, if he would make the effort, always know that it is right before it is allowed to leave his hands, is steadily making for himself a regulation that will bar him from front-rank place in any calling. Time and effort saved at the cost of accuracy are a saving that is a dead loss. —S. S. Times.

THE BEST SALVATION.

Christ would save, not only our souls, but our lives. He would have us more interested, just now, in what he can do for us here than hereafter. If, having given ourselves to Christ, we concern ourselves little with learning how to live the Christ-life while we are in the body, the salvation that we attain will certainly be robbed of some of its blessings. Some who cherish the hope of salvation seem to expect it to come at the end of a misspent life, instead of its making for them a life of purpose and service on earth. Whatever may be the future of those who seek this sort of salvation, it is plain that their present life is a betrayal of the Master whom they profess to serve. Not the saving of a wreck, but the prevention of a wreck, is the greatest blessing Christ can offer; and we dishonor his name when we reject his best. —S. S. Times.

—Mrs. Josephine Dudley, sister of explorer Frederick Cook's wife, has issued a statement to the effect that Cook is in hiding, and is being kept in quiet, because he is a nervous wreck, and that when well he will be able to defend himself against stories discrediting his claim to the discovery of the North Pole.

—President Taft summarily dismissed from office Jan. 7, Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, for reputed insubordination in office.

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Important Notice.—As readers will see, The Christian Sun is now published at Greensboro, N. C. The office of publication there is 302½ South Elm Street. Our editorial office, however, remains at Elon College, N. C., to which all letters and communications to the Editor should be addressed, as heretofore.

THE EVANGEL FOR THE PRESENT.

Even he who runs may read one fact of this new century, writ large on every page of the history now making. A thousand events conspire to make this salient fact known, to wit: Manly men and merciful angels are uniting their strength, and combining their endeavor, to evangelize the world within the life time of men and women now living. This stupendous task may not be accomplished, and yet heroic endeavor will do much to carry in that direction, and to that superb achievement.

First of all every preacher of true righteousness is beginning to see and feel that evangelism is the watchword of the hour. It has been tested, and proven beyond all question, that a Christless gospel is an empty and meaningless term. The man who preaches science and theory and dry dogmatism preaches to empty pews, or is out of a job. He who lives closest to the Christ, and reveals in his life and preaching the most of Christ, is the man who is accounted of most usefulness and power in this day. Dry-as-dust sermons on dry-as-dust themes are classified with last year's almanacs, and are as little sought and heeded.

Secondly, efforts at evangelism are meeting with success as never before. A few years ago when Moody preached and woke up a city, the whole country was amazed; today a dozen Moodys—Chapman, Torrey, Gipsy Smith, etc. etc.—go from city to city, each having as many converts as Moody in his best days, and the act is counted as a matter of course. People laugh at “new religions,” and “ethical awakenings” are counted as shadowy dreams. In

short, genuine evangelism is successful today as never before, and those in the van of such work are inspired with hope and promise as never in the past.

Thirdly, the subject and claim of missions are gaining attention as never before. Where a thousand was contributed for missions, tens of thousands are willingly contributed now. The intelligent laymen of the land are aroused, and besides throwing their business methods into this important matter, are giving their millions of money as well. “The world for Christ in this generation” is becoming the slogan of the day, and millions of burdened and anxious hearts are praying to God daily for that grand and glad consummation. Every Sun reader, every professed follower of Christ, should join, with all zeal and fervency, in this great effort to evangelize the world in this generation.

FORERUNNERS OF CIVILIZATION.

It has been the contention, of those who have observed most closely, that the missionary blazed the way of civilization and of progress. The superficial and unthinking have often denied this. It has been contended that one school teacher could do more in a pagan country than half dozen preachers, and that a telegraph line was worth more than a whole conference of churches.

Such claims are based on ignorance. The faithful preacher made the teacher and the telegraph system possible in every pagan land. The banner of the Cross waved in the van and others have followed.

We are wondering how the biased and prejudiced get around the declarations on this theme recently made by President Taft in his Carnegie Hall speech in New York Dec. 13. Our Chief Executive made clear his position as touching Christian missions and sent forth a “call for advance in the evangelization of the world.” The President declared and reiterated the fact that “Christian missions are the nucleus and pyramid of our civilization,” and emphasized the present need of “an aggressive, pushing, practical Church militant.” The country at large certainly knows how our President stands upon this all important theme of missions. He takes a forward step and calls upon the country to go forward in the great work of missions.

Answering another objection, President Taft said, “I have heard missions criticized. I have heard men say that they would not contribute to foreign missions at all; that we have wicked people enough at home, and we might just as well leave the foreign natives and sav-

ages to pursue their own happy lives in the forests and look after our own who need a great deal of ministrations, but I have come to regard that as narrow-minded. The man who says it is one who does not understand the things which God has provided for the elevation of the human race. The missionaries in China, the missionaries in Africa, are the forerunners of our civilization, and without them we would have no hope of courting the love and admiration and the respect of the millions of people that we hope to bring under the influence of Christian civilization.”

The great concourse of people that assembled in Carnegie Hall applauded the President's noble utterances, for all felt instinctively that they were true. The real enemy to Christian missions has always been narrow-mindedness, that is to say, ignorance and prejudice.

PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATIONS.

Nothing illuminates sermon, public discourse or conversation like apt and fitting illustrations. Many minds are of such turn and tendency that illustrations come naturally and easily. But not all minds are so, not even most minds are illustrative in tendency. All such need help from sources beyond their own observation and experience. There are many books filled with illustrations of a very helpful kind, but we have examined none which, in our judgment, surpasses “Three Thousand Practical Illustrations in Religion and Morals,” gathered and arranged by J. H. Bomberger, D.D., and published in a neatly bound volume of 450 pages by The Central Publishing House, Cleveland, Ohio. The indexes are copious and well arranged, making it easy to find an illustration on a desired topic. These illustrations have the saving grace of illustrating. They are pointed, pungent, pithy. They are not cheap anecdotes to make people laugh, but gems of illustrative truth to make people think. We regard this as a very valuable book indeed.

—This from The Norfolk Landmark, Sunday 9th: “Rev. David A. Keys, of Conshohocken, Pa., who recently accepted a call offered him at South Norfolk Christian (Disciples) Church, has arrived and will take up his duties this Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.” The esteemed Landmark, so often correct, made an egregious blunder by inserting that parenthesis with its contents, and revealed entire ignorance of the situation. Bro. Keys is the pastor of the South Norfolk Christian Church, which is altogether a different church from that of the “Disciples.”

SYNOPSIS OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRUSTEE MEETING.

The meeting was held at Dayton, Ohio, and was attended by all the members with the exception of Rev. G. W. Lawrence, who had a good reason for not being present.

Visiting brethren present a part of the time were Rev. J. E. Etter, Troy, Ohio; Rev. W. D. Samuel, Piqua, Ohio; Rev. B. F. Vaughan, Centerville, Ohio; Rev. H. J. Rhodes, Franklin, Ohio; Rev. J. G. Bishop and Rev. O. W. Powers.

It was decided to publish the lectures of Rev. J. J. Summerbell on the History of the Church of the First Six Centuries; their publication was asked for by some who had heard them delivered, and the manuscript is kindly and freely given by the author to the Association. It is hoped to make the volume a textbook for use in our colleges.

The Committee on Memoirs reported as follows:

Whereas, Our venerable and honored brother, Rev. Thomas M. McWhinney, D.D., for three years editor and publishing agent of the Herald of Gospel Liberty; for several terms a trustee of the Christian Publishing Association; an eloquent and successful preacher of the Christian denomination for many years; an author of several books and, withal, a highly respected citizen, has been summoned to his heavenly home since our last annual meeting, at the ripe age of eighty-five years, seven months and eleven days, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the trustees of the Christian Publishing Association, hereby record our appreciation of his valuable service in connection with this Association, while we express our sympathy with surviving members of his family in the loss which they have sustained, together with our thankfulness that they have the consolation of the blessed gospel in this experience, and the assurance of a glad reunion on the immortal shore.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution be spread upon our records, and that the secretary be instructed to send a copy of the same to Mrs. McWhinney.

The usual appropriations for the different departments were made, and a new No. 10 Remington typewriter for use in the editor's office was purchased.

The statement of the Auditing Committee, on another page of this issue, shows the financial side of the Association's work. Turn to it and study it.

It was voted to pay one-fourth of the expenses of Editor Barrett to the World's Missionary Conference at Edinburgh, Scotland, next June, to represent our church.

Steps were taken to aid O. W. Powers in his Ministerial-Church Bureau work—the getting together pastorless church and churchless pastor.

The trustees will visit the conferences this year on the same plan as last year.

The new Christian Hymnary has received such a warm welcome by our people that a second edition of 2,000 has been ordered. The text from the American Standard edition of the Revised Bible is to be given the first place in our Sunday-school Quarterlies.

The secretary of the Christian Publishing Association is to be the editor of the 1911 "Christian Annual," and is instructed to have it on sale by December, 1910 "whether the reports of conferences and departments are all in or not." (It may be well for some to make a note of this).

Notes.

1. The business is in a prosperous condition, but it can be made better.

2. The trustees met for business, and accomplished much in a little while.

3. The blessing of God was asked upon each session, and all felt its presence.

4. As an Association we are beginning to see where much help may be rendered to the church at large; the debt is getting very small, and the prospects for business and usefulness are good.

5. For the remainder of this Quadrennium, the Watchword of the Christians is to be: Advance! Advance! and the editor of the Herald of Gospel Liberty, and each trustee, is asked to write one or more articles along this line.

Henry Crampton, Sec.

411 West 7th St., Erie, Pa.

NORFOLK LETTER.

I suppose my letter last week reached you too late to get to the printers in time for the last week's issue. I will try and have them leave Norfolk a little earlier in the future.

Norfolk has been experiencing some rather severe, and suddenly changeable, weather during the past few days. Although Sunday morning was raining and snowing, Sunday school at the Third Church was good, having almost an average number in attendance.

Rev. Daniel A. Keys, who had been elected as pastor of the Third Church, arrived in the city Friday evening. He filled the pulpit at South Norfolk at 11 o'clock Sunday. At the Third Church in the afternoon at three o'clock, he preached a strong sermon, which was well received by a large congregation. He will be with us at the Third Church at the regular Wednesday evening prayer meeting, and preach for us Sunday afternoons until first or June, at which time Rev. A. M. Hansom is expected

to arrive in the city to take charge of the work permanently.

Brother Keys is a man of about middle age, has had quite a good many years' experience in the active ministry in another denomination, but now proposes to unite with the Eastern Virginia Conference, and throw his life and energy for the Master, through the avenue and medium of the Christian Church. He comes to us highly recommended as a deeply spiritual man, and a good, strong, consecrated preacher. There seems to be great opportunity at the present time at South Norfolk for a man of his ability to accomplish a good work. His family will come later, probably about the first of April.

The Third Church elected as delegates to the State Anti-Saloon League meeting which will be held in Richmond the latter part of this week, T. J. Lawrence and the writer. The Sunday school elected as delegate to the same meeting, T. E. Porter.

A petition is being circulated by the Anti-Saloon League to the Legislature calling them to enact a bill, calling for a vote on the subject of State-wide prohibition. It is receiving many signatures. I hope that the bill will be passed, that the election will be called, and that prohibition will become effective in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The people of the Memorial Temple report a fine day yesterday. I heard it said in the afternoon by one of the older members of the Temple, that Bro. Howsare preached one of the best sermons at the eleven o'clock service that they had ever heard preached in the Temple. They have their regular monthly meeting of the Missionary Society now, in connection with the evening service. At that service, Brother Howsare spoke on the subject, "A Comparative Study of the Religions of the World." There were seven new members added to the Missionary Society. A large congregation, including many strangers, was present.

J. W. Manning.

—From Suffolk correspondence to Norfolk Virginian Pilot, Jan. 5: "The Twentieth Century Baraca Bible Class of the Suffolk Christian church elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Teacher, H. Woodward; President, M. M. Watkins; Vice-president, R. C. Harrell; Assistant secretary, J. M. Darden; Treasurer, D. C. Lewis; Collector, A. S. Pierce. This class has a membership of 150 men and is in a flourishing condition. The collections for the year just ended amounted to \$400, and the attendance for the year was close to 3,000."

**THE CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE
DEPARTMENT.**

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

The Band of Cousins.

Jas. L. Foster, Sec., Elon College, N. C.

"He that hath pity on the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and his good deed will He pay him again."—Prov. 19:17.

Reported last week\$5,439.16

Monthly Dues:

Wm. Staley Cheatham ..\$	.10
J. Newman Denton .....	.10
S. E. Denton, Jr. ....	.10
Susie Watson .....	.10
T. E. Brickhouse, Jr. ...	1.20
Minnie Highsmith .....	.10
Shelton Morgan .....	.10
Clyde Morgan .....	.10
Nannie Hallad .....	.10
Lester Morgan .....	.10

Monthly S. S. Offering:

Linville, Va.	1.16
Bethlehem Valley, Va. ..	1.29
Henderson, N. C.	3.00
Spring Hill Va., Birth- day Offering	5.29

Thanksgiving and

Christmas Offering:

T. E. Brickhouse, Jr. ..	5.00
Catawba Springs Church	8.61
New Lebanon	3.20
Apples Chapel additional	1.20
Howards Chapel	1.45
Parks Cross Roads	5.50
Monticello, N. C.	5.55
A Friend, Raleigh, N. C.	5.00
Ladies' Aid Society, Nor- folk Chureh	25.00
Erie Pa., additional ....	.20
New Lebanon Ch., Va. ..	10.50
Beulah, Ala.	6.50
New Harmony, Ala.	8.70
Centerville ch.	4.80
Main St., Durham, N. C.	11.10
Mrs Cora Herriek	1.00
Hines Chapel ch.	5.30
Berea N. C. ch.	3.00
Brown's Chapel church .	1.75
Suffolk, Va., ch.	70.00

Special Offerings:

Rev. C. M. Dollar	1.20
R. W. York, sale of pic. .	1.20
Holt and May	10.00
Alamance Ins. Co., Guar- dians (support of Mit- chell children)	20.00
Amt. 50th week, 1909	228.60

Total\$5,667.76

Elon College, N. C., Jan. 5, 1910.

My Dear Children and Friends:—

Again we have a fine report, giving

us a splendid total, and next week will close all 1909 reports and accounts and give the Grand Total for the year! How much shall it be? Still there are quite a number of churches that have made no offering.

We are compelled to leave off our comments on the good things and liberal cash contributions for lack of space. The orphans join me in thanking the dear good friends who sent money and gifts to them for Christmas. They have enjoyed themselves and been happy.

The following special donations have been received:

Mr. E. T. Holland, Holland, Va., \$5. (Christmas present for the children). Mrs. Irene Weldon, for the Juvenile Missionary Auxiliary of the First Christian Church, Conneaut, Ohio, 1 box of toys and \$2.00.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Porterville Christian Church at Eaton, Ill., by Mrs. L. L. Wilson, Robinson, Ill., 1 box bedding.

Mrs. E. J. Brickhouse, Norfolk, Va., Christmas present to the children, \$5.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie H. Stevens, Henderson, N. C., 11 dolls, Christmas presents for little girls.

Prof. Stout, Elon College, N. C., Christmas present for the children, \$1.

Mr. J. A. Long, Graham, N. C., 1½ bu. apples.

Mr. A. T. Leath, Burlington, N. C., 1 shovel for office.

The C. E. Society of Burlington, N. C. by Mrs. W. H. Carroll, 31 Christmas sacks containing presents etc. for each child.

Mr. S. T. Moffitt, Ramseur, N. C., 10 gal. home-made syrup.

Mr. T. E. Brickhouse,, Norfolk, Va., 1 bbl. apples.

Pleasant Union, N. C. Church, 1 box full of good things for Christmas.

Ladies' Aid Society, Bethlehem, N. C. Christian Church, by Rev. C. C. Peel, 1 nice box full of useful articles.

Pleasant Ridge N. C. Christian church, 3 bu. wheat, 2½ bu. corn, ¼ bbl. flour.

Just a glance at the lists of offerings from all sections and all kinds of gifts will show how the sympathy for the work is growing. May God bless each one and enable them to feel the good they have done by the liberal help given.

Final report next week.

With great hope for the new year I am
Yours sincerely for work.

Uncle Jim.

Taro, Va., Dec. 30, 1909.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

I will write and send my dime for the last time this year.

I hope Santa was as good to the or-

phans and cousins as he was to me. He brought me a book mark with the Lord's prayer engraved on it, a pair of gloves, locket with some confectioneries and fire works besides many presents. We have a tree and the parlor is decorated in running cedar.

It snowed here almost all of Christmas day, and a little since.

With best wishes to you and the orphanage for a happy new year,

Yours truly,

Susie Roach Watson.

We all had a delightful Christmas, Susie, and are now ready for school and study.

Spies, N. C., Jan. 1, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

I am 11 years old. Papa gave me 10c. to send to the little children who have no papa.

Lester Morgan.

Cannot you send a nickle or a dime every month, Lester?

Spies, N. C., Jan. 1, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

My name is Shelton. I am only 6, but I can send 10c. to you. I will be bigger some time, then I will give more to you. I will be a man sometime.

Shelton Morgan.

Hope you will write often, Shelton, to our corner.

ChIPLEY, Ga., Jan. 3, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

I want to join the band of little cousins. I hope you are well and the little cousins are the same.

I am going to school now, and am in the fifth reader. Miss Effie Iseley is my teacher.

I saw you at Richland, and I hope you had a fine time down there. I had a good old time. Love to all of the cousins.

Your friend,

Minnie Highsmith.

Welcome, Minnie, we are anxious to have the South well represented this year.

305 Claiborne Ave., Norfolk, Va.
Dec. 30, 1909.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

Enclosed you will find money order of \$1.20 to pay dues to Jan. 1st, also a Christmas offering. Hope you had a merry Christmas.

With love,

T. E. Brickhouse, Jr.

Thanks, little man. Wish we had 500 cousins who would send as much as \$1.00 a year, don't you?

Spies, N. C., Jan. 1, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

I am an orphan myself, living with my uncle. He gave me 10c. to send to your children. It will help some. I am 13 years old and have plenty to eat. Hope you all have plenty to eat.

Nannie Hallad.

Welcome, Nannie. If you could see how fat some of the children are you would think they had plenty.

Spies, N. C., Jan. 1, 1910.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

Papa gave me 10c. to give your children who have no papa and mama. I would love to see your children. I am 8 years old.

Clyde Morgan.

Thanks, Clyde. Be sure to keep up your interest.

Franklinton, N. C., Dec. 20, 1909.

Dear Uncle Jim:—

My! how fast the months come round! Time to weigh again and send my dime. I am usually a day ahead of time in weighing, if not in sending my dime. I weighed 17 pounds yesterday. When I was younger, I had to be weighed every week. They usually wrapped me in a blanket and laid me in my hamper tray and put that on grandma's scales and then deducted the blanket and tray. Now they swing me above the bed, pinned in a piece of cloth. I am a great kicker. but I keep still for that performance.

Uncle Duncan Cook's family spent yesterday here and I had a happy time with William and Mary Melissa. But all were sad when they left, for they are going back to Virginia to live.

I was invited to spend my first Thanksgiving with them, but Nannie Baker and Macie Farmer didn't come until the week after, so we spent the following Friday there. And I fell in love with Nannie Baker and Macie because they entertained me so nicely, just like their papa used to play with mother, when she lived in Graham. And they didn't let me fall down stairs either.

When grandpa came home in November I didn't recognize him. I forgot about his beard. But we kissed and made up before he left.

What do you think, mother went off and left me all day last Thursday. She went to Raleigh and had teeth filled.

The last Sunday in November mother and Aunt Annie took me to Oak Level Sunday school and I put in my penny and behaved beautifully through the singing and until class was over. And then mother went with me and my little colored nurse, Martha, to see a sick lady, near there.

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Uncle Jim, I am afraid I write too much, but you see I'm king here at grandma's, and I have so much to tell you. Grandma sent for a photographer to take our picture as there are four generations here.—Great grandma Rebekah Peatee, Grandma Staley, mother and I. Mother says I look like a commanding officer in the group; for I am the first and only boy in all the generations.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

William Staley Cheatham.

If you don't mind, William Staley, you will be a man before you know it. Would love so much to see the 4 generations.

Pine Apple, Ala., Dec. 28, 1909

Dear Uncle Jim:—

Santa came and made us happy. We feel sure he did the same for you, the cousins and the orphans with you. We send our dimes with love and best wishes for a happy new year.

Your little boys,

J. Newman Denton.

S. E. Denton, Jr.

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than any year of my seven years as pastor." Beloved, nothing will take the place of religion. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin. Men are trying to substitute many things in order to please the worldly-minded in the church. Back to God and the Bible should be the cry. Get right with God is the need of the hour. Try religion, and a whole gospel and a full salvation and see if it does not work better in your church. Daniel 12:10, we read, "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried." God wants to sanctify and make his people holy, pure and clean. Some men get in the pulpit and tell a lot of jokes, and make folks laugh, and some unsaved man or woman in the church will rise up and say, "That was a good sermon," when nothing had been said to appeal to the heart or help people to see the awfulness of sin. It is much harder to get a man in the church converted than a sinner out of the church. The infidels we need to fear are in the church (at least their names are on the church roll) not out side.

We enjoy Dr. W. W. Staley each week in the Sun on "Studies in the Book of Amos." Doctor, when you complete the Book of Amos, give us a message from 2 Kings 31:13.

Since I began to write, my mail has been delivered this morning, and this sad message I find in one letter, "My people have turned me down because I preached Holiness, and I must look for another job." God has a place for that preacher because he is a man of God and a great gospel preacher. But worldly dead people can not see the need of the higher life. Christ is able to give his children if they are willing to pay the price and give up sin and consecrate all to God. The man who smokes or chews always opposes holiness and cleanliness, the man with impure motive, the moderate drinker, the liar, all fight perfect love, or sanctification, because they do not want to give up all sin. I heard a man preach a sermon in which He told the people to be clean, and filled his pipe, lighted it at the church door, and walked home with friends puffing away, not practicing what he had preached. James says, 3:17, "First pure." We congratulate the South Norfolk Christian church, Norfolk, Va., in securing Rev. D. A. Keys of West Conshohocken, Pa., as pastor. I have been personally acquainted with him for nearly four years. He is a man of good character, a clean, holy man of God, and an able preacher, a man who is a leader in church work. He is a man who is

able to preach and measure up to the ability of any of the great preachers of other denominations. He is a man who is beloved by all who know him. Bro. Keys has been greatly blessed in evangelistic work, and has served churches for five and six years at one pastorate in the city of Philadelphia, Lebanon, Pa. His work has been owned and blessed of God. The Eastern Virginia Conference will be delighted to have such an able preacher to become a member of the conference. Bro. Keys preaches a full salvation, and knows what sanctification means, and what God is able to do for men and women. As secretary of the Ministerial Union here I must say that I never worked with a minister that was so pleasant and agreeable to work with as Bro. Keys. He leaves a host of friends here who wish him great success in his new field of labor in the city of Norfolk.

S. L. Baugher.

Berea (Nansemond).

The Sunday school had Christmas tree exercises on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, 1909. A splendid program of songs and recitations by the children was well executed. The decorations were beautiful. Old Santa Claus was very generous in his gifts. He remembered the pastor by presenting a purse of fifteen dollars in gold from the Sunday school. Bro. W. H. Brinkley also presented to me a nice blanket for "Dan," my faithful horse. I wish to express my thanks for these generous expressions of esteem, and also to Bros. G. B. Robertson, F. L. Jones, J. S. Peel and John Copeland for presents and special favors.

I. W. Johnson.

MARRIED.

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Gay-Joyner.

Near Isle of Wight Court House the last of October, 1909, Mr. J. Gay and Miss E. Joyner. May their lives be beautiful and happy.

J. T. K.

Hedgepeth-Duck.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Dec. 30, 1909, Mr. Wm. B. Hedgepeth and Miss Lou C. Duck. A number of neighbors and friends had gathered to witness the ceremony. The couple will reside at the groom's home in North Carolina. May their lives be useful and happy.

R. H. Peel.

Grissom-Oakley.

Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26, 1909, at my residence, Henderson, N. C., I married Mr. Ed. Grissom and Miss Lizzie Oakley. Mr. Grissom is a farmer and

the son of Bro. John Grissom of Fuller's Church. His bride is the daughter of Mr. Oakley, Supt. of the Vance County Home. May they be useful and happy.

C. E. Newman.

Newton-Eaves.

On the evening of Dec. 23, 1909, at Liberty Christian Church, Vance Co., N. C., a very pretty marriage was witnessed when Mr. Robert Newton led to the hymeneal altar Miss Bulah Eaves, both of Franklin Co. The church was tastily decorated. The ushers were Messrs. Percy Duke, Frank Ayseue, Joe Smith, and David Vaughn. The waiters entered in the following order: Mr. Davy Dickie with Miss Margelie Ayseue, Mr. Joe Winn with Miss Mary Fuller, Mr. Tollie Ayseue with Miss Onnie Thomas, Mr. Charlie Eaves with Miss Carrie Winn. Miss Bulah Gooch was flower girl. Mr. Joe Mitchell was best man and Miss Earl Duke bridesmaid. The writer officiated, using the ring ceremony. Mr. Wood is a wood and iron workman and runs a general repair business at Epsom. He is well thought of because of his industry, integrity and jovial disposition. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. Ben Eaves and has always been one of the most active workers in Liberty church. She is at present a teacher in the Sunday-school and active in Christian Endeavor Society. They will reside at Epsom.

May a Heavenly Father direct and prosper them.

C. E. Newman. . .

Price-Travis.

Near Sedley, Va., Dec. 26, 1909, Mr. Joseph Price, an industrious and business young man of Dendron, Va., and Miss Irene E. Travis, the beautiful and popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. and Lelia M. Travis, of Southampton, Va., were united in marriage. The parlor had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. Several young friends attended them, while Miss Pattie Winfield rendered a lovely wedding march. They were attired in a very attractive and becoming way. They will reside in Dendron, Va. May happiness and prosperity attend them.

J. T. Kitchen.

Cotton-Welden.

On Dec. 19, in the beautifully decorated parlor of David Weldon, Mr. H. M. Cotton of S. C. led to hymen's altar the beautiful and popular daughter, Miss Carrie Weldon, who at one time was a student at Elon College. Quite a number of her friends assembled to witness the ceremony. May richest blessings attend them through life. They

boarded the evening train at Henderson for Raleigh to spend the night and from thence to S. C., where they will spend a few weeks, thence to Georgia, their future home.

W. T. Herndon.

Kite-Louderback.

At the home of the bride, Newport, Page County Virginia, December 1st, Mr. Fred C Kite and Miss Ettie Florence Louderback were united in marriage by the writer. The bridal couple were attended by Mr. Raymond Printz and Miss Essie Louderback, sister of the bride, and Mr. Fred Koontz and Ethel Printz.

A small number of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony, after which all repaired to the dining room where a sumptuous dinner was served.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Kite, a highly respected citizen of Page County. The bride, who is the organist at Newport Christian church, is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Louderback. The former is the faithful church clerk and Sunday school superintendent at the above church.

We join with the many in wishing the young couple a long and happy life.

W. T. Walters.

Miller-McDonald.

In Winchester, Va., Nov. 24th, Mr. Ira T. Miller and Miss Nora G. McDonald were united in holy wedlock, the ceremony being performed by the writer.

The couple returned the next day to Hampshire County, W. Va., where the groom is a prosperous farmer.

They have our best wishes for health and happiness.

W. T. Walters.

Bennett-Jones.

At the residence of the bride's stepfather, W. T. Warren, Esq., Altamahaw, N. C., Dec. 25, 1909, Mr. Berry M. Bennett led to the marriage altar Miss Mammie E. Jones, and this writer united them in the holy bonds of matrimony. Quite a number of relatives and friends gathered to witness the union and to extend congratulations and best wishes.

After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the groom's father for a Christmas dinner. May the Lord smile upon them on their voyage through life.

C. C. Peel.

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D I E L.

Andrews.

Departed this life Dec. 23, 1909, at his home in Burlington, N. C., Ruffin Andrews, aged 76 years, 10 months and 9 days.

He leaves a wife, five children and thirteen grandchildren. He connected himself with the church in the fall of 1856. He loved his church, and when in health he was fond of attending her services. For some years he had been afflicted, and did not often venture out to church.

A few days before his death he expressed his willingness and readiness to go, saying that his work was done, and telling his faithful companion of so many years that her work too would soon be finished. The funeral services were conducted from the home, and on Christmas day we laid his body to rest in Pine Hill cemetery. May the Lord bless and comfort the bereaved ones.

P. H. Fleming.

Johnson.

At his home, High View, W. Va., Dec. 12, at 70 years and 6 months of age, Richard M. Johnson passed from labor to reward.

Bro. Johnson was a soldier during the Civil War and rendered good service in the cavalry. He was a member of the Timber Ridge Christian church. When he knew the end was near he expressed himself as having made his preparation and being ready to go.

He left to mourn his departure: his wife Sally, two sons, B. E., Kaw, Okla., and C. E., Bingham, Utah, and six daughters, Mrs. B. F. Larrick, Hendricks, W. Va., Nettie, Rena, Blanche, Bertha and Jessie at home. He is also survived by two brothers, E. R. of Hook's Mill, W. Va., and John J. of

Ark., and one sister, Mrs. Mary Slonaker, of Gainsboro, Va.

The funeral services were conducted from Timber Ridge church, in the presence of a large congregation, by the writer assisted by Rev. W. C. Garland, of Cumberland, Md. May God bless and comfort the bereaved.

W. T. Walters.

Joyner.

William J. Joyner died at his home near Zuni, Va., Dec. 22, 1909, aged about 64 years. He had been a member of Antioch Christian church about 40 years. He was a great sufferer during his last sickness, but bore his suffering with a Christian spirit. He leaves to mourn their loss a loving wife, Martha J. Joyner, three sons, Charlie E., Floyd L. and George W. Joyner; one daughter, Sarah Ada Turner, and five grandchildren. Funeral services at Antioch church by the writer.

R. H. Peel.

Waddell.

Mr. E. C. Waddell died Dec. 6th at the age of 66 years. On Dec. 7th his remains were laid to rest in Pleasant Grove Cemetery. He leaves a wife, one child, brother and sisters, to mourn their loss. He was one of Pleasant Grove's most faithful members and died a triumphant death. "Blessed in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." The home has lost a true husband and father, the neighborhood a true friend, the church a true worker. May the Lord bless the bereaved ones. A Friend.

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Second—That we bow, yet sorrowing, to the will of our God who makes no mistakes.

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Watson.

Dec. 25th, 1909, near Altamahaw, N. C., Mrs. Lula L. Watson, wife of John H. Watson, aged 30 years, 4 months, 17 days. Sister Watson embraced religion at the age of fourteen years, and died trusting in Jesus. Her husband and three children survive her. Burial at Bethlehem, funeral by the writer.

J. W. Holt.

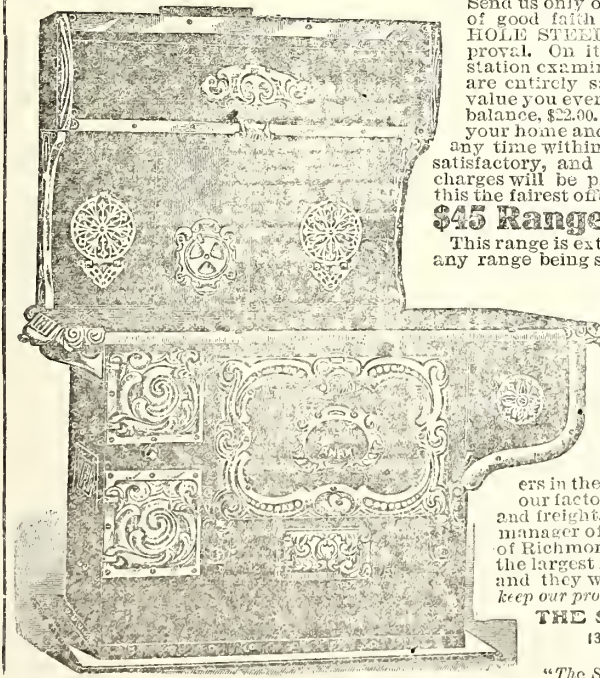
Wicker.

Sister Annie Wicker, wife of W. L. Wicker, was born about the year 1884, (her parents died while the children were small, and no family record was kept) and died December 26, 1909. She professed faith in Christ some four years ago, united with Berea Christian Church, and remained true to her church till her death.

Sister Wicker was sick only a few days, did her housework, and cooked cakes, etc., preparatory for Christmas, on Thursday, but was suffering an attack of grip which grew more severe, and the end came, almost unexpectedly, Sunday afternoon.

She leaves a husband, one dear little boy, four step children, one brother, with many friends to mourn their loss. The funeral was conducted from Bethlehem

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L. I. Cox.

